

Brief Description of Racine County Buildings

701 Main Street - Racine Heritage Museum

This building was deeded to the County from the City of Racine in 1961 for the purpose of housing a historical museum. In the event that the County no longer used it as a Historical Museum it would revert back to the City. With Resolution 96-83 this revert clause was amended that the building could be used for any county government purpose, razed with the city's permission or if the County no longer wants the building conveyed back to the City for \$1.00 (One Dollar)

Square Ft - 18,309



717 Wisconsin Avenue - Law Enforcement Center

The Law Enforcement Center as seen today started out as a block with many business located on it. The older part of the Law Enforcement Center was built in the late seventies early eighties. The jail had 144 adult cells when it opened. This includes a tunnel that runs under Wisconsin Avenue and connect with the Courthouse. The addition in 1988 - 1989 brought the building to its current configuration. This addition added 120 cells and a 80 bed Huber dorm. The basement of the Law Enforcement Center housed the Human Service Department until 1996 when the Racine County Service Center was finished. The basement was remodeled to house courtrooms and office space in 1997. In 2001 the Law Enforcement Center was remodeled to have a secure entrance on the Wisconsin Avenue entrance and an after hours entrance on 7th street.

Square Ft - 166,837



733 Wisconsin Avenue - County Board Office

The County Board Office was previously the Knight Barry Title Company offices. When the County purchased most of the property on the 700 block of Main Street & Wisconsin Avenue this building was left standing and converted into the County Board offices. The building was built in 1969 and purchased by the County in 1976.

Square Ft - 2,628



730 Wisconsin Avenue - Courthouse

The current Racine County Courthouse was dedicated July 1931. It is 12 stories tall and includes a basement and sub-basement. The structure has stone walls on a concrete frame. Only the 1st through 11th floors are used for offices, courtrooms and meeting rooms. The 12th floor houses the equipment necessary to operate the 3 elevators. Prior to 1981 floors 8 - 10 were occupied by the jail. The 8th floor had administrative offices, kitchen and a couple of female cells. The 9th floor was the Male secure cells with a couple of special needs/discipline holding cells. The 10th floor was the male Huber with a couple of dormitory style bunk areas. The 11th floor was the juvenile detention.

Square Ft - 127,629



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411 7th Street - Child Support Division

Since December 1996 the Child Support offices have been renting office and storage space within the Ameritech building. Previous to that they had been located on several floors within the Courthouse. The move to the Ameritech building allowed the Child Support offices to be located on one floor.

Square Ft - Office Space - 9,877

Square Ft - Storage Space - 2,469



1717 Taylor Avenue - Racine County Service Center

The County purchased the Massey Ferguson Mfg. Building in 1994 and remodeled the 4 story building. The first 3 floors are office space where County Departments - Human Service Department, Veterans, Human Resources and Welfare Fraud share office space with non county agencies. The award winning Workforce Development Center is located on the first floor. The fourth floor houses the Racine County Detention Center. The Detention is designed to house a maximum of 131 juveniles.

Square Ft - 114,300



5455 Durand Avenue - Ridgewood Health Care Center

This two story brick building was built in 1986 and was a replacement for the much larger Highridge nursing home. Highridge was a 600 bed facility located at the corner of 21st Street and Hwy 31 where the Kmart shopping plaza is located. On its 4 wings Ridgewood can care for up to 210 individuals. Ridgewood has improved the atmosphere for its' residents by adding an Aviary inside, beautiful gardens and a pond on

Square Ft - 95,583



3900 7 Mile Road - Robert L Rohner Law Enforcement Training Center

In 1999 Racine County built a new shooting range facility. This facility can be used for shooting practice or classroom training.

Square Ft - 1,410

14116 Washington Avenue - Patrol Station

The Sub Station is a one story brick building built in 1979. This facility also includes a Vehicle Storage pole barn built in 1991 and a fenced in lot for parking vehicles that are still involved in an investigation. This location is being looked at as a possible future site for a new County Dispatch Center.

Square Ft - Main Building - 8,264

Square FT - Vehicle Storage barn - 7,488



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14200 Washington Avenue - Ives Grove

The Ives Grove Complex consists of the main building, a storage building, and four (4) salt sheds. The main building is a one story brick building with a basement built in 1968 and an addition in 1997. The storage building was built in 1974. The 4 Salt sheds have been built over the years starting with the earliest one in 1965 and the latest one was in 1997. Considered part of the Ives Grove Complex but across the street from the complex is the County's park and ride parking lot. This was built in 1998. The Ives Grove Complex is home to the Public Works Department - Highway Division & Parks Division, the UW Extension office and the Planning & Development Department.



Square Ft - Main Building - 66,253

Square FT - Storage Building - 12,800

Total Square Ft all Salt Sheds - 45,303

925 15th Avenue - County School Office

In 1971, the County purchased not only the building located at 925 15th street but also the building next door. These 2 buildings were the campus for the Handicapped school children. Then procedures changed and these children were mainstreamed into the school district that they lived in. In 1992 Racine County sold one building and retained the other to house County School administrative offices. This brick two story building was built in 1918.



Square Ft - 17,520

31929 Academy Road - Rochester Shop

The Rochester shop is the west end operation location for the Public Works Department. This complex is made up of the Old Shop built in 1942, the New Shop built in 1973, a storage barn built in 1959 and 3 salt sheds built between 1963 and 1988. This location used to have its own mechanics and stockman until all these activities were centralized at the Ives Grove Complex.



Square Ft - Old Shop - 11,400

Square FT - New Shop - 16,000

Square FT - Storage Barn - 2,160

Total Square Ft all Salt Sheds - 11,400

209 Main Street - Western Racine County Service Center

This building was purchased from Art Roesing in 1991 and is a one story brick building with no basement. This facility has brought many of the services previously only available at the Courthouse to the West End of the County. A person can get a marriage license, pay their taxes, look for jobs and receive other Human Service services. In 1994, the County Board passed Resolution 93-281 which allowed a Senior Citizen Center use of part of the building.



Square FT - 14,302