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1) Financial Resources

Washington State Tax Incentives:

Did you know? There is a Local Tax Incentive Program designed to encourage the preservation of historic resources. You can save on property taxes for 10 years! Washington state allows a "[special valuation](#)" for certain historic properties within the state. The primary benefit of the law is that during the ten-year special valuation period, property taxes will not reflect substantial improvements made to properties that are eligible for special valuation, and the law designates a local review board that reviews applications.

Preservation Incentives:

The following table summarizes the incentives that are available to those who restore or rehabilitate historic properties.

See explanation of terms below.

Eligible for Preservation Incentive	Income Producing Property	Personal Residence
SPECIAL VALUATION	if in the Anacortes Register or National Register	if in the Anacortes Register or National Register
Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive	if in the National Register	NO
203K Rehab Mortgage Insurance	NO	if house is over 1 year old; rehab cost at least \$5,000
Preservation Easement	if in the National Register	if in the National Register

* Income Producing Property: commercial, industrial, agricultural, rental residential or apartment property

Personal Residence: owner occupied

Special Valuation: 10 year forbearance of property tax increase from renovation/rehab investment

Owner incurs qualified rehabilitation costs that equal **at least 25%** of the building's assessed value **within a 24-month period** prior to application.

[Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive](#): 20% Federal Tax credit for rehabilitation cost. There are a number of funds that invest in eligible projects. For National Register Rehab cost must exceed the pre-rehab cost of the building.

[203 K Rehab Mortgage Insurance](#): Insures mortgages covering the purchase or refinancing and rehabilitation of a home

[Preservation Easement](#): A private legal interest conveyed by a property owner to a preservation organization or to a government entity. Provides assurance to the owner of a historic or cultural property that the property's intrinsic values will be preserved through subsequent ownership. In addition, the owner may obtain substantial federal tax benefits.

The DAHP web site has a [comprehensive review](#) of loans and grants available to non-profit and government organizations.

2) Research Resources

A list of local and regional [research resources](#) for historical information.

3) Resources for Renovators

Historic Home Styles:

- [Craftsman Houses](#)
- [Modern House Styles](#)
- [Queen Anne Houses](#)
- [Vernacular Houses](#)

[DAHP Style Guide](#)

Past Workshops and Info

[Energy Conservation](#)

[Keeping Warm in Your Old House](#)

[Restoration Wares for Your Old House](#)

[Weatherstripping](#)

[WBDG Sustainable Historic Preservation](#)

Good Info, Bad Links

[Keeping Warm and Keep Those](#)

Preservation and Restoration Know-How:

[Restoration Procedures](#) used by the U.S. General Services Administration are intended to be conservative in their approach and to cause no irreversible damage.

The programs of the [National Center for Preservation Technology & Training](#) focus not just on the “how” of preservation, but the “why” as well. The training programs aim to enable participants to return to their jobs with a holistic perspective and a thorough knowledge of the tools at their disposal.

[Historic Seattle and Historic Seattle Arts and Crafts Guild](#), 117 Minor Ave., Seattle, WA 98101, 202-622-6952.

The [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation](#) includes guidelines for new additions. The [new additions](#) best practices are also useful for designing a new structure that is harmonious with surroundings.

See [DAHP's blog](#) (2009-11) and the [National Trust's blogs](#) (current)

4) Government Standards

Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) provides [Technical Preservation Guidance](#) .

Secretary of Interior offers [Technical Preservation Services](#) (see Standards and How To Preserve: Preservation Briefs); see also [Standards for Rehabilitation](#) and Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (2011).
