

Speaking of new construction!

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photo Sara Satullo

Yet more apartments! Zoning approved this project catercorner from the post office and across from Moravian Village.

selections from [Sara K. Satullo](#), “[116 apartments pitched in former Laros silk mill in Bethlehem.](#)” [lehighvalleylive.com](#), April 6, 2021.



A developer wants to convert two floors of a former Bethlehem silk mill into 116 apartments.

Dubbed the Laros Lofts in submissions in to the city, VM Development Group is pitching a mixed-use redevelopment of the Laros Silk Mill, 601-699 E. Broad St., which currently houses Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School and other commercial tenants.

The Easton-based developer plans to keep the charter school and first floor tenants, and add 59 apartments on the second floor, 57 on the third and a rooftop terrace. The conversion of the third floor is already approved and expected to be completed in July, along with an exterior facelift and historic window restoration.

VM Development is seeking city zoning variances to convert the second floor commercial space into the 59 apartments, bringing it to 116 studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments ranging from 555-square-foot to 1,594-square feet. Plans call for extending elevator access to the roof and creating a rooftop deck. City zoning does not allow that many apartments of that size.

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