

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES

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CORVALLIS, OREGON



Historic structures reinforce the City's identity and contribute to its sense of community.



Spaces in historic commercial buildings are frequently large, accommodating a variety of uses while retaining the overall historic character.

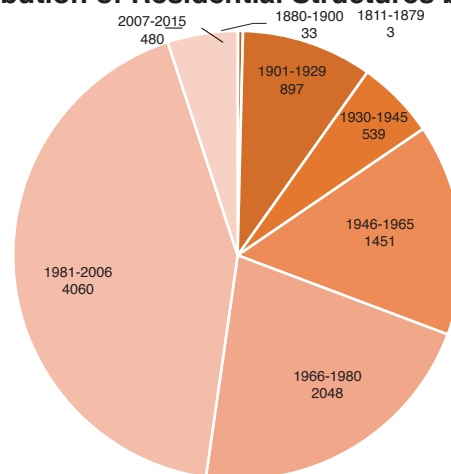


Historic buildings within Oregon State University's campus play a critical role in the preservation plan. These institutional buildings provide significant economic, sustainable, and heritage tourism benefits.

Historic Preservation Plan

The City of Corvallis, Oregon, located south of Portland, boasts an extraordinary richness of cultural resources that represent the span of the city's history and pre-history. Since the 1980s, the community has taken substantial steps to protect and preserve its historic and cultural heritage. The city, in partnerships with other groups such as Oregon State University, and individuals, established historic districts, designated individual resources, maintained the Certified Local Government (CLG) status and promoted heritage tourism through a variety of platforms. In 2013, the Collaboration Corvallis Neighborhood Planning Work Group (a community-driven effort evaluating development-related issues facing neighborhoods located near Oregon State University) recommended the creation of a thorough plan for the preservation of historic resources in Corvallis.

Distribution of Residential Structures by Age



Residential Structures

Periods	Number	Percentage
1811-1879	3	0.04
1880-1900	33	1.65
1901-1929	897	32.04
1930-1945	539	35.93
1946-1965	1451	76.37
1966-1980	2048	146.29
1981-2006	4060	162.40
2007-2015	480	60.00

Approximately 30% of the City's residential structures are greater than 50 years old. This chart illustrates the range of ages of the City's residential structures, with a large amount of the structures being built after 1980.



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In many parts of the city, entire neighborhoods maintain their historic character and provide places to live today while retaining a sense of the past.



The community identified several preservation principles they considered to be vital for preservation in Corvallis.

SERVICES:

- » Historic Preservation Plan
- » Public Process
- » Historic Building Survey Strategy
- » Review of Existing Preservation Regulations & Incentives

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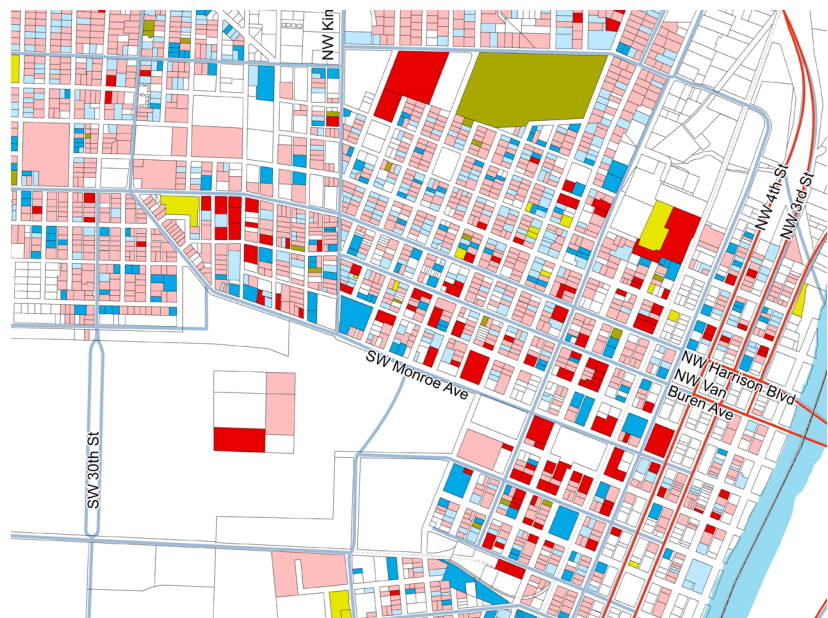
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In 2016, the City engaged Winter & Company to develop the Historic Preservation Plan, which begins by analyzing the current preservation program and identifying key issues of each program component. Then, the Plan provides recommendations for the administration of the program, historic resource identification methods, policies and plans that help manage the program, available incentives and benefits, and potential educators and advocates for historic preservation. The Plan concludes with Implementation Matrices that divide the recommendations into goals, policies and actions. Set to a timeline, the Implementation Matrices indicate a logical order of recommendations for the expansion of the preservation program.

The plan development process included extensive outreach that Winter & Company directed on site, online and through phone conversations. Two public workshops and one open house educated the community on the process and solicited extensive comments regarding developed content; an online survey provided additional opportunities for community comment; meetings with a variety of stakeholder groups explained the perspectives through which the community views preservation; and numerous meetings with city staff and the Historic Resources Commission provided opportunities for in-depth discussions about the program, chances to review the content of the Plan, and time to provide instruction on how to utilize and implement the Plan's content.



This map shows properties throughout Corvallis that have been surveyed and determined eligible and contributing.



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