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Lambertville redevelopers honored by Planning Board

LAMBERTVILLE — Members of the Hunterdon County Planning Board recently honored the work of Hart Venture Group, and Michael Burns Architects for their work on the restoration and reuse of 45 Grand, a historic structure in the heart of Lambertville.

Years ago the structure was Groginsky's Department Store, and then later the Mann art gallery.

45 Grand is a two-story mixed-use building, featuring new retail spaces and two new office spaces at street level, along with four residential apartments on the second floor.

This project, at the intersection of Coryell and North Main streets, is the result of collaboration between developer and owner, Don Hart, and architect/planner, Michael Burns. The final scheme was developed through an extensive dialogue, addressing issues of community need while looking to the storefronts of history for inspiration.

Working from historic photographs, the exterior brick has been

restored, the metal and glass storefronts have been reintroduced, and new signage will be added, keeping with the original character of the building.

As an added incentive to tenants, patrons and employees, new off-street parking has been provided across the street from the building on Coryell Street with new fencing, landscaping, and lighting to provide a convenient and safe parking area.

This project joins a long history of work by Michael Burns Architects, which, since its establishment in 1983, has worked with private residents, city officials, independent school officials, and private industry on a wide range of projects utilizing their architectural, planning and interior design services.

Burns was also a contributing member of the Design Committee for the Friends of Ely Park, who were also honored by the Hunterdon County Planning Board for their work on the new plans for development at the Lambertville park.