



Washtenaw County and Northfield Township Historical Society Receive Grant to Explore the History of Township Buildings

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Northfield Township, MI – The Washtenaw County Historic District, in partnership with the Northfield Township Historical Society (NTHS), received a grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the State Historic Preservation Office. This grant will support the completion of the Reconnaissance Level Survey of Northfield Township, which seeks to identify properties of architectural and historical significance. The initial phase of this survey was a community driven effort that took place in 2017 and 2018. These new funds will build upon this work, with project activities beginning later this month. The whole project will cost approximately \$15,000, split between the grant and local funds from NTHS, and will be completed by September 2020.

“In Northfield Township and Washtenaw County as a whole, our historic buildings are a major asset,” said Washtenaw County Commissioner Sue Shink. “This grant will help us to recognize our historic buildings, educate our community members, and celebrate our history.”

Since 1980, the **NTHS** has aimed to preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge of the history of Northfield Township. Limited research on the history of buildings and other physical features in the community has been undertaken thus far.

The NTHS president, Jennifer DeLisle, is thrilled to have received the grant, “We are proud of the history of Northfield Township and the beautiful structures we pass every day,” DeLisle said. “This grant will really help us to delve deeper into that history, so that we can share and preserve our rich heritage.”

Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) is a government agency committed to stepping out of traditional government roles to drive long-term system changes that increase equity and opportunity for all residents. OCED staffs the county Historic District Commission that leads efforts to document, preserve, and promote our historic resources.

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