

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION MEETING
12480 Galena Road – LaSalle Manor
Plano, IL 60545

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kristine Heiman called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kristine Heiman (Chairwoman) and Jeff Wehrli (Vice-Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers, Sarah Herbig, and Melissa Maye

Also present: Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner, Ruth Ann Sikes, Part-Time Office Assistant (Zoning)

In the Audience: Jennifer Downing, Jeanne Valentine, Amy Cesich, Sean Foley, Bob Klock, Martha Stephenson, James Morris, Howard Manthei, Bob Hausler, Natalie Zine, John Brenneman, Kelly Schomer, Thomas Milschewsk, Jill Morgan, and Bob Dressel

WELCOMING REMARKS

Chairwoman Heiman thanked everybody for coming.

PRESENTATION ON LASALLE MANOR

Bob Dressel gave the history of LaSalle Manor and their future plans. He offered to give the group a tour of the facility after the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY McHENRY COUNTY

Sean Foley, AICP, provided a handout on McHenry County's activities. He explained each item. He also talked about getting people to designate their homes as Historic Landmarks and putting plaques on buildings designating them as Historic Landmarks. Scenic Road Designation is honorary.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Chairwoman Heiman stated it was interesting to see the different areas of Historic Preservation.

John Morris, Village of Lisbon, stated they lost money on their sewer plant project. They are trying to get some help.

Jill Morgan, Aurora, stated they were looking at a program allowing homeowners to borrow money and make monthly payments on a low interest loans for historic preservation.

Jennifer Downing, Oswego, talked about preserving the stone house of Oswego and they are adding that into the Historic Activity List for May. They are trying to get the public involved.

Bob Hausler, Plano, stated they do not have a Historic Preservation Commission but they do have a Plano Historic Society that is relatively new. Their biggest problem is finding a place to display the historic items they possess.

Jennifer Downing, Farnsworth House, said they are always trying to draw people to the house. She thinks it is important to engage the younger generation. She talked about the events they had at the house. She announced their hours, but they would work with groups on giving a tour of the house.

Amy Cesich suggested having a landmark list. She remarked that people who live in the county don't know about all the incredible landmarks. She suggested having a featured landmark each month in the paper.

Howard Manthei, Yorkville, talked about the Farnsworth House. He said it is amazing how many people come to the house every year and many of them from overseas. He told the story about a couple from France that came to the house before they returned home. He talked about the Chapel on the Green in Yorkville. They are having their wedding expo on Sunday in hopes of people wanting to get married in the chapel.

Jeanne Valentine, Plano Public Library, told a story about a couple from Spain that lived on the same street as her mother did when she lived in Spain. She handed out flyers about the walking tour of homes and other historic sites in Plano. They did include the Farnsworth House because they didn't want to leave them out of the brochure

Thomas Milschewski discussed involvement of his generation in historic preservation. He is working on a book and it is very over whelming. He is active with the Yorkville Then and Now Facebook page.

Vice Chairman Wehrli talked about the historic preservation awards. The notice has been in the paper twice. There are different categories for people in the County. He also talked about the Commission looking at old records.

Chairwoman Heiman, said they wanted to keep doing events and asked if anyone had any ideas. If anybody needed help the Commission is willing to help.

Vice Chairman Wehrli said we should put together a map with all the historical buildings in Kendall County.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Heiman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Ann Sikes, Part Time Office Assistant (Zoning)

Encs.

**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

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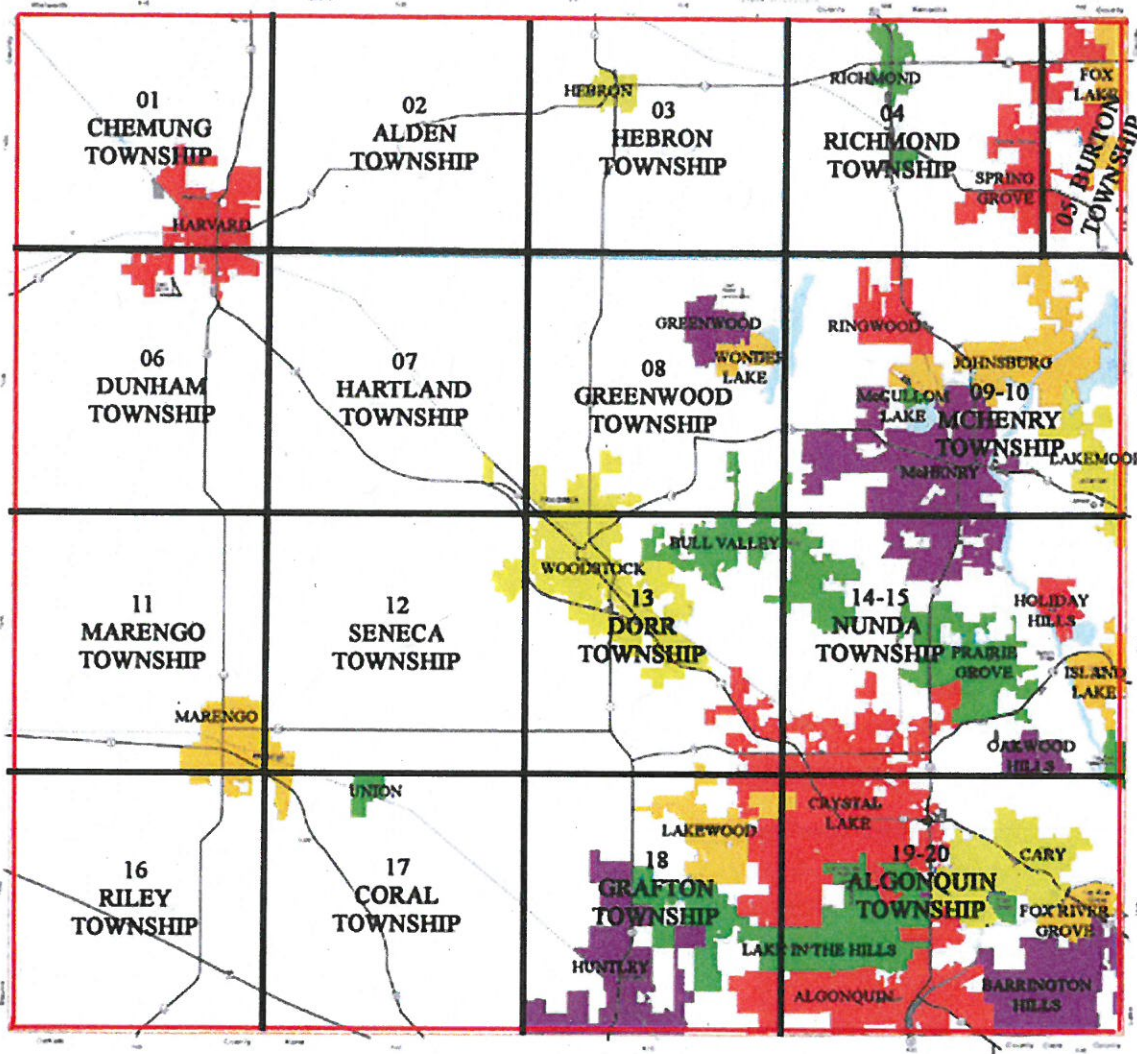
NAME	ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)	EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)
Jennifer Downing		JDowning @ SavingPlaces.org
Jeanne Valentine		jvalentine @ plandlibrary.info
Amy CESION		
SEAN FOLEY	County of Monterey	sfoley @ montereycounty.gov
Barb Klock	village of Lisbon	barbklock62 @ gmail.com
Martha Duplessis	Village of Lisbon	V-lisbon2 @att.net
James Morris	Village of Lisbon	JMCM - 56 @HOTMARE COM

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Jill Morgan	44 E Downer Pl Aurora IL 60595	jmorgan@aurora-il.org

OVERVIEW
McHenry County, Illinois



- LAND AREA: 611 Square miles; TOWNSHIPS: 17; MUNICIPALITIES: 30.
- POPULATION: 309,122 (2017 Estimate); 308,760 (2010); 260,077 (2000); 183,241 (1990); 147,897 (1980); 111,555 (1970); 84,210 (1960); 50,656 (1950); 37,311 (1940).
- HOUSING UNITS: 117,813 (2017 Estimate); 116,040 (2010); 92,905 (2000); 65,985 (1990); 52,976 (1980); 36,288 (1970); 29,345 (1960); 19,432 (1950); 12,798 (1940).
- County Landmarks (unincorporated areas): 26 originally; now 24 (one lost; one removed)
- County-Municipal Intergovernmental Landmark Agreements: 6 Active; 2 dissolved/inactive.
- National Register Landmarks: 11; National Register Historic Districts: 1 (Woodstock Square).

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

- **RURAL STRUCTURE SURVEYS:** The whole county has been surveyed (rural intensive survey type) once over in three phases between 1998 and 2015.
 - Engagement with individual local residents and owners through survey
 - Worked with consultants in one survey; with volunteers in others.
- **MUNICIPAL LIAISON(S)**
 - Commissioner(s) work(s) with municipalities to coordinate regarding landmark designation proposals and other activities.
- **CONSERVATION DISTRICT LIAISON**
 - The Commission historically had a liaison from the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) who attended monthly HPC meetings. The District, however vacated this role in 2017, due to budget and staffing issues. (The role, however, is still contained in the HP Ordinance.)
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY ADVISOR**
 - The Commission works closely with the McHenry County Historical Society Administrator, who is listed as an advisor to the Commission.
- **MCHENRY COUNTY JOINT COUNCIL OF HISTORIC GROUPS**
 - The HPC Municipal Liaison has traditionally worked with this networking association (based at the Historical Society) to plan network/education meeting events, which are scheduled twice each year during the spring and fall. The locations are roving and sometimes are in another county.
- **INTERGOVERNMENTAL LANDMARK AGREEMENTS**
 - The County currently has active intergovernmental agreements with six municipalities, either generally or for specific properties. The county has four Certified Local Governments, including the County of McHenry, which had been conferred in 1993.
- **LANDMARK / SCENIC ROAD DESIGNATION CEREMONIES**
 - Local citizen participation: interested citizens, schools, scout troops, etc.
- **LANDMARK AUDITS**
 - Connecting with landmark owners, especially if ownership has changed or when building modification(s) are proposed.
- **HPC RESOLUTIONS**
 - Commission-passed resolutions to support actions of other historic groups (e.g. to advocate for saving a site rather than proceeding with demolition).
- **COMMISSIONER-INTEREST PROJECTS**
 - Most commissioners are involved in local projects or programs that are of interest to them personally. Such activities are usually announced and/or reported at regular commission meetings.



Joint Council of Historic Groups *spring meeting*

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March. 21

Where: McHenry County Historical Society
6422 Main St., Union

Program: A conversation with Sen. Pam Althoff.

As a representative for the 32nd District since 2003, Pam has her fingers in many pies – not the least of which is run for a District 4 seat on county board seat as her term in Springfield ends. Of particular interest right now is her involvement on the Illinois Bicentennial Celebration Task Force, and her role as Co-Chair of the Historic Preservation Caucus.

Topics will include: historical preservation ordinances; local bicentennial-related events; advocacy and consensus-building with government officials; and a lot of brainstorming!

- As always, bring your event fliers and be prepared to update everyone on what mischief you've been up to!

Questions? Contact Kurt Begalka @ 815-923-2267

McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups
Membership Commitment Form

To be considered a member in good standing, member organizations must commit to sending a representative to at least one of the Joint Council's meetings each calendar year.

The Council's success hinges on member organizations participation. Meeting face to face to talk about historical preservation, exhibits, promotions, best museum practices and training will help us grow as organizations and inspire each other.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the Joint Council's bylaws and agree to its membership requirements.

Organization

Name (printed, position in organization)

Name (signature)

Date

Sept. 23, 2015

McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups Bylaws

The McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups features representatives from McHenry County museums, archives, historical societies and like-minded organizations united by a common desire to preserve and promote this area's past. These representatives are brought together to:

- Network
- Share resources and expertise
- Mentor each other in best museum practices
- Facilitate discussions on topics of common interests related to museums and historical preservation
- Become better acquainted with each other's organizations and collections

Article I – Coordinator

The Joint Council coordinator/chairperson is traditionally the administrator of the McHenry County Historical Society & Museum, but may be changed as necessary. Co-coordinators may be assigned to chair committees or special projects. Committees may be formed as necessary.

Article II – Membership, Attendance and Dues

Membership is open to McHenry County museums, archives, historical societies and groups whose mission includes historic preservation. Like organizations along the border, whose boundaries extend into McHenry County, also are eligible. Members will sign a membership commitment form, pledging ongoing participation.

It is important that member organizations send at least one representative to meetings regularly in order to foster relationships and share expertise. Member organizations must send a representative to at least one meeting per calendar year to be considered a member in good standing. If a member organization is unable to fulfill the attendance requirement, they may be dropped from membership.

There are no annual dues. Members may incur costs for hosting meetings, photocopying materials, staff time, or paying a fee for a special program or speaker.

Article III – Meetings and Host Sites

Meetings are twice a year in March and September, generally on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Future meeting dates and places are announced at each meeting. At least one workshop addressing an issue of mutual interest also will be held each year, as well as periodic trips to historically interesting structures or sites.

Meetings typically will begin at 7 p.m. and run about two hours. General meetings are in a roundtable format with a sharing of ideas and experiences. Workshop meetings are focused on a specific topic which may include hands-on demonstrations or a guest speaker, may require members to pay a small fee to cover costs, and may include a tour of the host site.

Member organizations may be asked to host meetings. The host site is responsible for setting up a meeting room, providing light refreshments, sending a meeting notice with directions on how to get there and arranging a tour of the facility.

A programming committee may be asked to assist the coordinator and host organizations with this process.

Article IV – Advocacy

Any publication, or public stance in support of preservation in the form of such things as participation at meetings, resolutions or press releases/letters to the editor regarding any issue on which a member organization has recorded a minority opinion, must include reference to and a complete statement of that minority opinion.

Article V – Passing and Amending Bylaws

The passing of the bylaws or amendments to the bylaws requires the approval of a simple majority of member organizations in attendance at the meeting. Amendments will be sent in advance to members for review. Each member organization has one vote, and must be present to vote. Bylaws and amendments go into effect immediately upon approval.

Date Approved: March 23, 2016

Joint Council of Historic Groups Member Questionnaire

Name and location of historical society/museum/preservation group

McHenry County Civil War Roundtable

Name, title and email of principal contact

Bob Frenz, President lakesideantiques@netzero.net

Annual number of public programs (includes exhibitions, open houses, lectures, re-enactments, etc)/yr.

22

Right now we meet semiannually in the spring and fall, generally at a structure of historic significance. That is followed by informal updates from each group about what we've been up to. Do you like this format? Yes No

List any suggested changes:

_____ # of meetings seems right

Would you be interested in attending a 3rd Joint Council meeting each year with a roundtable discussion format focusing on issues that historical societies/museums/preservation groups encounter? Yes No

Would you like to see workshops devoted to topics of common interest, such as proper archival and storage techniques? Yes No Would you prefer this format replace one of our two meetings a year or that we add a third meeting each year devoted to these types of things? Replace Add

Comments: I think the sharing aspect is most important; not all our members would be interested in archival storage or activities solely related to museums

In your opinion, what should the Joint Council's mission be?

As I said above, I think the main mission is sharing of ideas and learning what other groups are doing

What is your vision of this organization?

Ibid.

Does your organization collect historic objects and archival material?

_____ No _____

Of total collections, how many archival items?

How many are objects?

Does your organization have a research library?

Estimated number of researchers/yr.

_____ No _____

How many paid staff?

_____ 0 _____

Estimated number of volunteers?

_____ Board members and speakers are volunteers _____

How many paying members do you have?

_____ 70 _____

Do you send out newsletters and/or email blasts? If so, how often?

_____ Yes, monthly _____

What are your organization's 1-3 year goals?

___ To continue to promote interest in, and the study of, the Civil War _____

What are your organization's 3-5 year goals?

_____ Ibid. _____

Please return questionnaire by Sept. 12 to McHenry County Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Union, IL 60180 or email to kira@mchsonline.org.

Questionnaire results will be shared at next Joint Council Meeting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of this 25 day of November, 2015, by and among the City of Harvard and McHenry County (hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperating Parties"), witnesseth that :

WHEREAS, the Cooperating Parties are authorized pursuant to the Illinois Constitution (IL Const. Art. VII §10) and the *Intergovernmental Cooperation Act* (5 ILCS 220 et seq.) to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and,

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5- 30004 (17) authorizes a county to exercise within the boundaries of any city, village, or incorporated town any of the powers and authority to designate landmarks within its corporate boundaries as authorized by the corporate authorities of said city, village, or incorporated town; and,

WHEREAS, the Cooperating Parties desire to enter into an intergovernmental agreement so that The William Coventry House may be recognized as a local McHenry County landmark.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Cooperating Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. That the William Coventry House property is legally described in Exhibit A with the Common address of 7704 US Route 14, Harvard, Illinois 60033.
2. That in order to protect the historical significance of the William Coventry House, and improvements thereon, the City of Harvard agrees to allow the property, located within its corporate limits, to be recognized as a local McHenry County landmark under the provisions of the *McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance* as adopted by the McHenry County Board in November, 1991, and as amended.
3. That the City is not responsible for any costs, expenses, and/or fees incurred by McHenry County under or as a result of this Agreement.
4. The City shall maintain jurisdiction over the property in all other aspects, including any applicable City codes and ordinances.
5. McHenry County agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City, its officers, employees and agents from any liability, losses, claims, actions, damages, expenses, and costs that it may sustain as a result of McHenry County's enforcement of or regulatory actions regarding the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance.

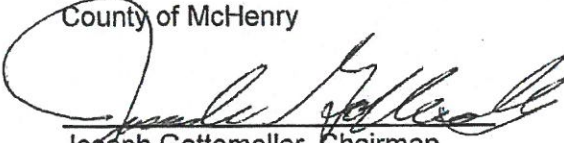
6. That this agreement shall become operative upon execution by both of the Cooperating Parties.
7. This Agreement may be terminated in writing by either party upon thirty (30) days' notice.
8. That no amendment or modification shall be made to this agreement without the prior written approval of both Cooperating Parties.
9. Any notices required or permitted hereunder shall be sufficiently given if mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to the parties hereto as follow:

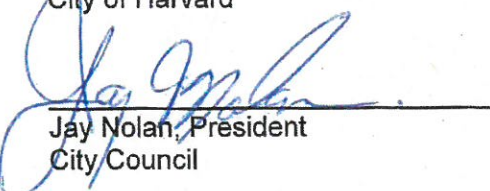
To: CITY OF HARVARD
201 West Diggins Street
Harvard, Illinois 60033
Attention: Dave Nelson, Administrator


To: COUNTY OF McHENRY
Department of Planning and Development
2200 North Seminary Avenue
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
Attention: Dennis Sandquist, Director

10. The laws of the State of Illinois shall control the interpretation of this Agreement.
11. The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Agreement is for any reason held to be contrary to law, or contrary to any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting under the authority of their respective governing bodies, have caused this Agreement to be executed.

County of McHenry

Joseph Gottemoller, Chairman
McHenry County Board

City of Harvard

Jay Nolan, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Mary E. McClellan, County Clerk

ATTEST:

Andy Wells, Village Clerk

DATE: 2015 DEC 15 TH

DATE: 11-24-2015

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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and among the Village [City] of _____ and County of McHenry (hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperating Parties"), witnesseth that:

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WHEREAS, Chapter _____ of the _____ Municipal Code establishes an ordinance adopting the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance and Commission in order to preserve the historic, architectural, scenic or aesthetic character of a landmark or preservation district or structure in that portion of the Village [City] of _____ lying within the County of McHenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Cooperating Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. For all proposed designations for property located within the municipal limits of the Village [City] of _____ lying within the County of McHenry, an application shall be submitted which contains the following information:
 - a) The name and address of the owner(s) of the nominated property as shown on the McHenry County tax assessor's rolls;
 - b) The legal description and common street address of the property proposed for designation;
 - c) A map delineating the boundaries and location of the nominated property;
 - d) A written statement describing the property and setting forth reasons in support of the proposed designation;
 - e) In nominating an area for designation as an historic district, a list enumerating all properties and improvements previously designated, or any pending designations, as a landmark by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission or listed on any State of Illinois or federal registers of historic places.
2. Upon application approval by the Village [City] of _____, the Village [City] President (Mayor), with consent of the Corporate Authorities, shall forward the application containing the foregoing information and any supporting material to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission for further consideration. The Commission shall conduct its own investigation and research of the property and shall make its report and recommendation as provided by the McHenry County

Historic Preservation Ordinance.

3. As provided for in this Agreement, the County of McHenry shall have the power to designate any property as a local landmark within that portion of the Village [City] of _____ lying within the County of McHenry with prior application approval by the Village [City]'s Corporate Authorities and subject to the rules and procedures identified in the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance. Any property approved for landmark status by the McHenry County Board shall be bound by the regulations pursuant to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance.
4. All costs associated with the application for landmark status including, but not limited to, plaqueing, publication, and notification shall be the responsibility of the property owner(s). The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission shall bill each property owner(s) accordingly and all said costs shall be paid in full prior to landmark approval by the McHenry County Board.
5. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Village [City] of _____ from exercising its powers under 65 ILCS 5/11-48.2-1 et. al.
6. All property designated under this Agreement shall be considered a County landmark or district.
7. No person shall illegally be excluded from employment rights in participation in, or be denied the benefits of, the program which is the subject of this Agreement on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin.
8. It is understood and agreed that the entire agreement of the Cooperating Parties is contained herein and that this Agreement supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the Cooperating Parties relating to the subject matter hereof as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the Cooperating Parties relating to the subject matter thereof. Any alterations, amendments, deletions or waivers of the provisions of this Agreement shall be valid only when expressed in writing and duly signed by the Cooperating Parties.
9. The Village [City] of _____ shall not assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the County, subject to such conditions and provisions as the County may deem necessary. No such approval by the County of any assignment shall be deemed in any event or in any manner to provide for the incurrence of any additional obligations by the County. Approval by the County of any assignment shall not be deemed a waiver of any right accrued or accruing against the Village [City] of _____. No assignee of the Village [City] of _____ shall assign any agreement without prior written approval of the County.
10. The laws of the State of Illinois shall control the interpretation of the Agreement.
11. It is agreed that nothing herein contained is intended or should be construed as in any manner creating or establishing a relationship of co-partners between the Cooperating Parties, or as constituting the Village [City] of _____, including its officers, employees and agents, as agents, representatives, or employees of the County of McHenry for any purpose, or in any manner, whatsoever.

12. All notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be transmitted in writing, only by personal delivery or by certified, registered or first class United States Mail to the following:

To the County: County Administrator
2200 North Seminary Avenue
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

To the Village [City] of _____: Honorable Mayor, Village [City] of _____
Street address
City, State Zipcode

Notices transmitted by first class United States Mail shall be deemed received on the second business day after it was deposited in a United States Mail receptacle. "Business day" shall not include Saturdays, Sundays or any other day declared as a legal holiday in the State of Illinois by Illinois Law, as now or hereafter amended.

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Village [City] of _____

McHenry County Board Chairman

Mayor, Village [City] of _____

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Village [City] Clerk

DATE: _____



McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development
2200 North Seminary - Woodstock, IL 60098
815 - 334 - 4560

MEMORANDUM

To: Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission
From: Sean Foley, Staff Liaison
Date: 2019 February 13th
Subject: Historic Preservation Commission Intergovernmental Agreements

Dear Commissioners:

The following is a summary of Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) for Landmarks that McHenry County has undertaken with municipalities in the county:

Village of Bull Valley — Completed two site-specific IGAs (1995 & 2006), which are still in effect.

Village of Cary — Completed a general agreement in 1996, which is still in effect.

City of Harvard — Completed one site-specific IGA for the Coventry Farmstead in 2015, which is still in effect.

Village of Huntley — Completed a general agreement in 1999, which was superseded by Huntley's adoption of its own historic preservation ordinance and designation of Village landmarks. Therefore, this agreement is no longer in effect.

Village of Johnsburg — Completed a general agreement in 2008, which is still in effect.

Village of Richmond — Completed a general agreement in 2003, which is still in effect.

Village of Ringwood — Completed a general agreement in 2000, which is still in effect.

Village of Trout Valley — Completed one site-specific IGA for Trout Valley Swimming Pool in 2012, which is still in effect.

Local Historic Resources & Links – McHenry County, Illinois – Organizations

Historical Societies and Associations



[Barrington Area Historical Society and Museum](#)

The Barrington Area Historical Society was founded in 1968 by local residents dedicated to preserving the history and culture of the Barrington area. Since that time, the Museum has become an integral part of the Barrington area communities. The society also operates a museum in nearby Lake County.



[Cary-Grove Historical Society](#)

Visit the [Cary-Grove Historical Society Facebook page](#): The Cary-Grove Historical Society's mission is to preserve, promote, and present artifacts relating to the rich history of Cary and Fox River Grove.



[Harvard Historical Society](#)

The society is a not-for-profit historical organization for the area surrounding Harvard and is open to all Harvard residents, past residents, District 50 residents, and others who express interest in the greater Harvard community.



[Huntley Historical Society](#)

The society's mission is to preserve and promote Huntley history through educational events and community activities.



[Historical Society of Island Lake](#)

The Historical Society is a dedicated group of people, interested in historical research and collection and preservation of memorabilia and documentation about Island Lake.



[Lake in the Hills Historical Society](#)

The society brings together people interested in the history of the village, to collect and preserve historical materials, disseminate historical information, and rescue historic landmarks and structures.



[Marengo Society for Historic Preservation](#)

(inactive web site)

The society meets monthly in Marengo. Approximately 4-5 programs are offered each year in conjunction with the meeting dates. All ages are welcome.



[McHenry County Civil War Round Table](#)

The Civil War Round Table has been established to promote and foster education, discussion and

analysis of the American Civil War. By learning about the past, the hope is to more completely understand the present and have a positive effect on the community.



[McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society](#)

The McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society is a not-for-profit, tax exempt organization of family history researchers, whose purpose is to foster an interest in genealogy, provide instruction in family research methods and practices, and preserve early McHenry County records.



[McHenry County Historical Society](#)

The McHenry County Historical Society is the longest-running historical society in McHenry County. The society conducts education programs, advocates for historical preservation, and operates a museum, research library, and gift shop, and the society maintains certain historic buildings. Their website also contains a wealth of information that cannot be adequately described in a single paragraph. M.C.H.S. also maintains a [Facebook page](#).



[Northern Illinois Historic League](#)

The League is an association, formed in 2015, of interested experts/groups of local history in the northern portion of the state. Presently the League's geography includes the counties from Kankakee north to the Wisconsin state line and from Lake Michigan west to the Mississippi River, including McHenry county and contiguous areas in Illinois. N.I.H.L. also maintains a [Facebook page](#).



[Polly Crandall Questers of Crystal Lake](#)

This association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to research, study & preservation of historical buildings and local landmarks.

Municipal Boards, Commissions, Departments, Histories and Info



[Village of Algonquin Historic Commission](#)

The Historic Commission is charged with "fostering the research, development and preservation of the Village's history for current and future generations" through a number of activities. The Commission also provides recommendations to the Village Board

regarding Old Town District Preservation Code improvement plans.



[Village of Algonquin](#)

This web page contains a brief history of the Village of Algonquin. The site is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Barrington Hills](#)

This web site has a five-section historical overview of the Village of Barrington Hills, including history, archaeology, back roads and inventors. The site is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Bull Valley](#)

This page gives a brief history of the Village of Bull Valley, which is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Cary](#)

This page gives a brief history of the Village of Cary and a historic downtown brochure. The page is maintained by the Village.



[City of Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission](#)

The Commission was established to aid in the preservation of Crystal Lake's historic and cultural heritage. Through research, documentation, promotion, and protection of the community's historic properties, the Commission is dedicated to safeguarding our local legacy.



[Village of Fox River Grove](#)

This page gives a brief history of the Village of Fox River Grove, which is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Hebron](#)

This web site has an eight-topic historical overview of the Village of Hebron, including history, the first settler (1836), Major Watson—Revolutionary War Vet (1840), the General Horace Capron Mansion (1851), the Kenosha and Rockford RR (1861-1939), the Linn-Hebron Cemetery, Medal of Honor Recipient C.E. Bigelow, the Illinois High School Boys Basketball Championship of 1952, and the 2000 Census. The site is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission](#)

The goal of the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission is to retain the unique character of

Huntley and to preserve its historical elements, protecting and enhancing the community amidst its growth and development.



[Village of Lake in the Hills](#)

This page gives a brief history of the Village of Lake in the Hills, which is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Lakemoor](#)

The Village of Lakemoor web site is being redesigned. The history page is not available at this time.



[City of Marengo Historic Preservation Incentives Information](#)

This page contains summary information regarding tax credits to modernize a building built prior to 1936.



[City of McHenry Landmark Commission](#)

The mission of the Landmark Commission is to encourage preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptation of structures, landscapes and areas representing the city's heritage for the present and future citizens of McHenry.



[City of McHenry History](#)

This page gives a brief history of the City of McHenry, which is maintained by the City.



[Village of Port Barrington](#)

The Village maintains two pages giving a brief history of Fox River Valley Gardens and the Village of Port Barrington. One is the "[About](#)" page and the second page is entitled "[History](#)." The site is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Prairie Grove](#)

This page gives a brief history of the Village of Prairie Grove, which is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Richmond](#)

Richmond has three distinct history-related web pages: "[Early History](#)," "[Historic Homes & Buildings](#)," and "[Richmond's Church History](#)." The latter two pages have additional sub-pages for each building or church named. The site is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Spring Grove](#)

This page gives a brief history of the Village of Spring Grove, which is maintained by the Village.



[Village of Trout Valley](#)

This page gives a brief history of the Village of Trout Valley, which is maintained by the Village and Trout Valley Association, including sections on the "The Legend" (early history), "Hertz Era," "Curtiss Farm," and "Trout Valley Era."



[City of Woodstock Historic Preservation](#)

[Commission](#)

Woodstock has several distinct historic-related sections, including the "[Historic Downtown Walking Guide](#)," the "[Historic Preservation](#)" information page, the "[Old Courthouse](#)," and "[Preserve America: Woodstock, Illinois](#)."

Museums and Historical Collections



[Barrington History Museum](#)

The *Barrington History Museum*, formally the *Barrington Area Historical Society* is an integral part of the several Barrington area communities, located in Barrington, Illinois. (See also Societies above.)



[Harper-Freeman Historical Collection, Village of Cary](#)

The Harper-Freeman Collection, as it is to be known, includes many important Cary historical artifacts from the 1800's and 1900's. Items from the collection are on display at Cary Village Hall and sample photographs are displayed online.



[Illinois Railway Museum](#)

The Illinois Railway Museum was originally formed to preserve one important piece of rolling stock; it has evolved into an educational and historic preservation organization recreating one of the largest operating demonstration railroads in North America.



[Illinois State Archives](#) (Springfield)

The State Archives serves, by law, as the depository of public records of Illinois state and local governmental agencies which possess permanent administrative, legal, or historical research values. See also the [Illinois Digital Archives](#) (also promulgated by the Office of Secretary of State, as the main archives are).



[McHenry County Historical Museum](#)

The Museum is operated by the McHenry County Historical Society and located in Union, Illinois. (See also Societies above.)

Extra-Local Partnership Organizations and Information

Many local historic preservation agencies maintain an on-going relationship with regional, state, and (or) national organizations. This section covers these key agencies, organizations, and points of access to essential information.



[Community Preservation Programs /Certified Local Governments](#)

The Certified Local Government Program in Illinois is administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA).

The overall program was established by the *National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980*, which gives municipalities and counties the opportunity to participate as partners in state and federal preservation activities. Those that have local historic preservation programs may participate after they have been "certified." To become certified, a local government must have a historic preservation ordinance, establish a preservation review commission, have an active local survey program to identify historic resources, and provide for public participation.



[The Illinois State Historical Society](#)

The ISHS was founded in 1899 to support the Illinois State Historical Library and to encourage research and writing on subjects of Illinois history. The Society encourages everyone from University scholars to local historians to take an active part in Illinois history. The Society is a not-for-profit organization which depends solely on membership dues, gifts, bequests, and foundation grants to support, preserve, and disseminate the story of Illinois and its people.



[Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions](#)

Formed in 1982, the IAHPC is a private, not-for-profit organization which encourages local governments to carry out historic preservation activities and aids preservation commissions throughout the state.



[Landmarks Illinois](#)

Landmarks Illinois is a membership-based not-for-profit organization serving the people of Illinois. We inspire and empower stakeholders to save places that matter to them by providing free guidance, practical and financial resources and access to strategic partnerships. Each year, we answer thousands of calls and emails from advocates, property owners and local and state agencies.



[National Park Service / National Historic Register](#)

The Certified Local Government Program at the federal level is administered by the National Park Service, which also administers the [National Historic Register](#). McHenry County, at our last updated inventory, has eleven sites on the National Historic Register. A list of these can be found in our [Comprehensive Landmark List](#) for McHenry County.



[The Federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#)

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is an independent federal agency that promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our nation's historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

The goal of the [National Historic Preservation Act](#) (NHPA), which established the ACHP in 1966, is to have federal agencies act as responsible stewards of our nation's resources when their actions affect historic properties. The ACHP is the only entity with the legal responsibility to encourage federal agencies to factor historic preservation into federal project requirements.



[The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions](#)

The NAPC was founded in 1983 in response to amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These amendments provided financial assistance to local governments that met requirements of the Certified Local Government program, including the establishment of a local preservation ordinance and commission. NAPC provides a forum for commissions to discuss mutual problems and to serve as a national voice representing the particular needs of commissions.



[The National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is focused on saving America's historic places. They take direct action to preserve historic buildings and sites when they are threatened. They advocate on Capitol Hill, in statehouses and in town halls nationwide for legislation that protects historic properties. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

The NTHP also provides preservation grants to local governments, such as the one awarded to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to create and publish our [Historic Resources Guide](#) in 2011.

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