
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

Planning and
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DATE: January 6, 2010

TO: Study Committee

RE: National Twist Drill

Based on the discussion held at the December 10, 2009 Study Committee Meeting regarding a potential revised Historic District boundary for the National Twist Drill property, the City's Preservation Consultant has reviewed the National Twist Drill Preliminary Report and provided the attached opinion.

Judy Bialk

From: Kristine Kidorf [kristine@kidorfpreservationconsulting.com]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 4:52 PM
To: Derek Delacourt
Cc: Judy Bialk
Subject: National Twist Drill

Hi Derek,

Per the study committee's request at their December 10, 2009 meeting I have reviewed the preliminary report for the proposed National Twist Drill Historic District and the proposed boundary modifications being examined by the study committee.

It is my opinion that the committee should not reduce the boundaries as suggested in either boundary modification proposal. With the exception of Building B, all of the buildings contribute to the significance of the district which is based not only on architecture, but also for its employment and manufacturing contributions to the city, as well as its association with Howard McGregor Sr. and Howard McGregor Jr.. It would violate standard preservation practice as well as the national register criteria to not include all of the contributing buildings in the proposed district.

Please let me know if you or the committee have any questions or need additional information. Thanks,
Kristine

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