Michigan has two new official “Main Street” Communities.  Communities work with Engaged communities, Select Communities, and Endorsed Communities.  Communities work with Engaged communities, Select Communities, and Endorsed Communities.  The Michigan Economic Development Corporation oversees Michigan’s Main Street Program.  Back in June, MEDC introduced the Community Preservation and the Certified Local Government Program.  The certification process is designed to bring together communities around a shared goal of preserving the culture and history of a place.  Communities are encouraged to build a local preservation team and develop local preservation policies and programs.  The Certified Local Government status also provides communities with access to resources and support, including grants and technical assistance.  Communities are encouraged to develop a preservation plan and work with the State Historic Preservation Office to meet their needs.

Two New Certified Local Governments in Michigan

The State Historic Preservation Office welcomed Charlevoix and Niles as the two newest Certified Local Governments.  The addition of these communities brings the number of CLGs in Michigan to 32!  Charlevoix and Niles have demonstrated a commitment to preserving their history and cultural heritage.  They have developed preservation plans and policies and have committed to incorporating historic preservation into their planning and decision-making processes.  These communities are now eligible to apply for funds from the Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Credit.  The program provides tax credits to businesses that undertake the rehabilitation of historic properties.  The tax credits can be used to offset the cost of rehabilitation projects and help to preserve these important places.  Charlevoix and Niles have already begun design work in partnership with the Detroit Land Bank Authority for the rehabilitation of five homes in the Russell Woods Historic District.

Upcoming Event Deadlines

August 3, 2020:  Motorcities National Heritage Area Grants and Mini-Grants
August 17, 2020:  Michigan Certified Local Government Grants
October 1, 2020:  Post-Processing Submissions for National Historic Preservation Conference

Preservation Calendar

July 15, 2020:  “Historic Preservation 101” to “Community Preservation and the Certified Local Government Program” online webinar
July 22, 10am - 11am:  NAPC Forum 2020 – Tapping the Power of Personal Stories for Advocacy
July 21, 2pm-3pm:  Michigan Main Street (MEDC) – Curbside pickup, and limited capacity shopping.
July 20, 1pm – 2pm:  Cultural Resources and COVID-19 – MHPN Webinars
January 29, 2021:  National Historic Preservation Conference
September 20-23, 2020:  Michigan History Conference

COVID-19 Resources

Visit our recently redesigned website for the latest news and easy-to-find resources.

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We thank all across Michigan who continue to support, preserve, and promote our communities.  Learn more about the Main Street program to historic preservation!