



STAPLETON BUILDING

BILLINGS, MONTANA

Designed in 1904, the Stapleton Building was the largest and tallest building in Billings at the time of its construction. The building originally housed Hart Albins Department Store, offices, and a men's overnight club. By the late 1990s the building was virtually empty and falling in to disrepair; the roof leaked, utilities to the upper floors were cut off, and all but one small first floor tenant has moved out. A plan to resurrect the building with a mix of commercial, office, and residential uses began in 2004. The Stapleton Building is now home to a parking garage in the basement, retail stores and restaurants on the first floors, offices on the second floor, and condominium apartments on the third and fourth floors.

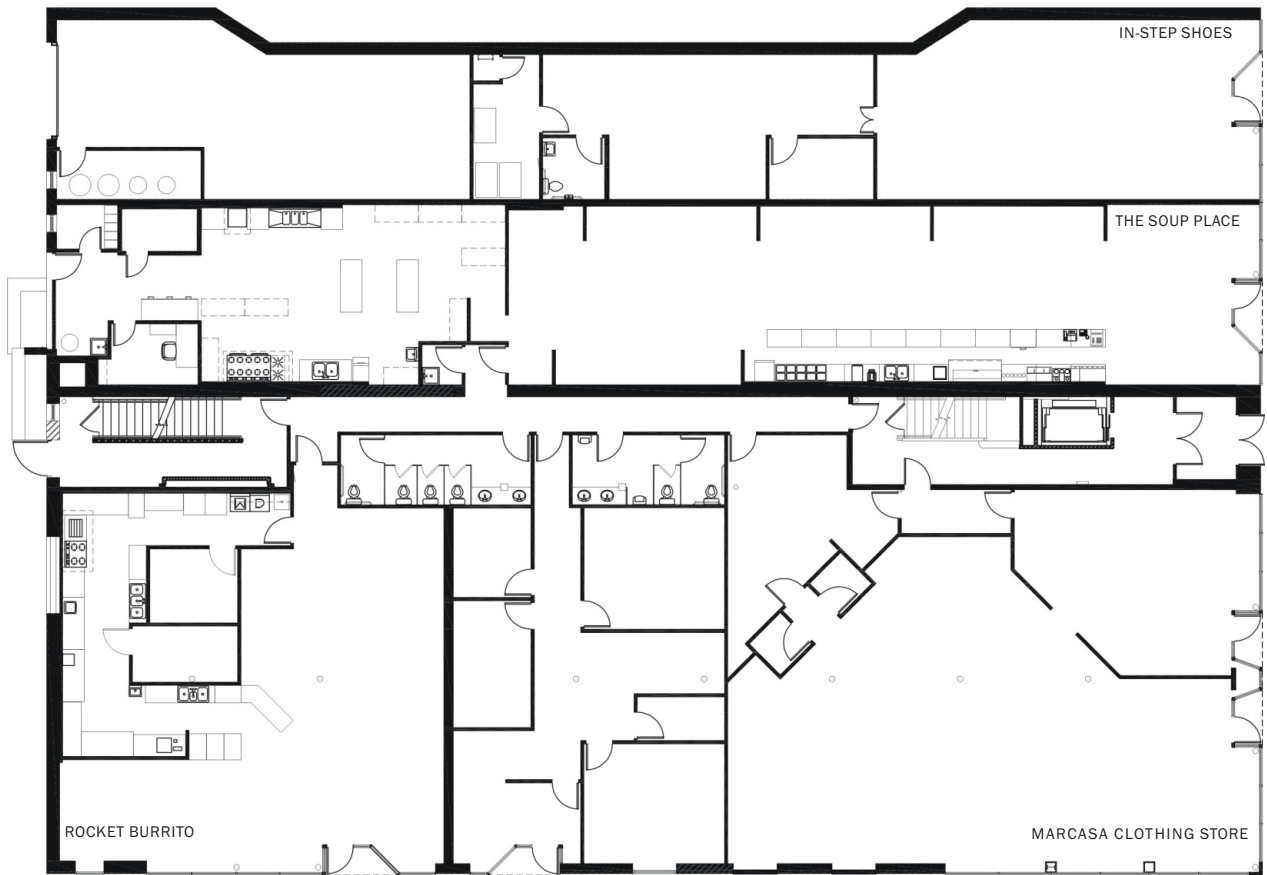
BEFORE

The building underwent a dramatic façade renewal; much care was taken in stripping the paint applied in the 1950s from the brickwork to reveal its original color and integrity. The 1950s first floor commercial façade “improvements” were removed and replaced with new aluminum store fronts in a configuration that harkens to the original store fronts of the early 1900s. Replacing the windows and capping the building with an ornamental, metal cornice completed the façade revitalization.



AFTER





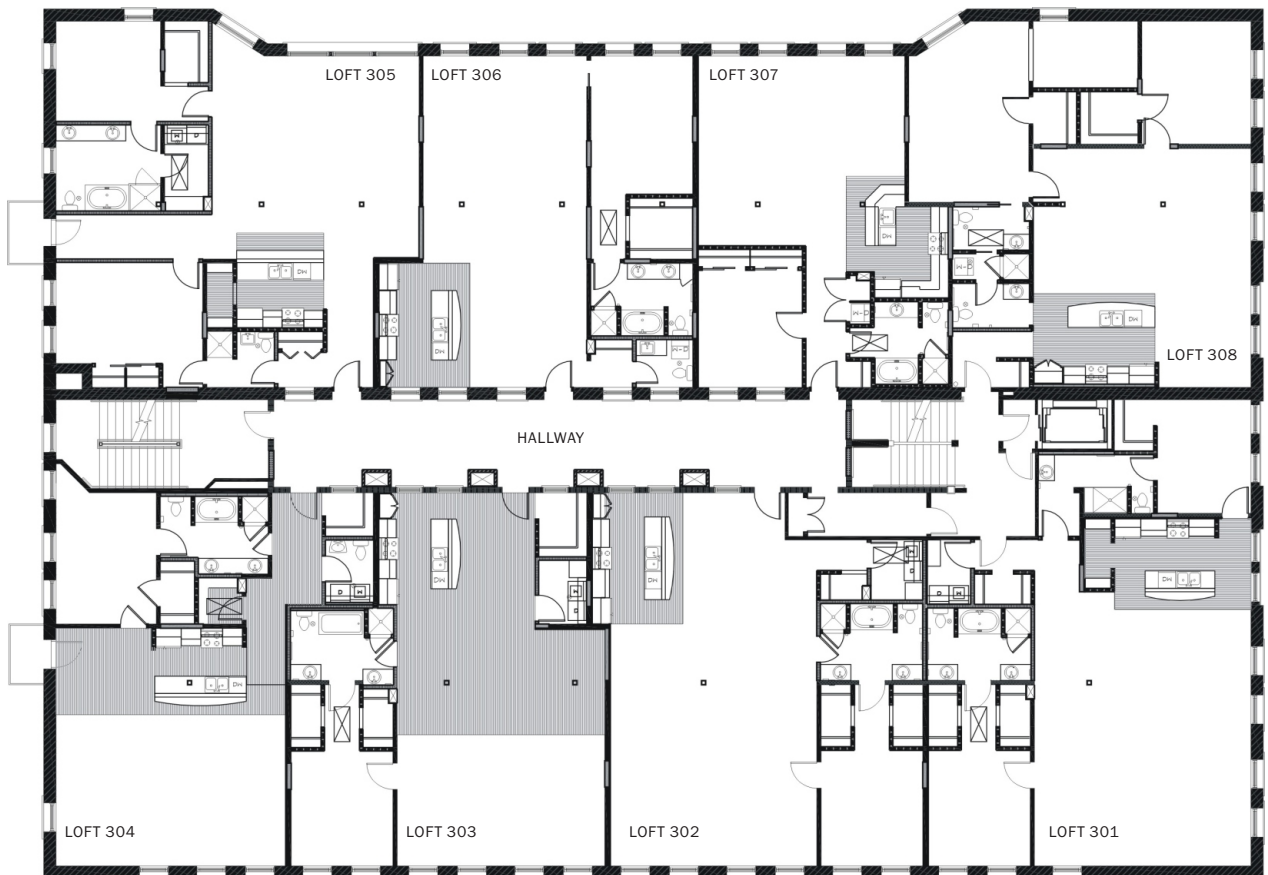
FIRST FLOOR STAPLETON BUILDING, RETAIL



MARCASA CLOTHING STORE, INTERIOR



THE SOUP PLACE, INTERIOR



THIRD FLOOR STAPLETON BUILDING, LOFT APARTMENTS (interiors by Envi Design) AND FOURTH FLOOR SKYLIT CORRIDOR

