

**Washtenaw County Historic District Commission**  
**STAFF REPORT**  
**September 2009**

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**1) CLG Grant**

HP Intern Denise McGeen has completed the National Register Nomination for the Chelsea Center for the Arts Building (former St. Mary's School) in Chelsea. Denise's last day at the County was August 31. The NR nomination draft will be submitted for review to the State Historic Preservation Office in September. Staff thanks Denise for her excellent assistance with this and other projects, and wishes her well in other pursuits. Staff is holding back on issuing an RFP for the historic property rehabilitation master plan portion of this project, pending County Budget decisions set to be made in September or October.

**2) USS Washtenaw County**

This committee, lead by Elmer White, is working steadily toward making recommendations to the HDC. They are set to meet just prior to the next HDC meeting, on September 10.

**3) HDC Brochure**

Based on Commissioners' feedback from July and August, Staff will provide a final version of the Local Historic Districts Brochure at the September meeting.

**4) Budget Situation**

The status of the County Budget, or its impact on the Office Strategic Planning, is yet unknown. Possibilities include the reduction or elimination of this Office and service to its boards and commissions (including the HDC), or the reconfiguration of some current functions of the Office of Strategic Planning under a new office/program. As discussed at the August HDC meeting, we have the potential to lose all 12 local historic districts and Certified Local Government status. The County Board of Commissioners will receive recommendations from County Administration on September 16. Thanks to the HDC Commissioners for their concern and support during this time of uncertainty for many Washtenaw County programs and services.

Respectfully Submitted,



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