

# Modern Conveniences Blend with History

By Terry Date

A city within a city on a site with its rich history proudly displayed: that's the Cummings Center in Beverly.

Opportunities for Cummings Center employees to take care of personal business and enjoy a palpable sense of history make this a great place to work, says Stephen Drohosky, vice president and general manager for Cummings Properties.

A business owner could visit an accountant, see a chiropractor and get her nails done. A worker could do all of the above and attend a college class at North Shore Community College and hunt for an apartment or home at an on-site real estate agency.

The site even includes a church.

The Cummings Center was built on one of the largest and oldest industrial sites in the United States, once home to United Shoe Machinery Corporation, Drohosky said. At its height more than 7,000 employees worked at the site, making machines sold to shoe manufacturers.

When the Cummings Properties owner bought the former United Shoe site in 1996 the owner decided to keep the original buildings.

The owner also committed to being a steward of the site, by exhibiting original United Shoe manufacturing equipment, from staplers to cutting machines, and hundreds of vintage photographs.



Stephen Drohosky is the vice president and general manager of Cummings Properties.



Cummings Center is the North Shore's largest office and technology campus

## Cummings Properties

BEVERLY, WOBURN

- ▶ **About:** Real estate management and development
- ▶ **Established:** Cummings Properties founded in Woburn in 1970; Cummings Center established in Beverly in 1996
- ▶ **Employees:** 350 (99 in Beverly)
- ▶ **Leadership:** Dennis Clarke, president and CEO; Stephen Drohosky, vice president and general manager of Beverly office
- ▶ **Website:** [cummings.com](http://cummings.com)