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Diane Massa, City Clerk  
City of Northville, Michigan

**RE: Submission of Northville Local Historic District Study Report**

Dear Ms. Massa,

Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc. (Commonwealth) is pleased to provide you with the revised Northville Local Historic District Study Report, encompassing 411 resources within the city.

We have provided you with electronic versions of the report, which includes two volumes. Volume I is a stand-alone local historic district report, which at the request of the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) includes only a sampling of the district's properties, but all the other materials originally provided in compliance with the Local Historic Districts Act (P.A. 169 of 1970, as amended). Volume II includes the complete inventory. In both volumes, there are photos for the included resources, a full list of all contributing/non-contributing resources in the historic district, and updated boundary maps based on the revisions made by the Local Historic District Study Committee.

Members of the Historic District Study Committee provided comments to Commonwealth regarding several of the properties within the district and suggested that the original findings for these properties be revised. However, additional materials provided did not include substantive historical information that would enable Commonwealth to revise our recommendation for each property as contributing or non-contributing. It is our opinion that revising the status recommendations based on the materials provided could jeopardize the updated listing of the Northville Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. Furthermore, preliminary review by the SHPO agreed with our recommendations. Therefore, each property's status as contributing or non-contributing remains unchanged from Commonwealth's original findings.

The next step for the City will be to transmit copies of this report for review. The Michigan law regarding the establishment of local historic districts (P.A. 169 of 1970, as amended) requires that the local planning board (such as the Northville Planning Commission) be provided copies of the documents for their records. Copies of the report are to be transmitted to, at minimum:

- The State Historic Preservation Office

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- The Michigan State Historic Preservation Review Board
- The Northville Historic District Commission
- The Northville Planning Commission
- The Northville Building Department
- And, if desired, the Northville City Council

The copy of the report for the State Historic Preservation Office and Michigan State Historic Preservation Review Board can be sent to:

Michigan State Historic Preservation Office  
Attn: Amy Arnold  
735 East Michigan Avenue  
PO Box 30044  
Lansing, MI 48909

Amy Arnold can also be reached at 517-335-2729 or [arnolda@michigan.gov](mailto:arnolda@michigan.gov). The SHPO can accept electronic documents, although they do have file size constraints so arrangements with Ms. Arnold are suggested prior to transmittal.

For specific comments or questions regarding the report, please feel free to contact me directly. I can be reached by phone at 517-262-3502 or [ehrobinson@chg-inc.com](mailto:ehrobinson@chg-inc.com)

Sincerely,



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