

FARMINGTON

Farmington, New York. The Quaker settlement grew for a time and Farmington Township was known as Quakertown. Power dammed up the Rouge River and built saw and grist mills. Though the mills were barely

adequate because the Rouge did not provide sufficient water power, the Village of Farmington grew up around them. Farmington survived while other villages in the township disappeared because it became both a mill and transportation center. It was incorporated as a city in 1925. Residents of the town needed shelter and built houses in the preferred architectural styles of the period.

The surrounding farming community prospered as well. Farmers too needed shelter and they also built houses reflecting the architecture of the period. Farming waned following World War II as land values escalated and farm land was turned into subdivisions. More recently Farmington Hills has experienced industrial and commercial growth. Several notable financial and insurance institutions such as Alexander Hamilton Life, Firemans Fund, MFG Hanover Mortgage, and Michigan National Bank have located here.

The drive to preserve Farmington's heritage began with the organization of the Farmington Historical Society in 1962. The Society's first efforts were directed at saving and restoring the Quaker Cemetery. Next the Historical Society sponsored a campaign to "Save the Town Hall", followed by a campaign to "Save our old houses." This group was instrumental in saving more than 50 properties including the Halsted home, the William Drake home and the Button homestead.

Recognizing the importance of the period architecture to the personality of the Farmington area, both cities—Farmington in 1975 and Farmington Hills in 1981—created official Historical Commissions supported by tax dollars. The mission of the Historical Commissions is to investigate, point out and designate houses and buildings of historical and/or architectural merit.

A Downtown Development Authority for the City of Farmington was organized in the late 1980's. It has carried out many projects to spruce up the downtown Farmington business district while retaining its historic charm.

FARMINGTON CITY OFFICES

23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI 48335
474-5500

SERVICES

Police474-4700
Fire474-4700
Trash Removal473-7250

PROFILE

1990 Population10,132
1980 Per capita Income ..\$21,549
1992 Total labor force6,368
1992 Unemployment5.6%
1990 Avg. housing cost ..\$112,755
1991 tax rate/\$1,000 SEV ..\$55.32

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

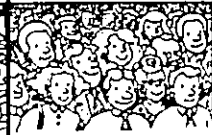
(# OF EMP.)

Farmington Schools (1,825)
Greenery Care Center (225)
K-Mart (153)
H.R. Krueger Machine Tool (140)
Farmer Jack (125)

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