Governor Jennifer Granholm is leading the mission to strengthen and revitalize Michigan cities and neighborhoods. Her Cool Cities initiative has as its goal to attract and retain a creative vibrant population that will thrive and contribute to Michigan’s economy and sense of community. Historic resources provide information about who we are as Michiganders: where we came from and where we are headed. They give us a sense of place and make communities livable. Historic sites and other cultural resources are key components of communities where people want to live - and those that people want to visit.

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.

2006 Governor’s Award Recipients

Linda and Richard Mueller for the Rehabilitation of the Loeb Farm Barn Complex, Charlevoix

City of Traverse City, City Opera House Heritage Association, City Opera House LLC, and Quinn Evans Architects for the Rehabilitation of the City Opera House, Traverse City

Michigan State University, East Lansing, for the Excavation of Saints’ Rest

General Motors Corporation and Building Conservation Associates, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of the General Motors Technical Center, Warren

Jon A. Carlson for the Rehabilitation of the B & C Grocery Building, Royal Oak

Dearborn Public Schools and TMP Associates, Inc. for the Addition to Fordson High School, Dearborn

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