



Department of Planning and Development

Staff Report to the Historic Districts Study Committee

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Eureka Fruit Farm/1021 Harding District De-designation

REQUEST	Review draft Preliminary Study Committee Report and possibly adopt
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On December 4, 2023, the Rochester Hills City Council directed the Historic Districts Study Committee to study the Eureka Fruit Farm/1021 Harding Road Historic District to determine if the district should be de-designated, as all of the buildings in the district have been demolished.

A draft Preliminary Historic District Study Committee Report has been prepared and distributed to the HDSC members. The HDSC is charged with reviewing the report and making any changes or corrections. Once the draft report is acceptable the HDSC can adopt the report. It will then be transmitted by staff to the State Historic Preservation Office and the Rochester Hills Planning Commission for review and comment.

Once the report is adopted the HDSC will schedule a public hearing on the proposed de-designation that is at least 60 days after adopting the report. All of the property owners in the existing district boundaries will be notified of the hearing.

After the public hearing a Final Historic District Study Committee Report will be prepared for consideration by the HDSC.

Next Steps

1. Review and adopt the draft study committee report;
2. Circulate the adopted draft report to the planning commission and State Historic Preservation Office;
3. Set a public hearing at a regular HDSC meeting that is at least 60 days after adoption of the draft study committee report;
4. Notify all property owners within the existing district of the public hearing;
5. Hold the public hearing;
6. Create and review the final historic district study committee report;

7. Once the committee is satisfied with the final report it can be adopted and the findings submitted back to City Council.