



***Brodhead Armory Preservation Society, Inc.***

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Historic Districts Commission  
City of Detroit  
2 Woodward Avenue  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear City of Detroit Historic Districts Commissioners,

The Brodhead Armory Preservation Society is a non-profit organization that was established in 1998 for the purpose of coordinating efforts to rehabilitate and maintain the Armory. The Society was founded by civilians and for several years, we sponsored tours of the Armory to raise the public's awareness of the facility as a historic resource. We have also fundraised for the restoration of the historic frescos in the Brodhead Armory.

The Brodhead Armory is designated to the National Register of Historic Places, the State of Michigan historic designation and City of Detroit historic district designation. The Brodhead Armory is a significant property that deserves restoration in its entirety – **not partially**. We were NOT contacted regarding this proposal by the Parade Company.

We are opposed to the planned demolition that the Parade Company has proposed for the Brodhead Armory. We are opposed to saving just a portion of the Brodhead. The ENTIRE building, and its historic interiors need to be preserved.

The building's reuse could be accomplished without the demolition presented in the Parade Co. proposal. The proposal is lacking an understanding of historic properties in Detroit, historic interiors in Detroit, and the reuse of historic properties. We are opposed to this plan as presented.

Sincerely,

Eric F. Hesse  
President