



## COUNTY OF OAKLAND

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### OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING

Welcome! The building you have just entered is a unique structure with a long and important history in Oakland County government.

Originally constructed in 1927 as a "poor farm," it soon became the Tuberculosis Sanatorium. In 1954, a four-story office wing housing various health services was added.

Advances in drug therapy treatment of tuberculosis finally eliminated the need for long confinement and quarantine of patients, and the Sanatorium (then called the County Hospital) was closed in 1976. At the same time, however, demands for new courtrooms and other judicial system space - culminating with the state mandated addition of three new judges to the Oakland County Circuit in 1978 - made it obvious that a new county office building would have to be constructed.

In the winter of 1978, bids were let on an "adaptive re-use" plan for the Hospital. Construction costs for comparable new buildings were then about \$65 a square foot, but it was found that the Hospital could be adapted to office use for almost half that amount, or about \$34 a square foot. The total construction cost is about \$3 million, as opposed to the nearly \$6 million a new building would have cost.

In the spring of 1980, non-judicial offices began moving from the Courthouse into the Executive Office Building (EOB). For the first time, the Courthouse will be devoted almost exclusively to judicial matters.

Of particular interest in the EOB is the center core area. Originally this space was an open courtyard providing fresh air and sunshine for patients. Thirty-two brick arches, each fitted with windows and screens, faced the courtyard. The arches were opened and refurbished, and now provide a soothing transition from past to present.

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SIZE ..... 91,935 square feet  
TOTAL PROJECT COST ..... \$3.8 million  
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST ..... \$3.19 million  
CONSTRUCTION COST PER SQUARE FOOT ..... \$34.70  
BUILDING POPULATION ..... 300  
OCCUPYING DIVISIONS & DEPARTMENTS ..... 17

Accounting

Advance Programs Group

Auditing

Budget

County Executive and Department Directors

Community Development and Property Management

Community and Minority Affairs

Cultural Affairs

Federal and State Aid Coordinator

Health (Management only)

Reference Library

Personnel

Planning

Public Information

Purchasing

Safety

Word Processing Center