WESTERN KNITTING MILLS
ROCHESTER

Total Rehab. Investment: $3,959,528
Indirect Impact: $4,513,862
Total Economic Impact: $8,473,390
Jobs Created: 98

Location: 333 East Second Street
Project Contact: Jeffrey W. Cohee
Historic Use: Manufacturing
Current Use: Mixed Use
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Constructed in 1896, the Western Knitting Mills building was supported by a yarn mill, dormitories and two warehouses. One of the area’s largest employers until it closed in 1939, the mill produced wool socks, gloves and mittens (1896-1916), wool cloth (1916-1927), and khaki gloves for World War I soldiers. The owner has rehabilitated the mill into a mixed use building with the assistance of the federal historic preservation tax credits.