

# Historic Preservation

Heritage Grant Program - Thurston County

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## Objective:

- Digitize all Historic Records from 1984 to present.
- Complete it in a timely manner.
- Create a database that can be used by the public and Staff.

## Tasks:

- Scan every single file and store it into a manageable Database structure for our present Historic Preservation Official and for

future officials efficiently.

- Establish an interactive database that can be traversed efficiently and easily with little to no knowledge of GIS.
- Create a publicly accessible Story map and Dashboard for anyone interested in the History of Olympia

### **Purpose:**

- Ensure that our History as a city is transparent and viewable for future generations.
- To protect valued establishments that helped shape our culture.
- Create proper documentation for Historic Preservation Officials.
- Fascinate public viewers about History.



**04/08/2025**

City Of Olympia  
receives approval for  
grant

**01/07/2025**

Grant receives  
extension to extend  
deadline.

**6/30/2025**



Grant officially ends,  
All Digitizing complete  
and next phase  
begins.

**6/30/2025**

Begin to organize  
internal data structure.



**7/28/2025**

GIS integration is  
beginning to develop.

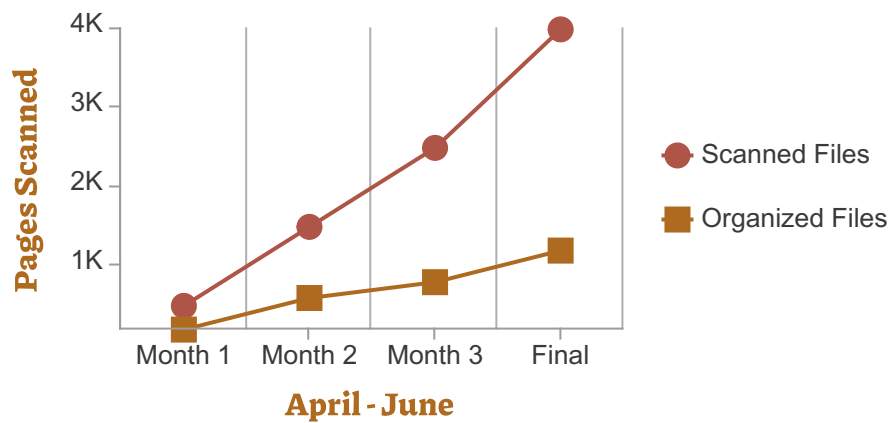
**8/05/2025**

2 different Companies  
are in the final  
selection process to be  
used as an online  
database.

**TBD**

Once the Online database distributor is chosen, the last step in integrating all the data into an interactive GIS application will be put into full swing!

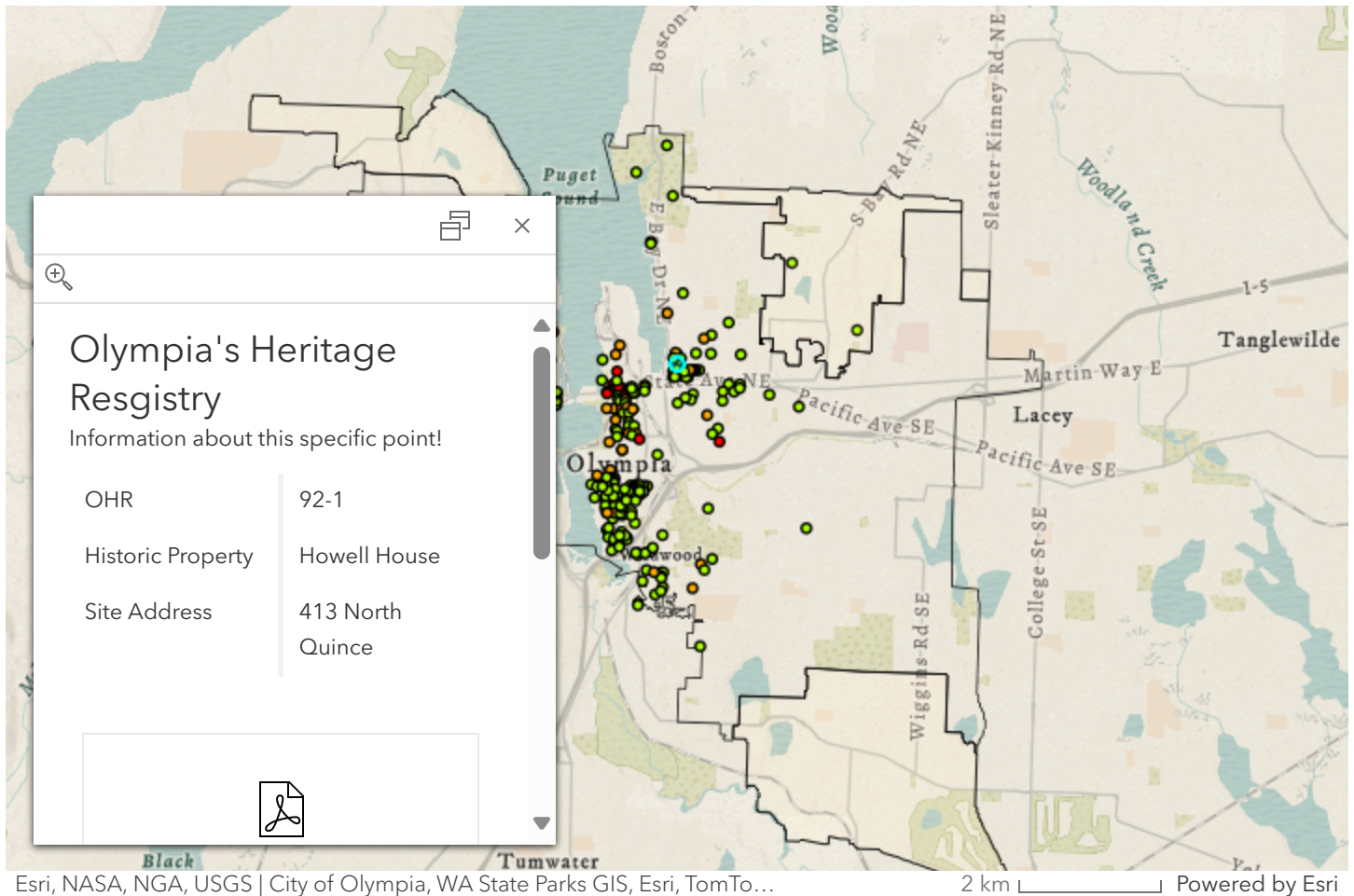
### Progress of The Grant







- *Instead of looking at an address through a spreadsheet with values that may confuse the intended audience, you are given access to an interactive map that doesn't overload your senses when trying to learn about our history!*



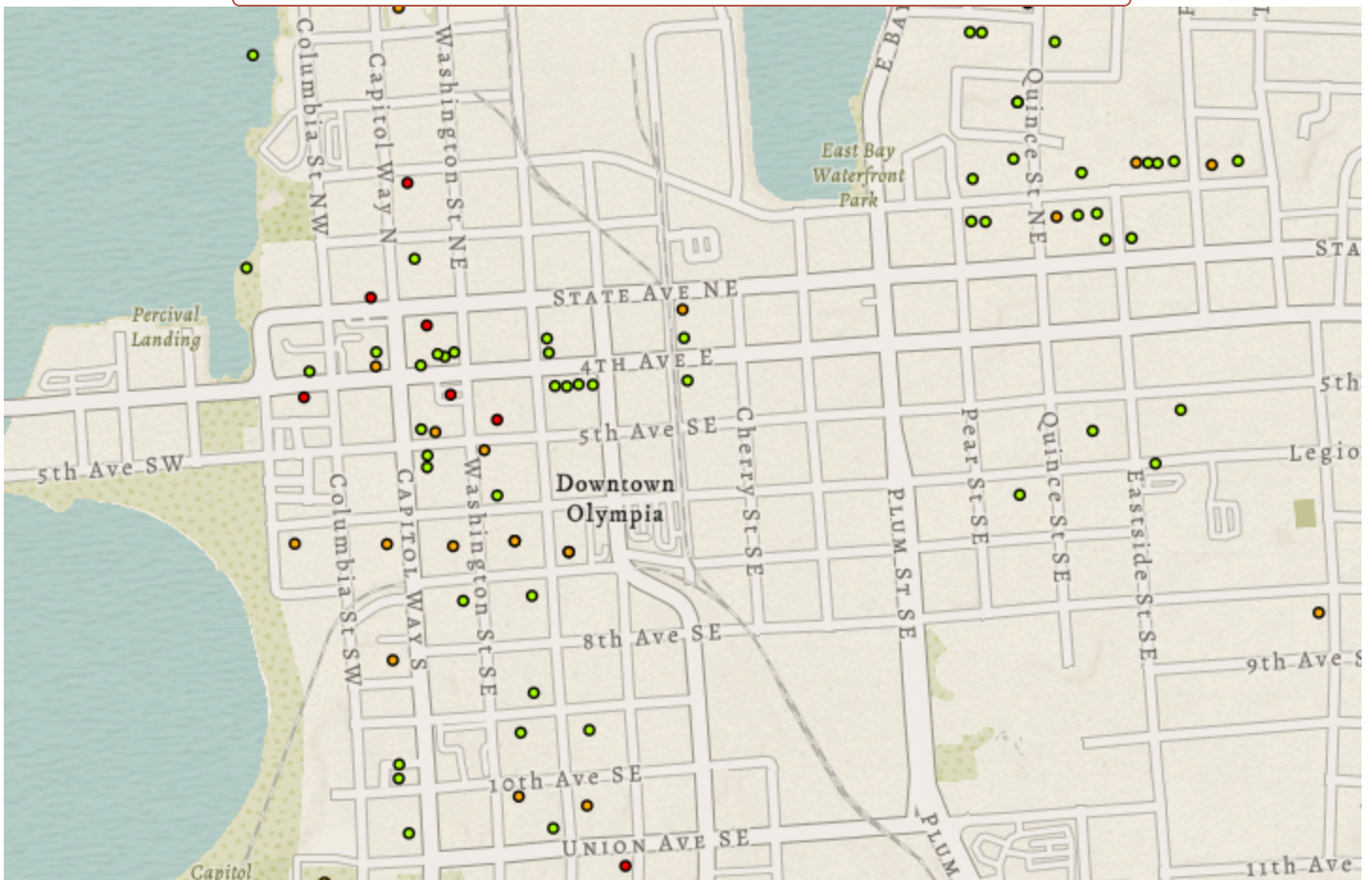
**This is an example of what we're looking forward to in the future of integrating GIS with our Historic Preservation!**

**These buttons are to simplify this presentation but when interacting with the map, clicking any point will open up simple information on what the point is and will give you attachments that further explain the properties history!**

Howell House!

Old Thurston Courthouse!

Capitol Historic District!

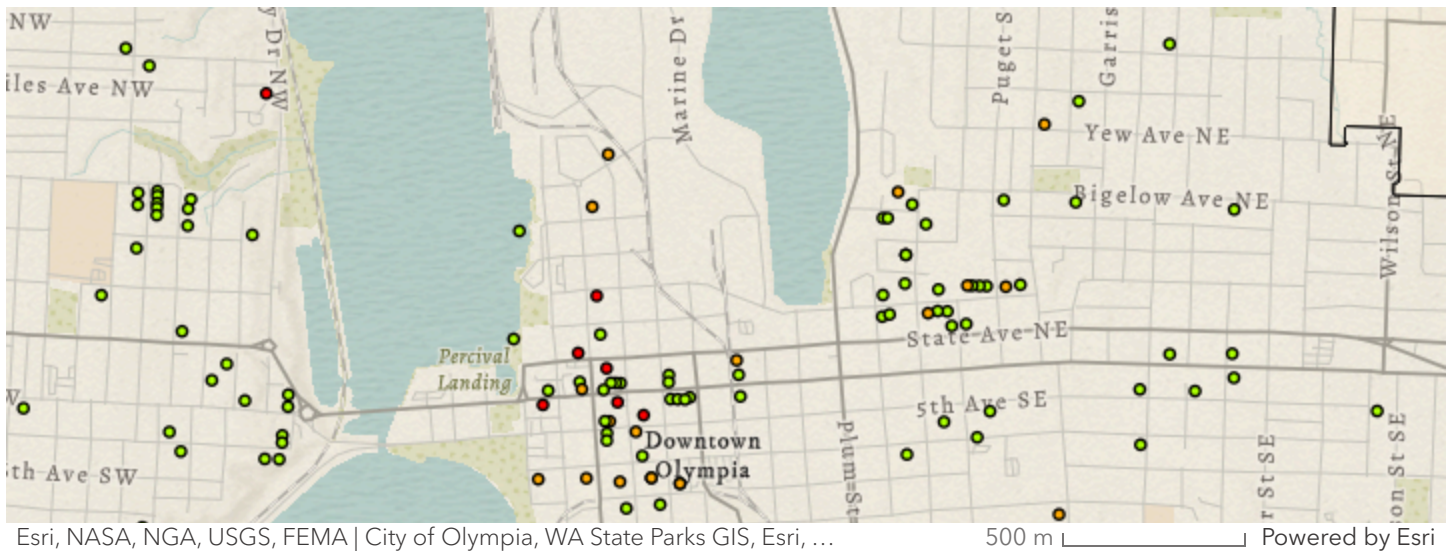


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With the GIS implementation, the Historic Preservation Officer can use the integrated GIS tool to develop tours with the most optimal route. This tool will also be available for public use as well!

Tour Route!



For Historic Preservation Officer use, the user can easily search up the OHR Number or the Historic Property by name and it will populate and focus on the said feature point pulling all the data related to the property!

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## Interesting Photos I've gathered from the Olympia Heritage Register So Far





All photos included were submitted for their OHR Submittal/Request.

**I am grateful for this given opportunity to work on this project!**

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