



**Michigan State Historic Preservation Office**  
 Certified Local Government Program  
 CLG 2025 Annual Report

1. CLG BASIC INFORMATION	
CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT City of Detroit	
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL Mary Sheffield, Mayor	
CLG CONTACT PERSON (official person on file with National Park Service) Janese Chapman	TITLE Director, Historic Designation Advisory Board
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CLG/HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION WEBSITE (if applicable) <a href="https://detroitmi.gov/government/boards/historic-designation-advisory-board">https://detroitmi.gov/government/boards/historic-designation-advisory-board</a> (HDAB) <a href="https://detroitmi.gov/hdc">https://detroitmi.gov/hdc</a> (HDC)	

2. HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE AND PRESERVATION PLANNING	
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? (Provide a link or attach any documents for which you select yes)	
HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	PRESERVATION PLAN (including master plan component) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
HDC BYLAWS OR RULES OF PROCEDURE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	DESIGN GUIDELINES (under PA 169, guidelines must be approved by SHPO) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
COA APPLICATION/REQUIREMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	SURVEY PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO See 4 A
OTHER PRESERVATION-RELATED REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES (e.g., blight ordinances, demolition ordinances, downtown design standards, etc.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO See 7 B	

3. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION			
A. PROVIDE THE NAME AND TITLE FOR THE COMMUNITY'S STAFF LIAISON TO THE HDC Janese Chapman, Director of Historic Designation Advisory Board, Legislative Policy Division (for HDAB) and Garrick Landsberg, Director of Historic Preservation, Planning and Development Dept. (for HDC)			
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) See Attachment A			
C. IDENTIFY <b>CURRENT</b> HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEMBERS. (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
Note: HDAB serves as the coordinating agency for Detroit's CLG Program. See below for HDAB members. See Attachment A for HDC's member information. Dr. Carolyn Carter, PhD, History Researcher	Chair	Sept 2024	Sept 2027
Osvaldo Rivera, Social Work & History Adjunct Professor	Vice-Chair	Feb 2023	Feb 2026
Melanie Bazil, Archives and Collections	Secretary	Sept 2024	Sept 2027
Louis Fisher, Architect		Sept 2024	Sept 2027
Eric Hergenreder, arch writer/researcher, EHerg.com		April 2024	April 2027

Calvin Jackson, historic district association board member		Sept 2024	Sept 2027
Charles Rivers, Community Advocate		Feb 2025	Feb 2028
Sharon Sexton, Author, Executive Director of Black Historic Sites Committee		Feb 2023	Feb 2026
William Worden, Arch Historian, Retired HDAB Director		Feb 2023	Feb 2026

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.  
 HDAB has one architect, one archivist and several researchers/historians. See Attachment A regarding HDC members. See Attachment C for resumes of new HDAB and new HDC members.

E. ARE THERE CURRENTLY ANY HDC VACANCIES?  
 YES  NO If yes, how many? No vacancies at HDAB. As of November, 2025, the HDC had one vacancy. See attachment C

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.  
 For HDC and PDD - Historic Preservation staff see Attachment A

NAME OF TRAINING	PROVIDER	ATTENDEES
Michigan in Perspective: Local History Conference, March 28-29	Historical Society of Michigan	HDAB staff Janese Chapman, Janice Tillmon, HDAB members Osvaldo Rivera and Sharon Sexton
MHPN Annual Conference: Bringing Stories to Light 5/15-5/17	Michigan Historic Preservation Network	HDAB staff Lisa DiChiera, HDAB member Osvaldo Rivera
Congress of New Urbanism Annual Conference 6/11-6/14	Congress of New Urbanism	HDAB staff Kelsey Maas
National Trust Forum Webinar: Federal Advocacy Update—What You Can Do Now. July 16, 2025	National Trust for Historic Preservation	HDAB staff Lisa DiChiera
Futures in Formation: Designing the Imaginative City. Sept 19, 2025	Detroit Month of Design - Design Core Detroit	HDAB staff Lisa DiChiera
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference 10/23-10/25	Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning	HDAB staff Kelsey Maas

H. WHEN ARE YOUR HDC'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS? (e.g., first Wednesday of each month)  
 HDAB meets the second Thursday of each month, except for in August and December when no meetings are held. See HDAB 2025 meeting schedule below. Two meetings were cancelled in 2025. For two HDAB meeting minutes see Attachment D. For HDC 2025 meeting schedule see Attachment A. Answer J below pertains to HDC only.

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 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
February 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
March 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	September 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
April 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	October 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
May 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	November 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	December 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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: 591	# OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS ISSUED: 395
# OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY STAFF ONLY: 424	# OF DENIALS ISSUED: 51
# OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY THE HDC: 167	# OF NOTICES TO PROCEED ISSUED: 2
WERE ANY HDC DECISIONS APPEALED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (if yes, complete the information below)	
# OF HDC DECISIONS APPEALED: 2	
# OF DECISIONS OVERTURNED:	
# OF DECISIONS AFFIRMED: 1; one case is still ongoing	

**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 staff of the Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) of City Council oversaw the following three projects funded by National Park Service Underrepresented Communities Grants:

-Historic Context of Latinx Communities in Detroit - In Progress. 2024 completed consultant MPDF survey and context history report linked to HDAB website. Staff completed National Register district nomination for Bagley-West Vernor Historic District - presented to MI State Historic Preservation Review Board Sept 22, 2025. Nomination submitted to NPS by SHPO December 8, 2025. Wayne State Univ. student intern developed story map to be posted to HDAB website early 2026.

-Historic Context of Arab and Chaldean Communities in Detroit - In Progress. Consultant MPDF survey and context history report completed, July, 2025. Staff initiated National Register nomination for Sacred Heart Chaldean Catholic Church in October, 2025 (Preliminary determination document submitted to SHPO in May, 2025 - eligible determination returned Oct, 2025.)

-Historic Context of Women's History in Detroit - Consultant MPDF survey and context history report in progress (Contract start date Jan 1, 2025).

The staff of HDAB oversaw the following Local Historic District designation process:

- City of Detroit Historic District designation process for Conductors Protective Assurance (C.P.A.) Building at 2216 - 2200 Michigan Avenue/2411 Fourteenth Street. Historic district and ordinance prepared in 2025. HDAB public hearing held June 12, 2025. City Council public hearing and final designation planned for first quarter 2026.

See photos for all above mentioned HDAB projects in Attachment B

**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?
Detroit Latinx Historic Context	48 sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Detroit Arab and Chaldean Context	39 sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Detroit Women's History Context	In progress	<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
		<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.

Detroit Women's History Context MPDF survey (reconnaissance and intensive) to continue through 2026.

D. WAS ANY MUNICIPAL-SPONSORED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, identify them below.		
NAME OF SURVEY	SHPO CONTACTED PRIOR TO WORK?	FOLLOWED STATE STANDARDS?
Field investigation - SHPO project number 25-324 (East Jefferson Apartments)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Field Investigation - SHPO project number 24-1172 (Bridge Apartments in Corktown)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Field Investigation - SHPO project number 24-337 (Sanctuary at Brewster in Brewster Wheeler district)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
E. DID THE CLG ENGAGE IN LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, identify them below. If associated reports were not previously provided to SHPO, <u>submit a copy</u> with this report. Use additional sheets if necessary.		
DISTRICT NAME	STATUS AND ACTION	REPORT PROVIDED TO SHPO?
Conductors Protective Assurance (C.P.A.) Building at 2216 - 2200 Michigan Avenue/2411 Fourteenth Street. Historic district report and ordinance prepared in 2025. HDAB public hearing held June 12, 2025 (minutes Attachment C). City Council public hearing and final designation planned for first quarter 2026. (Continuation of 2016 uncompleted process).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Rosa and Raymond Parks Flat Historic District, 3201-3203 Virginia Park Street, Designated by City Council July 1, 2025 (Final Report and legal enactment notice in Attachment C)	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed <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 <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 <input type="checkbox"/> New District <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft/Underway <input type="checkbox"/> Final/Completed <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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, briefly identify them below.		
NAME/ADDRESS OF PROPERTY	NAME OF DISTRICT (IF APPLICABLE)	
St. Stanislaus rectory, 5818 DuBois	St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Parish Complex (NR - 1989), St. Stanislaus Historic District (City of Detroit - 1990)	
See Attachment A for HDC supplied list		

<b>5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
A. WERE ALL HDC MEETINGS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, P.A. 267 OF 1976? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (if no, briefly explain) All HDAB and HDC Meetings held in accordance with Open Meetings Act. Answers to B and C pertain to both offices. D pertains to HDAB only.
B. WAS INFORMATION ABOUT THE HDC, ITS MEETINGS, AND ITS ACTIVITIES MAINTAINED ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S WEBSITE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Social Media

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
Studio critique/advisement/discussions on historic survey/designation to graduate students - Janese Chapman and Lisa DiChiera	UofM AfroUrban Planning Studio at Michigan Central	March 25 and April 22, 2025
HDAB Arab and Chaldean History Project public meeting held at Greenfield Union Public School (See pictures Attachment B)	HDAB	April 29, 2025
Presentation to students at Bagley Elementary School about historic designation, identifying historic places in Detroit by Janese Chapman	Detroit Public Schools	May 19, 2025
HDAB Detroit Women's History Project public meeting held at Wayne County Community College downtown Campus (See pictures Attachment B)	HDAB	May 21, 2025
HDAB presentation on Early History District 1, City of Detroit	District 1, City Council Member Tate Monthly Community Meeting	Sept 27, 2025

**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.
Continue the work of increasing the number of underrepresented resources included in survey activities, local historic district and National Register designations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	During 2025, Arab and Chaldean sites were surveyed and a National Register district for Latinx history was submitted to NPS (listed 2026).
Continue work with city departments and City Council to develop and enact a demolition delay ordinance for National Register-listed properties with GIS map of National Register properties that will help facilitate the process.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	The authoritative GIS map with NR properties went public in late 2025: <a href="https://data.detroitmi.gov/datasets/detroit-national-register-of-historic-places/explore">https://data.detroitmi.gov/datasets/detroit-national-register-of-historic-places/explore</a>
Update HDAB website - additional mapping resources, additional links to other preservation resources, evaluation of website usability.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	New StoryMaps and NR map added to the website. More updates to be made.
Continue the process of a long term Digitizing-Database Build-GIS Mapping project that will work to make the CLG's research and archival materials available online and easier to access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Ongoing, started to digitize early local historic district designation slide film. NR GIS map is complete and links to online copy of NR form.

B. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR TOP GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR (2026). 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.
Continue the work of increasing the number of underrepresented resources included in survey activities, local historic district and National Register designations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Timely reviews/feedback on materials provided to SHPO and required for federal grants.
Continue the process of a long term Digitizing-Database Build-GIS Mapping project that will work to make the CLG's research and archival materials available online and easier to access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	It would be helpful for SHPO to help coordinate and recommend resources and tools for digitization. See 7C for more details.
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

YES  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?

B. WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENT/ACHIEVEMENT/EVENT FROM 2025 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!**

There was a coordinated effort between the City Planning Commission staff and Planning and Development staff, that included HDAB and HDC staff, to develop a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Institutional Building Adaptive Reuse. It was enacted at the end of 2025 and will help developers/owners convert former institutional buildings for new uses in R1-R6 zones.

[https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2025-](https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2025-10/Institutional%20Building%20Adaptive%20Reuse%20CC%20Report%2009252025.pdf)

[10/Institutional%20Building%20Adaptive%20Reuse%20CC%20Report%2009252025.pdf](https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2025-10/Institutional%20Building%20Adaptive%20Reuse%20CC%20Report%2009252025.pdf)

<https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2026-01/Notice%20of%20Enactment%20Ordinance%202025-32%20Chapter%2050%20adaptive%20reuse.pdf>

C. DESCRIBE ANY PROBLEMS, ISSUES, OR CHALLENGES (e.g., economic, political, operational) ENCOUNTERED IN THE LOCAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM IN 2025.

With digitization, access to databases and expertise is limited. We know this is an issue for many communities, especially those who are smaller and have less resources. It would be helpful if SHPO could help coordinate access to tools and resources that is hard to obtain as a single office. For instance, the Library of Michigan has an online collection management tool (LM Digital) - <https://lmdigital.contentdm.oclc.org/> and [https://lmdigital.libraryofmichigan.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/lmdigital\\_moa\\_20220411\\_ada.pdf](https://lmdigital.libraryofmichigan.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/lmdigital_moa_20220411_ada.pdf) - that is a potential way to host collections online. Would love to see more opportunities like this for CLG communities, so we can share resources and maximize capacity.

From the HDC perspective, an issue that continues to challenge the City of Detroit's local preservation program is vacant buildings, and the issue poses economic, political, and operational challenges. Vacant buildings offer opportunity, but the city lacks adequate local municipal or philanthropic funding to support local preservation projects. There are some programs, such as the 0% Interest Home Repair Loan Program for eligible homeowners, but the need is great. There is a vast supply of historic resources in the City in need of investment, especially historic preservation-oriented investment. Often, investors from outside the city or state recognize the opportunity but often do not understand, or willfully ignore, local processes and ordinances adopted to preserve historic places and character. Another vacant building-related challenge is the pressure on the City to recognize vacant historic places as "blighted" and to address them with demolition. The City instituted a 10-day demolition delay last year to allow the Planning Department to review proposed demolitions, but another challenge is the pressure on the City to issue emergency demolition orders, even when historic buildings are in local historic districts.

Another preservation-related challenge is that the city lacks an adequate pool of local contractors with expertise and experience in historic preservation best practices.

Operationally, in 2025, the City's historic preservation team in the Planning Department experienced a high volume of turnover, and training and onboarding was a challenge.

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

A critical preservation issue facing the City is vacant historic buildings identified as "blighted," putting them at risk for demolition via the city's dangerous buildings process.

E. DID YOUR COMMUNITY RECEIVE ANY PRESERVATION GRANTS (other than CLG grants) IN 2025?

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

In 2025, our office was already managing four National Park Service grants, in additoion to CLG grants.

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 2025?  YES  NO (If yes, briefly identify them below.)

NAME OF PROGRAM	# OF PROPERTIES BENEFITED
The Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC) continues to be the primary entity to provide grants and economic assistance for the rehab of buildings, primarily for new businesses. These programs are helping rehab older buildings throughout the city. <a href="http://www.degc.org/funding">www.degc.org/funding</a> There are no numbers provided of which buildings may have NR or local designation. HDC does not have numbers on which buildings they reviewed were a recipient of any of DEGC's programs.	

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

With our digitization efforts, future CLG funding for expanding that type of work is incredibly helpful. This could be through database builds, document scanning and digitizing, workflow/process creation, etc.

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?

The HDAB office is also responsible for the management of the City of Detroit Secondary Street Sign Program. Per Chapter 43 of the Detroit City Code, a street may be assigned a secondary street sign that displays a different name than the official street name for the purpose of honorary recognition. The Secondary Street Sign program preserves the legacy of Detroit people who have made great contributions to the City, the State and/or the Nation. Applications are received annually and HDAB prepares candidates for City Council's consideration. Five names are selected annually for an honorary secondary street sign.

## Attachment A

### Historic District Commission - HDC - 2025

#### 3. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

##### A. PROVIDE THE NAME AND TITLE FOR THE COMMUNITY'S STAFF LIAISON TO THE HDAB:

Garrick Landsberg, Historic Architect, Director, Historic Preservation Division, Planning and Development Department, City of Detroit

##### B. DOES THE HDC USE AN ON-CALL PRESERVATION SPECIALIST? No

The HDC employs Historic Preservation professional staff:

Garrick Landsberg, Historic Architect, Director, Historic Preservation Division, Planning and Development Department, City of Detroit

Jennifer Ross, Architectural Historian, Deputy Director, Historic Preservation Division, Planning and Development Department, City of Detroit

Audra Dye, Architectural Historian, Historic Preservation Division, Planning and Development Department, City of Detroit

Ellen Thackery, Architectural Historian, Historic Preservation Division, Planning and Development Department City of Detroit

Lise St James, Preservation Planner, Historic Preservation Division, Planning and Development Department, City of Detroit

Bilqeess Salie, Preservation Planner, Historic Preservation Division, Planning and Development Department, City of Detroit

##### C. IDENTIFY **CURRENT** HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Tiffany Franklin, Chair	(2022-2026)
Alan Machielse, Vice Chair	(2025-2028)
James Hamilton	(2024-2027)
Marques King	(2024-2027)
William Marquez	(2024-2027)
Adrea Simmons	(2025-2028)

##### D. DOES THE HDC INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO IS A QUALIFIED PRESERVATION PROFESSIONAL? Yes

##### E. ARE THERE CURRENTLY ANY HDC VACANCIES? Yes, 1 vacancy

##### F. DID NEW COMMISSIONERS RECEIVE TRAINING MATERIALS AND INFORMATION ON THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE? Yes

G. DID AT LEAST ONE COMMISSION MEMBER AND/OR STAFF PERSON PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING? Yes

TRAINING	PROVIDER	ATTENDEES
Historic District Commission Annual Training (January 15, 2025)	Historic District Commission Staff	All Historic District Commissioners and Staff
The Not-So-Standard Stannard Rock Lighthouse (May 15, 2025)	Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN)	Allan Machielse
From Classrooms to Communities: Transforming Historic Schools into Sustainable Housing Solutions	MHPN	Allan Machielse
Illuminating the Story: Facade Lighting's History, Tips, and Lessons Learned (May 15, 2025)	MHPN	Allan Machielse
Reviving the American Train Depot: Four Success Stories (May 15, 2025)	MHPN	Allan Machielse
Restoring a National Landmark: Detroit's Guardian Building (May 16, 2025)	MHPN	Allan Machielse
Historic Insights and Future Directions: A Study of Recreation and Industry on Lime Island (May 16, 2025)	MHPN	Allan Machielse
Restoration Safeguards the Story of the 1876 U.S. Life-saving Station at Vermilion Point (May 16, 2025)	MHPN	Allan Machielse
Advance Training for Frequent Program Users—Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (June 10-11, 2025)	National Park Service	Audra Dye
Improving Codes for Historic and Existing Buildings (December 4, 2025)	Association for Preservation Technology International (APT)	Allan Machielse

H. WHEN ARE YOUR HDC'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS?

Second Wednesday of each month

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

MONTH	MEETING HELD	QUORUM PRESENT	MINUTES ON WEBSITE*
Jan 25	X (TRAINING)	X	X
Feb 25	X	X	X
Mar 25	X	X	X

Apr 25	X	X	X
May 25	X	X	X
June 25	X	X	X
July 25	X	X	X
Aug 25	X	X	X
Sept 25	X	X	X
Oct 25	X	X	X
Nov 25	X	X	X
Dec 25	X	X	X

#### 4. INVENTORY AND DESIGNATION

F. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY NATIONAL REGISTER OR LOCAL DISTRICT PROPERTIES THAT WERE MOVED OR DEMOLISHED?

HDAB reported one National Register-listed demolition on the report	
1817 Leverette – Demolish rear porch, erect rear addition per HDC COA	Corktown HD
14615 E Jefferson– Demolish and rebuild exterior walls, erect additions per HDC COA	Jefferson-Chalmers HD
3417 Seminole – Demolish garage per HDC COA	Indian Village HD
4245 Fullerton - Demolish garage, remove trees per HDC COA	Russell Woods-Sullivan HD
1681 Leverette – Demolish rear addition, erect new rear addition per HDC COA	Corktown HD
14833 Stahelin – Demolish garage, erect garage per HDC COA	Rosedale Park HD
14943 Greenview - Demolish garage (there had been a fire), erect garage per HDC COA	Rosedale Park HD
1613 Leverette – Demolish garage, erect carriage house per HDC COA	Corktown HD
1427 Edison - Demolish garage, erect garage per HDC COA	Boston-Edison HD
4310 Cortland - Demolish house via building official's emergency demolition order	Russell Woods-Sullivan HD

**Attachment B – PHOTOGRAPHS**

HDAB *Arab and Chaldean History Project* public meeting held at Greenfield Union Public School (in 1960s-80s had majority Chaldean student population) – April 29, 2025





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## Arab and Chaldean History Project **Community Meeting**

Tuesday  
**April 29**  
 5pm

**Greenfield  
 Union  
 School**

420 W. Seven Mile Rd.  
 Detroit, MI 48203

### Get Involved!

Learn about the 100+ years of Arab and Chaldean history in Detroit and what's next for the project.



*Images: (Top to bottom) Chaldean Teachers, 1970s, courtesy Samira Jabero; Islamic Center of Detroit, 1967; Bentley Historical Library; Greenfield Union School, 2000s; HDAB staff; Yemeni students learning English, 1970s; Walter P. Reuther Library.*



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HDAB *Detroit Women's History Project* public meeting held at Wayne County Community College downtown Campus – May 21, 2025



HDAB staff with Board Chair Dr. Carolyn Carter



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MAY**



**WCCCD 1001 W Fort St.  
5 - 7 PM**

**SEE YOU AT**

**DETROIT WOMEN'S  
HISTORY PROJECT  
PUBLIC MEETING**

HDAB monthly meeting held at Mexicantown Community Development Corporation to present the *Bagley-West Vernor Historic District* National Register nomination – Sept. 11, 2025



**Attachment C**

**Historic Designation Advisory Board - HDAB**

**New Member Resume (attached)**

**Charles Rivers – approved by City Council February 2025**

**Historic District Commission - HDC**

**New Member Resume (see LinkedIn page below)**

**Katy Trudeau – served in 2025**

**(July 2 meeting through November 12 meeting) –  
position vacant as of December 2025**

**Katy Trudeau**

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**Attachment D**

**Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB)  
2025 Meeting Minutes (2 meetings)**

**2025 HDAB Historic District Designation Report – Rosa and  
Raymond Parks Flat**

**Legal News posting – City of Detroit July 14, 2025-enacted Rosa  
and Raymond Parks Flat Historic District**