

Old is The New Green



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**Historic preservation plays a significant role
in fostering environmentally and economically
sustainable development**



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Historic preservation is inherently green. The construction, operation and demolition of buildings accounts for 48% of the United States' greenhouse gas emissions. Here are three ways that historic preservation reduces these emissions dramatically:

- **Reusing existing buildings** reduces the amount of demolition and construction waste deposited in landfills, lessens unnecessary demand for energy and other natural resources and conserves embodied energy (the amount of energy originally expended to create existing structures).
- **Reinvesting in older and historic communities** preserves the energy embedded in infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewer lines.
- **Retrofitting our existing building stock** improves upon the energy efficiency of many historic and older buildings in terms of site sensitivity, quality of construction, and use of passive heating and cooling, while maintaining historic character.
 - A recent study shows that buildings constructed before 1920 are actually more energy-efficient than those built at any time between then and 2000 (US Energy Information Agency).
 - A 1999 study found that utility costs for historic buildings were 27% less than for more modern buildings (General Services Administration).



Visit each of these City Landmarks today to support Redmond's heritage and local economy!

In Downtown Redmond, a number of historic property and business owners have contributed to the preservation of our community's historic places by making sustainable investments in the buildings you see here.

7824 Leary Way NE

THEN: Bill Brown Saloon NOW: Matador Restaurant

The Bill Brown Saloon was built in 1913 by Bill Brown, Redmond's Mayor from 1919 to 1948. The building has had a wide variety of uses including a dance hall, Town Council meeting place, barber shop, undertaker, interior designer, hardware store, dance studio, and restaurants.



16389 Redmond Way

THEN: Brown's Garage NOW: Redmond Liquor Store (coming soon)

The former location of Underhill's Furniture, Mayor Bill Brown originally constructed this building as a 20-car repair shop in 1920.



7875 Leary Way NE

THEN: Lodge Hall/Redmond Hardware **NOW:** Gerk's Ski and Cycle

This building was constructed in 1903. Much like the Bill Brown Building, many uses have occupied this structure including a tavern, boarding house, theater, and hardware store.



16244 Cleveland Street

THEN: O.A. Wiley Home **NOW:** Stone House Restaurant

The building on Cleveland made of local stones was built in 1916 by Orson A Wiley and his wife, Emma Holmes Wiley.



*Courtesy of Redmond Historical Society

7979 Leary Way NE

THEN: Odd Fellows Hall **NOW:** Odd Fellows Restaurant

Like Lodge Hall, this building was constructed in 1903. Built as a community gathering hall, it has been used by the Eagles and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which occupied the building until 1973.



For more information on Historic Preservation in Redmond:
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