

## **West-Howard House c. 1845**

The subject property has been researched and evaluated to determine its cultural heritage significance according to Ontario Regulation 9/06. This Regulation, defined in the *Ontario Heritage Act*, outlines several criteria for determining whether a property is of cultural heritage value or interest. For a property to be designated under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, it must meet two or more of these criteria, which are outlined below. By using these criteria, staff can determine if the property's cultural heritage value or interest merits designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

### Description of Property

The property at 4029 Line 6 is located on the south side Line 6. The property contains a c.1845 one and a half storey Ontario Vernacular Farmhouse. Due to its association with early settler families it is known as the West-Howard House.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

#### *Design/ Physical Value*

The West-Howard House has design and physical value as representative example of an Ontario Vernacular farmhouse. The house was built around 1845 and has elements of the Vernacular Style which includes: an end gable roof featuring a five bay façade.

#### *Historical/ Associative Value*

The West-Howard House has historic/associative value for its direct association with the Howard and West family. Both families were early settlers in the Bradford/West Gwillimbury community. Both families were active farmers, which contributed to the growth and development of the Town. *Contextual Value*

The West-Howard House has contextual value because it defines and supports and maintains the character of the agrarian routes of the community.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

*Key heritage attributes of the West-Howard House that exemplify its heritage value as a Ontario Vernacular farm house as it relates to the one and a half storey residential building include:*

- *Gable End Roofs*
- *Five Bay Façade*
- *Stone Smoke House in rear of property*

More information about the history of the subject property can be found in the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, prepared by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Municipal Heritage Committee (August 2024).