

Mayor Mitchell, New Bedford CEDC break ground on former Capitol Theater

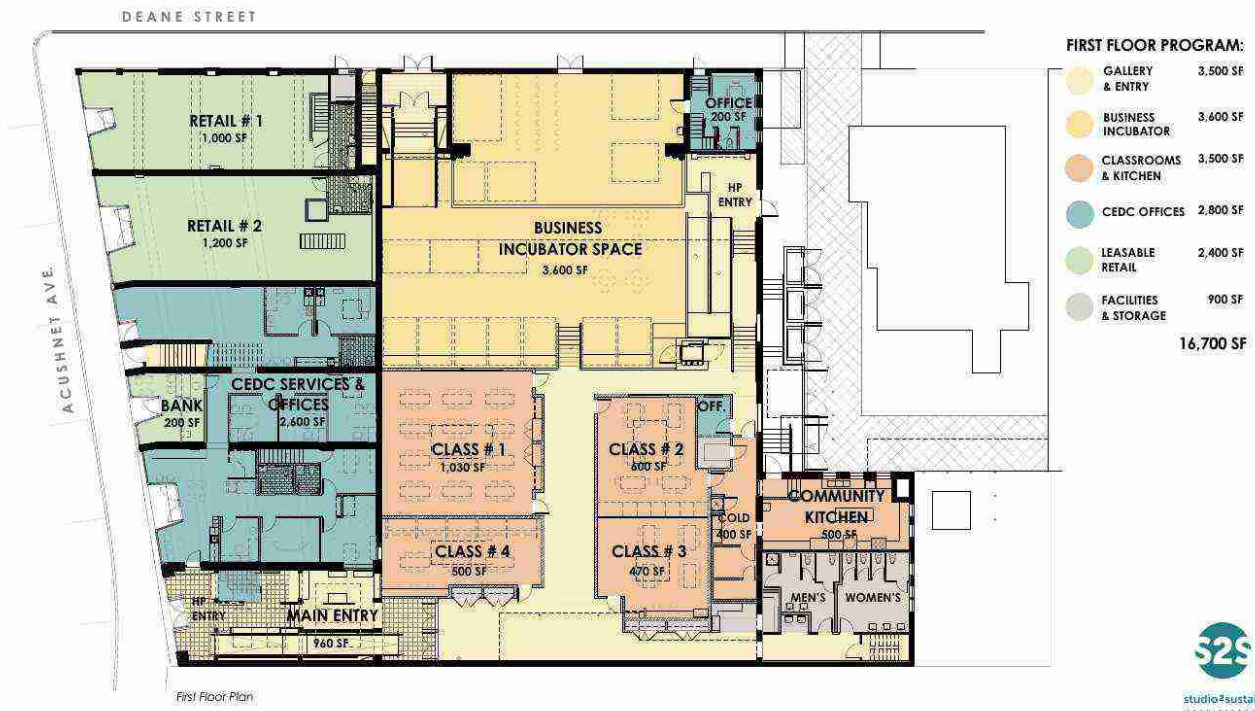
Project Will Act As Anchor to Acushnet Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization.

“NEW BEDFORD – When it opened more than 100 years ago as the first New Bedford theater built specifically for screening movies, the Capitol Theater was a cornerstone for social life and culture on Acushnet Avenue. The theater shuttered around 1980 with shops, markets, and businesses coming and going in the street-front retail space in the years following, but it has been mostly vacant for the last decade.

Today, the City is supporting the Community Economic Development Center’s renovation project that will transform the theater into a mixed-use building with apartments, retail space, classrooms, business incubator space, community kitchen, and office space for the CEDC.

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“The Capitol Theater was part of the fabric of living and working along the Ave.,” Mayor Jon Mitchell said. “Redeveloping this long vacant building into a hub of commercial, educational, and professional activity will contribute significantly to the revitalization of the neighborhood.”

The Capitol Theater rests on the corner of Acushnet Avenue and Deane Street in the commercial corridor that has been designated by MassDevelopment as a Transformative Development Initiative. The City has championed improvements along Acushnet Avenue over the years with public art, creative placemaking, and revitalizing vacant spaces.

The City has supported the Capitol Theater transformation with more than \$1 million in Community Preservation Act allocations, a \$1.64 million American Rescue Plan Act award, and a \$375,000 grant from the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. The CEDC has used the funds to leverage other sources of capital, including state and federal Historic Tax Credits,

floor to compliment 2,400 square feet of leasable retail space. The second floor will have six mixed-income housing units. Work is underway and expected to be completed in 2025.”-City of New Bedford.

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Rendering of 2-Bedroom unit



Floor Plan of 2-Bedroom unit



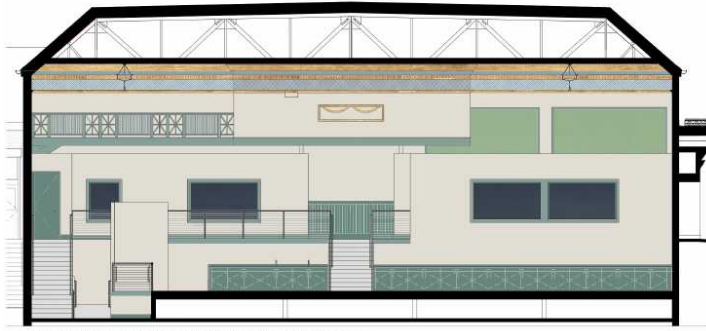
Elevation of Acushnet Avenue



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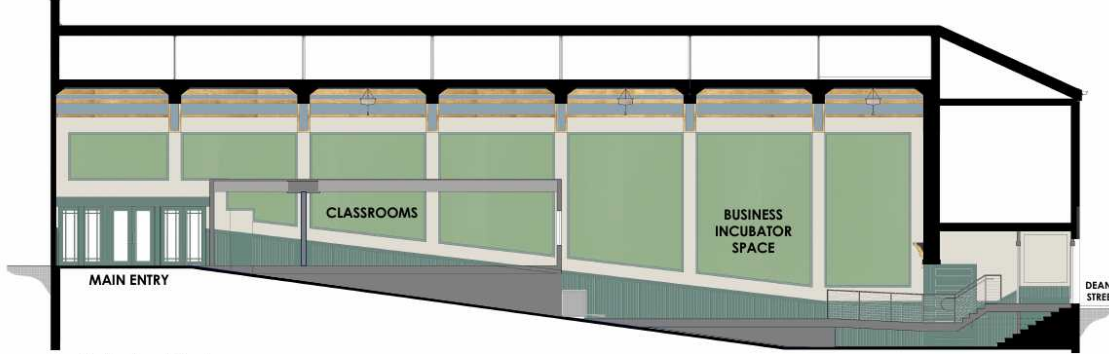
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Cross Section Through Theater at Business Incubator Space



Typical Paneling



Long Section through Theater



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