## Historical Marker - S268 - Michigan's Capital (Marker ID#:S268)





Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1965 Erected Date: 1965

**Marker Location** 

Address: Eastbound I-96 Rest Area

City: Watertown Township

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Clinton

Township: Watertown

Lat: 42.79758400 / Long: -84.71517600

Web URL:

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## Michigan's Capital

Ahead lies Lansing, capital of Michigan. In 1835, when the state was organized, Detroit was the capital, as it had been when Michigan was a territory. The capital, after much debate, was moved to its present, more centrally located site in 1847. The city of Lansing did not exist at that time, and the first capitol, completed by 1848, was built in a wilderness. Today Lansing is the center for state government and also for major industries. Michigan State University is in East Lansing.

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