

Category
Manufacturing

Size:
3,800 s.f.

Designers:
Design Group Collaborative



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The Sweet Taste of the Salty Coast

When Steve and Kate Shaffer decided to move their hand-crafted chocolate factory from remote Isle Au Haut to the mainland, they chose **Sheridan Construction Corporation**. In collaboration with architects from the Design Group Collaborative, Sheridan and its design/build partners created a world-class factory. From their location in downtown Westbrook, Black Dinah Chocolatiers has created its second consecutive Good Food Award winning truffle – the Maine Mint. (Last year's winner was called Cassis de Resistance)

Converting the old brick industrial-building with wood floors into the state-of-the-art factory was both challenging and rewarding.

The exposed brick walls were left exposed in non-food-environment areas, highlighting the charm of the classic structure. Sheet-vinyl flooring, FRP walls, and stainless-steel kitchen areas give this facility an ultra-clean environment. An upgraded HVAC system with precise humidity control was installed to allow the chocolatiers to create their crafts in a consistent environment – unlike the ever-changing conditions of Isle Au Haut.