

BACKGROUND

The Washtenaw County Historic District Commission has formally resolved to support and encourage the continued identification and recognition of historic and cultural resources and sites through a Historic Marker Program.

Purpose: Markers are used to designate sites, buildings, structures and objects of historical, architectural, archeological or cultural significance.

Jurisdiction: Any site, building, structure or object in the county that meets these criteria may be nominated for a plaque or larger marker.

PROCEDURE

1. Criteria

A. Objects and Sites

- i. That are associated with persons or events significant to the history of the State or County, or
- ii. That have yielded, or may likely to yield information important in pre-history or history.

B. Buildings and Structures

- i. That are associated with persons or events significant to the history of the State or County, or
- ii. That are distinctive of a type, period, or method of construction; that represent the work of a master; or that possess high artistic value
- iii. Except in extraordinary cases, markers will not be used to designate sites, buildings, structures or objects less than 50 years old.

2. Selection

- A. The judgment of the Commission will determine which nominations meet the criteria to the greatest degree.
- B. In the event of a large number of nominations of similar significance, nominations of greater age will be accorded preference.

3. Cooperation Between HDCs

- A. Where the Commission seeks to place a marker in an area served by a city or township historic district commission, the Commission shall do so only with the concurrence of that Historic District Commission.