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## **Detroit's landmark Whitney Building among the projects honored with 2015 Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation** *Ceremony Set for May 6 in State Capitol Rotunda*

**LANSING, Mich.** – Historic preservation projects in Detroit, Menominee and Albion are among those recognized for the 2015 Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation, Gov. Rick Snyder and Michigan State Housing Development Authority Acting-Executive Director Wayne Workman announced today.

"I applaud the great work that takes place across the state and recognize the people who preserve these places for all Michiganders," Snyder said. "The sites contribute to Michigan's uniqueness, teach us about the people who lived here in the past, and are important to a vibrant future."

Projects dot the landscape from the Upper Peninsula to Southeast Michigan and points in between.

"The diversity of projects and their geographical distribution demonstrate the importance communities place on preservation and the commitment among our partners to preserve Michigan's past for the future," Workman said.

The 2015 recipients are:

- Roxbury Group, Trans Inns Management, Kraemer Design Group, PLC, and Walbridge for the rehabilitation of the David Whitney Building, Detroit
- Woda Group, Hooker DeJong Architects & Engineers, and the City of Menominee for the rehabilitation of Lloyd's Department Store, Menominee
- Michigan Department of Transportation, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group, Inc. for the US-31/ M-231 Holland to Grand Haven Archaeological Data Recoveries
- Friends of the Bohm Theatre, Albion Community Foundation, the Greater Albion Community, Mitchell and Mouat Architects and Gordon Martin Builder, Inc. for the rehabilitation of the Bohm Theatre
- Eyde Company, Quinn Evans Architects, and Granger Construction for the rehabilitation of the J. W. Knapp Company Building, Lansing

The State Historic Preservation Office at MSHDA initiated the program in 2003 to recognize outstanding historic preservation achievements that reflect a commitment to the preservation of Michigan's unique character and the many archaeological sites and historic structures that document Michigan's past.

Previous recipient projects include the rehabilitation of the Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater, the excavation of the Saints' Rest Archaeological Site at Michigan State University, the rehabilitation of the Borden Creamery in Mount Pleasant, the

rehabilitation of the General Motors Technical Center, and the addition to the historic Fordson High School in Dearborn.

“Commercial buildings, theaters, archaeological sites, residences, schools — these varied historic resources make our state a special place,” said State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway. “From cities to small towns and rural areas, Michigan has wonderful historic places and dedicated people who work to preserve and protect them.”

The awards will be presented at a public ceremony in the Michigan State Capitol Rotunda at 9 a.m. May 6.

To learn more about previous Governor’s Awards recipients, go to [michigan.gov/shpo](http://michigan.gov/shpo), click on Special Projects and Governor’s Awards.

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