



April 12, 2017

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RE: National Register Hudson Historic District Boundary Increase, Hudson, Summit County

Dear Ms. Soloman,

Thank you for meeting with us on March 6th to tour the proposed boundary increase areas for the Hudson Historic District. It was very helpful to have the opportunity to view the proposed areas for expansion first hand. Thank you also for providing the updated map to reflect the 1950-1960 period of development.

As part of an expansion to the period of significance, the theme of Exurbia needs to be further developed based on the types of resources in the existing historic district and the areas proposed for expansion. Patterns of post-war development within the city of Hudson need to be examined and a case for significance presented. What were the development and architectural trends during this time in Hudson? How does the built environment reflect these trends and why are these trends significant? Is the influence of Ellsworth illustrated during this time period as well?

Our recommendations are as follows:

- The area along Ravenna Street does not appear to be a strong area for inclusion in the boundary expansion. A number of the homes date outside the proposed Period of Significance. Additionally, it is separated from the existing district by a large section containing undeveloped land and two newer city complexes.
- The eastern section of the district, containing Elm Street, Roslyn Avenue, and E. Streetsboro Street appears to contribute the amended Period of Significance and expanded historical significance. Although the houses on Bradley drive date to outside the Period of Significance, they will have to be part of the boundary increase due to their location and will be treated as noncontributing resources.
- The boundaries at the north end of Main Street, the east end of E. Streetsboro Street, and the northeast end of Hudson Aurora Road should be determined by construction date, how those sections represent the theme of Exurbia, and the integrity of the buildings. The nomination amendment will need to have a defensible explanation for what was included and not included as part of the boundary expansion.

National Park Service guidance for amending National Register nominations recommends a comprehensive examination of the historic district. The amendment will include the following revisions and additions:

- A reexamination of the contributing and non-contributing resource count and a revised list of contributing and non-contributing resources. The State Historic Preservation Office has created an Excel spreadsheet for producing this list for the nomination amendment.
- A revised historic district map showing the contributing and non-contributing resources for the historic district.
- Section 7, Description – describe the overall appearance and integrity of the district and specific properties considered contributing based upon the expanded Period Significance and added areas of significance.
- Section 8, Statement of Significance – provide information documenting and justifying the expanded Period of Significance and areas of significance.
- Additional photographs may helpful to further support the amended information.
- It is recommended to examine if the amended Period of Significance and areas of significance require any changes to the existing edges and boundaries for the district.

If NR boundaries are increased (or decreased) the following additional information is required in the NR amendment:

- Revised historic district map showing the new increased boundary for the historic district and reflecting the revised contributing and non-contributing resources for the historic district.
- Revised verbal boundary description and boundary justification that includes the areas being added to the historic district. Mapping and verbal boundary information should address any areas of the existing district edges that have lost historic buildings and should be removed from the district boundaries.
- Photographs meeting NPS photo requirements showing the areas within the boundary increase. New photo view historic district map.
- Owner Notification Sheet with names of property owners for the buildings within the areas being added to the historic district.

The next step for you is to review the guidance for completing the National Register of Historic Places nomination form. The State Historic Preservation Office has put together a packet of information that contains what you will need to know to complete the form. The webpage also has the template Word file of the nomination to be used for the amendment. You can access this information here: <http://www.ohiohistory.org/nrpacket>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about the National Register of Historic Places program or the nomination process. We look forward to working with you to a successful amendment.

Sincerely,



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