



PROJECT PROFILE:
TRAIN DEPOT RESTORATION

Summary: This adaptive reuse project restored this historic building for effective use while reflecting the heritage of the community.



PROJECT STATS

- LOCATION:** Lima, Ohio
- CLIENT:** Downtown Lima Inc.
- CLIENT CONTACT:** Fred Barrington
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- COMPLETION DATE:** May 2004
- SERVICES:** Feasibility study
Space planning
Architecture
Civil site design
Structural engineering

LJB began this project by conducting a feasibility study for the adaptive reuse of the historic Lima Train Station (1887) as offices for the Lima Utilities Department. The building owner then retained LJB for the renovation design, and LJB worked closely with Chambers, Murphy and Burge Restoration Architects to ensure strict adherence to the standards of the National Register of Historic Places. One key challenge on this project was to provide detailed space planning that would satisfy the functional requirements of the utilities department and its customers.



An addition created an enhanced entryway and blended new and historic elements on the restored building.

LJB also designed an addition on the front of the building to reflect the design of the historic entryway, as well as a rear addition to accommodate ADA-compliant restrooms.

Fire damage to the building also required structural analysis and subsequent reinforcement of roof trusses. LJB also designed a reinforced floor structure to meet updated code requirements. Other LJB services included survey and site design for a drive-thru customer window, as well as custom-designed cabinetry for the customer service area.



The environment of the former Train Depot was maintained in the restoration.