



# Development Services Department M E M O R A N D U M

**TO: HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: MICHELLE HOYLAND, PRINCIPAL PLANNER, HISTORIC PRESERVATION**  
**DATE: APRIL 15, 2026**  
**RE: 2026 HPB AWARDS IN HONOR OF NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH**

**From the National Trust for Historic Preservation website:**

*“Every year in May, local preservation groups, state historical societies, and business and civic organizations across the country celebrate Preservation Month through events that promote historic places and heritage tourism, and that demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation.*



**National Trust for  
Historic Preservation®**



*Preservation Month began as National Preservation Week in 1973. In 2005, the National Trust extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even greater opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country’s cities and states.”*



*“This May, Preservation Month takes on a new meaning. As the United States marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we’re looking to the places that bring its most powerful promise to life, that “all people are created equal,” and to the preservationists making sure those places endure.” (From the National Trust website).*

The Delray Beach Historic Preservation Board will consider projects in honor of National Historic Preservation Month. The projects being considered are fully completed projects and have been issued Certificates of Occupancy.

**Attached is the HPB awards ballot and before & after photographs in consideration of the following category:**

- Residential Contributing – Additions and Rehabilitation
- Residential Contributing – Exterior Alterations
- Residential Non-Contributing – Additions, New Construction, and Rehabilitation
- Commercial Contributing – Exterior Alterations and Rehabilitation
- Commercial/Multi-Family Non-Contributing – Additions, New Construction, and Rehabilitation
- Commercial Individually Designated – Additions and/or Rehabilitation

Please review the ballot prior to the meeting on April 15, 2026. During the board meeting when each category will be discussed and a winner (or winners) may be chosen within each category. The decisions will be based on each Board member’s determination as to whether or not the project best meets the intent of the **Delray Beach Land Development Regulations, Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, and the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation**. A winning project should receive a majority of eligible votes to be considered. **Site visits to the eligible properties are strongly encouraged.** Should you have any questions regarding a property and/or structure prior to the approved improvements, please contact staff prior to the meeting.

The Historic Preservation Board Awards Ceremony will take place at the Historic Preservation Board meeting on **May 6, 2026**, where the HPB Chairperson will present the recipients with their award certificates.