

McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission

2016  
ANNUAL  
REPORTS



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

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2017 January 24<sup>th</sup>

Certified Local Government Program  
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
1 Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Email: Rachel.Leibowitz@illinois.gov

Dear Dr. Rachel Leibowitz:

On behalf of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, enclosed/attached please find the fiscal year 2016 Annual Report of the Commission.

In regard to staff support here, we do not have any full-time support personnel. We have two part-time persons: myself, and our administrative assistant, Audrey Martin. In both our cases we have multiple duties in Planning, Zoning, Building and/or Stormwater divisions of our department in addition to our work assignments for the Historic Preservation Commission. I would estimate 20% of our average typical work-week is spent on Historic Preservation Commission duties. However, when working on special projects, in my case, that figure can get up to 50% in some weeks.

Attached to the report are copies of documents related to items in the report. An outline of the documents follows on the next page. If you have any need of clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Foley".

Sean Foley, Staff Liaison  
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098  
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# 2016 McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission – Annual Report

## Outline of Report Items

1. Summaries
  - a. Introduction Letter (including description of staff support time)
  - b. Outline of Report Items (this document)
  - c. IHPA Report checklist
  - d. Schedule of Meeting Dates
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  - b. Attendance Report
  - c. Appointments / Resignations
3. Survey and Landmark
  - a. Landmark Designations
    - William Coventry Farmstead (an endangered landmark)
  - b. Comprehensive Landmark List
4. Property Reviews
  - a. Certificates of Appropriateness
    - Old Harmony School (sign/denied)
  - b. Section 106 Reviews
    - 3 cell towers
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Chairman's McConnell's Report
  - b. Commissioner Mack: Municipal Liaison; Special Programs
  - c. Commissioner Stelford: Communications and Public Relations
6. Consolidated Minutes
7. Publications
  - a. 2016 desk Calendar of Scenic Roads (published a web version of this)
  - b. 2017 desk Calendar of Landmarks (created and also published a web version)

***CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT CHECKLIST***

- 1) Name of CLG: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission.
- 2) Dates covered in this report: 2015 December 1<sup>st</sup> through 2016 November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Name of person completing this report: Sean M V Foley, Staff Liaison.
- 4) Number of staff assigned to HPC  
Full time: 0 Part time: 2 (20% of work week, each, on average).
- 5) Certificates of Appropriateness  
Outcome: 0 Approved, 1 Denied, 0 Pending.  
The denial (a sign) was as a result of not conforming to the zoning regulations.
- 6) Certificates of Economic Hardship  
Outcome: 0 Approved, 0 Denied, 0 Pending.
- 7) Landmarks or Historic District Designations Reviewed:  
1 Landmark Approved, 0 Denied, 0 Pending;  
0 HDs Approved; 0 structures included;  
Name / Location of New Historic District: N. A.  
  
Please attach copies of all Landmark and HD Nominations (including maps and photographs) approved within the preceding year. (See Section 3 of this report.)
- 8) Number of Properties Surveyed: 0.  
Other Research Activity: Research of status of Scots Cemetery, Marengo, IL.
- 9) National Register Property Nominations: Name / Location: N. A.  
Dates / Outcome of Public Hearings: N. A.
- 10) Properties Monitored through the 106 Process:
  - Section 106 Review involves any state or federal action or undertaking that will impact any cultural resource eligible for the National Register.
  - This includes IHPA reviewing FCC permits, wind turbines, FDIC new banks, EPA, IDOT, railroad corridors, etc.Outcome: Three cell tower proposals reviewed; none found having an adverse impact on cultural/historic resources in our jurisdiction.

- 11) Summary of Activities: The Commission recommended one historic site as a local historic landmark (the William Coventry Farmstead), which was deemed an "Endangered" landmark by Landmarks Illinois. The designation required an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Harvard. The local Landmark designation was adopted by the County Board 2016 May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioners worked with other local governments and McHenry County historic preservation organizations, and they have attended various meetings / seminars. Commissioners contributed efforts to create and adopt bylaws for the McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups, which is a volunteer cooperative networking organization. Our McHenry County Conservation District liaison digitized a four-volume guide to cemeteries in the county for the McHenry County Genealogical Society. The Commission was given permission to copy of a volume that was absent from its library in return. The Commission's web site has been incrementally updated with new information over the year.
- 12) Resumes for new commission members attached? Yes.  
Paula Rieghns was appointed as a new commissioner 2016 April 5<sup>th</sup>. Her resume is found in Section 2 of this report. Two new commissioners were recommended to be appointed to the Commission in November. The appointments are expected to be confirmed by the County Board during the next fiscal year.  
More information needed? N.A.
- 13) Participation at Informational/Educational meeting? Yes  
Four commissioners attended the Joint Council of Historic Groups in March in which the participants were given a tour and seminar at the McHenry County Government Archives.  
Staff: American Planning Association State Conference, September 28-29, Chicago, Ill.
- 14) Attendance records attached? Yes  
Number of meetings held? 11 regular meetings; 3 special meetings.
- 15) Copies of commission sponsored publications attached? Yes  
(See Section 7 of this report).
- 16) Documentation of new designations attached? Yes (See Section 3 of this report).
- 17) Comments:

**FILED**  
McHENRY COUNTY, IL

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*Mary E. McClellan*  
COUNTY CLERK

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The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission meetings for 2017 will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, Illinois unless otherwise noticed. Room locations will vary. The following are the meeting dates for 2017:

- January 4, 2017
- February 1, 2017
- March 1, 2017
- April 5, 2017
- May 3, 2017
- June 7, 2017
- July 5, 2017
- August 2, 2017
- September 6, 2017
- October 4, 2017
- November 1, 2017
- December 6, 2017

## Meeting Calendar




Displaying 16 meetings from 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016 for Historic Preservation Commission

**Date:** 2017, **2016**, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, All

**Group:**  ▼

**View:** **List** | Calendar

## January, 2016

 **Jan 6, 2016 6:30 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Public Meeting - County Board Conference Room

## February, 2016

 **Feb 3, 2016 6:30 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Public Meeting - Conference Room A

## March, 2016

 **Mar 2, 2016 6:30 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Public Meeting - Conference Room B

 **Mar 2, 2016 7:00 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Landmark Designation Hearing - Conference Room B


 **Mar 23, 2016 7:00 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Public Meeting - McHenry County Archives

## April, 2016

 **Apr 6, 2016 6:30 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Public Meeting - Conference Room A

## May, 2016

 **May 4, 2016 6:30 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Public Meeting - Conference Room A

 **May 8, 2016 1:00 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Public Meeting - Old Harmony School

## June, 2016

 **Jun 1, 2016 6:30 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |  
Public Meeting - Conference Room A

## July, 2016


 **Jul 6, 2016 6:30 PM** [Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |

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Public Meeting - Conference Room C

## August, 2016


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 Aug 3, 2016 6:30 PM  
Public Meeting - Conference Room A

Cancelled

## September, 2016


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 Sep 7, 2016 6:30 PM  
Public Meeting - Conference Room A

[Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |

## October, 2016


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 Oct 5, 2016 6:30 PM  
Public Meeting - Conference Room A

[Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |

## November, 2016

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 Nov 2, 2016 6:30 PM  
Public Meeting - Conference Room A


[Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |

 Nov 16, 2016 6:30 PM  
Public Meeting - Conference Room C

[Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |

## December, 2016

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 Dec 7, 2016 6:30 PM  
Public Meeting - The Public House

[Agenda](#) | [Agenda Packet](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Minutes Packet](#) |

2011 and previous years' documents can be found [HERE](#).



**McHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**2015 Annual Report  
to the  
McHenry County Board**

# WHAT MCHENRY COUNTY HAS:

- **A rich agricultural heritage**
- **An expanding industrial and commercial base**
- **A growing suburban population**

# WHAT THE COMMISSION DOES:

- **Protect and preserve historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage**
- **Foster civic pride in the technological achievements, beauty and nobility of the past**
- **Strengthen and promote the economy of McHenry County**

# HOW THE COMMISSION DOES IT:

- **Setting priorities for use of public resources to meet our goals**
- **Encouraging property owners to devote their private resources to historic preservation**

## COMMISSION'S 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Completed rural survey of 1,587 parcels**
- **Identified 77 potential landmarks**
- **Visited 12 existing landmarks to thank the owners and encourage future maintenance**
- **Reviewed 10 cell tower proposals and found none impacting cultural or historical resources**
- **Six Commissioners participated in preservation training**

# COMMISSION'S 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Issued 4 publications**
  - **2015 Barn Calendar**
  - **2016 Scenic Roads Calendar**
  - **Scenic Roads Brochure**
  - **Landmarks Brochure**
- **Approved 1 new landmark**
  - **Powers-Walker House**
- **Approved 1 certificate of appropriateness**
  - **Hutchinson House “of Seven Gables”**

# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- **12 landmarks on the National Register**
- **25 McHenry County designated landmarks**
- **17 City of McHenry landmarks**
- **8 Village of Huntley landmarks**
- **37 City of Woodstock landmarks**
- **87 County Historical Society landmarks**
- **101 Algonquin landmarks**
- **15 Harvard landmarks**
- **6 Marengo Historical Society landmarks**
- **103 Potential new landmarks identified**

## Section 2 — Commissioners

A. Member Roll

B. Attendance Report

Regular Meetings

Special Meetings

C. Appointments / Resignations

Appointed: Paula Rieghns

Resigned: Eric Hunt



**MEMBER ROLL**  
**McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONERS**  
 Effective as of 2016 May 04  
[www.co.mchenry.il.us/HPC](http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/HPC)

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>COMMITTEES / SUBCOMMITTEES / PROGRAMS</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
James McConnell, Chairman	SURVEY AND LANDMARK; MUNICIPAL RELATIONS AND PROGRAMS <i>Municipal Relations and Programs; Endangered Sites and Audit</i>	2016.11.26
Lynn M. Gray, Vice Chair	SURVEY AND LANDMARK; SPECIAL PROGRAMS <i>Landmark Nominations; Heritage Groves</i>	2018.11.30
Susan Stelford, Secretary	COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS <i>Annual Calendar; Publications</i>	2017.11.26
David Gervais	MUNICIPAL LIAISON;	2016.11.26
Steve Greeley	COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS <i>Website</i>	2020.11.26
Gloria Mack	MUNICIPAL LIAISON; SPECIAL PROGRAMS <i>Joint Council; Municipal Relations and Programs; Landmark Nominations; Scenic Roads</i>	2019.11.26
Vacant (was Eric Hunt's slot)		2018.11.30
Paula Rieghns	SURVEY AND LANDMARK	2020.11.26
Laurie Selpien	SPECIAL PROGRAMS <i>Victory Gardens</i>	2018.11.26
Gail Brown	MCCD LIAISON; SURVEY AND LANDMARK; <i>Endangered Sites and Audit; Heritage Groves</i>	(EX-OFFICIO)
Sean Foley	STAFF LIAISON	(EX-OFFICIO)
Audrey Martin	STAFF SECRETARY	(ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT)

Proposed Changes:

**McHenry County Preservation Commission**  
**Attendance for FY 2016**

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>-N1- Dec-02 2015</b>	<b>Jan-06 2016</b>	<b>Feb-03 2016</b>	<b>Mar-02 2016</b>	<b>Apr-06 2016</b>	<b>May-04 2016</b>	<b>Jun-01 2016</b>	<b>Jul-06 2016</b>	<b>Aug-07 2016</b>	<b>Sep-07 2016</b>	<b>Oct-02 2016</b>	<b>Nov-02 2016</b>	<b>-N6- Nov-16 2016</b>
<b>Brown, Gail ex-officio MCCD Liaison</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-N5-	-	Yes	-	-
<b>Gervais, David</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-N5-	-	Yes	Yes	-
<b>Gray, Lynn</b>	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-N5-	-	-	Yes	Yes
<b>Greeley, Steve</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-N5-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Hunt, Eric</b>	-	-	-N2-	-N2-	-N2-	-N2-	-N2-	-N2-	-N5-	-N2-	-N2-	-N2-	-N2-
<b>Mack, Gloria</b>	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-N5-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>McConnell, James</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-N5-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Rieghns, Paula</b>	-N4-	-N4-	-N4-	-N4-	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-N5-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Selpien, Laurie</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-N5-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Stelford, Susan</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-N5-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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N1 — Business was suspended, After approval of the November Minutes, until the January 2016 meeting; only the annual dinner was held this month.

N2 — Eric Hunt's resignation letter received, dated 2016.01.27 N4 — Paula Rieghns was appointed 2016 April 05.

N5 — August 3rd Meeting was cancelled. N6 — Meeting added to review FHWA/IDOT document and consider commissioner applications.

**McHenry County Preservation Commission  
Added / Special Meeting Attendance for FY 2016**

	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>Mar-02</b>	<b>May-08</b>	
<b>(Meeting Type)</b>	Joint Council	Landmark Review Hearing	Landmark Dedication	
<b>Brown, Gail *</b>		present		
<b>Gervais, David</b>		present		
<b>Gray, Lynn</b>	present	present	present	
<b>Greeley, Steve</b>	present	present		
<b>Mack, Gloria</b>		present	present	
<b>McConnell, James</b>	present	present	present	
<b>Rieghns, Paula</b>	-D-	-D-	present	
<b>Selpien, Laurie</b>		present	present	
<b>Stelford, Susan</b>	present	present		
<b>Notes</b>	A	B	C	

**NOTES:**

\* McHenry County Conservation Districe (MCCD) Liaison, Ex-Officio

A: Joint Council of Historic Groups and Seminar held at the County of McHenry Archives & Hartland Twp. Hall.

B: Landmark Hearing held the same day as the regular Commission meeting.

C: Landmark dedication ceremony of Old Harmony School.

D: Paula Rieghns was appointed 2016 April 05.

# RESOLUTION

## RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR APRIL 5, 2016

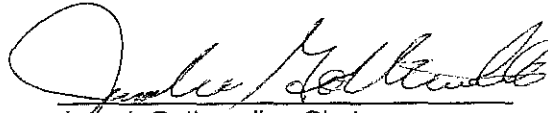
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois that the following Appointments be and are hereby APPOINTED:

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Paula Rieghns

Expiration Date

11/26/2020

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 5th day of April, A.D., 2016.



Joseph Gottemoller, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

  
Mary E. McClellan, County Clerk

**MCHEMRY COUNTY**  
**COMPREHENSIVE LANDMARK LIST**

The following is a comprehensive list of landmarks in McHenry County. These include those designated on the National Historic Register, and those designated by municipalities, which may be designated by ordinance or may be honorary recognitions, which are not protected by ordinances.

This list is found on the Commission's web site.

## Section 4 — Property Reviews

### A. Certificates of Appropriateness

*Old Harmony School*

### B. Section 106 Reviews

3 cell towers

From: mk mk <mk@chicagomovers.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:53 PM  
To: Darrell Moore  
Subject: Re: Proposed sign at 16903 Harmony Road

Hello  
Thank you  
Ali

On Apr 20, 2016 11:17 AM, "Darrell Moore" <dnmoore@co.mchenry.il.us> wrote:

Mr. Kalish,

I have reviewed the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and consulted with the director of the department regarding the proposed 2'x4' electronic message sign to be hung from the portico at the Harmony Auto Sales building. As I suggested might be a possibility when we spoke at the department counter, the type of sign proposed is prohibited. Projecting signs are not allowed to contain a digital sign component (see UDO 18.11.C.7). The proposed sign is 100% digital. This type of sign is more commonly found indoors. If you placed it in a window (inside the building yet visible outside) it would be classified under the UDO as a 'window graphic' and allowed without a permit.

At this time, I see no reason to forward your application for a certificate of appropriateness to the historic preservation commission, as the sign is not otherwise allowed. Please let me know if I can answer any other questions for you.

Sincerely,

Darrell Moore, AICP

*Deputy Director, Zoning Enforcement Officer*

*McHenry County Department of Planning and Development*

(815) 334-4549



APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS TO A MCHENRY COUNTY LANDMARK

A Certificate of Appropriateness from the Preservation Commission is required before any significant alterations, exterior construction, exterior demolition or removal of exterior materials or features that effects pending or designated landmarks or districts is undertaken. A building permit cannot be issued for exterior work on property protected by MCHENRY COUNTY Historic Preservation Ordinance without first obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDMARK NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Harmony School  
16903 Harmony Rd.  
Marengo IL 60152

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Harmony Auto Sales  
16903 Harmony Rd.  
Marengo IL 60152  
773 457 2159

Is this structure MCHENRY COUNTY Landmark? Yes  No

If yes, please provide a brief written description of the proposed alteration to the structure. Attach plans, photographs, samples of exterior materials such as siding, roofing, doors, windows, and ornamentation if applicable to your building permit application. Attach architectural plans and specifications if applicable.

2x4 lit up sign

MK@ Chicago movers. com

Architect's Name, Address, and Telephone (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, understand that the permit application and attachments accurately describe my proposal for the above property. Should any changes to the above described work be made, I understand that I must secure the approval of said changes, in writing, from the MCHENRY COUNTY Historic Preservation Commission and notify the Commission upon completion of proposed work for final approval.

Signature of Applicant

Date







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**Tara Cubie, Senior Architectural Historian**  
**EBI Consulting**  
**6876 Susquehanna Trail South**  
**York, PA 17403**  
**339-234-2597**

**2016 February 19**  
*Sent via Email*

**HPC Review # 2016-01-S106**  
**EBI Project # 6115005907**

*Email:* Tara Cubie < TCubie@EBIconulting.com>;

*Re: 5201-Block of N Thorne Road, Marengo, IL PIN: 11-33-100-002 (B-3C General Business zone)*  
*Geo-Reference: Lat. 42.252142 N Lon -88.66340. W (approximately)*

Dear Tara Cubie:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the property referenced above, we have no comments on the project. McHenry County does not have nearby historic resources that would be adversely affected by the proposed cell tower. The reference map below indicates our understanding of the location of the subject property. Note: a County building permit application is required.



If you require further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Sean Foley, County Planner and Staff Liaison  
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GSS, Inc.  
3311 109<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Urbandale, Iowa 50322  
515-331-2103

2016 February 19  
*Sent via Email*

HPC Review # 2016-02-S106  
GSS Project # W16587-IL-1

Email: GSS Inc. <GSS@GSSMidwest.com>

Re: SW Corner Diggins Street / Union Pacific RR, Harvard, IL (PIN: 01-35-502-037)  
Geo-Reference: Lat. 42.42195 N Lon -88.62068 W

Dear Project Manager:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the project and corresponding properties referenced above, we have no comments on the project related to historic properties. The site is located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Harvard, and McHenry County does not have any historic resources that would be adversely affected in the vicinity of the proposed PTC utility installation. A copy of your letter and map are attached that describe the locations, which have been duly reviewed. If you require further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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3311 109<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Urbandale, Iowa 50322  
515-331-2103

2016 June 28  
*Sent via Email*

HPC Review # 2016-03-S106  
GSS Project # W16587-IL-6

*Email:* GSS Inc. <GSS@GSSMidwest.com>;  
*Cc:* Department of Planning & Economic Development, City of Crystal Lake

*Re: Nunda Jct. / Union Pacific RR, Crystal Lake, IL (PIN: 14-33-502-006)*  
*Geo-Reference: Lat. 42.24275 N Lon -88.3142194 W*

Dear Project Manager:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the project and corresponding properties referenced above, we have no comments on the project related to historic properties. The site is located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Crystal Lake, and McHenry County does not have any historic resources that would be adversely affected in the vicinity of the proposed PTC utility installation. A copy of your letter and map are attached that describe the locations, which have been duly reviewed.

If you require further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sean Foley, County Planner and Staff Liaison  
Historic Preservation Commission  
McHenry County, Illinois



## Section 5 — Committee Reports

- A. Chairman McConnell's Report
- B. Commissioner Mack: Municipal Liaison; Special Programs
- C. Commissioner Stelford: Communications, Public Relations  
and Publications

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**2016 Annual Report**  
**Submitted by Gloria Mack**

**Municipal Liaison** - In February 2016 Kurt Begalka, McHenry County Historic Museum director, Steve Greeley, McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission and I met with Marengo Township Supervisor, Steven Weskerma, regarding the historic Scotts Cemetery. He noted that the Township had initiated a Title Search that determined they were not the Owners. In addition to the ownership question, there is an access issue as well. Supervisor Weskerma, stated that the Township did not have ownership, and that he would be required to present the question to the residents of Marengo Township, to ascertain if they would be willing levy a tax to maintain the cemetery.

Nothing can be accomplished until ownership is proven.

**Joint Council 2016 meetings** – On March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Joint Council had a tour of the McHenry County Archives, and the met at the Hartland Township Offices. Commissioners present; Chairman McConnell, Steve Greeley, Susan Stelford and Gloria Mack. The Joint Council by-laws were proposed with a change requested by Chairman McConnell. In addition each group that attended gave a brief report on their activities.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> the Joint Council had a tour of the Holcomville School, and then met at the Palmer House, in Crystal Lake. I did have a conversation with the owner Judy Lovass, who informed me that she now resides in Wisconsin and the house and school will be up for sale. Commissioners present; Chairman McConnell, Susan Stelford and Gloria Mack.

**Landmark Ceremony:**

In February I met with the owner of Harmony School, Mohammed Kalish, who currently operates a used car lot on the site. We discussed a possible date for the Landmark Ceremony. We concluded that May 8<sup>th</sup> would be acceptable.

I contacted Marcia Lockwood of Marengo, to get the names of Harmony School, Alumni. I sent invitations to the County Board member and the Harmony Alumni. I also personally contacted County Board member Mary McCann (District 6) who will present the plaque to the owner on behalf of the County Board.

I also arranged for Woodstock Boy Scout Troop 153 to present the colors.

The speaker will be Robert Frenz, author of “Historic County Schools of McHenry County, Illinois.

Chairman McConnell will act as Master of Ceremonies.

Susan Stelford created the program.

I provided lemonade and cookies and sent thank you notes to those who participated in the program.

I sent the Landmark information to Laura Furmet, Spring Grove, who will include the Harmony information in the Preservation Month brochure.

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On July 20<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Fike, former director of the McHenry County Historic Museum, and I were asked to present a program to the Lake County Historic Alliance, on the history of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance. Nancy Fike spoke on the Study Committee who authored the Ordinance and I spoke on the implementation of the Ordinance.

Nancy noted that County Board Chair Ed Buss, was not a preservationist, he was a pragmatist and agreed to the Study Committee. I served on the Study Committee. We had a year to come up with the Ordinance. The Study Committee Ordinance was sent to the States Attorney to access its legality. It was then sent to the County Board in 1991 where it passed unanimously. Ann Hughes was the County Board Chair, when it passed.

I spoke on the following: I was the first Chairperson. Our first project was to author a Preservation Plan and By-laws that governed future Commissions. In addition I worked with Woodstock, Crystal Lake, and Marengo who decided to implement ordinances. I brought our Ordinance, so that it would mirror our Ordinance, not exactly; however they used it as a template for their Ordinances. I noted that we have 27 Landmarks, which include historic structures, on room school houses, cemeteries, a swimming pool, and a witness tree.

I also spoke on the inter-government agreement program and how it was initiated. When we received the application for the Holcomville School, it was brought to our attention that ½ the school was in Bull Valley. When we held the Public Hearing the developer came and said if we landmarked the school, he would tear down the half of the school in Bull Valley. This initiated our first inter-governmental agreement with the Village of Bull Valley. In the succeeding years we have entered into intergovernmental agreements with communities that did not have the population or the will to establish a Historic Commission.

There was a lively question and answer session following our presentations. After the meeting a member of the Lake Zurich Commission asked how they could save the last Train Station in town. I suggested she speak to her Mayor and gauge the interest of the city. I drive through Lake Zurich weekly and there isn't much left of that historic community.

Nancy Schumm, a Lake Barrington member, spoke to me on a project she has initiated to get the Chain of Lakes designated a Scenic Historic Waterway. She hopes to have sites along the route that people can stop and picnic. I mentioned that the Grass Lake Lily Pads are protected, so she has a good chance to achieve her goal.

The following Communities were represented:

Lake Barrington  
Highland Park  
Highwood  
Wauconda  
Island Lake  
Lake Zurich  
Grayslake

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Gloria Mack

### **Lake County (continued)**

It was noted that the Lake County Museum in Wauconda, has moved to the former Motorola facility in Libertyville.

### **Scenic Roads:**

I delivered Scenic Road Calendars to the Townships represented in the Calendar. When I delivered Nunda Township their calendar, they requested another one. When I delivered the second one they were very surprised and happy.

### **Other Historic Activities 2016**

In July 2016 I served as a docent at the Colby Peterson Farm, celebrating Farm Life Yesterday and Today.

In August I manned the Historical Museum Booth at the McHenry County Fair. In addition I served at the Cider Fest as a clerk for the Garage Sale and at the Perkins School selling quilt tickets and historic items, for the McHenry County Scenic Drive.

The family of Marie Wilt requested that I distribute her historic items which include clothing, toys and furnishing. I donated to the following organizations:

The Powers/Walker House  
The Peterson Farm  
The Palmer House  
The McHenry County Historic Museum.



TO: James McConnell, Chairman of Historic Preservation Commission  
FROM: Sue Stelford, Commission Member  
DATE: December 7, 2016  
RE: Annual Report of Tasks Completed in 2016

I attended eleven out of eleven regular commission meetings; as the August 2016 meeting was cancelled. I also attended two Joint Council meetings on March 23, 2016 at the McHenry County Archives and September 21, 2016 at the Holcombville School/Col. Palmer House. I was appointed the Commission's MCCD delegate and attended the February 6, 2016 conference at McHenry County College and reported back to the Commission. I also attended the McHenry County Historical Society's Fundraiser for the Perkins School on September 9, 2016 in Union, IL.

This year I again took on the project of producing a calendar (originally proposed by Gloria Mack) and photographed 12 Landmark Buildings for the 2017 MCHPC calendar, which I then created and ordered for distribution to all municipalities in McHenry County as well as County Board Members.

Finally, I created a flyer and program for the Commission's Harmony School Plaque Ceremony in May of 2016.

## Section 6 — Meetings

Annual Consolidated Minutes  
(separately filed on the web site)

## Section 7 — Publications

A. 2016 desk Calendar of Scenic Roads

(published web version)

B. 2017 desk Calendar of Landmarks

(published web version)

Photo credits: Susan Stelford



# 2016 Calendar of McHenry County Scenic Roads

McHenry County Historic  
Preservation Commission



Hillside Avenue, City of Crystal Lake, Dorr and Nunda Townships

January						2016
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



Mason Hill Road, Village of Bull Valley and City of Woodstock

February						2016
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	Ash Wednesday	11	12	13
Valentine's Day	President's Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					



Greenwood Road, Village of Greenwood, Greenwood Township

March						2016
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	St. Patrick's Day	18	19
Palm Sunday	21	22	23	24	Good Friday	26
Easter	28	29	30	31		



Fleming Road, Village of Bull Valley, Dorr and Greenwood Townships

April						2016	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	Passover Begins	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	



Indian Trail, Village of Lake in the Hills

May						2016	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	Memorial Day	31					



Pioneer Road, McHenry & Richmond Townships

June						2016	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
5	Ramadan Begins	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			



North River Road, Village of Algonquin

July						2016	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3	Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							



Plum Tree Road, Villages of Barrington and Fox River Grove

August						2016	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				



River Road, Marengo and Seneca Townships

September						2016	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	
4	Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		



Tryon Grove Road, Village of Richmond,  
Richmond and Hebron Townships

October						2016
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
Rosh Hashanah	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	Columbus Day	Yom Kippur	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Halloween					



Hillside Avenue, City of Crystal Lake, Dorr  
and Nunda Townships

November						2016
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Mason Hill Road, Village of Bull Valley  
and City of Woodstock

December						2016
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	Hanukkah Begins
Christmas Day	Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31





**2017 Calendar  
Landmark Buildings**  
McHenry County Historic Preservation  
Commission



**Stowell-Deicke Farmstead, Huntley**

January						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		3	4	5	Three King's Day	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



**Powers-Walker Historic Site, Ringwood**

February						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	Groundhog day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	President's Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



**William H. Coventry House, Harvard, IL**

March						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Ash Wednesday	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



**Old Haligus District 81 School, Huntley**

April						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Palm Sunday	10	Passover Begins	12	13	Good Friday	15
Easter	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



**Trout Valley Stonegate Entrance, Cary**

May						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	Ramadan Begins
28	Memorial Day	30	31			



**Trout Valley Pool, Trout Valley**

June						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



**Old Harmony Road School, Marengo**

July						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



**Barber Cemetery, Marengo**

August						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



**Chunn's Burying Ground, Algonquin**

September						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	Eid al-Adha
3	Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	Rosh Hashanah	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	Yom Kippur



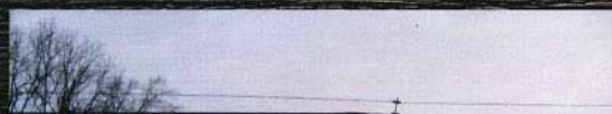
**Woodstock & North Streets, Huntley**

October						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Halloween				

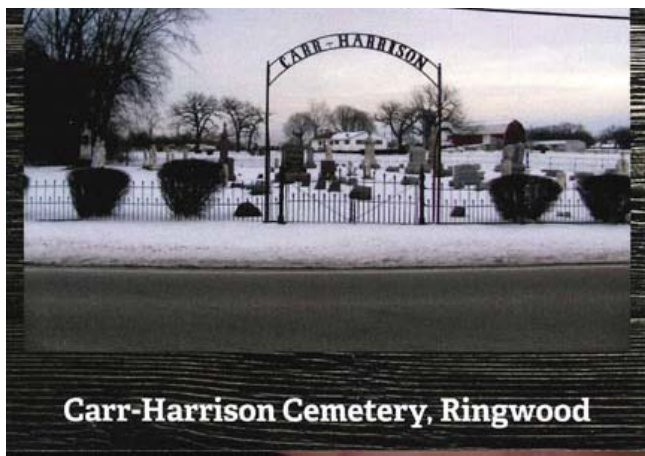


**Rudolphus Hutchinson House, Harvard**

November						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



December						2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat



					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	Hanukkah Begins	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	Hanukkah Ends	21	22	23
24	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30
	New Year's Eve					

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