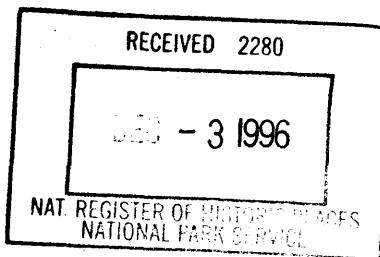


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name North Pumping Station

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 830 North Michigan Avenue N/A not for publication

city or town South Bend N/A vicinity

state Indiana code IN county St. Joseph code 141 zip code 46601

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Paul R. Rabe

11-6-96

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, (explain:) _____

Edson H. Beall

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

1-2-97

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1912-1945

Significant Dates

1912

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Freyermuth & Maurer

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

- Previous documentation on file (NPS):
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 - previously listed in the National Register
 - previously determined eligible by the National Register
 - designated a National Historic Landmark
 - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend & St. Joseph County

North Pumping Station _____

St. Joseph IN _____

Name of Property _____

County and State _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	1	structures
0	0	objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT: _____ Public Works _____

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT: _____ Public Works _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

19th & 20th c. REVIVALS: Classical Revival _____

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE _____

walls BRICK _____

roof CERAMIC TILE _____

other STONE: Limestone _____

METAL: Copper _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

North Pumping Station
Name of Property

St. Joseph IN
County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

3 16 Easting Northing

2 16 Easting Northing

4 16 Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Glory-June Greiff, Consulting Historian, for:
organization Hist. Preservation Comm. of South Bend & St. Joseph Co. date 3-19-96
street & number 1753 South Talbott telephone 317/637-6163
city or town Indianapolis state IN zip code 46225

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of South Bend Waterworks
street & number County-City Building telephone 219/235-9332
city or town South Bend state IN zip code 46601

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North Pumping Station

St. Joseph County IN

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The North Pumping Station, designed by prominent local architects Freyermuth and Maurer, is a fine Classical Revival building sheathing a purely functional interior that offers a surprising array of decorative elements as well. It sits nestled just within the riverside glades of Leeper Park, alongside the busy thoroughfare of North Michigan Street. A red tile hipped roof with decorative copper flashing tops the symmetrical rectangular brick building (photos 1, 2). On the south end of the east elevation is a gabled dormer with an oriel window trimmed with limestone (see photo 3). The building rests on a limestone foundation and features a projecting center pavilion (photo 2) fronted on the west with a pedimented colonnade (of four limestone Ionic columns) beneath which is a mosaic tile floor. On the pediment is carved NORTH PUMPING STATION. A small copper dome flanked with decorative limestone globes tops each side of the entrance pavilion; set into the walls beneath are rectangular limestone tablets topped with wreathed cartouches. Carved into the tablets are the names of the various city officials and departments involved with the erection of this building. The recessed entrance is comprised of three limestone-trimmed, round-arched bays: the center bay contains a modern steel security door. The original arched window openings in the entrance and much of the rest of the building have been partially or completely filled in with panels and the windows replaced with rectangular metal sashes. The windows on the south (see photo 3), however, are original and completely intact, the top portion filled with brick in decorative patterns.

The interior features a pressed metal cove ceiling (photo 4). Stairs connecting the various levels boast decorative balusters of iron with brass handrails and knobs (see photo 5). Although the original steam pumping engines have been removed, huge iron pipes fill much of the lower space on the north (photo 5). The south part of the interior descends yet another story and contains storage tanks. Within this vast open space a small climate-controlled box has been constructed to house offices. It sits just within the main entrance and above the deepest part of the interior.

Behind the building sits a plain round brick structure: an older cistern dating to the original pumping station of the 1890s.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The City of South Bend North Pumping Station is eligible under Criterion C as a fine example of Classical Revival architecture housing functional public works, highly typical of such buildings in the early twentieth century. The well-known local architectural firm of Freyermuth and Maurer designed the pumping station "with due regard for the location in one of the city's most beautiful parks." The building rests in its original setting and essentially still serves its original function. Although the machinery within has been replaced, the decorative elements of the interior are essentially intact. The building has been designated a South Bend Historic Landmark.

In 1912 South Bend architects Freyermuth and Maurer prepared plans for a new North Pumping Station to replace an earlier structure erected in the 1890s. The firm, organized in 1898, was responsible for a large number of South Bend residences and several public and institutional buildings, including the Citizens National Bank on Jefferson Street, designed around the same time as the pumping station. While R. Vernon Maurer (1874-1963) was a trained architect, educated at the Chicago Athenaeum and the Art Institute, George W. Freyermuth (1869-1958; some sources say he was born in 1868), initially a contractor, was self-taught.

Largely because of fire-safety concerns and urged on by Mayor William Miller (elected 1872), the city of South Bend established a waterworks and in 1873 constructed a huge standpipe with a pumping station and a limited distribution system. South Bend was blessed to be built upon "water-bearing strata not duplicated in any city" and so a series of artesian wells supplied the growing city's needs. A second pumping station was built in the 1890s near the river at the north end of Michigan Street. It was this structure that the edifice designed by Freyermuth and Maurer replaced. A part of the old foundation was incorporated into the new building on the northwest. At the time of the new pumping station's construction in 1912, South Bend had laid about a hundred miles of water mains. After World War I, the city's expansion (both residential and industrial) to the southwest necessitated an additional pumping station at 915 Olive Street. Built in 1924, the Oliver Park Pumping Station reflects the revival style popular at the time and is the only other extant historic pumping station in the city.

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North Pumping Station

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At the time of the present North Pumping Station's construction, Leeper Park along the south bank of the St. Joseph River had been established for well over a decade. As the earlier pumping station was already there, evidently city officials saw no problem in first erecting in 1910 a huge six-million-gallon reinforced concrete reservoir a short distance to the east on park land and following it up two years later with the imposing new building at a cost of a quarter-million dollars. That the North Pumping Station's elegance was a source of civic pride is evidenced by its inclusion in the 1919 Pictorial Souvenir of South Bend. But for the blocking of some of the windows, the building appears little different today.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

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Pictorial Souvenir of South Bend, Indiana 1919. Chicago 1919.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

Bounded on the west by North Michigan Street, on the north by the existing access driveway next to the building, on the east by the park drive behind the pumping station paralleling Michigan Street, and on the south by the westward extension of the north edge of the building's paved parking lot (immediately southeast of the building).

Boundary Justification

Encompasses the building and the lots upon which it sits.

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North Pumping Station

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In part to make additional use of the well field established in the 1890s around the earlier pumping station, the city created Leeper Park along the south bank of the St. Joseph River, incorporating the public works facilities. The imposing new North Pumping Station cost a quarter-million dollars to build, and was quickly joined by a huge six-million-gallon reinforced concrete reservoir a short distance southeast of the new structure. That the North Pumping Station's elegance was a source of civic pride is evidenced by its inclusion in the 1919 Pictorial Souvenir of South Bend. But for the blocking of some of the windows, the building appears little different today.

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