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Gateway to Pottstown almost done



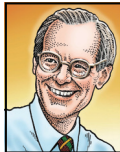
HANOVER SQUARE gateway building stands at the entrance to Pottstown across from the Hanover Street bridge. Second gateway building (white at left) awaits a brick façade. Townhouses (at right) face the Industrial Highway. The project has created an attractive entryway to Pottstown.



GATEWAY BUILDINGS have been a long time coming. Although the townhouses (right) were completed long ago, for years an empty lot (above) greeted people entering Pottstown from the Hanover Street bridge. Now the lot has been developed with two commercial-residential buildings.

The repurposing of the Mrs. Smith's pie factory is almost done. For decades, Mrs. Smith's was a mainstay of the borough. In 1998 the company was sold and pie-making was relocated to Oklahoma.

The factory complex was demolished. In 2006, Pottstown Council approved a plan for a mix of



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townhouses, offices, and retail. The construction of 117 townhouses began shortly thereafter.

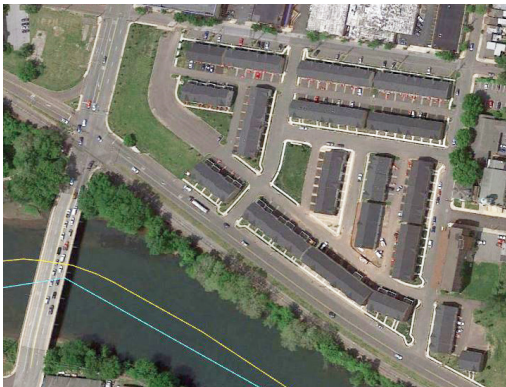
Last year, construction of two gateway buildings began. The first building has 2,800 square feet of commercial space on the first floor and four apartments above it on the second and third floors.

The second building, also three stories, will have 4,500 square feet of commercial space on the first floor and eight apartments on the upper floors.

All told, the process has taken 20 years.



MRS SMITH'S FACTORY COMPLEX is seen in an aerial photograph in 2002.



FIFTEEN YEARS LATER, the factory buildings were demolished, a new street system laid out, and 117 townhouses, most with brick facades, were built in their place.