

City of  
**ROCHESTER HILLS**

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Melinda:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the matter of the Earl Borden Historic Preservation Award.

My understanding of Criteria #10 is that it allows the award to go to a resident or non-resident for preservation activity in Rochester Hills; or, to a Rochester Hills resident whose preservation activity was outside the City.

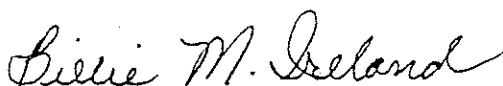
Considering that Earl was really the "Father of Historic Preservation" in Avon Township and Rochester Hills and was the prime mover and supporter of the establishment and maintenance of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, I strongly believe that the Preservation Award named for him should be confined to Rochester Hills.

On the other hand, I can also see where the Historic District Commission may well have occasion to want to recognize individuals who are not residents of our City for activity outside the City.

My suggestion would be that - since this is not likely to be a regular action - the HDC may wish to create a special award to recognize the activities of such individuals.

In this way, the Earl Borden Award fulfills its original purpose and the HDC is still able to recognize persons or projects outside of the established criteria for the Borden Award.

Sincerely,

  
BILLIE M. IRELAND, Mayor  
City of Rochester Hills