

# Historic Office / Retail Building For Sale

## 47763 A Street, Belleville, MI 48111



Listing ID: 30665419  
Status: Active  
Property Type: Office For Sale  
(also listed as Retail-Commercial)  
Office Type: Office Building  
Size: 2,265 SF  
Sale Price: \$300,000  
Unit Price: \$132.45 PSF  
Sale Terms: Cash to Seller



### Overview/Comments

This historic schoolhouse is located on the grounds of Willow Run Airport near the Yankee Air Museum! The property was originally built in 1938 by Henry Ford on farmland owned by the Quirk family to replace a former local schoolhouse that burned in a fire. It was subsequently used as a command post for the Army Airport near the Ford bomber plant, an officer's club during 1942-1944, a personal residence, office, education & training centers and most recently as the Yankee Air Museum's library.

It offers a grand entrance, 2 ADA bathrooms, conference/breakroom, additional large office/meeting space, high ceilings, open area with a wall of windows and hardwood floors.

Plenty of parking, close to I-94, I-275 & Michigan Ave.

### More Information Online

<http://cie.cpix.net/listing/30665419>

### QR Code

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### General Information

Taxing Authority: Van Buren Township  
Tax ID/APN: 83-189-99-00017-000  
Office Type: Office Building  
Property Use Type: Net Leased Investment (NNN), Vacant/Owner-User

Building Name: Yankee Air Museum Schoolhouse  
Building/Unit Size (RSF): 2,265 SF  
Sale Terms: Cash to Seller

### Area & Location

Property Located Between: Ecorse Rd & Belleville Road  
Highway Access: Michigan Ave, I-94 & I-275

Airports: Willow Run, Detroit Metro & Ann Arbor Municipal  
Site Description: On the grounds of the Yankee Air Museum.

### Building Related

Total Number of Buildings:	1	Passenger Elevators:	0
Number of Stories:	1	Freight Elevators:	0
Year Built:	1938	Heat Type:	Natural Gas
Roof Type:	Gable	Heat Source:	Central
Construction/Siding:	Stucco	Air Conditioning:	Engineered System
Parking Type:	Surface	Internet Access:	Cable
Total Parking Spaces:	20		

### Land Related

Easements:	Other	Land Ownership:	Leased
Easements Description:	Provided with Title Commitment	Legal Description:	To be determined

### Location

Address:	47763 A Street, Belleville, MI 48111	MSA:	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn
County:	Wayne	Submarket:	Airport District



## Property Images



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## HISTORY OF THE WILLOW RUN SCHOOLHOUSE

The schoolhouse was built in 1938 on farmland owned by the Quirk family, Henry Ford replaced a former area schoolhouse that burned in a fire. The school served approximately 21 families from 1938-1942.

The school was then used as an office for Col. F. Goodrich in command of the Army Airport being constructed near the Ford bomber plant. During a construction accident on December 20, 1942, the school burned for seven hours. The school was rebuilt.

During the war years, 1942-1944, the school was turned into an officer's club. During this period, it is believed that Mr. Charles Lindbergh spent time there. He was one of the Ford test pilots at the time.

Mr. Al Green leased the school and turned it into a residence from 1945-1960. He did this to prevent it from being turned into a restaurant. Al Green was a restaurateur himself, having restaurants at Willow Run Airport and other cities across the country.

Mr. Lee Koepke lived in the residence from 1960-1970. Mr. Koepke also operated an aviation school next door with Mr. Norm Ellickson.

Mr. Michael Ferrantino, Sr. purchased the property from Ford Motor Company in 1973. It became the headquarters for the Wayne and Michigan Disposal. An amateur wine making project was set up in the basement by company engineers. A rose' vintage 1986, was found when the house was being cleared for the move.

From 1992-1996 the building was used as a technical training center by The Environmental Quality Company (successor to Michigan Disposal). The building was then closed until Mike Miller donated it to the Yankee Air Museum in 2006.

The Yankee Air Museum relocated the Schoolhouse to A Street on the west side of Willow Run Airport in 2009. The Schoolhouse was utilized as an Education Center for the museum until 2013. The Schoolhouse was then used as the Museum's Library until 2020.

GENERAL NOTES

- 1. PATCH ORIGINAL PLASTER WALLS WHERE DAMAGED, WHERE EXISTING CONSTRUCTION OR TRIM HAS BEEN REMOVED, AND WHERE MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, OR PLUMBING EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN REMOVED.
- 2. REPAIR ALL HARDWOOD FLOORING WHERE DAMAGED OR MISSING DUE TO THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.
- 3. REFER TO MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
- 4. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO BE VERIFIED IN FIELD.

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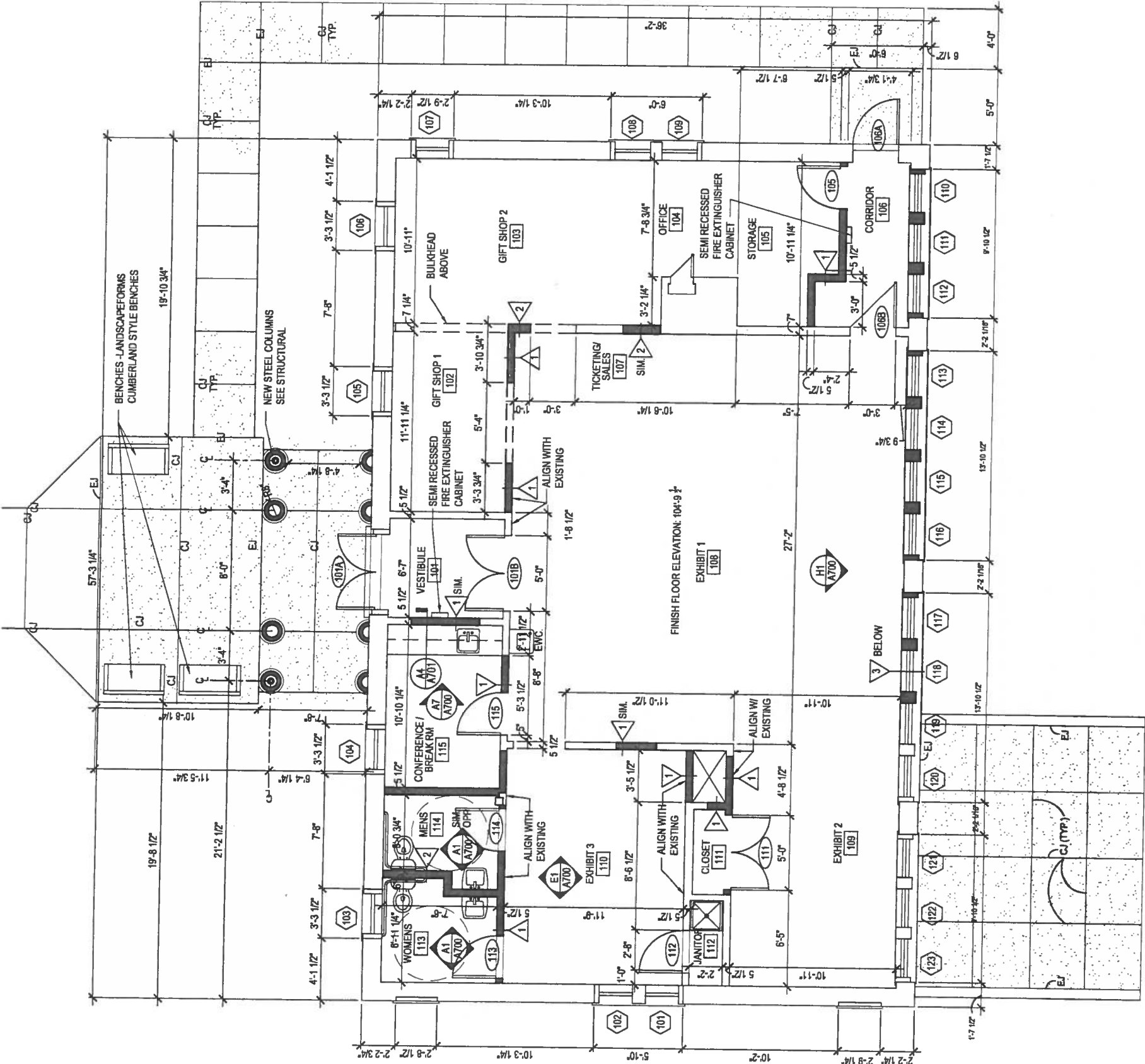
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