



OREGON HERITAGE COMMISSION

2005 - 2007

ACTION PLAN

(not prioritized)

This Action Plan shows how the Oregon Heritage Commission will implement the Oregon Heritage Plan during 2005-2007.

1. Use technology to improve coordination by:
 - Enhancing the content and the delivery of the Oregon Heritage listserv;
 - Making professional development more widely accessible to heritage organizations and constituents;
 - Publishing an electronic “Users Guide” to Oregon’s local, regional and ethnic heritage organizations and resources.
2. Plan and carry out with diverse partners an Oregon Statehood Sesquicentennial that increases understanding statewide of the state’s past and instills a passion and a vision for creating a bright future.
3. Study the quantity and quality of Oregon history instruction in grades K-12, including that related to the history of the nine federally recognized tribes and their geography.
4. Work to increase the cultural and historical competence of Oregon teachers and other citizens, including promoting workshops that train teachers to include heritage learning and activities in their lessons.
5. Collaborate with the Oregon Cultural Trust and the statewide cultural partners to expand public understanding and appreciation of heritage.
6. Co-sponsor an annual Heritage Conference for statewide and regional heritage organizations and constituents that includes a “town meeting” for discussion of ongoing and developing heritage issues.
7. Conduct a statewide survey of current heritage needs and publish results.
8. Work to increase funding sources for heritage and museum development.
9. Link heritage to the Brand Oregon economic and tourism initiative.
10. Strengthen relationships with local, regional and ethnic heritage organizations.
11. Give special recognition to individuals and organizations for their leadership and contributions to heritage conservation in Oregon.



OREGON HERITAGE BY THE NUMBERS

Number of native languages once spoken in the state	17
Number of native languages spoken in the state today	4
Number of new housing starts in Oregon, 2003	25,000
Number of individual Oregon listings on National Register of Historic Places, May 1, 2005	1,733
Number of Oregon properties added to National Register, 2004.	27
Number of National Historic Districts in Oregon, October 1, 2004	106 <i>(comprising about 2,500 buildings)</i>
Number of National Historic Landmarks in Oregon, 2003	15
Number of cities and counties qualified as Certified Local Governments to receive historic preservation grant funds, October 1, 2004	22
Number of reported visitors to Oregon museums, 2003	3.05 million
Percentage of museum visitors from Oregon, 2003	76
Government dollars spent per museum visitor, 2003	\$2.06
Private dollars spent per museum visitor, 2003	\$14.59
Estimated value of volunteer hours contributed to museums, 2003	\$6.9 million
Number of full and part-time museum staff, 2003	665
Percentage of Oregon's domestic pleasure travelers who enjoy historic sites and attractions, 1999	28
Number of identified archaeological sites, as of May 1, 2005	25,277
Percentage of museums with an operating budget deficit, 2003	33
Number of highway historical markers that were new, replica replacements, or restored in 2004	6
Number of highway historical markers, Jan. 1, 2005	101
Number of State Heritage Tree sites dedicated in 2004	4
Number of State Heritage Tree sites, Jan. 1, 2005	32
Number of farms and ranches designated Century Farms and Ranches during year, 2005	20
Number of designated Century Farms and Ranches as of Sept. 2005 (an undetermined number of these farms and ranches no longer exist)	1,120
Number of high school students enrolled in Oregon history classes	Not available
Number of anthropology and history graduates, Oregon University System, 2004	Not available
Unfunded heritage needs, 2001	\$96.9 million
Number of registered historic cemeteries (established prior to 1909)	639

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