Designated 2005

The Pump House, at 410 S. Horners Lane, was built by the City in 1896, as the Rockville Electric Light and Water Works. The building generated electricity for public street lights as well as lights in private homes. It is most infamous for a well failure which resulted in an outbreak of typhoid fever during the winter holiday season of 1913-1914. The United States Public Health Service helped identify the problem and this spurred the City to develop a Citywide sewerage system (completed in 1916). The formation of WSSC in 1919 can also be credited, in part, to the public health issues revealed through Rockville's typhoid epidemic.

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