



WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE TIMELINE

1966

- Senate Bill 363 empowers the Director of WA State Parks & Rec to promulgate and maintain a state register of historic places.
- Fort Vancouver and the Whitman Mission Historic Site become first properties in State to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Marmes Rockshelter, Chinook Point and American and English Camps on San Juan Island become the first National Historic Landmarks listed in the state.

1967

- SB 363 passed establishing the state's first historic Preservation Program (the Advisory Council on Historic Sites) which is housed within State Parks. Program is not funded and council is staffed by State Parks Interpretive Staff.

1968

- Further testing done at the Marmes Rockshelter on Palouse River revealing the oldest human remains in the Western Hemisphere.
- First meeting of the State Advisory Council held, January 17th.

1971

- Referendum 28 passed allocating \$277,000 for historic preservation purposes to projects around the state. \$17,835 towards archaeological excavations and a historic marker program established.
- 205 historic sites surveyed statewide by the establishment of county liaisons.
- State Historic Register established.
- Washington State Historic Preservation Inventory Project begins with contract between State Parks and Washington State University. Professional level survey becomes basis for statewide inventory of historic resources.

1972

- Awards program established for preservation related projects in the state.

1973

- James Wilcox House in Port Townsend opens as one of the Northwest's first B & B's paving the way towards the preservation of large historic homes.
- Preservation Workshop held in Stellicoom. First of its kind in the state.
- Office budget \$110,040.00 with three staff members.
- NPS sends out quote from Bible to justify work of SHPO's.
"Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark and all the people shall say, Amen." Deuteronomy 27:17.
- David Hansen appointed as "Chief" of the Office of Archeology & Historic Preservation.

1974

- Washington State Historic Preservation Inventory Project ends. 1,389 inventories completed.
- 121 properties listed on the NR in state. Office reviews 57 environmental impact statements and 23 Corps of Engineer permits.

1975

- Earl D. Layman becomes City of Seattle's first Preservation Officer, the first municipally funded Preservation Officer position in the country.
- Office issues Bricks & Mortar grants in excess of \$272,000 for 16 projects across the state.
- Art Skolnik appointed as first the official State Historic Preservation Officer.

1976

- Office becomes own state agency.

1977

- Louis Guzzo appointed as second State Historic Preservation Officer. Jeanne Welch serves as Deputy.
- State Historic Preservation Office moves to McCleary Mansion.

1978

- Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve established, first in nation.
- Multiple Property nomination for historic resources in Walla Walla rescinded by ACHP due to objection by community.

1979

- Archaeological Resource Protection Act passed.
- Several ACHP members resign over SHPO refusal to forward Thurston County Courthouse nomination to NPS for NR listing.

1980

- WAC 25-12 adopted requiring OAHP to compile a list of consultants qualified to complete NR nominations.

1981

- Jake Thomas appointed as State Historic Preservation Officer.
- Several OAHP staffers laid off due to non-appropriation of federal funds.
- Establishment of DOE files "Red Files". Mason County Courthouse first resource to be reviewed.

1983

- Stable funding for OAHP received.
- Certified Local Government program established.

1984

- Hanford B Reactor designated a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark, first in WA State. One of only three.
- Federal appropriation for office reaches \$350,000.

1986

- Steven Nys and David Burger, WSU architectural students, receive 1st place in the Charles Peterson Prize for their HABS documentation of the T.A. Leonard Barn outside of Pullman.
- Office consolidated with Department of Community Development (OCD).

1987

- Clovis Points dating back to 11,000 years discovered in an East Wenatchee orchard.

1989

- Office publishes Built in Washington, a general book on the history of the built environment.
- Office co-sponsors "Geospatial Archaeological Workshop" at Maryhill Museum to highlight the latest advances in using Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Electronic Marker Systems (EMS).

1990

- Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) passed.

1991

- OAHP begins to microfiche historic and archaeological survey records.
- SHPO Award program established.

1992

- Mary Thompson appointed as State Historic Preservation Officer.

1993

- Department of Community Development (OCD) merges with Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development (CTED).
- SHB 1910 passed requiring all state agencies to provide OAHP with an inventory of buildings 50 years and older and/or list of buildings eligible for NR. To be completed by June 30, 1995.
- State's first Archaeological Week held. Later develops into Archaeology Month.

1995

- Barstow Bridge in Kettle Falls (1947) becomes first post WWII resource listed on the NR in State.

1996

- Bones of 9,200 year old man found alongside the Columbia River in Kennewick.
- Congress establishes the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.
- David Hansen appointed as Acting State Historic Preservation Officer.
- OAHP and Department of the Navy fund US Navy Shipwrecks and Submerged Aircrafts in WA State waters study.
- Cultural Resource Training Program at The Dalles begins.

1998

- Office moves from McCleary Mansion to Lacey Office at Golf Club Road.

1999

- Dr. Allyson Brooks becomes SHPO.

2001

- Office moves to Capitol Park Building at 1063 S. Capitol Way.
- Office hires first assistant State Archaeologist.
- All electronic historic property inventory form available for the first time (Access database).

2002

- Civil penalty authority granted to OAHP for violations of archaeological statutes.
- Office begins scanning project to archive old records.

2003

- Largest Native American village site in Washington discovered in Port Angeles (Tse-whit-zen).
- OAHP launches "Nifty from the Last 50 Initiative", the state's first directed effort to recognize and record the states post WWII resources.

2004

- Completion of 2nd State Historic Preservation Plan.
- The **W**ashington **I**nformation **S**ystem for **A**rchitectural and **A**rchaeological **R**ecords **D**ata (WISAARD) goes on-line to allow users to search for listed properties via a map or a text query and download State and NR nominations.
- DAHP Asian American Archaeology poster wins a 2nd place in the 2004 poster contest sponsored by the Society for American Archaeology.

2005

- Digital images replace conventional color slides for National Register submittals.
- Electronic submittal of Historic Property Inventory form required.
- State Historic Preservation Office becomes its own state agency for the second time. Renamed the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation. New logo created.

- Governor Gregoire signs Executive Order 05-05 requiring that all state capitol projects go through cultural resource review.
- State capitol historic complex brought under the protection of Secretary of the Interior Standards by SB bill 1995 (now RCW 79.24).
- Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program was established.
- Historic Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program began with nearly \$13 million allocated.

2006

- DAHP begins acquiring information for New Deal project database.
- DAHP completes Economic Benefit Study of Historic Preservation.

2007

- Establishment of Heritage Barn Program which includes Heritage Barn Register and grant program. 159 properties listed in first round.
- Completion of scanning of all legacy Historic Property Inventory Forms; 30,526 inventory forms.

2008

- DAHP joins other state agencies to move to a 4-10 work schedule in order to conserve energy.
- DAHP hires State Physical Anthropologist. The first SHPO office in the country to have such a person on staff.

2009

- Wisaard 2.0 is launched which includes posting of all Historic Property Inventory data, Archaeological Survey forms and Reports to the web.

2010

- Main Street Program is moved to DAHP from Department of Commerce.
- 2009 Archaeology Month Poster "*The Power of Place*" wins 2010 American Archaeology Poster Award.

2011

- DAHP launches new website.

2013

- "She Who Watches" PSA for Archaeology Month wins 1st place award by the National Association of Television Officers &

Advisors in government programming category. The PSA was developed by TVW, Washington State's Public Television Station.

- DAHP establishes Facebook page.

2015

- DAHP moves into basement of 1930 Thurston County Courthouse.
- DAHP creates new LOGO.

2019

- DAHP and WA Trust for HP co-host National Main Street Conference in Seattle – March 25-27th.
- New version of Wisaard released in Dec, designed by ESRI.

2020

- Office is closed in March due to COVID-19 Pandemic. All employees telecommute from home.

2021

- Story of DAHP State Register listing of Kurt Cobain childhood house is published in "Rolling Stone" magazine.
- Story of WISAARD and streamlining regulations is published in "The Hill" magazine.