Governor Jennifer Granholm is leading the mission to strengthen and revitalize Michigan cities and neighborhoods. Historic sites and other cultural resources are key components of communities where people want to live – and those that people want to visit. The rehabilitation of historic buildings through the use of federal and state historic preservation tax credits is a key economic development tool.

- In FY 2006 alone, historic preservation tax credits stimulated more than $165 million in private investment in historic building rehabilitation projects in Michigan.
- This private investment had an overall positive impact of $353 million on Michigan’s economy.
- The state historic preservation tax credit projects alone resulted in more than $35 million in direct investment and $75.8 million in economic impact.

With the Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, Governor Granholm recognizes outstanding historic preservation achievements: homeowners who rehabilitate their homes, developers who transform underutilized historic structures into vital economic assets, academic institutions, archaeologists, educational projects that inspire people to preserve historic buildings, and policy makers who demonstrate commitment to the preservation of historic resources through innovative planning activities.

2007 Governor’s Award Recipients

Floyd and Todd Wright Builders, Main Street Properties of East Jordan LLC, the City of East Jordan, and Presley Architecture, for rehabilitation of the Votruba Grocery and Porter Lumber Company Buildings, East Jordan

Boilerworks LLC, Hooker|DeJong Architects and Engineers, and the Muskegon Construction Company for rehabilitation of the Muskegon Boiler Works


Joe Van Esley for rehabilitation of the Penney House, Canton

Bill Swanson for rehabilitation of 1754 Parker, West Village Historic District, Detroit

New Amsterdam Activation I LLC; Quinn Evans Architects, Rossetti Architects, and Jonna Construction Company for rehabilitation of the Graphic Arts Building, Detroit

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