

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEYS: NOT JUST ANOTHER LIST

Oregon Historic Resource Survey Program
Oregon SHPO

What is a “historic” resource?



Survey



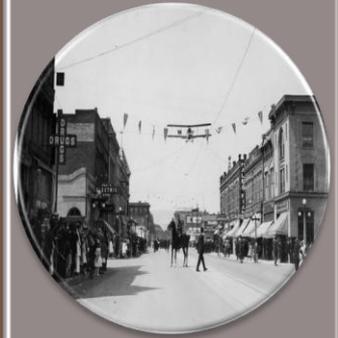
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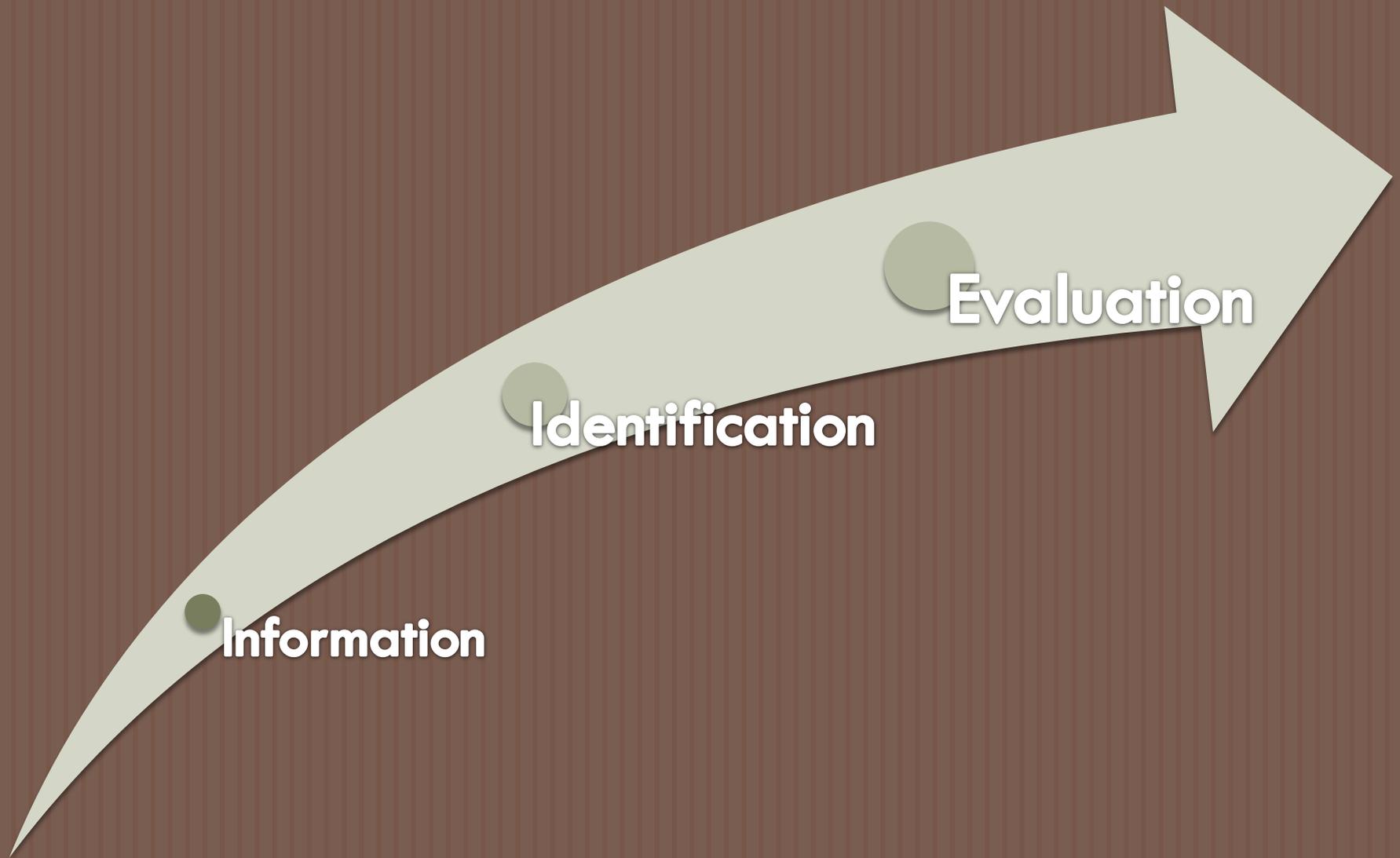
**ORS
358.653**



**Local
criteria**



What is a historic resource survey?



What is a historic resource survey?

- Provides information about historic resources important and useful to local governments

What historic resources exist?



Where are they located?



What are the character-defining features?



Why are they significant?



How do they need to be treated?



Why do local governments do survey?

Basis for informed decisions

Historic resource compliance

Record creation

Integrate into HP planning

Public awareness

Better understanding of heritage

Successful CLG program

How is survey used by local gov'ts?





Historic Preservation

- Local designations
- Local and national registers/nominations
- Use Federal Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credits, Oregon Special Assessment Program, Preserving Oregon Grants
- General Plan Element
- Preservation Ordinance



Zoning and Planning

- Historic Districts
- Local Historic Districts
- Conservation Districts
- Zones for development
- Design Guidelines and Review
- Infill Standards
- Streamlining Permits
- Historic Building Code



Disaster Planning and Response

- Identify significant historic resources before disaster strikes (Floods? Earthquakes? Wind storms?)
- Response to disaster is different for historic buildings
- ORS 358.653
- Prevents demolition of buildings that could/should be preserved



Transportation Planning

- Know where historic resources are before beginning transportation planning
- Identify existing infrastructure that is underutilized and/or will need to be upgraded
- Whenever possible, plan to avoid adverse impacts to historic districts and neighborhoods



Affordable Housing and Adaptive Reuse

- Establish eligibility for federal funding and tax incentives
- Identify buildings suitable for adaptive reuse
- Develop plans for adaptive reuse of existing building stock
- Develop design guidelines for compatible infill for historic and conservation districts or neighborhoods
- Recommend maintenance practices



Community Development

- Foster pride of place and appreciation of history and cultural heritage
- Maintain and enhance property values
- Establish eligibility for federal funding and tax incentives
- Provide economic incentives to promote conservation and preservation
- Sustain or improve quality of life by maintaining neighborhood character
- Identify zones for redevelopment and revitalization



Heritage Tourism Initiatives

- Develop and use Design Guidelines to retain the character of historic districts and neighborhoods
- Develop walking/driving/bicycle/audio/web tours of historic areas
- Promote and develop business uses compatible with historic buildings or within historic districts
- Recommend maintenance practices
- Identify compatible adaptive reuse



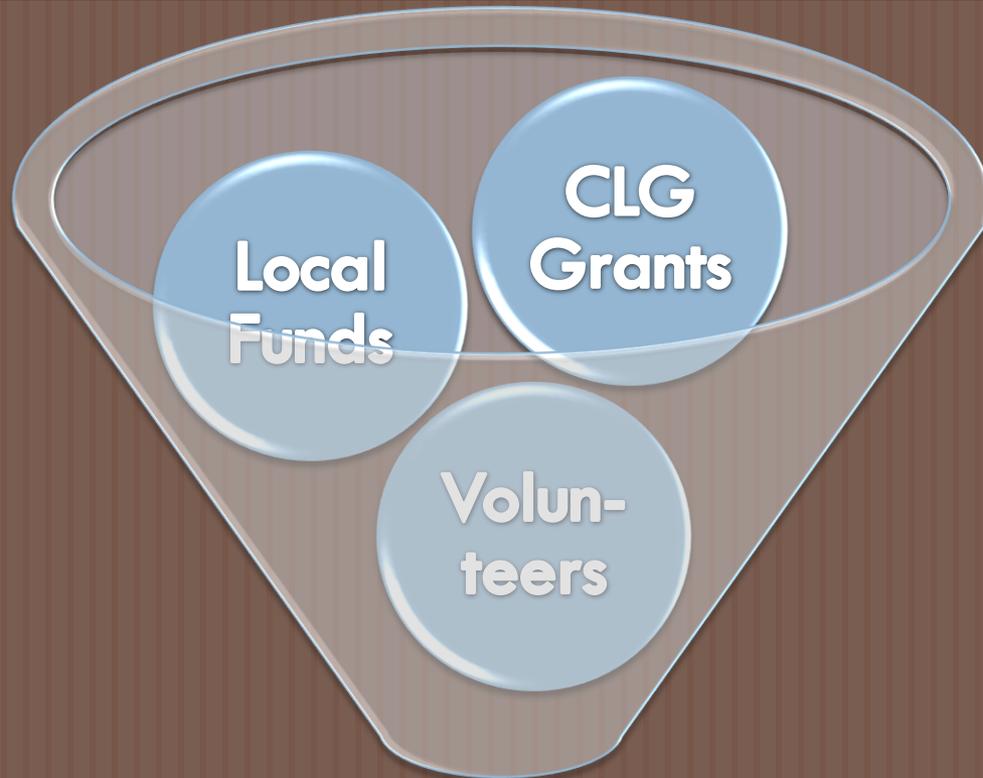
Review and Compliance

- ORS 358.653
- Local Preservation Ordinance
- Permit Review Process
- Section 106 for federally funded, licensed, and permitted projects including cell towers
- Oregon DEQ Compliance

How do we get started? What things to consider?

- Goals of Preserving Planning
 - Identify
 - Evaluate
 - Register
 - Treat
- How do we get funding? (Local funds, CLG grants, SHPO staff [limited])
- What are our survey goals? (What do you want to do?)
- What do we survey? (Depends on survey goals)
- Where do we survey? (Depends on survey goals)
- Who will do what? (Project Team)
- How do we involve the Public? (Communication)

Funding



Successful Survey

Survey Goals, or “What do you want to do?”

Community Development

Affordable Housing & Adaptive Reuse

Historic Preservation

Heritage Tourism

Review and Compliance

Zoning and Planning

Disaster Planning and Response

Transportation Planning

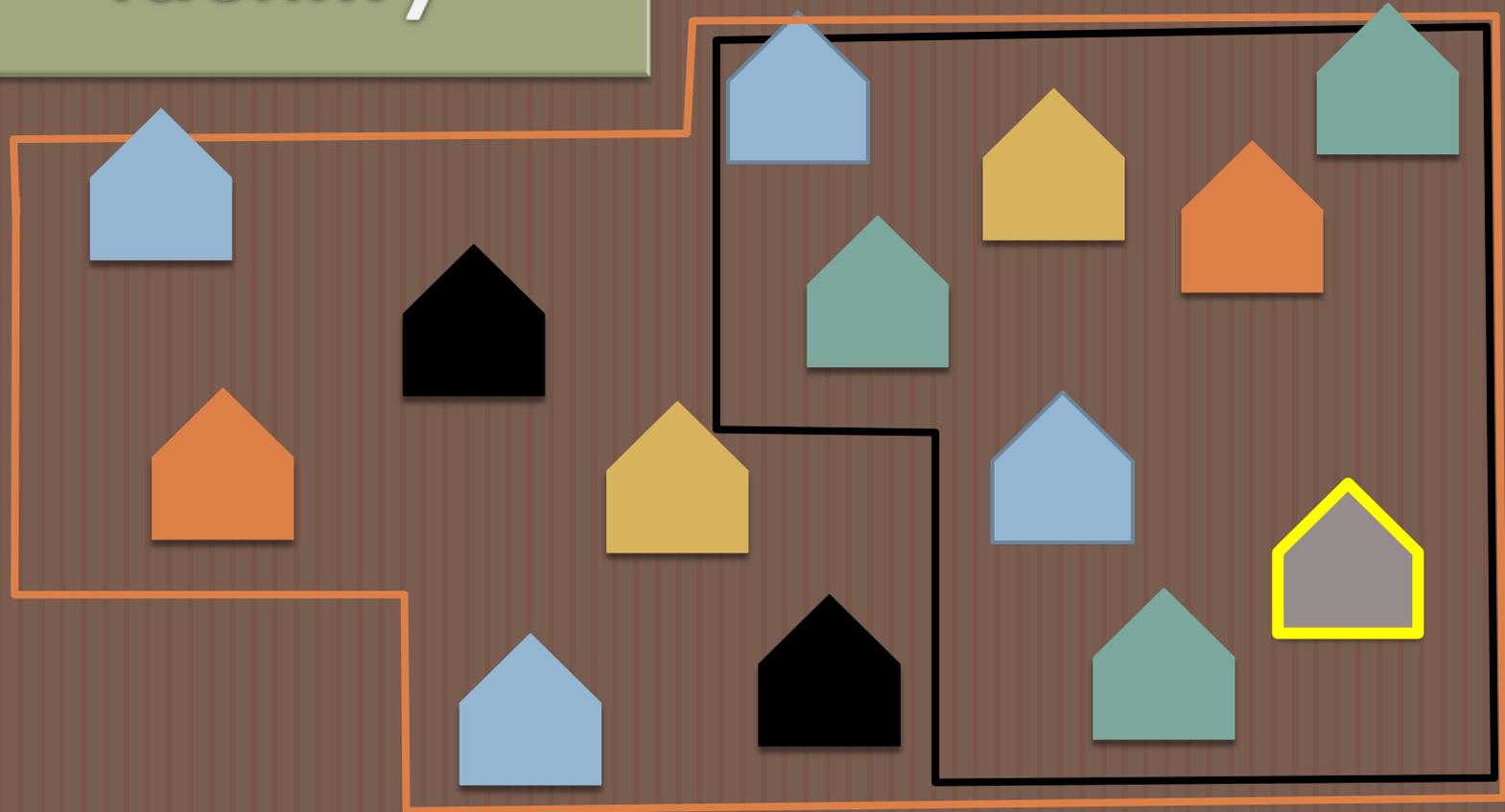
What Kind of Survey?

Reconnaissance Level Survey

Intensive Level Survey

Reconnaissance Level Survey

Identify



Intensive Level Survey

Document



Assemble Project Team

- * Key team members should meet Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications
- Planning Staff
- Historic Preservation Consultants
- Volunteers



Planning the Survey: Who will do what and when?

- Determine survey boundaries
- Perform pre-field archival research
 - ▣ Existing knowledge: maps, reports, building records, photos, GIS
 - ▣ “Windshield” survey of project area
- Identify locations of properties you want surveyed
- Plan field survey strategies: style guides, templates, etc.
- Conduct field work: photos, GPS, descriptions, maps, attribute data
- Analyze and use data
- Involve public

Put it all together



Using Survey to Provide Direction for Preservation Strategies

Financial Incentives

Ordinances

Interpretative Programs

Public Outreach

Recognition

Designations

Streamline permit process

Design Guidelines

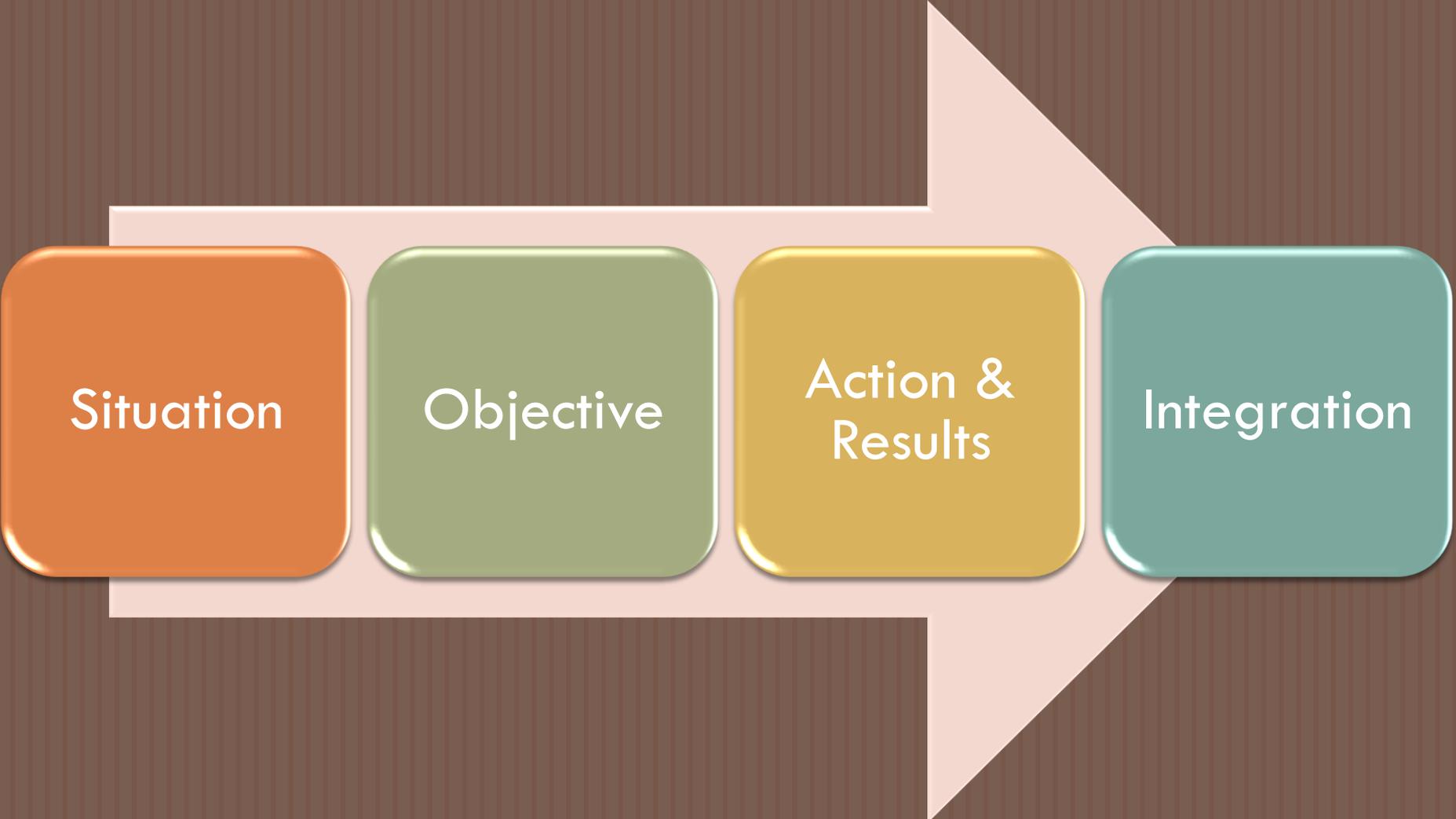
Continuing Survey and Updating

- Revisit, Reevaluate, Update
- Identify, evaluate, and document
 - Fill in gaps
 - Develop contexts where there were none
 - Consider significance within additional contexts
 - Evaluate with current understandings and methodology
 - Evaluate integrity and current condition
 - Evaluate as contributor to district or neighborhood
 - Provide public access to data

References

- National Register Bulletins [nps.gov/nr]
- Secretary of the Interior Standards and Guidelines
- Oregon SHPO [oregonheritage.org]
- SHPO Staff

The CLG Game



Situation

Objective

Action &
Results

Integration

City has been
damaged by ice
and wind storms in
the past

Disaster Planning &
Response

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Prevents demolitions
of buildings that
could/should be
preserved