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Information Sought About Township Historic Sites

Identifying the top 200 most well-preserved historic sites in Orion Township has been the focus of the Orion Township Reconnaissance Survey, conducted by historic preservation consultants from the Mannik and Smith Group. Half of the sites have been identified and research is ongoing. The survey was commissioned by the Orion Township board with the main goal of updating the Master Plan with information that can be used in planning for future development.

Local residents and anyone else who has information about the sites, pictures or memories are encouraged to add what they know to the knowledge-base. The most immediate information needed about each site is the name of the original owner and/or builder, subsequent owners and if any were prominent or otherwise significant to our local history.

Besides including the list (with this information), maps and photos in the master plan, the Orion Historical Society hopes to collect additional information, stories and memories into a booklet for public information and enjoyment. Stories about previous owners and about significant events that took place at the various sites will be particularly helpful in filling out the story of Orion's history.

A partial list of sites (with more to be added over the coming weeks) can be accessed at orionhistoricalsociety.org, as well as the Orion Township treasurer's office, and at the adult reference desk of the Orion Township Library. Information provided in electronic form or at least hand-written would be especially appreciated and can be sent to Orion Historical Society, P.O. Box 817, Lake Orion, MI 48361, or submitted via email to info@orionhistoricalsociety.org. Questions or comments should be directed to Jennifer Lovell of the Mannik and Smith Group at 248-546-5051, or email at jenwen13@yahoo.com.