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State to Hold One of Five Planning Workshops in Midland Seeking Public Input about the Future of Historic Preservation in Michigan

Midland - The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Michigan State Housing Development Authority, will hold a visioning workshop in Midland on Wednesday, September 14, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Creative 360, 1517 Bayliss Street.

The workshop is free and open to the public and light refreshments will be provided. The workshop will be facilitated by Alan Levy and Kristine Kidorf of Goaltrac, Inc.

The Creative 360 building was designed by Alden B. Dow as the Midland Headquarters for the Salvation Army in 1962.

“The public will have an opportunity to meet with other people interested in preserving our history and discuss the future of historic preservation in this state,” said State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway.

The workshops give Michigan residents a chance to share their vision for historic preservation in Michigan, identify the threats and opportunities facing Michigan’s historic resources, and set the direction for historic preservation activities throughout the state for the next five years.

Additional workshops will be held:

- September 13, Kalamazoo, Park Club, 219 W. South Street
- September 21, Traverse City, The Village at Grand Traverse Commons, 830 Cottageview Drive, Suite 1011
- September 22, Marquette, Landmark Inn, 230 N. Front Street
- October 12, Detroit, Oddfellows Hall, 8701 W. Vernor Hwy

There is no charge for the workshop, however, registration is required. **Visit www.michigan.gov/shpo to register for the Midland workshop by September 7.** For more information contact the SHPO at 517-373-1630.

The State Historic Preservation Office is part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) , which provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.*

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