



# News Release

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## Three Projects Within Summit County Honored with State Historic Merit Awards

On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio History Center in Columbus, the State Historic Preservation Office recognized three separate projects within Summit County with 2016 Ohio History Connection, State Historic Preservation Office Awards.

The following local projects received awards for preserving part of Ohio's history by restoring, rehabilitating, and reusing an important building or site at the local, regional, and state level.

- **Rehabilitation of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company Triangle Building at 1180 South Main Street in Akron.** By Summit County, Chambers, Murphy & Burge Restoration Architects, Akron Phoenix Development Company and Sol Harris/Day.
- **Rehabilitation of Goodyear Hall at 1201 East Market Street in Akron.** By Industrial Realty Group, Then Design Architects, Welty Building Company, Ltd. and Preservation Principles Consulting.
- **Rehabilitation of the Falls Stamping and Welding Building at 1701 South Front Street in Cuyahoga Falls.** By Triad Communications, Chambers, Murphy & Burge Restoration Architects, Skoda Construction, David Pelligra Architects and the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

“It was an honor to be able to accept this award for all of the time, effort and hard work that our employees and partners devoted to the Triangle Building project,” stated County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “We were able to preserve and reuse a historic existing structure in the Firestone Park neighborhood, consolidate services provided to the public in an efficient work environment and save tax dollars.”

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The County of Summit and its partners invested approximately \$24 million in the Firestone Park neighborhood of Akron on the Triangle Building. The historic World War I-era building, named after its triangular-shaped footprint, was once part of the Firestone tire and rubber manufacturing campus and most recently supported the Bridgestone Technical Center that moved further south in Firestone Park a few years ago. The facility is home to the County of Summit's Job and Family Services, Sanitary Sewer Services, Board of Revision, Human Resources, Summit County Land Bank, Summit Soil & Water Conservation District, Physical Plants, and Records Center and Archives.

“On behalf of the County, I would also like to congratulate the other award recipients from Summit County,” said Executive Shapiro. “The fact that 3 of the 16 awards were given to projects in Summit County speaks volumes to the creativity, innovation and energy in our community.”

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