

Searching records on properties

Key Resources

| Resource | Owner | Records Available | Map | Data-base |
|--|---|---|-----|-----------|
| Oregon Historic Sites | Oregon State Historic Preservation Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconnaissance Level Surveys• National Register of Historic Place Nomination | ✓ | ✓ |
| SAIL (Survey and Assessor Image Locator) | Multnomah County Survey | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surveys and Plats• Older aerial photographs (back to 1998) | ✓ | |
| Property Tax Records | Multnomah County Assessors Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Ownership• Property Sales | | ✓ |
| Permit History/ Building Plans | City of Gresham | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial building plans for the life of the building | ✓ | |
| Details of buildings and uses over time | Multnomah County Library | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historic insurance maps | | |

Learn more about researching property

- [NPS Bulletin 29: Researching a Historic Property](#)
- [Researching Your Historic Property, City of Portland](#)
- [How to Research your House's History, National Trust for Historic Preservation Blog](#)

Oregon Historic Sites Database

- Reconnaissance Level Surveys
- National Register of Historic Place Nominations

<https://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/>

Oregon Historic Sites Database
Search Database View Statewide Map Report Menu

Selection Screen

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Use fewer search criteria initially in order to capture the broadest range of properties. Example: all "Historic" OR "Other Name" fields in the database. Add search criteria to narrow down results as necessary to refine results. Add more criteria as necessary to refine results.

Enter criteria to search for matching records. All fields are optional.

City: All Cities or County: All Counties
Street Name: Nbr: to (optional) Dir:
Township: Range: Section: (enter leading 0's if single digit)
Group Name: Resource Type: Eligibility Eval:
Property Name Like: Construction Year(s): to...to... (optional for a search range)
Original Use/Function: All Categories
Architectural Style: All Styles
Architect/Builder:

Options for National Register Search...
 Only Individually Listed Properties
 Listed as part of Historic District
 All Listed Properties
Date(s) Listed: to...to... (optional for a search range)
Criteria: A B C D

Reset/Clear Fields Search

The landing page is searching the database but you can also search the map if you click the top tab.

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Reset/Clear Fields Search

TIPS:

- Start with a broad search. Sometimes the street numbers might be a little off.
- Make sure you hit "search"

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Enter criteria to search for matching records. All fields are optional.

City: Gresham or County: Multnomah
Street Name: Main Nbr: to (optional) Dir:
Township: Range: Section: (enter leading 0's if single digit)
Group Name: Resource Type: Eligibility Eval:
Property Name Like: Construction Year(s): to...to... (optional for a search range)
Original Use/Function: All Categories
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Property Information

When you get results use the “form” button.

Matching Results: 29

| Property Name | Address/Location | City | County | Yr Built | Elig | NR Stat | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|----------|------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|
| [Fairground] | NW 5th & Main | Gresham | Multnomah | c.1925 | EC | | form | map |
| CCC Bridge & Rockwork | S Main St | Gresham | Multnomah | 1932 | EC | | form | map |
| Congdon Building | 101-117 N Main Ave | Gresham | Multnomah | 1911 | NC | | form | map |
| Bethel Baptist Church | 101 S Main St | Gresham | Multnomah | 1886 | XD | XNR | form | map |
| Ely, Duane C. Building | 112 N Main Ave | Gresham | Multnomah | c.1915 | EC | | form | map |

There is a standardized form but there is also often an inventory sheet which will pull up a pdf scan of the paper inventory including higher quality photos than the print editions.

Close Window

Site Information

Print/Save as PDF

View on Map

[Scanned Document Links](#)

[Inventory Form](#)

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: NW 5th & Main
Gresham, Multnomah County

historic name: [Fairground]
current/other names: Drive with Douglas Fir leading to Gresham Town Fair Center (shopping center)

assoc addresses:
location descr: North of NW 5th St. & N. Main Ave.

block/lot/tax lot: [redacted]
twnsh/prmg/sect/qtr sect: 1S 3E 10

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Site height (stories): total elig resources: total inelig resources:

elig evaluation: eligible/contributing NR Status:

prim constr date: c. 1925 second date: date indiv listed:

primary orig use: Fair orig use comments:

second orig use:

primary style: Not Applicable prim style comments:

secondary style: sec style comments:

primary siding: siding comments:

secondary siding: architect: builder:

plan type:

comments/notes:

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

Not associated with any surveys or groupings.

SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: N/A 106 Project(s): None
ILS survey date: Special Assess Project(s): None
RLS survey date: Federal Tax Project(s): None

ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)

Refer to scanned documents links.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)

Refer to scanned documents links.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

| | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Title Records | Census Records | Property Tax Records | Local Histories |
| Sandbox Maps | Biographical Sources | SHPO Files | Interviews |
| Obituaries | Newspapers | State Archives | Historic Photographs |
| City Directories | Building Permits | State Library | |

Local Library: University Library: Other Repository:

National Register

National register properties also have pdfs of the nomination.

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LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 410 N Main St
Gresham, Multnomah County

historic name: Gresham Carnegie Library
current/other names: Gresham Pioneer Museum

assoc addresses:
location descr:

block/lot/tax lot: [redacted]
twnsh/prmg/sect/qtr sect: 2N 3W 31

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (stories): 1.0 total elig resources: 1 total inelig resources:

elig evaluation: eligible/significant NR Status: Individually Listed

prim constr date: 1913 second date: date indiv listed: 01/24/2000

primary orig use: Library orig use comments:

second orig use:

primary style: Tudor Revival prim style comments:

secondary style: sec style comments:

primary siding: Brick/Other/Undefined siding comments:

secondary siding: Wood/Other/Undefined architect: Johnson & Mayer

plan type: builder:

comments/notes:

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ILS survey date: Special Assess Project(s): None
RLS survey date: Federal Tax Project(s): None

NOTES:

| Yr Built | Elig | NR Stat | Yr Built | Year built is often based on tax assessor data. This means it is based on when the building is finished and put on the tax rolls. |
|----------|------|---------|----------|---|
| c.1925 | EC | | | |
| 1932 | EC | | | |
| 1911 | NC | | | |
| 1886 | XD | XNR | Elig | Eligibility status based on data in the record. |
| c.1915 | EC | | | |
| c.1915 | EC | | | EC – Eligible Contributing – meaning that if there were a historic district this property could be placed on the inventory because it would contribute to the district. |
| 1915 | EC | | | Absent other information (like a connection to a person or event) it is probably not eligible to go on a local or national inventory as a stand alone building. |
| 1926 | EC | | | |
| c.1925 | ES | | | |
| c.1925 | EC | | | |
| c.1906 | EC | | | |
| 1913 | ES | NRI | | |
| 1920 | EC | | | |
| c.1920 | EC | | | XD - No longer eligible as destroyed. |
| | UN | | | |
| 1922 | EC | | | ES – Eligible Significant – This building is likely to be eligible for at least the local inventory. |
| c.1925 | EC | | | |
| c.1911 | EC | | | |
| 1911 | EC | | | UN – Unknown significance – meaning there is not enough information to determine eligibility |
| 1922 | EC | | | |
| 1925 | EC | | | |
| c.1945 | NC | | | NC – Not Contributing – meaning absent other information (like connection to a person or event) this building does not contribute to the historical story of a place. |
| c.1920 | NC | | | |
| c.1920 | NC | | | |
| c.1940 | NC | | | |
| 1922 | EC | | NR Stat | National Register of Historic Places status |
| 1922 | EC | | | |
| c.1900 | EC | | | XNR – Removed from register |
| 1953 | NC | | | NRI - On the register |

Multnomah County SAIL

- Surveys and Plats
- Older aerial photographs (back to 1998)

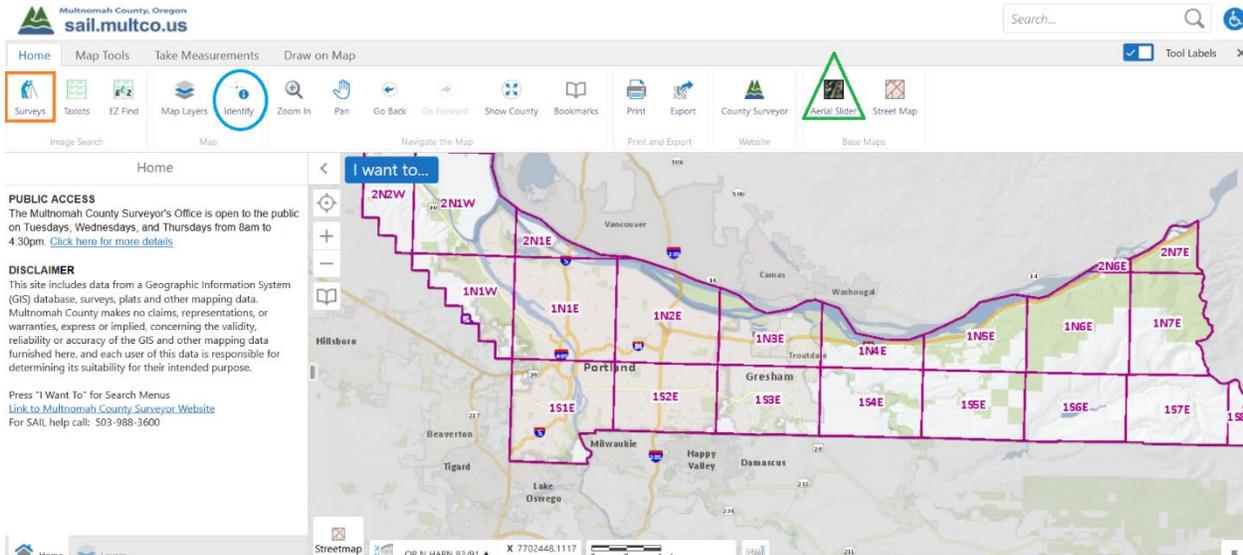
<https://www3.multco.us/H5V/?viewer=surveysail>

The map can be searched by address, tax lot number, plat name, survey number, or you can scroll and select.

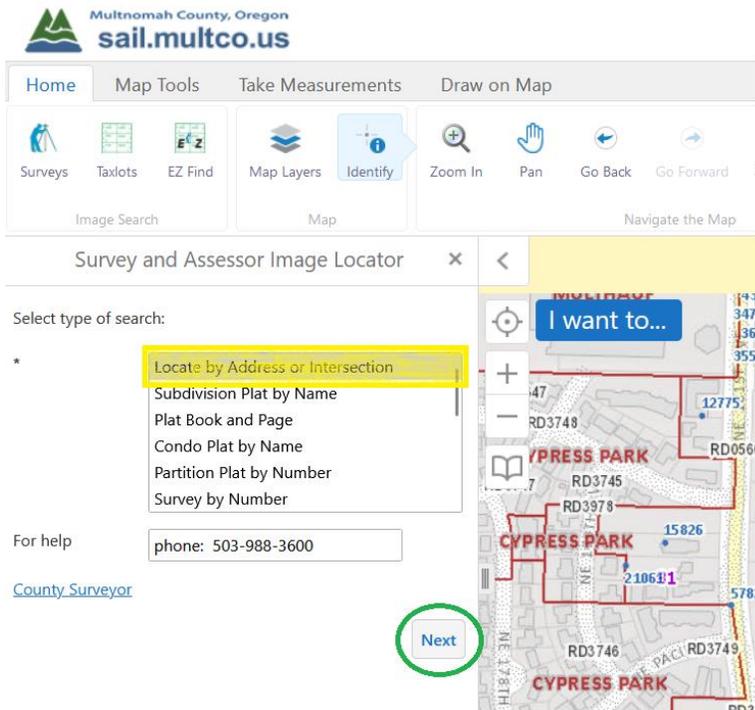
Information you can sometimes find on surveys includes ownership, history of how the property has been split or otherwise had boundary changes, occasionally building footprints, fences, tree locations and on the oldest property ownership (especially donation land claims). Surveys often include book and page numbers of deeds,

easements, agreements, and other recorded documents. NOTE: [Racial exclusion covenants](#) can be found on [this map](#).

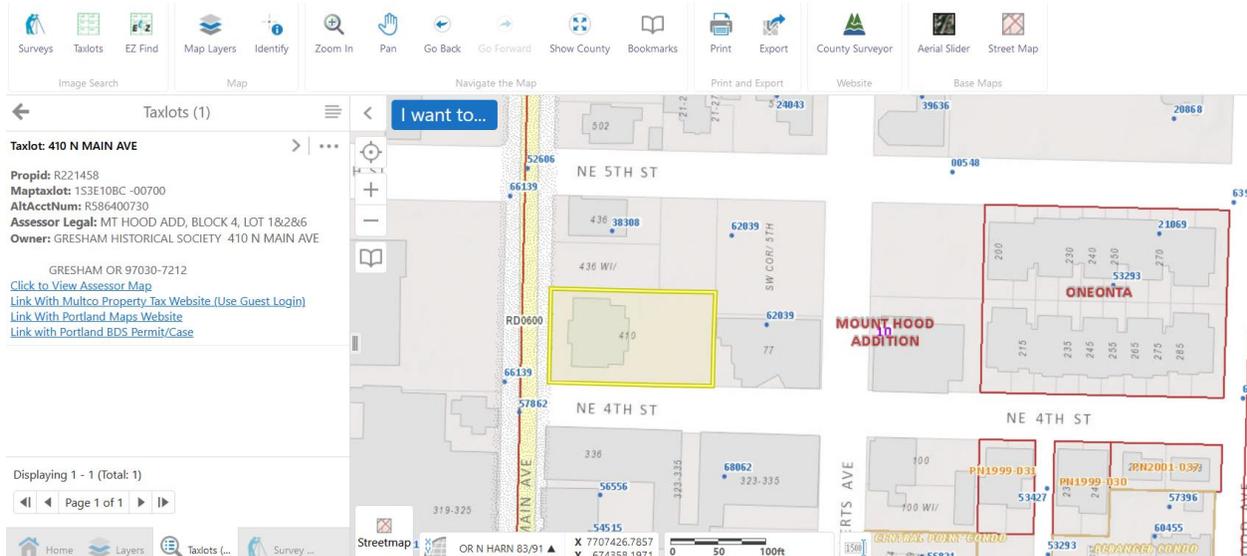
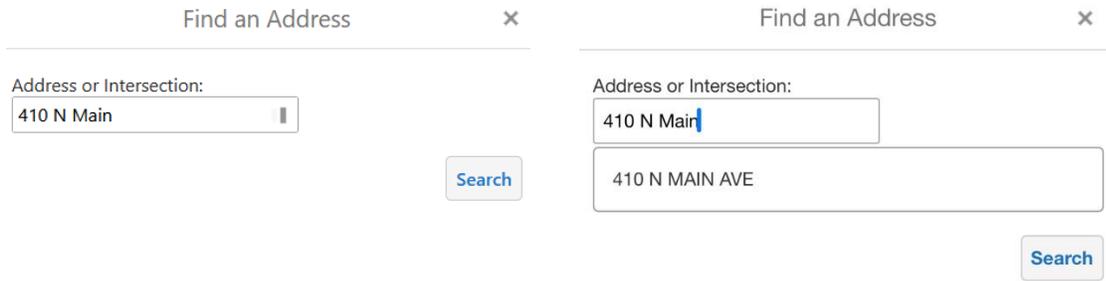
This site can be tricky to get all the information out of but it is a treasure trove of information once you are comfortable.



Begin searching either by zooming in on the map or by clicking the “Survey” button (orange square). Other power buttons include the identify and areal slider buttons.



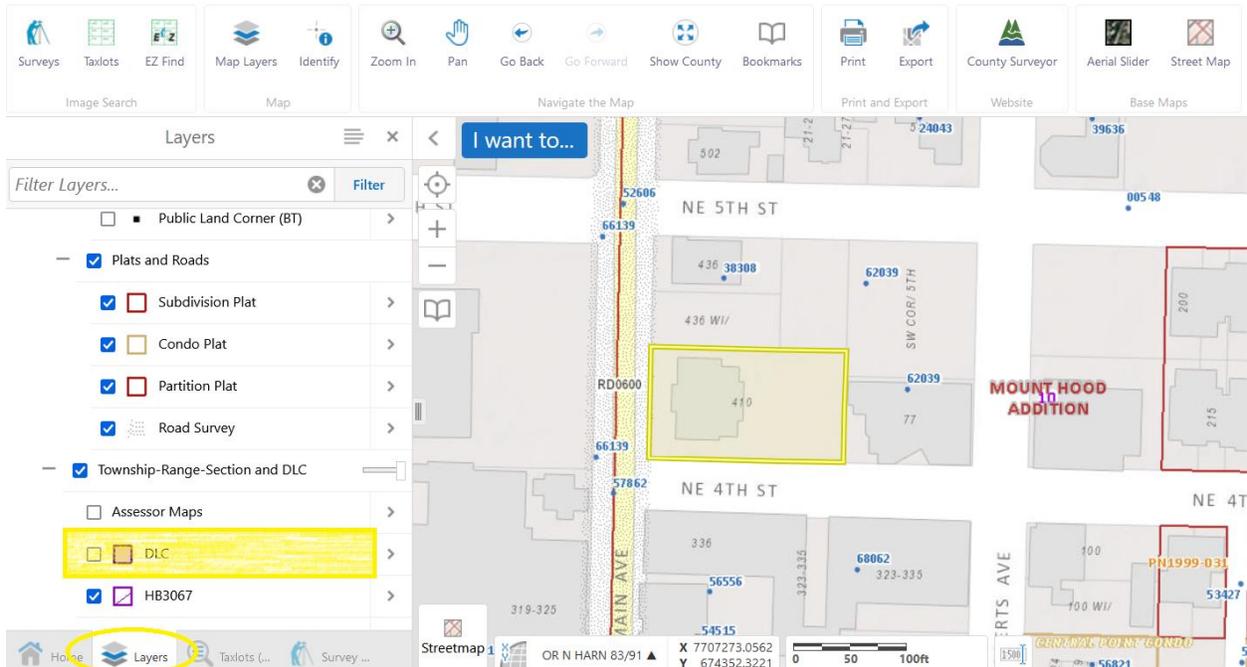
TIP: don't fill in the entire address and then press search. Type a portion of the address and let it find the address, click on the suggestion, then hit search.



There are links to places with more information on the left and the map on the right.

- Surveys – Blue dots with numbers
- Partitions – Orange outlines with numbers beginning with PN
- Subdivision Plats – Red outlines with names

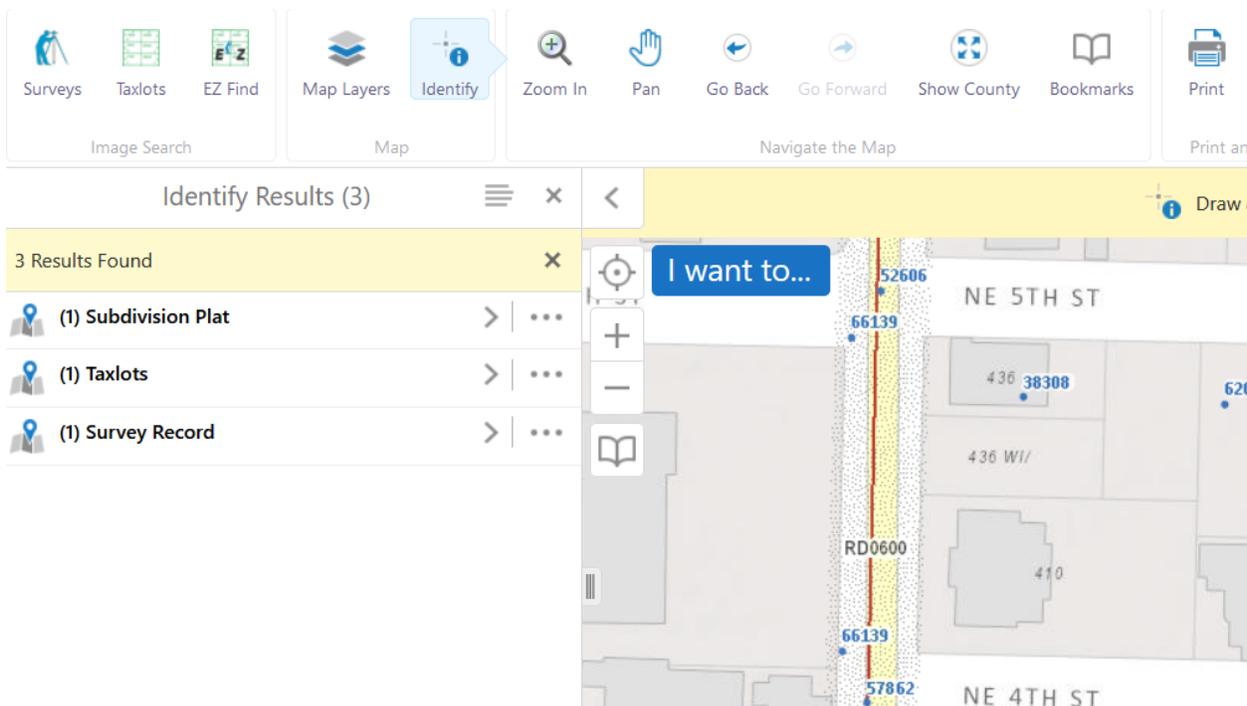
You can find a map legend and switch layers on and off from the bottom left tabs (also where you will find the Donation Land Claims (DLC))



Use the identify button to click a survey, parcel, subdivision etc. And then you can select each layer and look at the documents pulled up (sometimes you may need to click through a few links.)

TIPS:

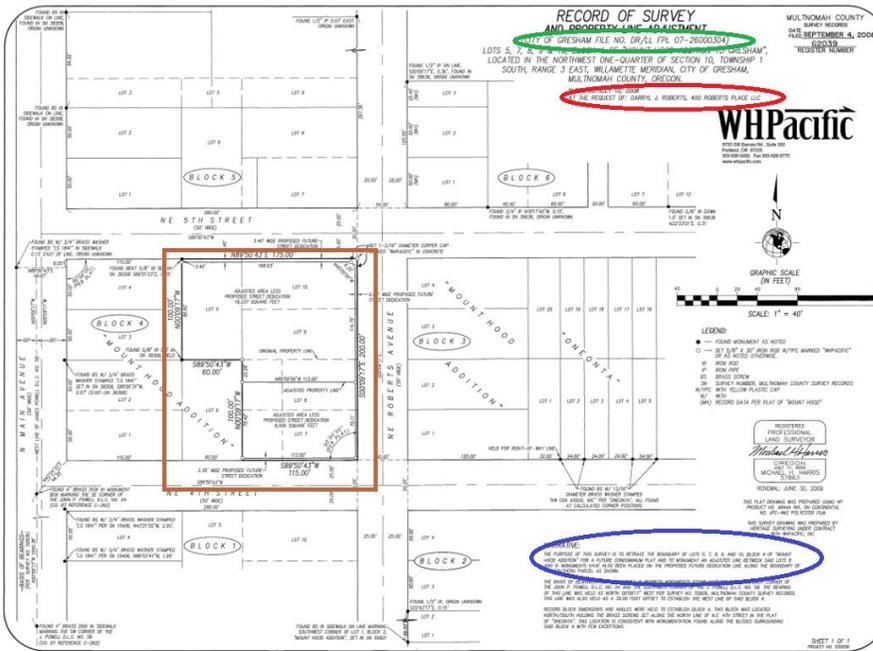
- Surveys you need to click directly on the dot.
- Surveys may be off a little spatially so check out the ones in the area too.



Surveys

The lower the number the older the survey. The oldest surveys have the most information on them generally. Different surveys will have different information in different places. On the example below (a recent survey) you can find:

- Who asked for the survey and when it was done (Red)
- Why it was done (Blue)
- If there is a City file attached you can ask the City to pull for you or you may be able to search yourself (Green)

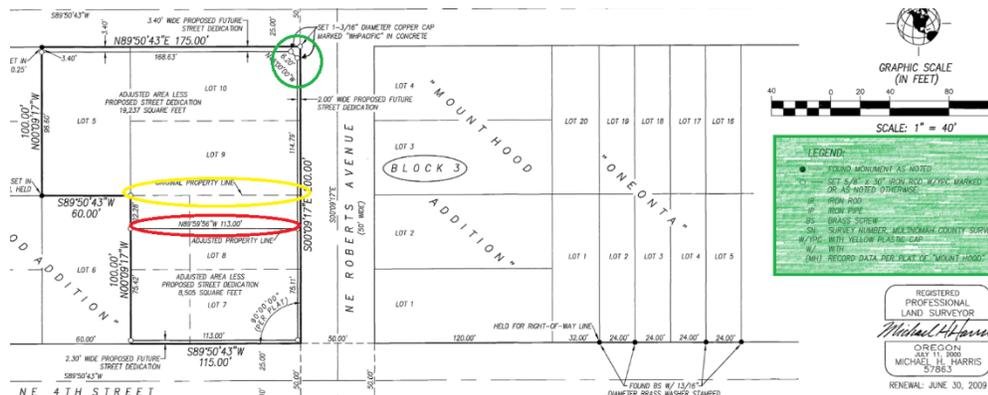


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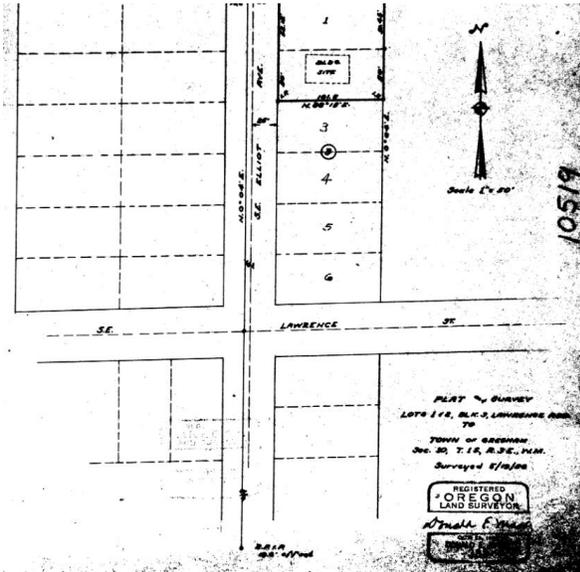
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When you zoom in on the brown square you can also see:

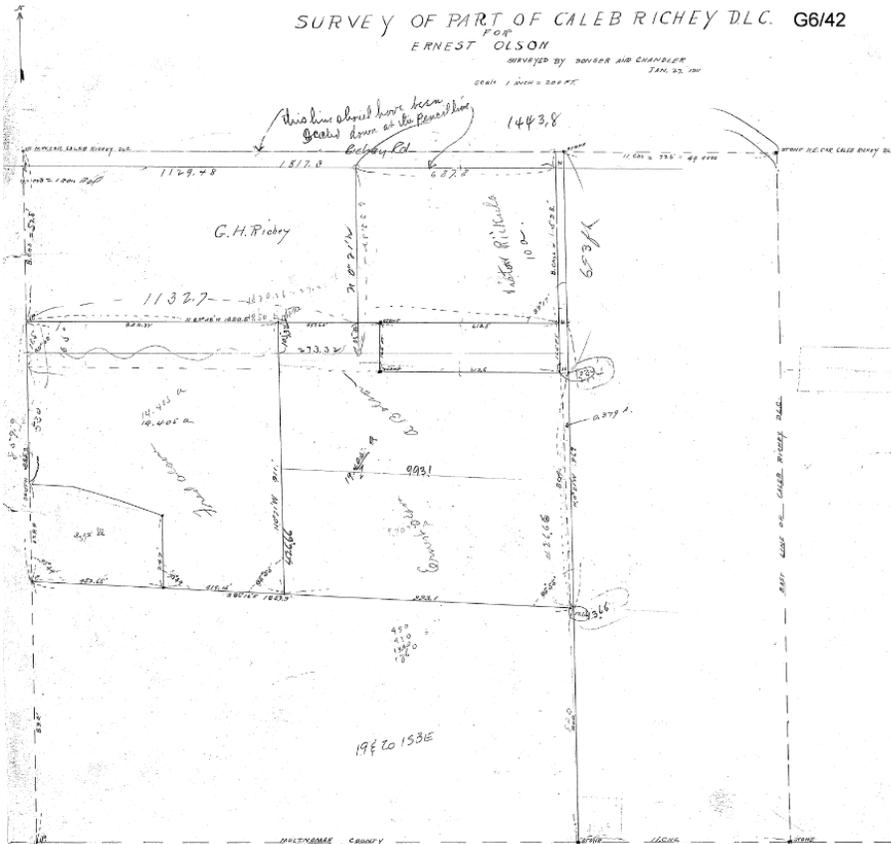
- Old property lines (Yellow)
- New property lines (Green)
- Places to look for property pins (green – see legend for type of pin to look for)



Older surveys can also be useful for things like finding old street names. For example, the street shown below as SE Lawrence is now SE 5th.



Very old surveys often have property owner names



Property Tax Records

- Property Ownership
- Dates property changes hands, parties to transactions, transaction amounts

<https://multcoproptax.com/Property-Search?>

When a site includes more than one parcel you might need to look at the linked grouped properties

The screenshot shows the 'Property Search' interface for property R337497. The top navigation bar includes 'Details', 'Bills', and 'Payment History'. The '2023 Assessed Value' is listed as \$0. The 'GENERAL INFORMATION' section includes: Property Status: A Active; Property Type: Commercial; Legal Description: SECTION 04 15 3E, TL 2000 5.04 ACRES; Alternate Account Number: R993040600; Neighborhood: CN14; Map Number: 153E04DD-02000; Property Use: UK - PUBLIC BLDG; Levy Code Area: 026. The 'OWNER INFORMATION' section lists: Owner Name: GRESHAM CITY OF; Mailing Address: 1333 NW EASTMAN PKWY GRESHAM, OR 97030-3825. The 'RELATED PROPERTIES' section contains a warning: 'Split/Merge data prior to February 6, 2018 is not available online, please call Multnomah County Assessment & Taxation division.' Below this, 'Linked Properties' is empty, and 'Property Group ID' is G3277. A green box highlights 'Grouped Properties' with IDs R337524, R337570, and R606168. Other options like 'Split / Merge Date', 'Split / Merge Accounts', and 'Split / Merge Message' are all empty.

Building information

Shown in the “Improvements” drop down.

- There may be more than one improvement.
- To get details click on the plus sign
- This will give “year built” which is usually the original date built but may be the date of major refurbishment.
- More information (sometimes even including property sketches) is available. You can email propertytax@multco.us to ask about dates built, improvement information and other information. If they need to spend more than 15 minutes on your request there will be a charge.

IMPROVEMENTS Expand/Collapse All

Improvement #1 Improvement Type Building Type Class

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 1 STY W/ATTIC 3.0

| ID | SEGMENT TYPE | YEAR BUILT | EFFECTIVE YEAR BUILD | SQ.FT |
|----|--------------|------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 | MAIN | 1949 | 1949 | 1,189 |
| 2 | FIN ATTIC | - | - | 500 |
| 3 | CONCRETE | - | - | 300 |
| 4 | DET GAR | - | - | 720 |
| 5 | BLACKTOP | - | - | 3,400 |
| 6 | CARPORT | - | - | 200 |
| 7 | DET GAR | - | - | 336 |

Ownership information

Sales History can be found at the bottom of the page.)

| SALES HISTORY | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| DEED | SELLER | BUYER | INSTR # | DATE | CONSIDERATION AMOUNT |
| TRD | HARTNER,FRANK JR & HARTNER,JENNIFER & HARTNER,WILLIAM | GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 2017066971 | 5/18/2017 | \$425,000 |
| SWD | BERGERON,RON R EST OF | HARTNER,FRANK JR & HARTNER,JENNIFER & HARTNER,WILLIAM | 2002074021 | 4/9/2002 | \$140,000 |
| INST | BERGERON,RON R | BERGERON,RON R | BP10621585 | | - |

City permit database

- History of building and planning permit information

The City of Gresham has used many different ways to track building and planning permits. They each need to be searched separately. Planning files are kept in perpetuity and commercial building plans for at least the life of the building and are available from the City.

Permits since January 1, 2021

You can look at both building and planning plans and reports that were submitted since 2021 directly on-line. You can get to them directly at <https://greshamor-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/SelfService#/search> or through Gresham Map.

Permits from 2005-2021

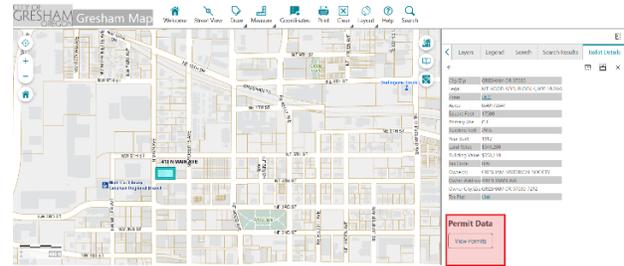
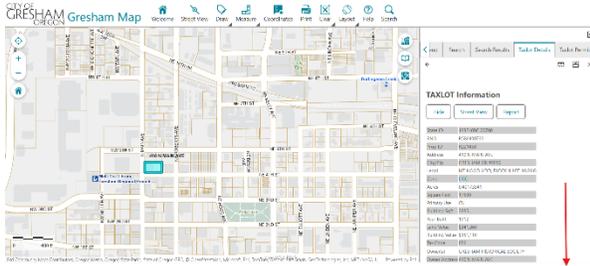
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<https://portal.greshamoregon.gov/GreshamMap/>

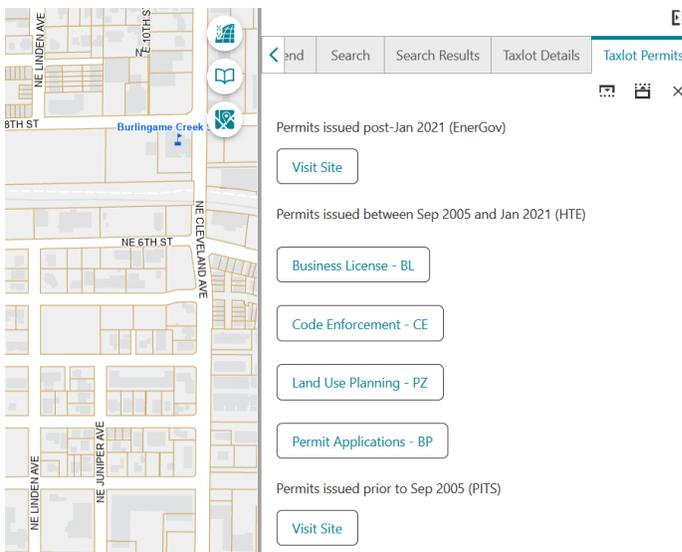
The map can be searched by address, property ID, tax lot number, intersection, or you can scroll and select. Through the map you can find permit types and numbers.

Information you can sometimes find through older permits includes building changes and history of how the property has been split or property lines have moved.

Once you have found the property scroll down to the permit button.



This will open a new tab within the right side of the screen which has different types of permits that are accessed from different systems.



The permits issued between 2005 & 2021 are divided into permit type. The “Land Use Planning” and “Permit Application” (building permits) are the most useful. Click on the button, then select the permit you want to look at.

| 410 N MAIN AVE | |
|---------------------|--|
| R586400730 | |
| Application Number | 42-26000155 |
| Project Type | DESIGN REVIEW - C |
| Description | DRC 410 N MAIN AVE 2000 SQ FT BLDG STORA |
| Application Date | 07/20/2012 |
| Status Code | CL |
| Sq. Footage | 0 |
| Planner | KROGH, DAVE |
| Engineer | COLIN STOUT |
| GMBA Project Number | 076551 |

The “project type” (yellow) will give you an indication of the type of application and the “Description” (green) will give you a little more information. The application number (red) is what you will need to request records though.

Permits 1992-2005

These files are most easily accessed through <https://pits.greshamoregon.gov/>

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Permit year | Select One ▾ |
| Permit number | <input type="text"/> |
| Permit type | Select One ▾ |
| Address number | 410 |
| Project name | <input type="text"/> |
| | <input type="button" value="Search"/> |

- 410 N MAIN AVE
- 410 NE 170TH AVE
- 410 NE 188TH AVE
- 410 NE 202ND AVE
- 410 NE 20TH DR
- 410 NE 219TH AVE
- 410 NE BROWER RD
- 410 NE LAURA AVE
- 410 NW 25TH ST
- 410 SE 162ND AVE
- 410 SE 16TH ST
- 410 SE 172ND AVE
- 410 SE 4TH ST
- 410 SE VISTA AVE

Permit year

 Permit number

 Permit type

 Address number

 Project name

| Year | Type | Number | House | Street | Project | |
|------|-------|---------|-------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2000 | XELEC | 0008469 | 410 | N MAIN AVE | GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIET | Details |
| 2000 | XMECH | 0008383 | 410 | N MAIN AVE | GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIET | Details |
| 1995 | XELEC | 9501523 | 410 | N MAIN AVE | GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIET | Details |
| 1995 | XELEC | 9506165 | 410 | N MAIN AVE | GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIET | Details |
| 1993 | XPLMB | 9307388 | 410 | N MAIN AVE | GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIET | Details |
| 1992 | CA | 9204266 | 410 | N MAIN AVE | GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIET | Details |

Permit (CA 9204266; 410 N MAIN AVE; R586400730)

| Permit Details | |
|------------------------|--|
| Permit Information | |
| Site Address | 410 N MAIN AVE |
| RNO | R586400730 |
| Description | PIONEER MUSEUM/ADD STAIRWAY |
| Application Date | 12/10/1992 |
| Ready to Issue Date | 12/15/1992 |
| Issue Date | 12/18/1992 |
| Finald Date | 08/24/1998 |
| C.O. Date | |
| Expire Date | |
| Cancel Date | |
| Contact Name | PAT STONE |
| Contact Phone | 6610347 |
| Project Number | 1806 |
| Project Name | GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIET |
| Building Information | |
| Finished Sqft | |
| Unfinished Sqft | |
| Garage Sqft | |
| Build Dept Value | \$21,474,836.47 |
| Gross Fire Flow | |
| Sprinklered | N |
| Occupancy Group | 06500 |
| Construction Type | 3 5-N |
| Stories | |
| Contractor Information | |
| Contractor | |
| Contractor Address | 00000 |
| Contractor Phone | |
| City License | |
| CCB License | |
| Architect/Designer | |
| Arch/Des Phone | |
| Nature of work | ADD STAIRWAY TO 2ND STORY OFFICE OWNER/VOLUNTEER AS CONTRACTOR |
| Permit Fees | |
| Review Status | |
| Inspections | |
| Revision History | |

Commercial building plans before 1992

Commercial building plans are on microfilm and you can ask to view them or have digital copies sent through PermitCenter@GreshamOregon.gov. When you email you should include a [public records request form](#)

Planning files before 1992

The Planner on Duty can help you find older permits. They should be able to find information back to the early 80s easily. You can send a [public records request form](#) requests to POD@GreshamOregon.gov. It may take them a week or so to be able to access them as they are paper files stored outside of City Hall.

Sanborn Maps

