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# Cadillac House and Tavern

5502 Main Street, Lexington

COMPLETED JULY 2018

## Project overview

The Cadillac House has been a prominent landmark in the center of Lexington for more than 150 years. The building became less utilized over time until the restaurant that remained on the first floor closed in 2016. Soon after, Detroit-based developer Roxbury Group stepped in to return the building to its original use as a lodging and dining establishment. The project fully renovated and re-opened the building as the Cadillac House and Tavern, which included the return of overnight accommodations for the first time in over 50 years. The \$2.5 million project removed the existing blight and historically rehabilitated the property with 12 guest rooms and tavern. This project went on to receive a 2019 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

## Project details

The scope of the project included a historic restoration of the building's exterior, as well as complete renovation of the interior. The Roxbury Group diligently restored the building to its early resort-era appearance, including the removal of the early 1970s modernization and restoration of the original lap-siding, replacing windows and restoring the second-story covered porch and entryways. Where physical remains no longer existed, historic images were referenced to recreate missing or altered features including chimneys, balconies, a tavern bar and signage and lettering.

The Cadillac House now provides a unique dining and overnight option in downtown Lexington. The redevelopment of this iconic building has transformed the downtown and been a catalyst for new development.

**Historic Preservation Tax Credit value:** \$625,000

**MEDC investment:** \$1,000,000 Community Development  
Block Grant Funding

**Local investment:** \$10,000 Downtown Development  
Authority Façade Improvement Grant

