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MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
From: Debbie Galloway
Subject: **Local Landmark Designation Request**
Superintendent's House
141 Main Street
Date: September 4, 2012

The Historic Preservation Commission has received a request for Local Landmark designation for the Superintendent's House, located at 141 Main Street. The Commission will hold a public hearing to consider this request at their regular meeting on September 17, 2012. Staff requests that Council hold a public hearing at the September 18, 2012, meeting to consider this request.

The City has not yet received comments from the State Historic Preservation Office on this property, although the required 30 day waiting period has passed. Staff has spoken with the State Office, and expects to receive their comments before the public hearings take place.

Staff recommends in favor of the request.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

**PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT
LOCAL LANDMARK APPLICATION REPORT
September 4, 2012**

CASE NUMBER:	HPCL-12-02
REQUESTED ACTION:	Local Landmark Designation of 141 N. Main Street
PROPERTY OWNERS:	Curtis H. Darnell Sandra K. Darnell
APPLICANT:	Curtis H. Darnell
APPLICANT'S STATUS:	Property Owner

PROPERTY INFORMATION

LOCATION:	141 N. Main St.
PIN:	7090-0757-7907
ZONING DISTRICT:	R6 (Residential-6)
LAND USE:	Residential

STAFF ANALYSIS

The request was submitted by the property owner.

The existing house was built in 1916 by Marshall Field Company for mill superintendent Luther Knowles when the German-American Mill complex and the surrounding mill village were expanded. The property was originally developed with a smaller frame house built around 1906 for John Gregson, an early superintendent of the German-American Mill. The current brick house was built to replace the earlier house when Marshall Field expanded the mill complex in 1916. The home was occupied by subsequent superintendents of the mills through the years.

The German-American Mill was the last of the textile mills built by the Spray Water Power and Land Company under B. Frank Mebane. Construction was started in 1905 and the mill opened in 1906. Unlike the previous mills in the area, the new mill was at the center of a new community rather than an established town. The new town was built as a model mill village and named for Arthur J. Draper, president of the American Warehouse Company (1905-06) who was instrumental in planning the layout of the village. The new mill was a state-of-the-art facility at the time of its construction. The original Superintendent's House was built at this time. The mill was expanded in 1909 and 1911 before being purchased by Marshall Field and Company. In 1916, when the mill was doubled in size, the current Superintendent's House was built as part of an expansion of the surrounding mill village.

The large foursquare house is situated on a hill overlooking the former mill village and sits prominently on a large expansive lawn. Large box posts support a wide wrap-around porch with wide front and side steps. The front entrance is framed by sidelights and a three-part transom. The house retains many of its original exterior features, with the exception of one side of the wrap-around porch which has been enclosed to create a sunroom and a two story addition on the rear of the house. The porch railings have also been removed. The brick exterior was painted in the 2000's. The original exposed rafters have been encased in fascia boards. The original hipped rooflines have not been altered. Most windows and doors appear to be original to the house.

The house retains many of its original interior features, although some are known to have been removed during a 1940's remodeling, including a marble mantelpiece and three Tiffany light fixtures. There are four fireplaces in the house. There are maple hardwood floors on the first floor and oak hardwood floors on the second floor. The wide entrance hall features a prominent staircase and French doors which lead to the rear part of the house. The newel post on the staircase is believed to be original to the house. The house has 16 inch thick walls and ten foot ceilings on the first floor and nine foot ceilings on the second floor. The newel post on the staircase is believed to be original to the home.

Based upon the historical and architectural significance of the property and the above information, staff recommends in favor of the designation of the Superintendent's House as a local historic landmark.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the Local Landmark designation.

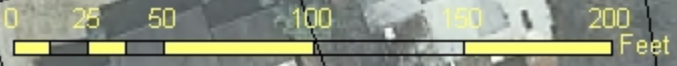
**Superintendent's House
141 Main Street**



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Prepared by and Return to:
Erin B. Gilley, City Attorney

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S HOUSE
TO BE A HISTORIC LANDMARK

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that, after the Eden Historic Preservation Commission and the City Council of the City of Eden having fully complied with all legal requirements, including publication of notices of public hearings and the holding of separate public hearings relative thereto, and the Eden Historic Preservation Commission having proposed the designation of the Superintendent's House located at 141 Main Street as a Historic Landmark and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources State Historic Preservation Office having deemed that the Superintendent's House at 141 Main Street has the requisite special significance and integrity for landmark designation, the following described property is hereby designated to be a "Historic Landmark":

Section 1: Description of the property:

Being all of that property commonly known as 141 Main Street located on the west side of Main Street and the south side of Fieldcrest Road and identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7090-0757-7907-00 and Parcel ID #110866.

Section 2: Name of Owner: Curtis Howard Darnell, Jr. and Sandra Kay Darnell

Section 3: Elements of the Property Integral to Historical Value: The existing house was built in 1916 by Marshall Field Company for mill superintendent Luther Knowles when the German-American Mill complex and the surrounding mill village were expanded. The property was originally developed with a smaller frame house built around 1906 for John Gregson, an early superintendent of the German-American Mill. The current brick house was built to replace the earlier house when Marshall Field expanded the mill complex in 1916. The home was occupied by subsequent superintendents of the mills through the years.

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Section 4: The waiting period set forth in Part 3C of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes entitled, "Historic Districts and Landmarks," shall be observed prior to any demolition on the property.

Section 5: Filings and Notices of Ordinances: The Eden Historic Preservation Commission shall:

- (a) file this Ordinance in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina;
- (b) file a copy of this Ordinance with the Codes Inspector, City of Eden; and
- (c) notify the Tax Supervisor of the Rockingham County Tax Department of the adoption of this Ordinance.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 18th day of September, 2012.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: _____

John E. Grogan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheralene Thompson, CMC
City Clerk