

## **CLG Guide to the Oregon Historic Sites Database**

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The Oregon Historic Sites Database contains records of historic properties in Oregon. Each record includes information such as a property's age and style, historical background, and if it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Users can access the database to view historic properties within their city or area, where these properties are located, their physical features, and why they may be significant. Property records can be displayed in a list or map view, and Inventory Forms and National Register nominations are available for download.

Communities can use the Oregon Historic Sites Database to inform decisions pertaining to economic development, planning and permitting, and tourism and education.

### **Economic Development:**

- Support community development by integrating policy plans and programs aimed at fostering a pride of place and an appreciation of history and cultural heritage in a community through historic properties.
- Identify individual or concentrations of historic properties that meet age and physical integrity requirements and educate property owners about the benefits of listing in a local or National Registers, including eligibility for local grants and tax incentives.
- Create local economic incentives to promote preservation to help stabilize and increase property values in areas identified for redevelopment and revitalization.
- Identify individual and concentrations of historic properties that can be invested in to create affordable housing or adaptive reuse projects using Federal and state investment tax incentives.

### **Planning & Permitting:**

- Identify individual and concentrations of historic properties with local importance for potential historic districts, conservation districts, revitalization planning areas, and areas that would benefit from design guidelines and infill standards.
- Identify areas where streamlined permitting could occur and/or the use of Historic Building Code to facilitate planning.
- Identify areas where special zoning could be used to assist good planning practices or to protect historic resources.
- Identify historic properties in advance of transportation or infrastructure planning to minimize or avoid environmental impacts and to help streamline the planning process.
- Know where historic properties are located before floods, earthquakes, wind storms, and other disasters strike. Identifying historic properties can help in planning good emergency response strategies and help prevent unnecessary demolition of historic buildings. A streamlined

response also could be developed based on the relative historic importance of certain properties or neighborhoods.

### **Tourism & Education**

- Know where historic properties are located and what types of historic properties exist to assist in planning for heritage tourism strategies and public education programs.
- Develop and use design guidelines to protect the character of historic areas and neighborhoods.
- Create walking, biking, driving, audio or web tours of historic properties or areas.
- Encourage business uses compatible with historic buildings and historic areas by developing compatible adaptive reuse strategies and recommending sound maintenance practices.
- Educate owners of historic properties about the benefits of listing historic properties in either a local or National Register, such as local and grants or low-interest loans, and local, Federal and state economic incentives.