Governor’s Awards for Historic Preservation

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 2007 alone, historic preservation tax credits stimulated nearly $150 million in private investment in historic building rehabilitation projects in Michigan.
- This private investment had an overall positive impact of $320 million on Michigan’s economy.
- State historic preservation tax credit projects alone resulted in more than $15 million in direct investment and $33 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 and collaboration with the private sector.

2008 Governor’s Award Recipients

Main Street Calumet for the Main Street Façade Rehabilitations

Inner City Christian Federation, Cornerstone Architects, and Rockford Construction Company, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of the D. A. Blodgett Children’s Home, Grand Rapids

Lino and Guadalupe Ortiz, the City of Holland, and Design Plus Architects for the Rehabilitation of 168 West 13th Street, Holland

The People and City of Allegan for the Rehabilitation of the Regent Theatre

Harry Hepler, Turner+Callaway, and the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. for the Prudden Motor Wheel Factory Building Rehabilitation, and Richard Karp, the Peabody Group, and Prater Development Ltd. for the Arbaugh Department Store Building Rehabilitation, which together transformed Lansing’s vision of Historic Preservation

Excel-Artswalk LDHA LP, the Enterprise Group of Jackson, QuinnEvans Architects, and Fryling Construction Company for the Rehabilitation of the Former Michigan State Prison Cell Blocks and Dormitory, Jackson

Cynthia F. Reaves for the Rehabilitation of the Michelson-Young House, 918 West Boston Boulevard, Detroit

www.michigan.gov/shpo
517-373-1630