

## Building 201: Post Engineer's Storehouse

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*Front (south) facade, April 2019*

**Construction Date:** 1897

**Current Use:** Storage

**Historic Use:** Storage

**Square Feet:** 5,640

**Condition:** Good<sup>1</sup>

**Prior Cost Estimates:** \$564,000<sup>2</sup>; \$235,000–\$290,000<sup>3</sup>

**Building Typology:** n/a

**Building Evolution:** Changes have been made to the window and door openings on the north and west exterior walls, such as the addition of steel industrial sash windows. The east wall is partially painted and

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<sup>1</sup> Hamilton Anderson Associates, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> For rehabilitation; Hamilton Anderson Associates, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> For use as site maintenance building; SmithGroup, 2008.

shows evidence that it was at one time an interior wall of a since-demolished part of the building. Concrete porch stoops appear to have been added.

**Interior Description:** This building has an open interior 5 bays wide by 9 bays long, each bay approximately 10' x 12' in dimension. The only substantial room in the building houses mechanical equipment and is in the northeast corner, one bay in size, with brick interior walls. The interior of the exterior walls is painted brick. Interior partitions are a mixture of wood studs surfaced on both sides with horizontal boarding, surfaced on one side with plywood, wire mesh, and a mixture of other materials. One restroom is located on the north exterior wall near the northwest corner. The floor is finished concrete and the ceiling is the underside of the roof structure with exposed truss components, supporting 2 x roof framing with exposed batt insulation between rafters. It appears that many interior changes have been made over the years.

**General Condition:** This building is in good condition, according to a 2015 report. A 2003 conditions assessment identified wood trim in fair condition, paint in poor condition, extensive open masonry joints in brick and foundation, one concrete porch in poor condition, rail and stile doors in poor condition with rot and missing panels, windows in fair condition. The roof consists of relatively new materials and is in good condition.

**Utilities:** Electricity, gas, heat (gas space heater); no water

**Character-defining Features:** On the exterior; rough coursed limestone foundation (with concrete on the north side), side-gable massing, segmental-arched openings, wood hopper windows with six light muntin configurations, steel sash, industrial windows, rail-and-stile doors with diagonal wide bead board panels, tall brick chimney. On the interior; painted brick and exposed truss elements.

**References:** Additional background information, including both 2003 and 2008 conditions assessments referenced above, and National Register of Historic Places documentation, is available at [detroitmi.gov/historicfortwayne](http://detroitmi.gov/historicfortwayne).

*See next page for floor plan.*

