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Historic Property Survey and Inventory of the Winslow Main Street area

Bainbridge Island, WA (February 3, 2011) - The City of Bainbridge Island (CoBI) was awarded a Historic Preservation Fund grant from the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) on behalf of the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum (BIHM). The grant will be used to update its existing inventory and survey 33 additional historic properties within the Winslow Main Street area. As a Certified Local Government (CLG), the City's Historic Preservation Commission must meet certain statutory requirements related to historic preservation for participation in the CLG program.

BIHM and the Historic Preservation Commission will oversee this survey effort with the assistance of a professional consultant, Site Story. Over the next few months, the project team will be conducting in-depth archival research and fieldwork to document historic properties including taking photographs of the building's exterior and documenting physical condition and alterations. **All survey work will take place from the public right-of-way; no property access is required.**

The survey and inventory work plays a critical role in cultural resource management. This research will provide the city with a record of its historical development, as well as help identify those historic buildings that may be eligible for the Bainbridge Island Historic Register.

If you have personal knowledge of Winslow property history or information you'd like to share - such as historic photographs, oral interview contacts, etc - please contact the Site Story team or the Historical Museum by phone or email:

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An event is planned for May during National Preservation Month to celebrate the island's unique heritage and share our survey findings with the community.

The mission of the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum (BIHM) is to collect, interpret, safeguard and display significant items from the island's colorful past; to foster a knowledge of local history through educational programs; and to support historic preservation on Bainbridge Island. The museum operates the 1908 schoolhouse Museum and Historic Research Library located at 215 Ericksen Avenue NE. To find out more, please visit www.bainbridgehistory.org.

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