

701 Lamont Street Lofts

Lamont Street and Georgia Avenue, NW

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There are a limited number of genuine industrial buildings in Washington DC, and Bonstra Haresign Architects knows that when you find one, you take good care of it. The structure at 701 Lamont Street housed the Arcade-Sunshine Company Laundry Plant in the early 1950s, but it is now poised to become a cornerstone for development in the Petworth neighborhood. Located along Georgia Avenue, Petworth is on the brink of rejuvenation, with planners and builders eyeing the many residential and mixed-use possibilities in the area.

“I believe this project, as the first major multi-family residential development in the Petworth neighborhood, will pave the way for a flood of investment in this underdeveloped area,” says Bill Bonstra, AIA, Principal in Charge. “We must look to strengthen the housing stock throughout the city and especially in areas in close proximity to our Metro rail system.”

The former laundry plant boasts concrete floors, beams, and columns, spacious floor plates, high ceilings, and exposed interior brick, making it ideally suited for the loft aesthetic that is so popular and in such short supply. When the adaptive work is complete, this once-abandoned warehouse will be given new life through innovative lighting, wood floors, and modern kitchens and baths. Existing expansive windows allow an abundance of natural light and views of the vibrant urban setting below—from one of the highest points in the city.

As a further amenity, the roof, which once served as a parking area for laundry service trucks, will be converted into a relaxing and inviting community terrace. Smaller roof terraces will be equipped with hot tubs and designated for private use only. The design also includes a generous lobby and reception area, two meeting rooms, a gym, and a two-level parking garage for residents. — *Tabitha Kenlon*

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This abandoned laundry plant in Petworth will be reborn as loft housing.