

Blanchard Street Pumping Station

7300 West Blanchard Street

Wauwatosa was chartered as a city in 1897 primarily to issue bonds to fund a water works and establish a fire department following a devastating downtown fire. Put into operation in 1898, Blanchard Street Pumping Station housed two 100-horsepower steam engines pumping water to an elevated tank built atop the adjacent bluff from the artesian well at its base. By 1903, 7.5 miles of water mains had been laid and 70 fire hydrants installed throughout the village area.

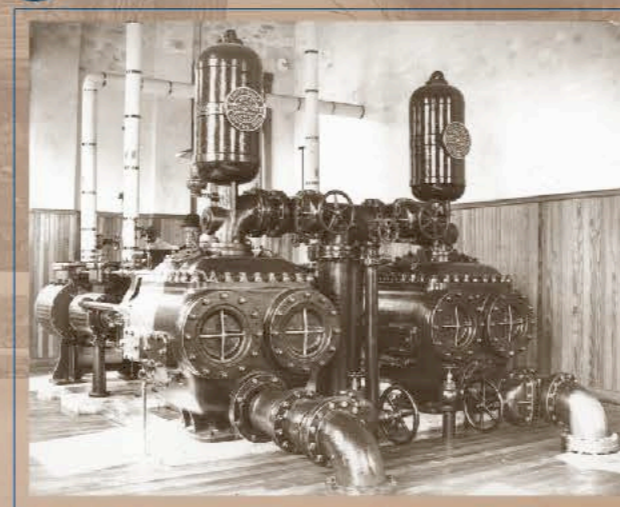


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