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City considers establishing area in exchange for state, federal tax credits

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Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie City Commission on Monday charged its historical committee to study the viability of establishing a local historic district for Park Place Center, which will encompass the old Central Savings Bank and Masonic buildings on the corner of Ashmun and East Spruce in the Sault at the request of Michigan Historic Preservation and developer Gerald Haan.

The committee, which will be the seven-member Historical Development Commission, will do an historic resource survey of the building, which will include photographs and an analysis of the building's history.

The purpose of the exercise is to establish what is known as a single resource Local Historic District, which will require Haan Development to preserve historic features of the building in exchange for state and federal tax credits.

Park Place Center is being renovated with a combination of public and private funds. A Local Historic District is different from a standard listing on the National Register of Historic Places in that the requirements for renovation are much more stringent.

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