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## MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

GARY HEIDEL INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 27, 2010

Mr. Derek Delacourt
Deputy Director
Planning & Economic Development
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Mr. Delacourt:

Staff members of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have reviewed the preliminary historic district study committee report for the elimination of the 2371 South Livernois Road 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 next scheduled meetings. Should they have any 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.

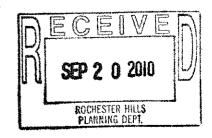
Sincerely.

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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## State Historic Preservation Office Michigan State Housing Development Authority

## Staff Comments, August 26, 2010 Elimination of the 2371 South Livernois Historic District, Rochester Hills

The report indicates that the resource was built in 1945 but was designated for its significance as an example of Greek Revival architecture. Because it was not built during the period of significance for the Greek Revival style (1820 to 1860), this property would not be considered significant as previously defined. In addition, the report indicates that information came to light that the house had been moved from its original location in 1971.