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Dear [Individual or Business],

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation's mission is to help individuals and grassroots organizations across the state preserve and revive Washington's historic structures. As suburban sprawl and roadside development make more and more places look the same, our organization works hard to help communities keep their identities intact. We are writing you today to share our mission in hopes you will join us in working to save the places that matter in Washington State.

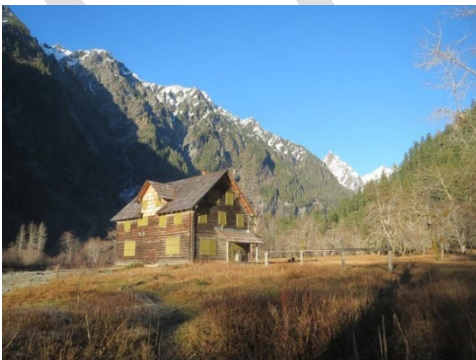
On its most basic level, historic preservation is the practice of conserving resources. Not only do restoration and redevelopment consume less energy than demolition and new construction, but preservation also recovers the worth of past energy investment. Architecture is a direct and substantial representation of history and place. By preserving historic structures, we are able to share the very spaces and environments in which the generations before us lived. Historic preservation is the visual and tangible conservation of cultural identity.

Thanks to member support, we were able to accomplish the following preservation work:

Washington State Main Street Program – Our wonderful Main Street Coordinator, Sarah Hansen, continues to expand this highly effective state program working to achieve economic vitality for Washington's historic downtown communities through revitalization and preservation. In 2014, the program generated nearly 400 new businesses and over 1,300 new jobs across Washington. RevitalizeWA, the upcoming Preservation and Main Street Conference in Bellingham, May 6 to 8, will provide a forum for an exchange of ideas and best practices regarding the revitalization of historic commercial districts. This year's event will take place in the Mount Baker Theatre, a beautifully restored 1927 architectural treasure and the largest performing arts facility of its kind north of Seattle.



Bellingham's historic Mount Baker Theatre



Most Endangered Historic Properties List– Every year, many historic properties across the state of Washington are threatened by demolition or neglect. Collectively, these properties contribute to the quality of life we enjoy and shape the daily experiences of living in small towns, large cities and Washington's rural countryside. The Most Endangered List is generated through nominations from individuals and grassroots organizations seeking to protect local community landmarks. The Trust brings media attention and technical assistance to these properties and

Enchanted Valley Chalet, Olympic National Park advocates for a positive outcome for all stakeholders.



YHP Students in Seattle's Chinatown/International District

Discover Washington: Youth Heritage Project: Youth Heritage Project (YHP) is a four-day interactive field-school that engages high-school students and teachers by connecting them to historic, cultural and natural resources. YHP is designed to introduce the topics of preservation and stewardship to a younger generation in order to cultivate future leaders in the preservation movement. Previous YHP events have taken place in the Yakima Valley, Mt. Rainier National Park, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve on Whidbey Island, and Seattle's Chinatown/International District. This year's YHP

will be held at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, July 15 to 18, and will explore the early settlement of the American West, the process and significance of archaeological excavation, and the merits of reconstruction as a method of historic preservation.

Heritage Barn Grant Program— The Trust continues to administer this successful program on behalf of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, providing grants to assist heritage barn owners in maintaining and restoring some of our state's most cherished and iconic structures. The Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has designated nearly 600 agricultural structures as official heritage barns with each county in the state represented.



Johnson Barn - Skagit County

As a private nonprofit organization, we depend on preservation-minded individuals to support us in the work of protecting Washington's historic resources and advocating for good preservation policy at the state level. In this era of shrinking budgets, especially with regard to heritage and culture, your support can make a significant difference both to the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and to the hundreds of people, places and projects we impact each year.

Enclosed is a donation form, and you can give online at www.preservewa.org/Donate.aspx. If you have any questions about the organization, please contact [ED or Outreach Chair] at [phone] or [email].

Best regards,