



Worthington Place is an existing historic manufacturing complex in Cambridge's Kendall Square that was renovated and converted into 186 market rate rental units. The renovation took advantage of much of the industrial character of the building, such as the 16 foot floor-to-floor dimensions, the 2 foot diameter bell-capped concrete columns and large industrial windows. A four-story atrium, long since floored over, was restored to bring natural light into the main entrance lobby.

The original 2.5 acre site on Binney Street was built in 1879 as the Blake & Knowles Steam Pump Company, which then became the Worthington Pump Company. Worthington produced every shipboard steam pump for military use during World War I. The site was acquired in the early 1940's for light manufacturing for the automobile industry, and was purchased in July 1997 to begin the historic renovation.

The complex was awarded a 1999 Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award as well as a 1999 Cambridge Historical Commission Preservation Award.