



**BERGEN COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMENDATION AWARD**
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William J. Martin
 is honored in the RESTORATION category
 for his
Bogart Built Furniture Office Building
 restoration in Westwood

A charming story tells us that this building didn't start out where it is now. In the 1920s it was being moved from its original site to make way for a new apartment building. But in transit, it almost toppled from the flatbed and had to be "ditched" at the current site. The owner of the adjacent property suggested that our vagrant building's owner "put a foundation under it and I'll buy it!"

Now, the building definitely belongs where it is, and this story has become a part of Westwood tradition.

And that tradition was respected in architect William Martin's approach to the Bogart Building's restoration. He understood that the old building could resist the development pressures which agitate for demolition only if it remained commercially viable.

Architect Martin maintained the building's multi-function use while protecting its historic AND commercial value. The two-year project has retained the early 20th-century "feel" of the site, yet meets all current building and safety codes. The result is a revitalized structure that looks confidently to the future while preserving a piece of Bergen County's commercial history.