

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Item for Information

Subject: Gordon Hall, Village of Dexter

Background:

At the November 2000 meeting, the Regents approved the sale of the Gordon Hall property, located outside the Village of Dexter, Michigan. Because of the great historic significance of this house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the University sought to have the house and a few acres around it designated a local historic district prior to sale of the property. The historic district designation should protect the House from substantial exterior changes or demolition. The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners subsequently appointed a study committee, under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission, to study the history and significance of the property and prepare a preliminary report recommending designation of Gordon Hall as a historic district.

The Study Committee completed its preliminary report in February 2001, and it was distributed to various county and state bodies for review. The Preliminary Report drafted by the Study Committee members recommends 2.36 acres be designated an historic district to protect the view of the homestead and significant buildings remaining on the property

A public hearing concerning the proposed district is scheduled for April 24, 2001, at the Webster Township Hall. Following the hearing, the study committee will consider all comments received and prepare a final report. The final report and proposed county ordinance will be submitted to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners for action. It is anticipated that this will occur at the County Board's regular June meeting.

Once the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners act, the University will proceed with marketing of the property. The nature of this property suggests it should be advertised in local, state, and national publications inviting bids.

Respectfully submitted,



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and Chief Financial Officer

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