
Hot Property: Upham's Corner Comfort Station

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What: Upham's Corner Comfort Station

Where: 611 Columbia Road, Dorchester

Owner: Historic Boston Inc.

Built: 2019-2022

A former rest area built in 1912 to serve Boston's expanding streetcar system has new life as Dorchester's newest purveyor of global cuisine.

Historic Boston Inc. recently completed a \$1.9 million project rehabilitating the 1,880-square-foot mission-style structure and leased it to Comfort Kitchen. Open since January, its menu features immigrant-inspired cuisine from Senegalese braised chicken to Basque cheesecake.

The building is located on the former Dorchester North Burying Ground, a Boston landmark. HBI acquired the property for \$100 through a disposition by the Boston Department of Neighborhood Development in 2018, and raised \$883,000 to offset the cost of the project, which also received \$44,000 in funding from the city of Boston and \$225,000 in state historic tax credits.

They Said It:

"Dorchester's Upham's Corner Comfort Station sat vacant and decaying for 45 years before the non-profit Historic Boston Inc. restored it last year for Comfort Kitchen, a new restaurant that celebrates the cuisine of the African diaspora. The \$1.9 million project showcases Historic Boston's mission of redeveloping endangered historic buildings for new uses, and transforms the tiny Mission-style building into a modern restaurant and bar that seats 30."

— *Kathy Kottaridis, executive director, Historic Boston Inc.*

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