

1.0 HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Northville Historic District was established in 1972 and has only been updated a few times since then. These updates were primarily to revise the boundaries so they followed requirements of Michigan's enabling legislation, Public Act (PA) 169 of 1970, as amended (1986 and 1992). The original local historic district report highlighted just 60 buildings. Since the Northville Historic District was first designated, the standards for a local historic district report have also changed, requiring more information on the resources (including designation of contributing or non-contributing), the development of historic contexts, and significance statements for each building. Also since 1972, a number of resources in the district have gained significance, having reached the 50-year mark. This document addresses each of these areas and will aid the Historic District Commission (HDC) as they execute their duties regarding the resources within the Northville Historic District. In addition to local funding, the Historic District re-survey (the project) was made possible, in part, through a grant from the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, which limited the work to the boundaries of the original historic district. Please note: This Report is a living document with the information available at press time. Access to all areas of all properties by the surveyors was limited by the fact that they could not enter private property, and were therefore unable to visually verify all details of all buildings and structures.

1.1 Committee Charge

On January 3, 2018, the Northville City Council voted to establish a local historic district study committee to facilitate the grant received from the State of Michigan. The Consent Agenda item stated:

The City has been awarded a grant from the State of Michigan to conduct an intensive level historic and architectural survey of our Historic District. The grant requires that the City establish a local historic district study committee, made up of various members of the community including a member of the Historic District Commission, Northville Historical Society, architects, representatives of community organizations, residents and property owners in the Historic District, and residents at large. The Study Committee will work with the consultant and review their reports and recommendations prior to presentation to the HDC. The Mayor, Chairperson of the Historic District Commission (HDC) and the City Manager have contacted the following individuals who are willing to serve on the HDC Study Committee:

James Allen - HDC
David Field – HDC
Leanie Bayley - NHS
Mark Chester – NHS
Robert Miller – Architect
Suzanne Cozart – Downtown Property Owner
Jeff Russell – Resident at Large