

MIXED USE IN HISTORIC STRUCTURES: A PATH TO THE FUTURE, A LINK TO
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ABSTRACT

Mixed use is a popular form of development today and will become even more so with the demographic shift currently underway with generation Y and baby boomers. However, mixed use faces the problem of difficulty attaining financing and to be successful often has to rely on public-private partnerships. To solve this problem mixed use in historic structures is a viable option for developers. This thesis examines mixed use in historic structures in Durham, North Carolina via case studies. The studies show that mixed use in historic structures solves these problems associated with mixed use through the application of historic tax credits and local government incentives.

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