

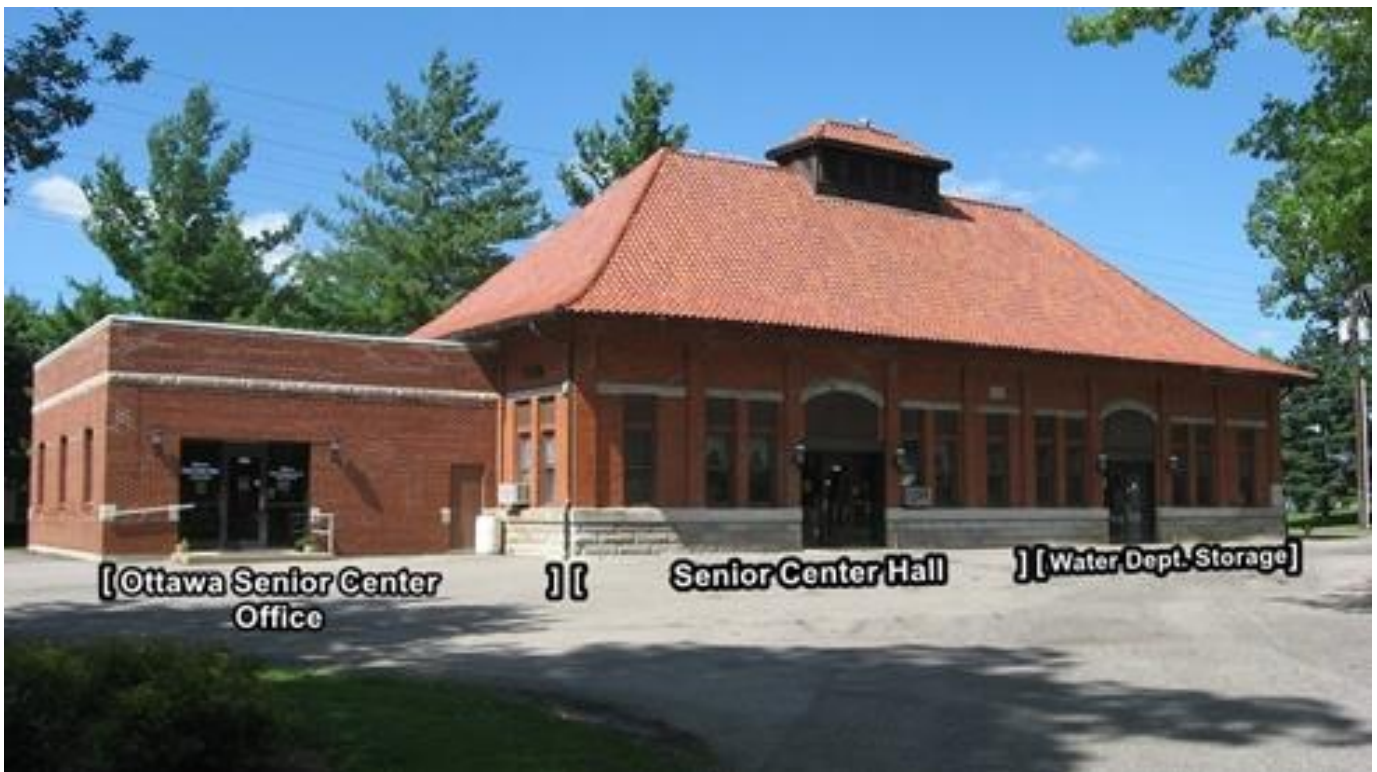
THE OTTAWA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The birth of the Ottawa Senior Citizens Center

located in the Ottawa Water Works Building

Through the efforts of the Ottawa Senior Citizen Association, Ottawa attorney Clyde Schroeder, the village of Ottawa, and Ohio Commission on Aging representatives, the village received two separate federal grants for renovation of the Water Works building in 1978 and 1979. Title V of the Americans Act of 1965 provided a total of \$98,000 in funds, along with nearly \$45,000 from the village, for the purpose of creating a multi-use senior center for the residents of Putnam County. The building is in the Ottawa Water Works Park.

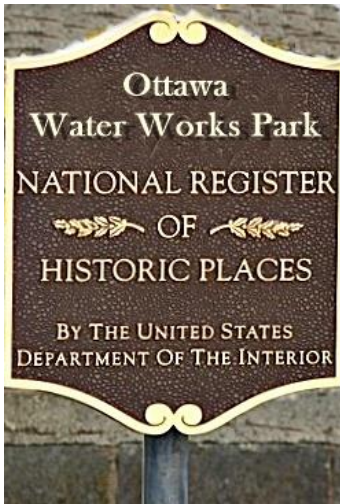
The building itself has been maintained very well as the home of the Ottawa Senior Center. The center includes an office, meeting room, and a kitchen. It may be rented for group sizes of 40 – 50 people. Great for family get-togethers. The park area is well maintained and in spring and summer is well used by visitors and hall renters. The East door



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In 1976, the Ottawa Waterworks Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It qualified for inclusion both because of its architecture and because of its place in local history: it was deemed a fine example of a local public works building, and its role as the area's first water pumping station has made it a leading example of the development of early twentieth-century Putnam County.

Waterworks Park Area

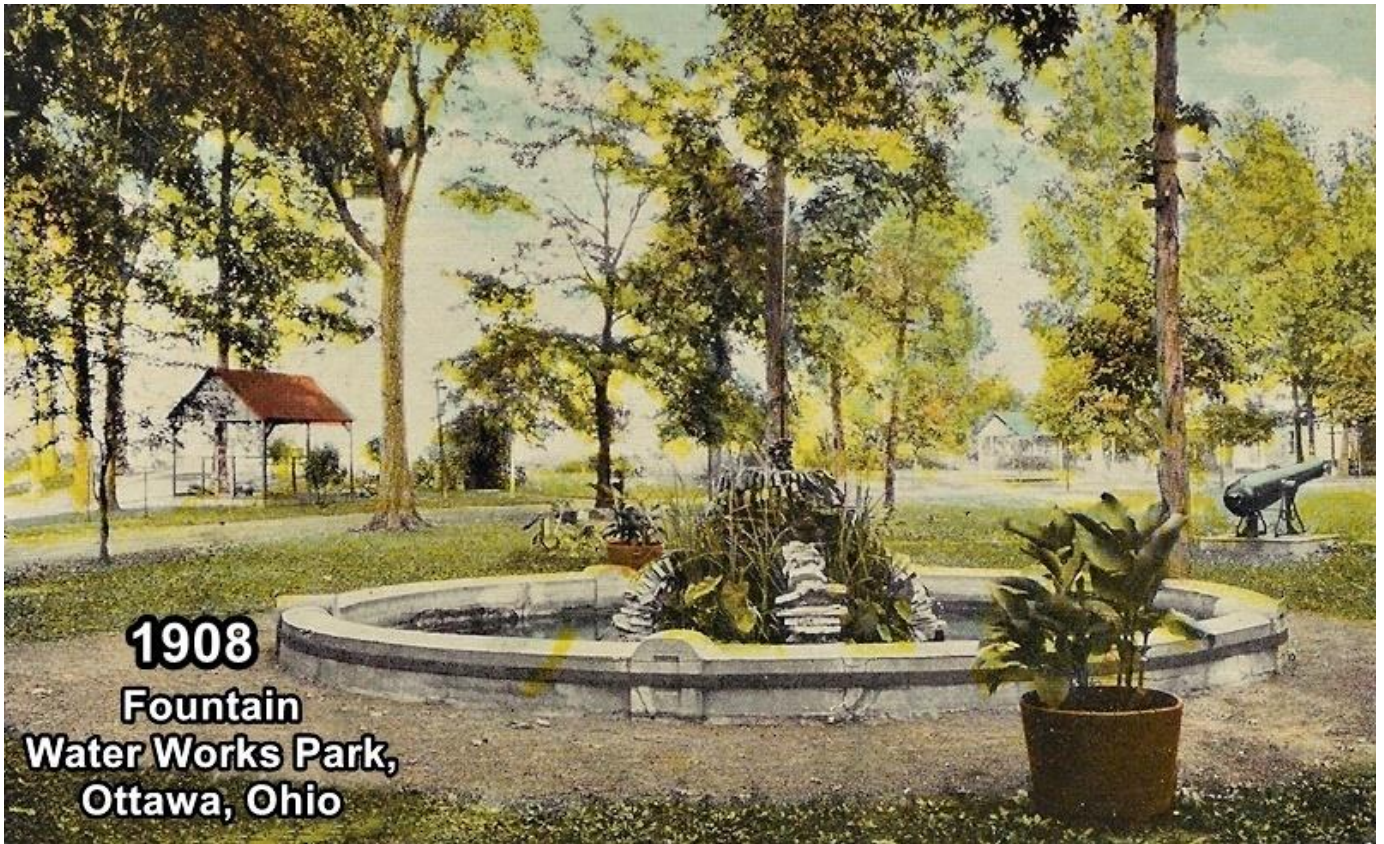


No Plaque Exists

Waterworks Park is named after the waterworks building, which was constructed in the early 1904 and is regarded as a fine example of early twentieth-century development. It served as a water pumping facility until the 1970s. No longer in service, the building remains as a centerpiece within the park. During the early history there were several animals caged at the park and a water fountain and grotto.



Animal Cages Water Works Park, Ottawa, Ohio



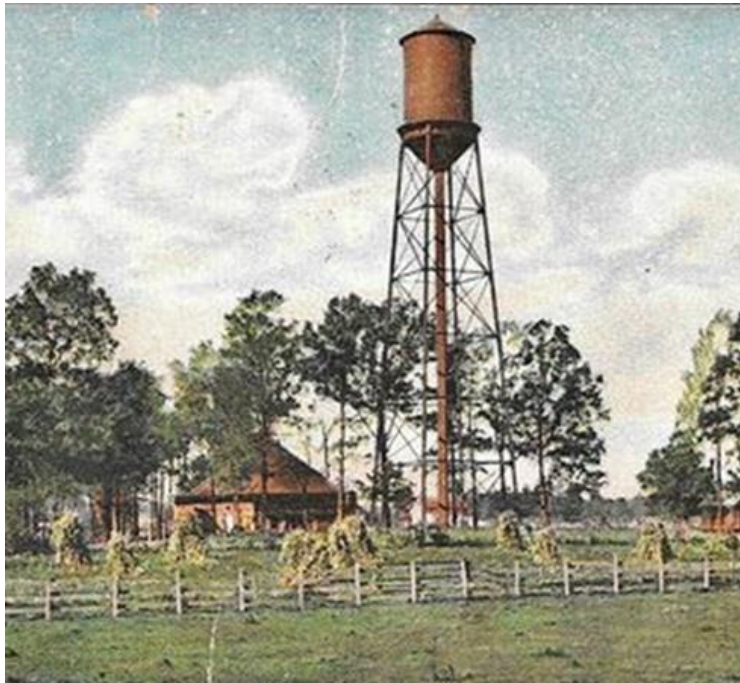
1908
Fountain
Water Works Park,
Ottawa, Ohio

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The fountain in Water Works Park - 1945

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Waterworks Park includes a shelter with an outdoor fireplace, gazebo, playgrounds, shuffleboard courts, benches, log house used by scouting groups, forested common area offering seasonal beauty, and the Ottawa Senior Center. An annual membership is required to participate in the Ottawa Senior Center activities and events.



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