The Plume Street Essex building required all abatement, salvage, and demolition activities to facilitate the renovation of the historic three story building in downtown Norfolk.

Abatement activities included removal of asbestos containing wall and ceiling plaster as well as asbestos containing flooring materials. Items of historical value were salvaged throughout to allow for the selective demolition of specified walls, elevators, and other structural components. The entire first floor slab was also removed without damaging existing foundations or the exterior walls that remained.