Even before the software company Citrix announced it would open a 550-employee division headquarters in Raleigh’s Warehouse District (raleighwarehousedistrict.com), six blocks of spacious red-brick buildings west of downtown, by the end of this year, the long-dormant area had slowly started to hum with galleries, shops and restaurants. Retailers not only offer handcrafted items, but also provide a close-up view of the production process to customers. Now, with Citrix’s plans to transform the old Dillon Supply building into designer office space, more development is sure to follow.

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**Designbox**

Established by its honorees in 2007, this creative collaborative established the district as an arts hub. In its window-lined retail shop, fronting independent work spaces in plain view, customers browse through handcrafted goods, including jewelry made from repurposed materials and plush chenille toys.

307 West Martin Street; (919) 834-3552; designbox.us

**CAM Raleigh**

Recognizable by its futuristic cantilevered roof, this contemporary art museum was named the district’s artistic focal point when it opened in 2011. The cavernous space, a former produce warehouse, is currently empty, as the work of artist Ryan Travis Christian’s “Well, Here We Aren’t Again,” through June 17.

409 West Martin Street; (919) 513-0946; camraleigh.org

**The Pit**

Weekend lines form early at Raleigh’s prime upscale spot for down-home barbecue — as well as the only barbecue place in the city whose meat bears an Animal Welfare Approved label. Locals favor the pit-cooked whole hogs chopped and topped with tangy vinegar sauce.

328 West Davie Street; (919) 890-4500; thepit-raleigh.com

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