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**Ypsilanti to Host Historic Preservation Tax Credit Workshop**  
**for Commercial and Residential Property Owners**

LANSING, MI - The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN), the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), and the City of Ypsilanti will present a workshop on maximizing the use of federal and state historic preservation tax credits from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 24, in city council chambers in Ypsilanti.

State Historic Preservation Office architect Bryan Lijewski and Ellen Thackery, field representative for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and the National Trust, will review the different types of historic designation, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the tax credits available for the rehabilitation of historic properties.

"Ypsilanti has a number of significant commercial buildings downtown, as well as some great, intact historic neighborhoods," Lijewski said. "We want to help people understand how to maintain the character of the buildings – and of their community as a whole – and help them take advantage of the incentives that exist for the owners of these buildings."

Lijewski will also review the state tax credit application and answer any questions that people may have.

The free workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 24, in City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Ypsilanti City Hall, One South Huron Street. For additional

information contact Anne Stevenson, City of Ypsilanti, 734/482-9882 or [hintern@cityofypsilanti.com](mailto:hintern@cityofypsilanti.com).

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