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THE CITY OF EVERETT RECEIVES A \$12,000 GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Historical Commission recently announced that the City of Everett Department of Planning and Development was selected to receive a \$12,000 grant from the Commission's FY 2017 Survey and Planning Grant Program. The grant award will be used to prepare and conduct a survey of community-wide or targeted inventories of historic, architectural, landscape or archaeological resources.

The City of Everett will provide matching funds, and will utilize the funds to update community-wide inventories and conduct a community-wide survey of approximately 110 properties and other resources of historical significance.

"This year we celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a City. I want to thank Secretary Galvin and the Massachusetts's Historical Commission for this grant," said Mayor DeMaria. "The community-wide survey will assist the City in planning future developments with a particular sensitivity to historical properties and resources. Findings will be incorporated into the City's new master plan to be undertaken next year. The grant will also allow us to explore various economic incentives and planning tools to preserve our historical properties and resources."

The city under Mayor Carlo DeMaria's stewardship has made strides in preservation and revitalization of Everett's historic landmarks. The Mayor and City Council successfully completed renovation and expansion of several historic municipal buildings including the Parlin Memorial Library, the Shute Memorial Library, and the Albert L. Parlin School. Recently, the second floor of the second oldest building in Everett Square, the Whittier & Dearborn Building opened its long-shuttered doors for a celebration of a full renovation of this 1930s dance hall into a promising private function venue. This past spring, the enVision Hotel opened its doors to guests at the former Trane Paint Corporation Building. The hotel project was a complete rehabilitation of the landmark, a testament to the level of interest and collaboration between the developer, the city, and the community at large.

Another recent example of the preservation and planning work made by the city is the Master Plan Study of Glenwood Cemetery, a municipal cemetery operating since 1890, which was completed last fall. Included in the study was public monuments assessment, and a list of significant persons of interest interred in the cemetery. The study also made

recommendations for land use evaluation, preservation and redesign options, which the City will utilize in planning the cemetery's future operations. The study also included suggestions for wayfinding, from printed guide maps to technology-based applications, as the city looks to make the cemetery's assets more accessible to the public.

Looking into the future, Mayor DeMaria hopes to continue to work collaboratively with community organizations and developers, to preserve sites such as the St. Therese Church and grounds, the Old Everett High School, and the Masonic Temple, among others. The City of Everett is committed to continuing its efforts to preserve and protect historically important buildings and landscapes.

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