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East Providence-based wine distributor to build new tasting room

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The East Providence Economic Development Commission recently approved a \$99,000 loan application request of Enotap, LLC, a wine distributor located in the Phillipsdale Landing Commercial Park in Rumford.

The loan funds will be used by the company to build a wine tasting room in its current building located within Phillipsdale. The tasting room will allow the business to realize its desire to attract new visitors to its location and to enjoy the amenities that are afforded by the site's location on the scenic Seekonk River.

Enotap is an East Providence-based company that was founded in 2018 by James Davids and Marissa Stashenko. The company provides draft solutions for wine, keg filling services, and also makes wine under its own label Anchor & Hope. The company is a growing supplier of wine on tap for restaurants and have stressed that wine supplied in kegs is much better for the environment, keeps the wine fresh, and is more economical and efficient for the industry in general.

“We’ve been dreaming up plans for our waterfront tasting room at Phillipsdale Landing since we moved our winery to Rhode Island in 2018,” Stashenko said. “Rhode Island, and specifically East Providence, is such a great community and we are so excited to open our doors so that everyone can not only learn more about the wines we make, but also enjoy the space as a meeting place and community center.

“We are so grateful to have the support of the city of East Providence to make this happen,” Stashenko added.

It is expected that the existing, along with the planned expansion of new residential growth in the Phillipsdale, including the 386-unit East Pointe development located near the property, will contribute to the success of the business model through the provision of an interesting local attraction for the residents of the Phillipsdale area to visit.

The project is slated to be complete and ready for visitors by late 2022.