



# UNFI CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

42% reduction in water use

78% of regularly occupied spaces provide daylighting

## Adaptive Re-Use & Sustainable Interiors

### LEED® Facts

UNFI  
Corporate Headquarters  
Providence, RI

LEED for Commercial Interiors  
Registered with the certification goal of Silver.

**Silver** 28\*

Sustainable Sites 3/7

Water Efficiency 2/2

Energy & Atmosphere 5/14

Materials & Resources 5/14

Indoor Environmental Quality 9/17

Innovation & Design 4/5

\*Out of a possible 59 points

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## UNFI CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

# Sustainable Interiors with a Historic Mill Complex

Natural Foods wholesaler demonstrates their commitment to sustainability

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

Designed to achieve LEED Silver certification for Commercial Interiors, this 53,000 sf commercial office was designed within two historic industrial buildings with an internal connection. The program includes executive private offices and open workstations to accommodate 180 employees with expansion room for 70 additional employees, employee training rooms, executive boardrooms, marketing and design studios and extensive IT areas.

## STRATEGIES AND RESULTS

UNFI, is the leading wholesaler of natural and organic foods in the country. Their new corporate headquarters was designed to showcase their commitment to sustainability. Sustainable design features include:

- By designing open interiors, workstations within the core benefit from the extensive natural daylighting provided by the existing large windows. 85% of all regularly occupied areas have achieved a minimum daylight factor of 2%. 82% of regularly occupied spaces have a direct line of sight to the outdoor environment.
- All materials were selected based on the criteria that they must have low percentages of VOCs, and high recycled content (approximately 20% of the total material value is of recycled content)
- During construction, 80.3% of debris was either recycled and/or salvaged – less than 10% of debris went to landfills
- Water use was reduced to 42% below current EPA fixture requirements
- A 142kWh photo-voltaic solar array with an expected annual output of 175,000 kWh was installed on the sawtooth skylights to generate power for the building.
- All furniture selected is GreenGuard certified
- Internal doors are all FSC certified

## ABOUT UNFI:

UNFI is the leading independent national distributor of natural, organic and specialty foods and related products including nutritional supplements, personal care items and organic produce, in the United States. In addition to excellent distribution services, they provide a range of innovative, value-added services for their customers and suppliers, to foster mutual success and growth. Their services include marketing and promotional tools, merchandising, category management and store support services.



Architect / Interior Designer: Durkee, Brown, Viveiros & Werenfels Architects  
 Contractor: Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse  
 M / E / P / FP: AHA  
 Client: UNFI  
 Structural Engineer: Odeh Engineers Inc.  
 Custom Exhibits: Blue Hive, Inc.

Project Size: 53,000 SF

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