VOTRUBA AND PORTER BUILDINGS

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Total Rehab. Investment: $1,237,833
Indirect Impact: $1,799,426
Total Economic Impact: $3,377,870
Jobs Created: 39

Location: 104 and 112 Main Street
Project Contact: Main Street Properties of East Jordan, LLC
Original Use: Commercial
Current Use: Mixed Use
SHPO Contact: Robbert McKay / 517.335.2727
Completed: 2006

Constructed at the turn of the twentieth century, the Votruba Grocery and Porter Lumber Company Buildings constitute a historically significant portion of East Jordan’s business district. Originally built as a grocery and a company dry good store/office respectively, the buildings were in many ways the heart of the then-booming lumbering town. The Porter Lumber Company building served the community into the 1970s when its last retail tenant closed, and the Votruba Building was occupied through the late 1990s by a variety of commercial and retail businesses. Concerned about the future of these critical downtown buildings, the city of East Jordan investigated redevelopment tools and incentives and successfully marketed the buildings as an investment opportunity to a forward thinking developer, Main Street Properties of East Jordan, LLC. The buildings now house six commercial operations, the Chamber of Commerce, and a branch bank. Since it reopened, the structure has had a 90 percent occupancy rate. This project clearly demonstrates that rehabilitation is a highly viable redevelopment tool in any size community that recognizes the potential and value of its historic resources.