

**Washtenaw County Historic District Commission**  
**STAFF REPORT**  
**November 2008**

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**1) Local Historic Districts**

*a. USS Washtenaw County Artifacts*

On November 5, Denig and Milton-Pung met with members of Washtenaw County Facilities Management and Veterans Affairs. Facilities confirmed that legal stewardship of the artifacts was granted in 1984 by the Department of the Navy to Washtenaw County Government. Veterans Affairs shared their resource files on the USS Washtenaw County vessel and artifacts, and granted Denig and Milton-Pung access to view the artifacts presently in storage. The artifacts were moved into storage in 2005, during a renovation of the County Administration Building, during which time one artifact went missing. Next steps include re-establishing reporting communication with the Department of the Navy, developing contacts with interested Veterans, and researching steps for returning the artifacts to public display. Both Facilities and Veterans Affairs offered their support and assistance for this effort.

**2) Historic Sites of Concern**

*a. Nanry House*

Staff has sought competitive bids from local carpenters to assist in moth-balling the house. One bid has been received, and staff is now coordinating communications between the carpenter and Mrs. Davids.

*b. Rawsonville School*

No news to report.

**3) Native American Trails Project**

Staff participated in a meeting on October 17 between HDC Commissioner Jasper Pennington and staff from Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation, regarding the opportunity for a shared marker program. This opportunity remains open, with funding for some markers. Parks & Recreation expressed excitement at the goal of this collaborative project, which is expected to move forward in 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

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