By rehabilitating the Boyne City Water Works Building, the City of Boyne City took a community landmark that had been unused for 30 years and returned it to public service. The building came very close to being demolished; however, the city chose to keep the building. Using Federal Certified Local Government grant funds, Community Development Block Grant money, and local funds, the project team rehabilitated the building and returned it to its original role as part of the community’s water system.

After three decades of disuse, the building is once again a point of community pride serving not only as water booster station for Boyne City’s water system but also in new ways as public restrooms for adjacent recreational uses and as an upcoming historical interpretive center.