

## The Washington State Historic Preservation Plan 2014-19



*"Getting the Future Right"*



### What is the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (or DAHP) ?

- Enabled by Congress through the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and in turn created by the State Legislature
- The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) serves as DAHP's Director
- Administers both federal and state historic preservation programs and laws in Washington



### What does DAHP do?

- Administers the National Register, Washington Heritage Register & Heritage Barn Register
- Certified Local Government (CLG) program
- Reviews & comments on projects that may affect historic properties (Section 106, SEPA, EXO 0505)
- Tax incentives
- State Historic Preservation Plan
- Training
- And more!



### NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966 (AS AMENDED)

"It shall be the responsibility of the State Historic Preservation Officer to administer the State Historic Preservation Program and to...

Prepare and implement a comprehensive state-wide historic preservation plan;..."

### What does the State Preservation Plan do?

- Communicates a vision for Washington's preservation community.
- Communicates goals, strategies, and specific tasks.
- Discusses trends, threats, and opportunities for historic preservation.
- It's *not* a plan for DAHP.



### How does DAHP use the Plan?

- Our annual work plan must align with Preservation Plan goals and strategies.
- The Plan guides identification of partners to achieve the tasks.
- Supports budget requests and policy directions.



### How can others use the Plan?

- Learn about statewide historic preservation issues, trends, goals, and efforts.
- Assess how local planning policies, goals, and tools integrate with historic preservation.
- To inform decision-makers and shape policy.



### Public participation process: What we heard

- Historic preservation happens at the local level.
- People engage more with historic preservation the closer it is to home.
- Preservation is economic development/sustainability.
- Stronger relationships with planners, tribes, agencies, elected officials, etc.
- More incentives.
- Better access to data, i.e. economic benefits.
- More/better communication to broader audiences.

### LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS SAID...

- 100% will take action on 3 or more policy measures related to preservation in 2 to 5 years.
- Most common policy action was support for preservation in comprehensive plans & policies.
- 100% saw the connection between preservation and other local planning/land use issues.
- “It is important to integrate historic preservation with land use plan updates.”
- “Better information/understanding of connection regarding importance of archaeological requirements.”
- “I think it is important for state, regional and local governments to work together to preserve history and promote education and preservation efforts.”

### GOAL STATEMENTS

Goal 1. Enhance communities by actively engaging historic preservation with other forces shaping our environment.



### Goal 1: Strategies

- A. Create new and enhance existing incentives for historic preservation.
- B. Increase awareness of the community and economic benefits of preservation.
- C. Promote heritage and cultural tourism.
- D. Increase connection between preservation and sustainability/environmental initiatives.
- E. Enhance local program support.

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Goal 2. Engage a broad spectrum of the public in preservation; improve access to information.



## Goal 2: Strategies

- A. Improve and expand information on historic preservation.
- B. Increase outreach to, and education for, state and local government staff and officials.
- C. Provide preservation education and hands-on training, inclusive of Tribal cultural resources.
- D. Build awareness, enthusiasm and support for historic preservation.



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Goal 3. Strengthen policies and planning processes to enhance informed and cross-disciplinary decision-making for managing cultural and historic resources.



## Goal 3: Strategies

- A. Position historic preservation to be more fully integrated into land-use decision-making processes.
- B. Establish policies and provide tools to improve protection of cultural and historic resources.
- C. Improve planning, management and funding of cultural and historic resources on state-owned and managed lands.



## Case Study: Dayton



*A textbook example*

## Case Study: Dayton

- Dayton Depot & Courthouse listed in the National Register by 1975
- Courthouse restored 1984-1993
- Comprehensive Inventory of historic properties completed in 1986
- Two residential historic districts listed in 1986
- Historic Preservation Ordinance (with Special Valuation) passed in 1992
- Dayton becomes Certified Local Government (CLG) in 1993



### Case Study: Dayton



- Guernsey-Sturdevant Bldg. rehabbed in 1992 using tax incentives
- Weinhard Hotel opened in 1994.
- Downtown Dayton Historic District listed in 1999.
- Liberty Theater reopened by TVAC in 2001.
- Design guidelines for Downtown district (2014).

### Case Study: Pasco



*A Fresh Start*

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- First historic property survey conducted in 1982.
- James Moore House, County Courthouse and Library listed in the National Register late 1970s to 1980s.
- NR listed Columbia River Bridge demolished by 1990.
- Main Street Program established in 1990s.
- Downtown Revitalization Plan 2003.
- Moore House rehabbed after fire 2003.
- Pasco Historic Preservation Commission created in 2006.
- Historic Preservation Plan adopted in 2013.

### Case Study: Pasco

- Need a Pasco register of historic places to locally recognize historic buildings
- Need more education, promotion and outreach efforts.
- Need more development opportunities and incentives for commercial buildings.
- Partnerships with heritage organizations and museums.
- Government-City and County take the lead—work together.
- Evolve ideas around past and present—with due respect for both.
- Do not involve imposing taxes.



### Case Study: Pasco

- Enhance protection and preservation of historic buildings and sites
- Encourage Building Rehabilitation to Stimulate Economic Development
- Increase Heritage Tourism
- Strengthen Public Awareness and Partnerships



# QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

**Thank You!!**

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