

mixed-use redevelopment

Penn Arts Building

This before photo and after sketch shows a rejuvenated Penn Arts Building that has been opened up with a glass facade and new rooftop gardens. A public plaza with sculpture continues where the existing Herron School of Art sculpture lawn is. With the tradition of Herron and presence of the Harrison Center for the Arts, Tinker Street can capitalize on the growing appreciation of public art.



Adaptive Reuse



This before photo and after sketch illustrate how a seemingly obsolescent structure can be adaptively reused as a vibrant mixed-use building. The sketch and cross-section view show how the existing storefront can be maintained for retail or live-work space while an upper story is added to accommodate a residence. The rooftop of the existing building is transformed into a rooftop garden that could also be used as an outdoor cafe, while the back of the building provides garaged parking. Such adaptive reuse can blend historic and cutting-edge architecture. Mixed-use buildings along Sixteenth Street not only provide new housing alternatives and storefront opportunities, but also offer an excellent transition into the surrounding historic neighborhoods.

