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Katie Pereny
Secretary, Historic District Commission
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Dear Ms. Pereny:

Since 2022, Mackinac Island has participated in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, a national historic preservation program administered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS). The program is intended to assist communities in carrying out important historic preservation activities at the local level. As a CLG, the City has exclusive access to grant opportunities and specialized technical assistance from SHPO and NPS.

In accordance with NPS regulations and SHPO's *Certified Local Government Program: Program Requirements + Certification Handbook*, we are required to complete a review of each CLG's historic preservation program at least once every four (4) years. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the CLG's compliance with the program, which ensures the community's ongoing access to program benefits, including grant funding. It also provides an opportunity to discuss opportunities and challenges in the local program and identify ways in which the CLG program can support the community in its efforts.

This letter serves as official notice that Mackinac Island is scheduled for review in 2026. The City does not need to prepare anything specifically for the review. Rather, SHPO's review will be based on previously provided annual reports and may also include discussion with local preservation program staff. Following, SHPO will provide the City with a report summarizing its findings, recommendations, and, if necessary, corrective actions needed to maintain compliance with CLG program standards. A copy of SHPO's report template is included with this letter.

We are proud to include Mackinac Island among Michigan's official partners in the national historic preservation program, and we look forward to continuing to work with the community in the future. If you have questions about this program or activity, please contact Haley Schriber at schriberh@michigan.gov or 517.855.8586.

Sincerely,

Ryan M. Schumaker
State Historic Preservation Officer

