



Michigan State Historic Preservation Office  
 Certified Local Government Program  
 CLG 2024 Annual Report

| 1. CLG BASIC INFORMATION  |   |
|---|---|
| CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT<br>City of Ann Arbor   |   |
| CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL<br>Mayor Christopher Taylor  |   |
| CLG CONTACT PERSON (official person on file with National Park Service)<br>Jill Thacher                                       | TITLE<br>City Planner/Historic Preservation Coordinator |
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| EMAIL<br>jthacher@a2gov.org   | TELEPHONE<br>734-794-6265 x42608                        |
| CLG/HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION WEBSITE (if applicable)<br><a href="https://www.a2gov.org/hdc">https://www.a2gov.org/hdc</a> |   |

| 2. HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE AND PRESERVATION PLANNING   |  |
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| A. DID THE CLG KEEP ITS HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (if no, briefly explain)                            |  |
| B. DID THE CLG ADOPT OR AMEND/REVISE/MODIFY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DURING THE YEAR?<br>(Provide a link or attach any documents for which you select yes)   |  |
| HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO   | PRESERVATION PLAN (including master plan component)<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO                   |
| HDC BYLAWS OR RULES OF PROCEDURE<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO  | DESIGN GUIDELINES (under PA 169, guidelines must be approved by SHPO)<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |
| COA APPLICATION/REQUIREMENTS<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO  | SURVEY PLAN<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Old Fourth Ward Resurvey.                                 |
| OTHER PRESERVATION-RELATED REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES (e.g., blight ordinances, demolition ordinances, downtown design standards, etc.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |

| 3. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION   |                                      |              |           |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| A. PROVIDE THE NAME AND TITLE FOR THE COMMUNITY'S STAFF LIAISON TO THE HDC<br>Jill Thacher, City Planner/Historic Preservation Coordinator  |                                      |              |           |
| B. DOES THE HDC USE AN ON-CALL PRESERVATION SPECIALIST (e.g., architect, historian, etc.)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (if yes, provide name/title) |                                      |              |           |
| C. IDENTIFY <b>CURRENT</b> HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEMBERS.<br>(Submit a <u>resume</u> or <u>Attachment A</u> for each <b>NEW</b> commissioner appointed during the year)              |                                      |              |           |
| NAME  | ROLE (e.g., chair, vice-chair, etc.) | TERM STARTED | TERM ENDS |
| David Rochlen   | Chair                                | 2022         | 2025      |
| Kathyrn Fortner   | Vice-Chair                           | 2022         | 2025      |
| Benjamin Calderon   | Secretary                            | 2023         | 2026      |
| Jennifer Ross   |                                      | 2024         | 2027      |
| Chip Smith  |                                      | 2023         | 2026      |
| Steve Kaplan  |                                      | 2023         | 2026      |
|   |                                      |              |           |
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D. DOES THE HDC INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO IS A QUALIFIED PRESERVATION PROFESSIONAL?  YES  NO  
 If you answer no, briefly identify how the CLG sought to identify qualified professionals (architects, historians, architectural historians, archaeologists, etc.) to fill vacancies AND submit a copy of related announcements, advertisements, or other means used to seek qualified members.

E. ARE THERE CURRENTLY ANY HDC VACANCIES?  
 YES  NO If yes, how many? 1

F. DID NEW COMMISSIONERS RECEIVE TRAINING MATERIALS AND INFORMATION ON THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE?  
 YES  NO  NOT APPLICABLE

G. DID AT LEAST ONE COMMISSIONER AND/OR STAFF PERSON PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING (e.g., conferences, webinars, and in-person workshops)?  
 YES  NO If yes, identify the training and participants below. If no, briefly explain why no one participated in training.

| NAME OF TRAINING       | PROVIDER                               | ATTENDEES    |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| MHPN Annual Conference | Michigan Historic Preservation Network | Jill Thacher |
| Various Webinars       | MHPN, NAPC                             | Jill Thacher |
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H. WHEN ARE YOUR HDC'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS? (e.g., first Wednesday of each month)  
 Second Thursday of the month

I. IDENTIFY THE MONTHS IN WHICH YOUR HDC MET AT LEAST ONCE.

| MONTH         | MEETING HELD?                       | QUORUM PRESENT?                     | MINUTES ON WEBSITE?*                | MONTH          | MEETING HELD?                       | QUORUM PRESENT?                     | MINUTES ON WEBSITE?*                |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| January 2024  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | July 2024      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| February 2024 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | August 2024    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| March 2024    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | September 2024 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| April 2024    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | October 2024   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| May 2024      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | November 2024  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| June 2024     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | December 2024  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

\*if not available on your website, submit minutes for at least two meetings

J. PROVIDE INFORMATION ON DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW DURING THE YEAR.

| APPLICATION TOTALS  | RESULTS OF REVIEWS                               |
|---|--|
| # OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: 178   | # OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS ISSUED: 178 |
| # OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY STAFF ONLY: 138   | # OF DENIALS ISSUED: 0                           |
| # OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY THE HDC: 40   | # OF NOTICES TO PROCEED ISSUED: 0                |
| WERE ANY HDC DECISIONS APPEALED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (if yes, complete the information below) |  |
| # OF HDC DECISIONS APPEALED:  |  |
| # OF DECISIONS OVERTURNED:  |  |
| # OF DECISIONS AFFIRMED:  |  |

**4. INVENTORY AND DESIGNATION**

**A. IDENTIFY NEW SURVEY PLANS, PROGRESS ON EXISTING PLANS, AND/OR CHANGES TO EXISTING SURVEY PLANS, INCLUDING CHANGES IN PRIORITIES OR PROCESSES.**

The Old Fourth Ward Resurvey was completed in 2024 by a consultant. The survey data is still being verified by staff and in some cases corrected.

**B. DID THE CLG ACTIVELY WORK ON OR COMPLETE HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEYS?  YES  NO**

If yes, identify them below. If the survey was completed but data and reports were not previously provided to SHPO, submit a copy with this report. Use additional sheets if necessary to capture all surveys in progress or completed.

| NAME OF SURVEY           | HOW MANY RESOURCES? | SURVEY PROVIDED TO SHPO?  |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Old Fourth Ward Resurvey |                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|                          |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |
|                          |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |
|                          |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |
|                          |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |
|                          |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |

**C. DOES THE CLG HAVE SURVEYS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR?  YES  NO**

If yes, briefly identify them, including the reason for the survey (e.g., part of work plan, development pressure, considering designation, etc.). If no, identify future survey goals that may be of interest.

**D. WAS ANY MUNICIPAL-SPONSORED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR?  YES  NO**

If yes, identify them below.

| NAME OF SURVEY | SHPO CONTACTED PRIOR TO WORK?                            | FOLLOWED STATE STANDARDS?                                |
|----------------|--|--|
|                | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|                | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|                | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

**E. DID THE CLG ENGAGE IN LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR?  YES  NO**

If yes, identify them below. If associated reports were not previously provided to SHPO, submit a copy with this report. Use additional sheets if necessary.

| DISTRICT NAME | STATUS AND ACTION  | REPORT PROVIDED TO SHPO?                                 |
|---------------|--|--|
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed<br><input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed<br><input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed<br><input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed<br><input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed<br><input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed<br><input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed<br><input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed<br><input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

F. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY NATIONAL REGISTER OR LOCAL DISTRICT PROPERTIES THAT WERE MOVED OR DEMOLISHED?  YES  NO  
If yes, briefly identify them below.

| NAME/ADDRESS OF PROPERTY          | NAME OF DISTRICT (IF APPLICABLE) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 530 N Division (non-contributing) | Old Fourth Ward                  |
|                                   |                                  |
|                                   |                                  |

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. WERE ALL HDC MEETINGS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, P.A. 267 OF 1976?  YES  NO (if no, briefly explain)

B. WAS INFORMATION ABOUT THE HDC, ITS MEETINGS, AND ITS ACTIVITIES MAINTAINED ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S WEBSITE?  
 YES  NO

C. BEYOND A WEBSITE, HOW DOES THE HDC PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES TO THE PUBLIC?  
 Mailings  Newspapers  Posting at Municipal Building  On-site Project Signs  Direct Email  Door Fliers  Email List/Listserv  
 Local Access Channels  Community Events  Other

D. DID THE CLG/HDC PROVIDE, SPONSOR, OR PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES (e.g., walking tours, lectures, Preservation Month activities, historical marker programs) OR FORMAL TRAINING ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION?  YES  NO  
If yes, identify the activities below. SHPO encourages sharing photos so we can highlight your efforts! Use additional sheets if necessary.

| ACTIVITY | SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | DATE |
|----------|-------------------------|------|
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6. CLG/HISTORIC PRESERVATION GOALS

A. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE IF/HOW YOU MET THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN YOUR LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

| GOAL  | DID YOU MEET THIS GOAL?   | IF YES, DESCRIBE HOW IT WAS MET. IF NO, DESCRIBE WHY IT WAS NOT MET. |
|---|---|--|
| Review the Historic District Design Guidelines and incorporate new Design Guidelines                    | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | Progress was made but the project is ongoing.                        |
| Incorporate changes to the Ann Arbor preservation website to make it more user friendly and informative | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | Some improvements were made but more work is needed.                 |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |  |

B. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR TOP GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR (2025). EACH CLG MUST IDENTIFY AT LEAST ONE GOAL.

| GOAL  | IS THIS A MULTI-YEAR GOAL?  | DO YOU NEED SHPO ASSISTANCE TO MEET THIS GOAL? IF SO, BRIEFLY DESCRIBE.     |
|---|---|---|
| Review the Historic District Design Guidelines and incorporate new Design Guidelines                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | At the end of the review the Design Guidelines will be shared with the SHPO |
| Incorporate changes to the Ann Arbor preservation website to make it more user friendly and informative | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO            |   |

7. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

A. SHPO HAS A NEW CLG COORDINATOR. WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD LIKE THE NEW COORDINATOR TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY AND LOCAL PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES/NEEDS?

In the city's Historic Districts (the Old Fourth Ward, in particular) citizens have questioned (in public forums) the need to protect properties when the city faces a housing shortage.

B. WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENT/ACHIEVEMENT/EVENT FROM 2024 IS YOUR CLG/HDC MOST PROUD OF? OR IS THERE A PRESERVATION SUCCESS STORY FROM YOUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT? SHPO encourages sharing photos!

I'm not sure I would call it a success story, but it felt good to complete the Old Fourth Ward Resurvey (even if we are still editing it).

C. DESCRIBE ANY PROBLEMS, ISSUES, OR CHALLENGES (e.g., economic, political, operational) ENCOUNTERED IN THE LOCAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM IN 2024.

We have had a problem recruiting a seventh historic district commissioner. A candidate that staff thought was well qualified was rejected by the mayor. Staff will redouble efforts to get more people to apply.

D. WHAT ARE THE MOST CRITICAL PRESERVATION ISSUES/NEEDS FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

This issue is a carryover from last year: Some members of the community have identified historic districts as impediments to affordable housing. Property values are extremely high in Ann Arbor and our districts are all close to downtown. They feel that protecting low-rise buildings and single-family homes close-in reduces opportunities for less-expensive, higher density buildings.

E. DID YOUR COMMUNITY RECEIVE ANY PRESERVATION GRANTS (other than CLG grants) IN 2024?

YES  NO (If yes, briefly identify them below.)

F. DID YOUR COMMUNITY HAVE ANY LOCAL INCENTIVE/GRANT/LOAN PROGRAMS (e.g., façade grant programs, DDA programs, low-interest loans, abatements, etc.) AVAILABLE FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN 2023?  YES  NO (If yes, briefly identify them below.)

| NAME OF PROGRAM | # OF PROPERTIES BENEFITED |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
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|                 |                           |

G. DO YOU HAVE ANY UPCOMING PROJECTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS FOR A POTENTIAL CLG GRANT APPLICATION?  YES  NO

H. IF REIMBURSEMENT WERE AVAILABLE FOR SOME OF THE COSTS TO ATTEND THE MHPN STATEWIDE PRESERVAION CONFERENCE OR BIENNIAL NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS CONFERENCE, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?  YES  NO

I. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH SHPO?

