Historic resources and archaeological sites tell us about the past and help us maintain Michigan’s unique identity. Their preservation is vital to Michigan’s present and future as they contribute to vibrant communities and our understanding of the past.

Each year the State Historic Preservation Office and the State Historic Preservation Review Board identify worthy recipients to receive the Governor’s Awards for Historic Preservation, which are presented in May during National Historic Preservation Month. The awards recognize homeowners who rehabilitate their homes; developers who transform underutilized historic structures into vital economic assets; and academic institutions, archaeologists, nonprofits, and local governments—among others—who strive to preserve Michigan’s important historic and cultural resources.

2016 Recipients of the Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation

- City of Dearborn; Artspace Projects, Inc.; Neumann/Smith Architecture; the Monahan Company; and the East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority
  Rehabilitation of Dearborn City Hall Complex

- Home Renewal Systems LLC, Quinn Evans Architects, and Wolverine Building Group
  Rehabilitation of Fremont High School

- Indian Village Historical Collections, City of Detroit, Public Lighting Authority, DTE Energy, Offshore Spurs, Corby Energy Services, SS Stripping/CDS Performance Coatings, and the Consulting Engineering Associates and Wade Trim Joint Venture
  The Indian Village Historic Streetlight Rehabilitation Project

- Mackinac Island State Park Commission
  Ongoing Archaeological Investigation of Fort Michilimackinac

- The Saginaw-Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan; Central Michigan University Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work; and the City of Mount Pleasant
  The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Archaeological Investigation

- City of St. Joseph, Smay Trombley Architecture, Mihm Enterprises, the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, the Lighthouse Forever Fund, and the Citizens of St. Joseph
  Rehabilitation of the St. Joseph North Pier Inner and Outer Lights