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## W BOARDMAN STREET

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44503



### WALKWAY TO STORAGE

During Youngstown's industrial boom, the America Makes building was used as a furniture warehouse by Furnitureland of Youngstown. The walkway connecting buildings allowed workers to carry furniture between the warehouse and the storefront on bustling Federal Street. Years later, after most of the stores on Federal Street had closed, the building was leased by Home Savings Bank (now Premier Bank) and used solely for furniture and records retention.



### AMERICA MAKES MOVES IN

In 2012, the building transformed from a space for storage to a space for creation and innovation when America Makes, the flagship Institute for Manufacturing USA, the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation, opened. On the other side of the Furnitureland walkway is the Youngstown Business Incubator (YBI), a globally recognized, university-affiliated business incubator focused on building companies in technology, software development, and additive manufacturing. Its proximity to YBI made this building a logical choice for America Makes.



### OUR NEIGHBORS IN PRINTING

The Youngstown spirit of grit, determination, and innovation is also evident across our parking lot. Vindicator Square was home to the city's local newspaper, The Youngstown Vindicator. In 2017, America Makes ecosystem partner, the Youngstown Business Incubator, purchased the building and the paper ceased production in 2019. It filled the once-used 2D newspaper printing bays with some of the most advanced 3D printing equipment in the nation run by 3D printing companies in early stages looking to grow.



### FRONT DOOR TO ADDITIVE

To further continue the excellence of the others on our block, America Makes underwent a renovation in 2021 to feature the "Front Door to Additive" exhibit. The space aims to connect visitors to the innovative possibilities of additive manufacturing (AM) through interactive and information components that explain the seven processes of AM. America Makes' training room and workshop spaces are dedicated to advancing AM technology and education. We look forward to what will be created and accomplished within these walls.

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