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WASHTENAW COUNTY'S HISTORIC GORDON HALL RECEIVES \$75,000 PRESERVATION GRANT

*Grant to help prepare specifications detailing interior rehabilitation of Gordon Hall,
a private residence of Judge Samuel W. Dexter – a pioneering Michigan resident.*

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI., July 1, 2018 – **The Washtenaw County Historic District Commission, in partnership with the Dexter Area Historical Society (DAHS), received a \$75,000 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant to further the preservation of Gordon Hall – a Washtenaw County Local Historic District.**

Built in the early 1840s, Gordon Hall was the private residence of Judge Samuel W. Dexter, a pioneering Michigan resident who had a significant impact on the early development of Washtenaw County. Now owned and under restoration by the Dexter Historical Society, the property is moving one step closer to being fully renovated and available for community use.

The \$75,000 CLG grant through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) allows the Commission to hire a consultant to prepare specifications detailing the interior rehabilitation of Gordon Hall.

“We are absolutely delighted to partners with Washtenaw County Historic District Commission and the Office of Community and Economic Development on this grant. ,” said **Bev Hill, President of the Dexter Area Historical Society**, . “Gordon Hall underwent extensive exterior restoration in 2016. The additional designs move us closer to fully renovating the Hall to eventually reach its full potential as a community space,” Hill Said.

The **Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development** holds an ongoing commitment to historic preservation through the enactment of a historic preservation ordinance, the ongoing survey and designation of properties, and public education. OCED staffs the County Historic District Commission, which in turn oversees 15 local historic districts throughout Washtenaw County that are significant to the County’s history. Learn more about Washtenaw County’s local historic districts and historic preservation resources at www.washtenaw.org/preservation.

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