



Strategic Planning Process Commission Priorities

Issue Title: Downtown Historic Preservation
Committee: Downtown Development Authority
Plan: Community Master Plan – Downtown Revitalization
Status: Incomplete due to lack of support.

Issue: Consider pursuing historic preservation of the downtown central business district.

Background: Historic preservation generates a wide range of economic benefits including adaptive reuse of historic buildings, jobs, community reinvestment, sustainable development and enhanced property values. The process for the nomination of the downtown district as a National Historic District was approved by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors in November 2010. The MI State Historic Preservation Office mapped and approved the district boundaries for submission. In early 2011, the DDA hired a consultant familiar with the Department of Interior requirements and began the research and the application process. In December 2012, the DDA board took action to table any further action related to the application process until further information can be established with regard to value and regulatory consequences. At this time the process of completing the application for a national historic district designation has not been identified as a priority by the DDA Board.

Forecast:

- Year One: No action
- Year Two: No action