In 2006 the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) awarded the city of Detroit a grant to expand the Eastern Market National Register Historic District. The market began in 1870 as a hay and wood market and it expanded over the years to include fruit and meat vendors as well as vendors that sold equipment including cash registers, scales, coffee mills, and slicing machines. The original Eastern Market Historic District, which comprised only the market buildings, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. The Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board used the grant plus matching funds to write a nomination for an expanded district, which includes the privately owned commercial buildings in the Eastern Market area. The national register designation will allow property owners to use federal historic preservation tax credits for the rehabilitation of their historic properties. The city also created and printed brochures featuring beautiful color photographs and historical information about the district.

Grant Recipient: City of Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board
Grant Amount: $7,200
Matching Funds: $19,500 ($14,000 in kind)
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