

# 135 LAFAYETTE

*Affordable housing in the heart of downtown Salem*

The Planning Office for Urban Affairs redeveloped the former St. Joseph’s Parish property in Salem, Massachusetts in 2013. The 2.6-acre site is located at the nexus of the City’s central business district and the historic Point Neighborhood and is approximately one mile from Salem State University. It serves as the gateway to both the downtown and to The Point Neighborhood and is near Salem’s largest employer base at Shetland Park, and Pickering Wharf. Built on the former St. Joseph’s parish campus in Salem, this mixed-use affordable housing development honors the legacy of Salem’s history as a vibrant community rich in diversity with a 51-unit development with affordable housing and 4,000 square feet of first floor commercial space and a centrally located community room to host gatherings of both residents and of the surrounding neighborhoods.

135 Lafayette is a model transit oriented, sustainable development. It is well served by bus, commuter rail services and commuter ferry, and is proximate to a broad array of educational and employment opportunities. The new building was inspired by the historic neighborhood surrounding the site. Designed with a blend of classic brick and modern architecture, with a nod to Salem’s rich history and an eye toward the future, the property offers very high-quality affordable homes. The development continues the mission of the former St. Joseph’s parish by caring for and creating opportunity for those in need and serves as a beacon of hope for generations to come.



Photos: Greg Tracy

**Developer:** Planning Office for Urban Affairs

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