

Newberry Firehouse Conference Center Newberry, SC

2007 Honor Award Recipient - SC Historic Preservation Awards



Shortly after 1900, the City of Newberry built a 2-story brick firehouse. During the Great Depression, Works Progress Administration expanded the firehouse by superimposing a twofold larger, Art Deco style addition. In 1986 the fire department moved out. City leaders embarked on a project to transform the building into a conference facility. Many challenges were overcome as contracting crews embarked on the comprehensive conversion of the building. The steel frame windows were carefully repaired, and upgraded in energy efficiency with an insulating backup pane. ADA compliant elevator, life-safety and multi-screen AV equipment were installed. The result is an 11,500 square foot facility that retains its historic character with state of the art systems. Advance bookings are underway for conferences, weddings and other group events. With this project Newberry has saved a beloved landmark and created an asset that will prove to be an excellent tourism and economic development tool.

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