

**HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**  
University of Oregon Cultural Resources Survey  
Eugene, Lane County, Oregon  
Summer 2006, Updated 2025

**RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION**

Current building name: Cascade Annex East Wing  
Historic building name: Physical Plant Shops  
Building address: 1264 Franklin Boulevard  
Ranking: Non-Contributing

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

Architectural style classification: Utilitarian  
Building plan (footprint shape): rectangle  
Number of stories: 1  
Foundation material(s): concrete  
Primary exterior wall material: poured concrete covered in rough stucco  
Secondary exterior wall material: none  
Roof configuration/type: flat, slight slope  
Primary roof material: BUR  
Primary window type: multi-pane industrial metal  
Primary window material: metal  
Decorative features and materials: two parallel grooves in the concrete to form a cornice line  
Landscape features: perimeter sidewalk, trees/shrubs on east, asphalt parking lot on north, adjoins Science courtyard  
Associated resources: adjacent to Cascade Annex West, connected to Onyx Bridge  
Comments: South 60% of this building was razed in 1987 to clear site for Cascade Hall. A tree was planted at the northeast corner in memory of Susan Annette Winn.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

Date of construction: 1946  
Architect: Lawrence & Lawrence  
Builder/Contractor: Stein Brothers  
Moved? (yes/no): No     Date of move(s): N/A  
Description/dates of major additions/alterations: 1961 Onyx Bridge constructed on top of building; 1987 south 60% of building razed (Brockmeyer McDonald Architects); multiple interior alterations to accommodate changing occupancies over the life of the building

**HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE**

Original use(s) or function(s): Physical plant shops

Current use(s) or function(s): Offices/Labs/Classrooms

Area(s) of significance: Education, Architecture

Period of significance: 1946

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

This building was designed by Ellis Lawrence and was one of the last of his buildings to be built in his lifetime. It cost the University of Oregon approximately \$50,000 by the time it was completed in May 1946. It closely resembles the adjacent Cascade Annex West. At the time of construction, its dimensions and massing mirrored Cascade Annex West, although a few feet longer extending to the south. Drawings from 1952 show this length differentiation but later drawings show them the same length. Documentation of the exact date of this change is inconclusive. It is a simple rectangular poured concrete building with a rough stucco finish and multi-pane metal windows. It is devoid of any detailing except two parallel grooves in the concrete that form a cornice line. It is utilitarian in design, built to house the paint, electrical, mechanical and carpentry shops, which, at the time, had been housed in various temporary structures on campus. The original floor plans show the building subdivided into four sections for these shops with only three interior east-west walls. A variety of interior modifications were made when the Museum of Natural History and the Herbarium, moved into this building in 1955, then called the Anthropology-Museum building. By 1987, the interior space had been heavily subdivided into smaller offices. In 1961, the Onyx Bridge was built on top of it. The Museum of Natural History was housed in the central and southern half of it until 1987, when this portion was razed to clear the site for the construction of Cascade. Currently, this building sits dwarfed by the Onyx Bridge and connected to Cascade Annex West on the southwestern corner. There is an asphalt parking lot along the north side, a loading dock on the west side, minimal landscaping of trees and grass on the east side, a large bicycle cage on the southeastern corner and a concrete sidewalk along the south side. It is sited adjacent to the Science Courtyard on the southeast corner.

This building lacks integrity for listing on the National Register because Onyx Bridge was built on top of the annex, 60% was razed, and interior modifications over time have greatly diminished the existing historic fabric. It has been ranked as a non-contributing resource for its very low significance to the campus and poor integrity.

**NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**Historic Significance (check one):  High  Medium  Low  Very Low or NoneIntegrity (check one):  Excellent  Good  Fair  PoorCondition (check one):  Excellent  Good  Fair  PoorBuilding designation:  City Landmark  National Register  National Historic Landmark  Not listedPreliminary National Register eligibility findingsBuilding is potentially eligible:  Individually or  As a contributing resource in a district only

If eligible individually, applicable criteria (check all that apply):

 A. Associated with significant events C. Distinctive architecturally B. Associated with significant persons D. Archaeologically importantIf applicable, building qualifies under NR Criterion Considerations:  Yes  No If yes, which apply:

**DOCUMENTATION**

Indicate resources consulted when researching this building (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University archives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UO Planning Office files | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives                 | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library                       | <input type="checkbox"/> State Historic Society            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Historic Society         | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal interviews                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic photographs              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical encyclopedias     | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary indexes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>see below</u> |

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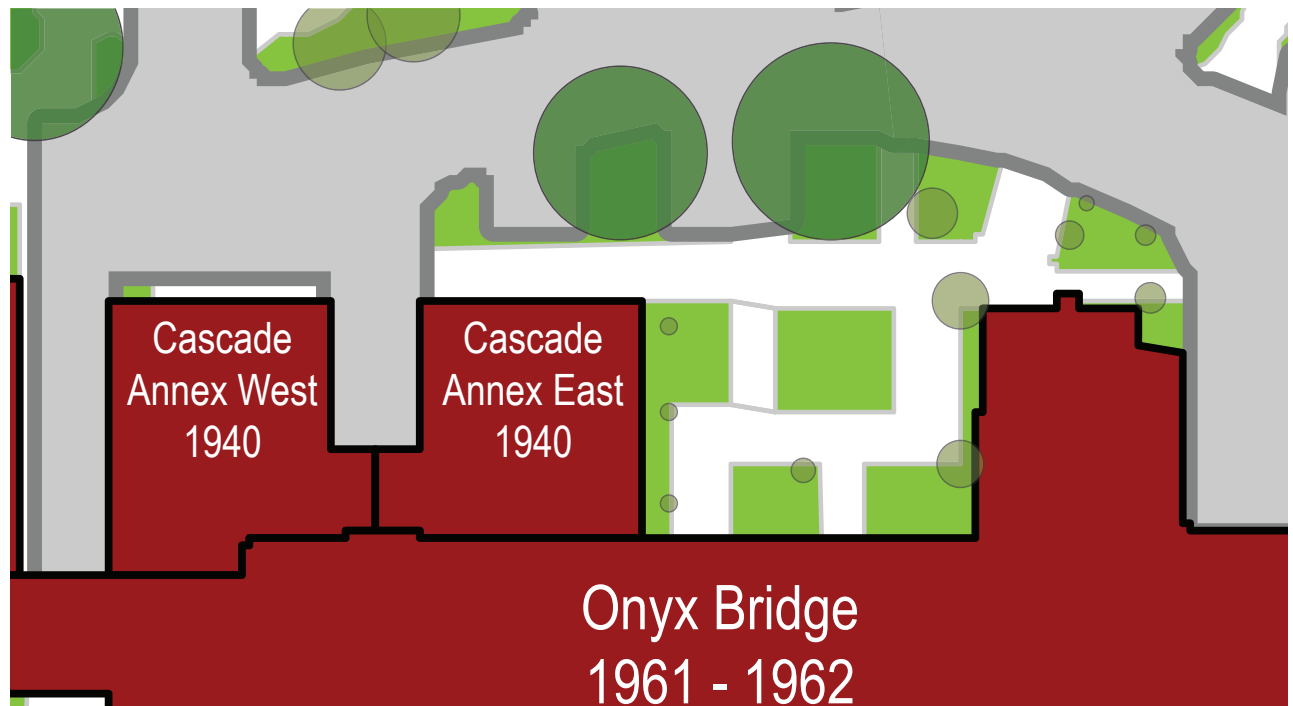
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**PHOTOGRAPH**



**SITE PLAN**



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