

# Old buildings, new opportunities

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### Guidelines for Rehabilitating a Historic Building

They can reduce the amount of energy consumption and emissions considerably, compared to the air exchange systems or electric resistance heating of conventional HVAC systems. Historically, builders dealt with the potential heat loss and gain from windows in a variety of ways depending on the climate.

### What businesses would work in a small town? Filling empty buildings

Students have played a role in the design of the new high school in the historic former bottling plant in the Lake Street area, according to Cooley. .  
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### Adapting an Older Building for a New Use

For example, there is marketing value to an office in a structure where some historic or famous event occurred.

### Reuse and Recycling Opportunities and Demolition

Interested in researching the more in-depth paper files? The revised Brief contains expanded and updated information on the subject of energy efficiency in historic buildings.

### Getting Schooled: Creative Reuse of Historic School Buildings

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