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DR. WILLIAM ANDERSON
DIRECTOR

January 30, 2003

Mr. Derek Delacourt
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309-3037

Dear Mr. Delacourt:

Staff members of the State Historic Preservation Office have reviewed the preliminary historic district study committee report for the Ferry Court Historic District, Rochester Hills. A copy of our comments is 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 provides a strong legal basis for protecting historically significant resources.

The report will be presented to the Michigan Historical Commission and to the State Historic Preservation Review Board at their next meeting. Should they have any comments, they will be forwarded to you.

The decision whether or not to designate a resource as a local historic district belongs to the local government, however, it is important for us to know when a local district has been adopted. Please send us a copy of the final study committee report and the historic district ordinance should the city choose to establish this district.

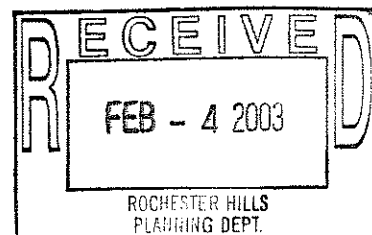
If we can assist you further, please contact Amy Arnold at 517-355-2729 or ArnoldA@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure



**Michigan Historical Center
State Historic Preservation Office**

**Ferry Court Historic District, Rochester Hills
Staff Comments, January 27, 2003**

We recommend that, in addition to the parcel numbers, a verbal boundary description based on metes and bounds be included in the report. In the past, we have seen communities run into difficulty clarifying district boundaries when they relied solely on parcel numbers and the parcel numbers were changed or combined at a later date.

This is an excellent report that clearly shows the significance of this district to the history of Rochester Hills.