

***Keep it Real:***

***Finding Authenticity with Preservation  
Tools and Partners***

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# Finding and Preserving Authenticity . . .

- What is still here today?
- What was here?
- Why did early developers make these choices?
- Where can I find more resources for preserving with authenticity?

# What is Still Here Today?

Where to start?

Do a walk-about!

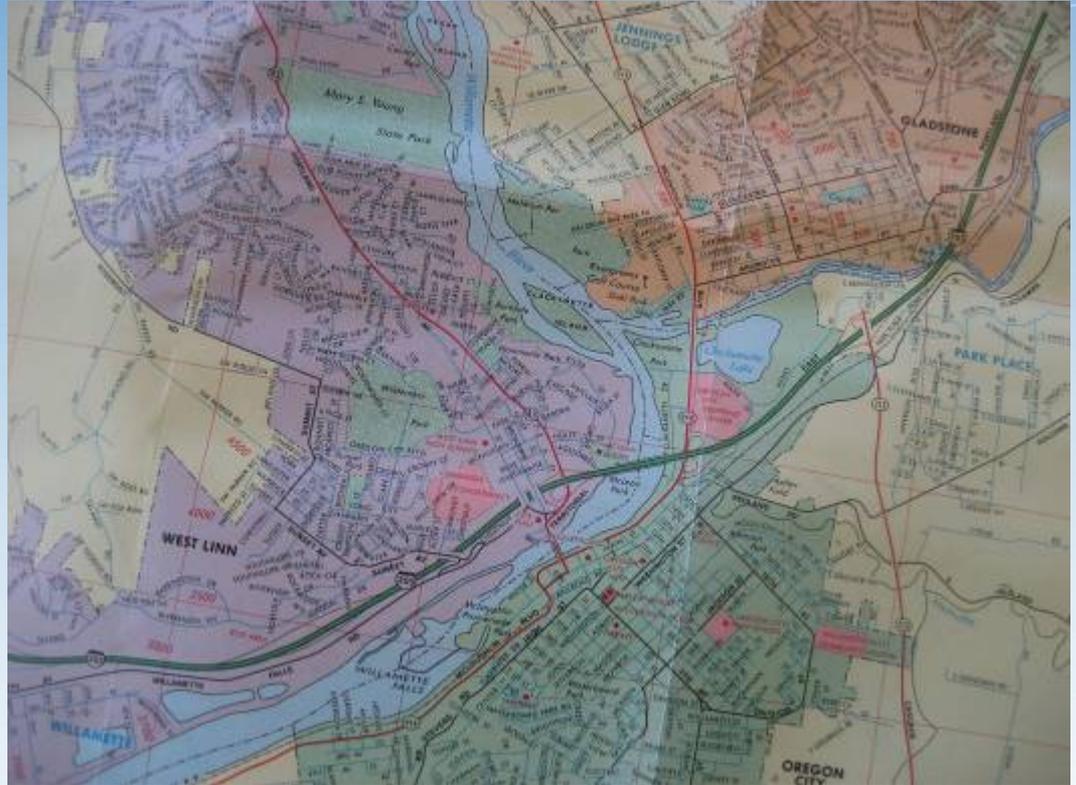
Look carefully at your downtown through new eyes.



# Bring a Map

Look at:

- Layout
- Waterways
- Transportation routes
- Natural features

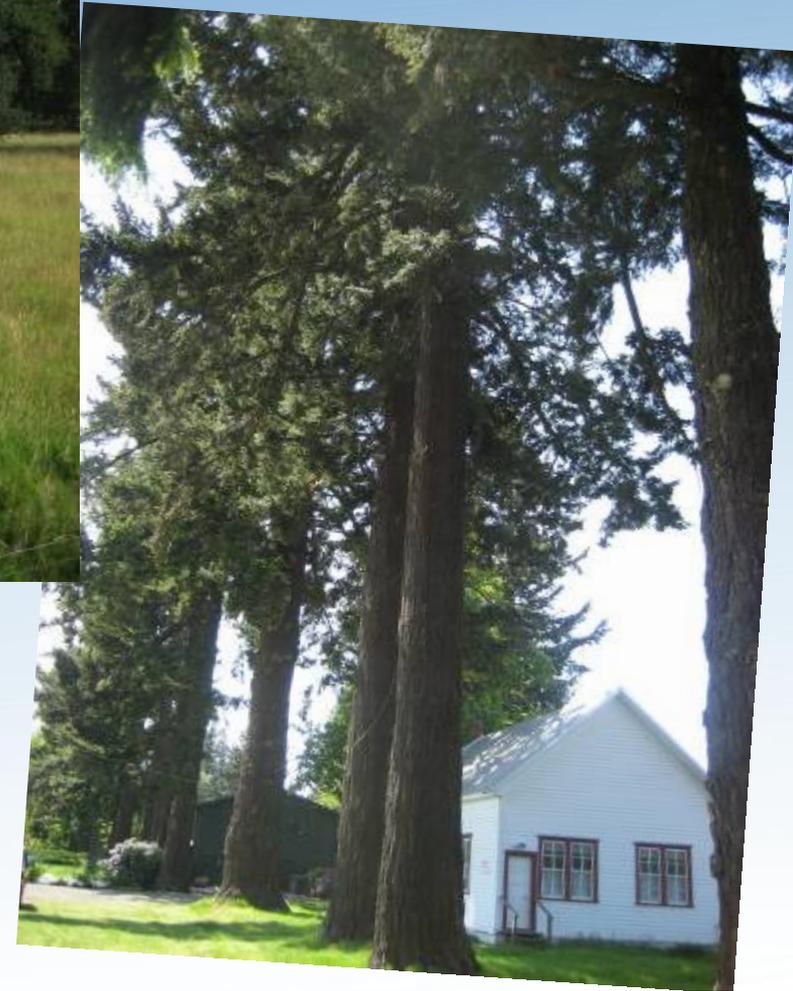


# Natural Setting

Note the:

- Native flora
- Soil & stone
- Wildlife
- Mature trees
- Mature gardens





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# And the Buildings!

Study the existing architecture:

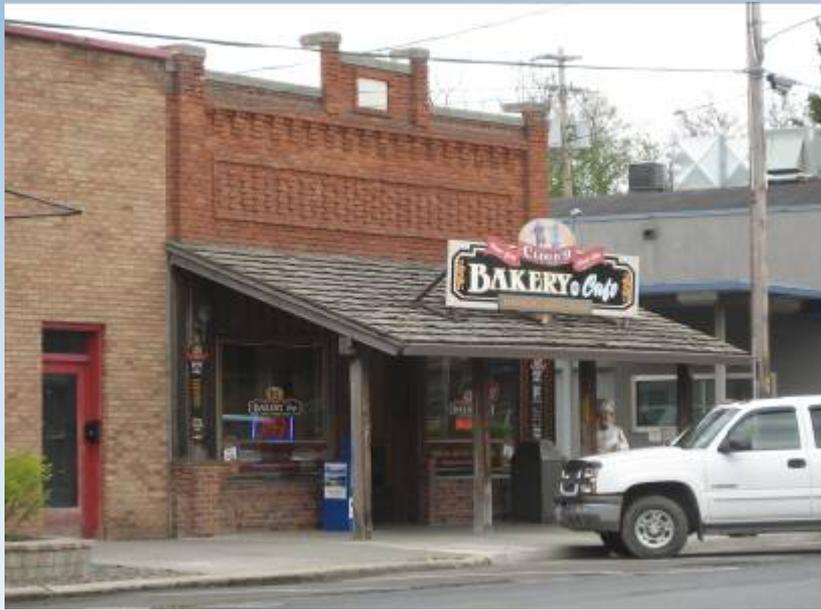
- Styles
- Materials
- Fenestration
- Alterations
- Doorways
- Access



# Styles



# Materials



# Fenestration



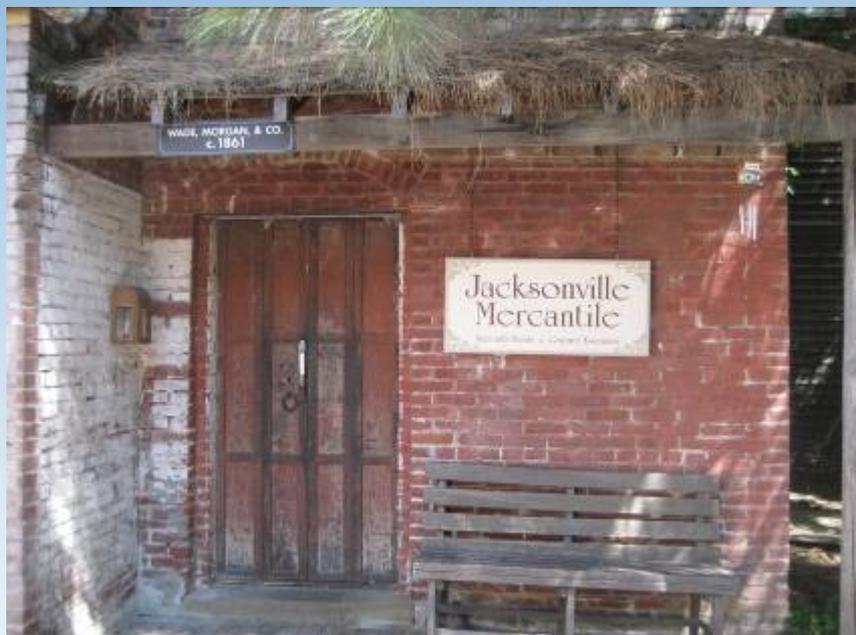
# Alterations?



# Doorways & Access



# Details



# Can you detect the age?



# Is the original use obvious?



# Ask for help and look further:

- Local Historic Inventory
- Oregon Historic Sites Database
- City or County Planner
- Architectural historians
  - Local historians
  - SHPO – CLG & Main Street
  - HPLO, AHC/BMF & NTHP
  - Private consultants

# Local Historic Inventory

- Required by Oregon land-use laws in the 1980s
- Maybe just a list
- Or a “Cultural Resource Inventory”
- Paper or digital
- Make copies!

**Historic Site Form-Intensive Level Survey**

**Location Information**  
Address: 24718 E Arthur Mashey Rd  
City: Rhododendron OR 97199  
County: Clackamas  
USGS Location Information: USGS Quad frame: Rhododendron UTM Zone: UTM Easting: UTM Northing:

**Source Information**  
Name: ORGAN, COY C & WAVE, CABIN/STEINER CABIN  
Construction date: 1930  
Historic use: SINGLE DWELLING  
Architectural style: LOG-ROUND SHINGLE  
Framing: Log

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK**  
Location description: Single Woodshed  
Associated address:  
Current/other names:  
Farmstead/cluster name:  
# assoc resources: 1 # contributing: # noncontributing: 1  
Description: Non-historic shed  
Local designation: Historic Landmark  
Historic use comments: Recreational residential  
Trim style comments: Steiner Cabin  
Siding comments: Vertical logs with one over-lap round shingle, shingles on upper gable end  
Plan type: Period Cottage  
Architect: builder: Henry Steiner  
Window materials: Wood

# Oregon Historic Sites Database

- Data from 1980's inventories >
- Info but not pictures or maps
- Listed by street name
- Searchable

<http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/>

- City: ...or... County:*
- Street Name:*
- Nbr: to (optional) Dir:*
- Township: Range: Section:*
- Group Name:*
- Property Name Like:*
- Resource Type:*
- Eligibility Eval:*
- Construction Year(s):*
- Original Use/Function:*
- Architectural Style:*
- Architect/Builder:*
- National Register Options*

# People who can help you identify what is still here:

- City or County Planners
- Architectural historians
  - Local
  - SHPO – CLG & Main Street
  - HPLO, AHC/BMF & NTHP
  - Private consultants



# Alphabet Soup

## AGENCIES:



SHPO = State Historic Preservation Office

CLG = Certified Local Government @ SHPO



NPS = National Park Service

NR = National Register @ NPS

## NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:



HPLO = Historic Preservation League of Oregon

AHC/BMF = Architectural Heritage Center/Bosco  
Milligan Foundation



NTHP = National Trust for Historic Preservation

# What Was Here?

Have existing buildings changed dramatically over time?

What was here that is now gone?



# Where to Look?

- **HISTORIC PHOTOS**
  - Historical Society – local & county
  - Library
  - Newspapers
  - Local historians
  - Oregon Historical Society
  - Salem Library Photo Collection
- **HISTORIC MAPS**
  - Sanborn Maps



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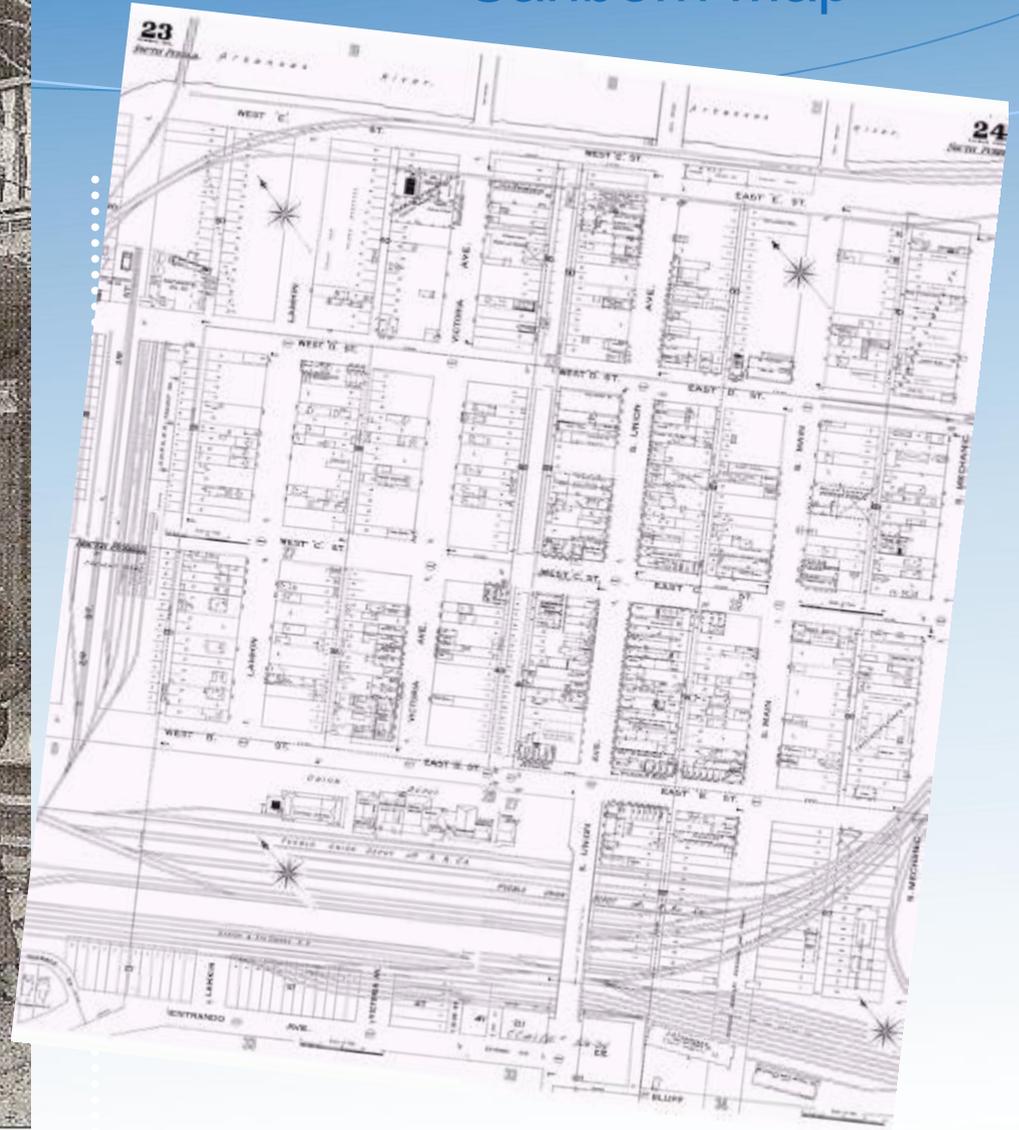
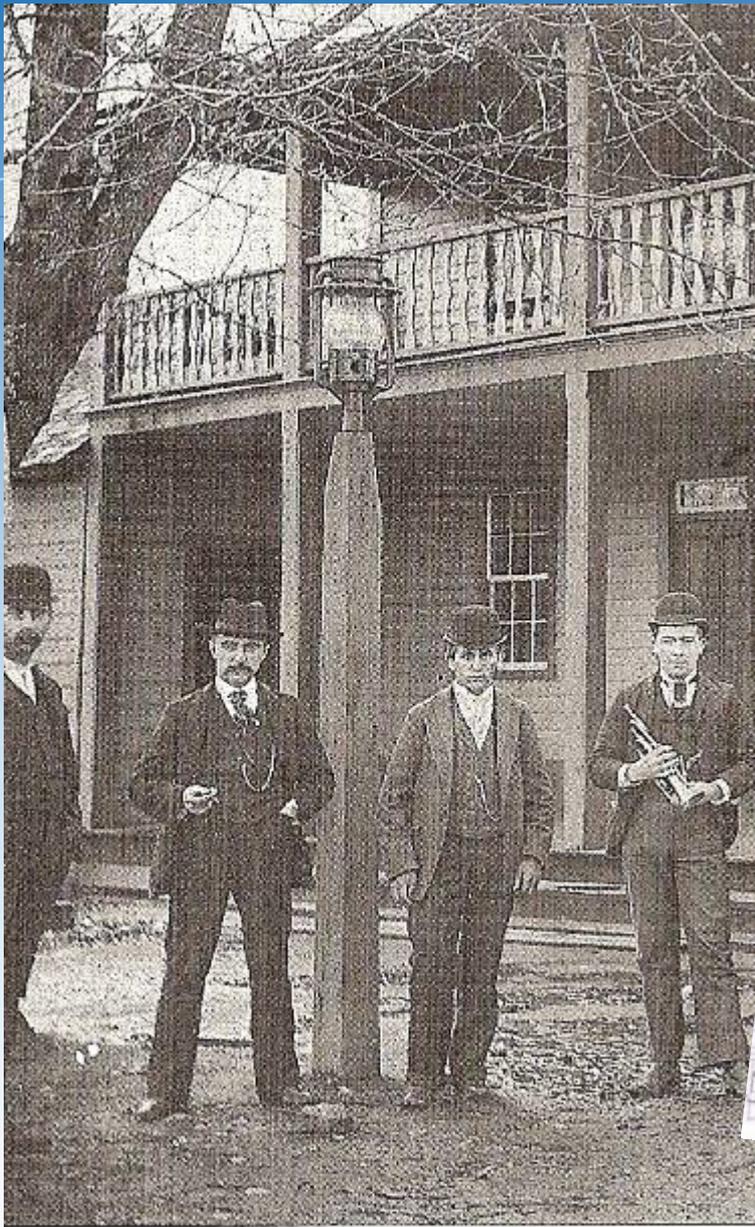




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# Sanborn Map



# Why did early developers make these choices?

Indigenous materials?

Indigenous people?

Transportation?

Agriculture?

Industrial?



# Indigenous materials. . .



# More indigenous materials...



# Carry the local spirit & identity through...



# Indigenous people . . .



# Transportation . . .



# Agriculture . . .

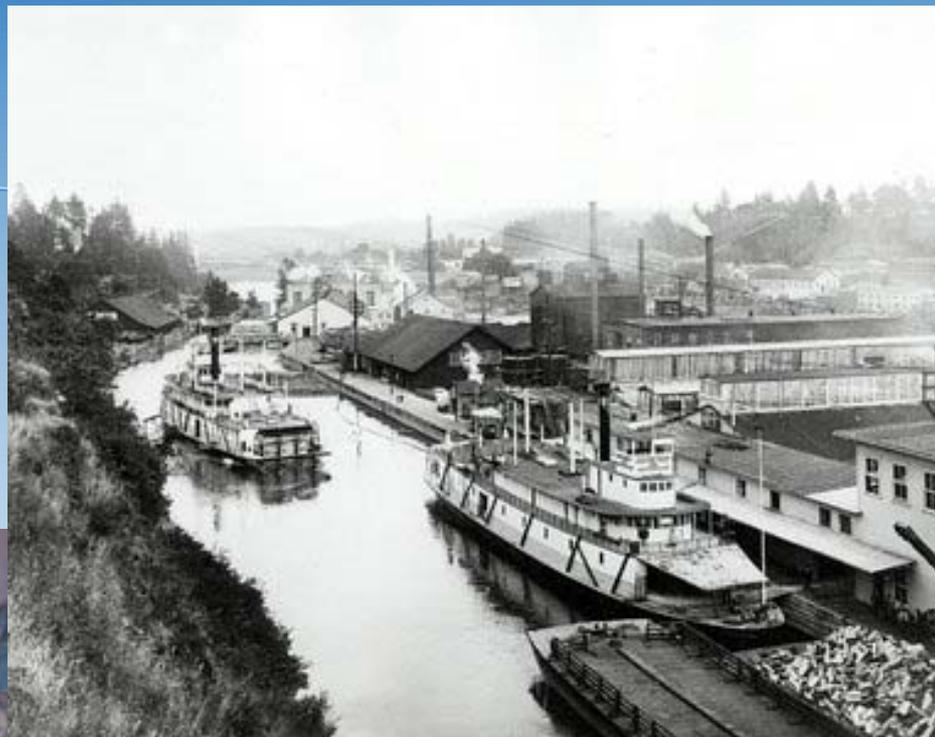


# Industrial . . .



# And showcase your stories . . .





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# RESOURCES

- Historic Inventory
- Oregon Historic Sites Database
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Historic Review Board, Landmarks Commission
- Architectural historians
- Local historians
- Historic photos
- Local historical society

# MORE RESOURCES:

- Local library
- County historical society
- Sanborn Maps
- Oregon Historical Society
- Salem Library photo collection
- Local newspapers – photos, articles and old ads
- Oregon Newspaper Project
- City/County assessor and/or Archives



# MORE RESOURCES & PARTNERS:

- Certified Local Government (CLG @ SHPO)
- Oregon State Archives
- Oregon Main Street (@ SHPO)
- Historic Preservation League of Oregon (HPLO)  
statewide preservation non-profit
- Architectural Heritage Center/Bosco-Milligan  
Foundation (AHC/BMF) Portland-metro non-profit
- Oregon Historical Society (OHS)

# STATE & REGIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES

- Oregon Museums Association (OMA)
- Western Museums Association (WMA)
- Oregon Historic Cemeteries Assoc
- ODOT: Cultural Resources
- BLM: Heritage Resources
- Oregon Historic Markers Committee
- Oregon Historic Trails Commission

# NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES

- National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP)  
nationwide preservation non-profit
  - Main Street
  - Cultural Heritage Tourism
- National Park Service – Cultural Resources (NPS)  
nationwide preservation agency
  - National Register of Historic Places (NR)
- American Assoc of Museums (AAM)

# MORE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES:

- American Assoc of State & Local History (AASLH)
- Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS)
- Assoc for Living History, Farm & Ag Museums
- Small Museum Association
- Costume Society of America
- Smithsonian
- National Barn Alliance

# Keep it Real!

Identify *your*  
authentic town!

Do your  
homework!

Be informed by  
the true spirit that  
has sustained  
your unique  
community!



# *Thank you!*

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