

2022 Olympia Preservation Award Nomination

Olympia's Preservation Award supports the Heritage Commission's goal of recognizing excellence in the rehabilitation of historic objects, buildings, structures, sites and districts, as well as new construction in historic areas (OMC 18.12.055).

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SIGNIFICANCE OF NOMINATION:

Brief summary of the significance of the person, organization, project or building. This text will be used by the City of Olympia in preparing and presenting the award at the City Council meeting. Attach additional pages as needed.

This award recognizes the contributions made to African American history by a group of local historians, activists, researchers and preservationists who make up the Howard Point Place Name Project. Project members re-discovered a forgotten place name along Budd Inlet related to the historically significant Howard Family, successfully petitioned the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names to officially recognize the name and led a fruitful effort to bring the significance of the place name, and the family it commemorates, to the attention of local citizens.

The re-discovery stemmed from a project began in 2012 to document, preserve and interpret the lives and contributions of Olympia area Black pioneers. While reviewing an 1890 map of Olympia a project researcher noticed that a small point on the eastern shore of Budd Inlet was labeled "Howard Point". He realized, and confirmed, this name referred to the Howard Family who had lived there. Subsequently the geographic name was forgotten and had never received

Local and regional historians have long acknowledged the contributions of the Alexander and Rebecca Howard family as
prominent citizens of early Olympia. The Howards operated the Pacific House Hotel on what is now Capitol Way from the late 1850s to the 1870s, renowned for its service and hospitality. Rebecca Howard managed the hotel and kitchen, making a reputation for herself as a savvy businesswoman, a fine hostess and avid community booster. In 1864 the Howards purchased the north half the Calvin H Hale Donation Claim on Olympia's east side and established a fine farm on what became known locally as Howard Point. The Howards also speculated in land, acquiring properties in and around Olympia. In the 1870s, when Olympia vied to become the Northern Pacific Railroad terminus on Puget Sound, the Howards offered to donate part of their land to support the cause.
After the Howards' deaths in the late 1800s, the land was sold and divided. As the area grew, residents used the name, "Howard Point", as a landmark to guide people to the neighborhood and developers featured it on maps. Since that time filling and road construction have made the feature less prominent, and the name was not made official. The work of the Project members corrected that. Project members include, but are not limited, to Dr. Thelma Jackson, Shanna Stevenson, Dr. Terrall H. Bryan (descendant of the Howard Family) and Ed Echtle.
× I have attached information to support my nomination, including documents, images, & other recognitions. □ For a project nomination, I have included "before" and "after" photos.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - PROVIDE AS APPLICABLE

PROPERTY OWNER FOR BUILDING/PROJECT BEING NOMINATED (if different from above):

Name	Address	Phone/Email

ARCHITECT / CONSULTANT FOR PROJECT BEING NOMINATED (if different from above):

Name	Address	Phone/Email

BUILDING DETAILS:

Address	Historical Name
Year Built	Year Rehabilitated
Original/Early Owner	Original Architect/Builder
Original Use	Current Use
Heritage Designation Status	Other Information
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