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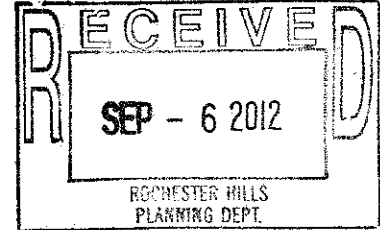
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August 27, 2012

Mr. James Breuckman  
Manager of Planning  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309



Dear Mr. Breuckman:

Staff members of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have reviewed the preliminary historic district study committee report for the boundary decrease for 1631 W. Avon Road Local Historic District. Our comments on the report are enclosed. We offer these comments in order to assist communities to prepare final study committee reports that meet the requirements of Michigan's *Local Historic Districts Act* and that provide a strong legal basis for protecting historically significant resources. These comments and recommendations are based on our experiences working with local historic districts. The SHPO lacks authority to give legal advice to any person or agency, public or private.

The report will be presented to the Michigan Historical Commission and the State Historic Preservation Review Board at their September meetings. If they have any additional comments, they will be forwarded to you.

We appreciate the efforts by the city of Rochester Hills to protect its historic resources. If we can assist you further, please contact Amy Arnold at 517-335-2729 or [ArnoldA@michigan.gov](mailto:ArnoldA@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

Brian D. Conway  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Staff Comments, August 27, 2012  
Boundary Decrease 1631 W Avon Road Local Historic District, Rochester Hills

The boundary justification in the report should clearly state which of the three criteria from Section 14 (1) of Public Act 169 of 1970 the modification meets. For example, "because the west half of the original district was split off in 2004 and a new house was constructed on the parcel, *this portion of the district has lost those physical characteristics, such as setting and feeling, that enabled the establishment of the original local historic district boundary.*" It is implied in the report but it should be stated directly.

