

#### CLIENT

Uptown Developments

#### LOCATION

Flint, Michigan

#### PROJECT SIZE

14,650 SF

#### COMPLETION DATE

Still in Concept

SNAPSHOT



## Concepts to Communicate a Vision

Uptown Developments contracted with FUNchitecture, LLC to come up with plans for a new restaurant on the ground floor of the Rowe Building in downtown Flint. The design charge was to establish a single restaurant, with two different concepts utilizing a shared kitchen, back of house and restroom facilities in the 14,650 SF of available ground floor space. The cuisine and style on one side was proposed as a brew-pub with the other side featuring a more upscale dining experience. A diner-style lunch counter in the front would feature soups, salads and sandwiches for the lunch crowd. The design needed to be FUNctional for both concepts, with a high energy bar feel for the brewery while adding pizzazz for the evening dinner crowd. The design gave nod to the building's 100+ year historic roots by leaving the exposed brick as the finished wall material behind the brewing tanks and leaving the ceiling and original structure exposed in some areas. As three

original historic buildings were combined to create the new 4-story Rowe building, the original bearing walls were opened periodically to allow circulation and site lines throughout the new ground floor space. Stained concrete floors and historical Flint signage and paraphernalia accented the nitty gritty brewpub feel in the north building while raised carpeted areas with booth style seating and an open display kitchen brought a modern more upscale feel to the south side and allowed interesting raised viewpoints of the expansive restaurant amenities. A small private dining area is nestled in between the two concepts and helps to delineate the two concepts while still being attached via this common room. The resulting floor plan allows the kitchen to service both restaurant concepts in addition to serving as a full catering kitchen for out-of-facility events around town.