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**CC:** Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve  
**From:** Kristen Griffin, Reserve Manager  
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**Subject:** Annual Narrative Report: October 2016 – September 2017

## **Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve FY2017 Annual Narrative Report**

In accordance with the Trust Board's Rules of Procedure and the terms of NPS Cooperative Agreement #P16A300037 (CFDA 15.954), this report summarizes Trust Board activities and accomplishments of the prior year. The categorical headings organizing this report align with Trust Board responsibilities in the Cooperative Agreement: Administration, Human Resources, Land Protection, Partnerships/Planning, Maintenance, Interpretation/Education/Outreach.

Challenges described below include a year of reduced staff, and a delay (due to DOI review) in receiving the final installment of NPS base and VIP funding. In spite of these challenges, this report documents progress in meeting key Trust Board responsibilities in 2017, including the updating land protection priorities, improvements to easement monitoring and record keeping, award of an EKIP grant that will serve hundreds of students, an exciting, collaborative rehabilitation of a historic barn for educational use, and the strengthening of our working relationship with our partner the Friends of Ebey's.

### **Administration:**

**Summary: Under the Cooperative Agreement the Trust Board agrees to coordinate (carry out) a variety of management and administrative functions relating to daily operations of the Reserve. This is accomplished through the Trust Board, Trust Board committees and staff.**

**2017 Administrative Challenges:** The most serious administrative/operations challenge experienced by the Trust Board in 2017 was the withholding of the final installation of base and VIP funding due to Department of the Interior review of programs funded through cooperative agreements. Because of the significant amount, the timing within the fiscal year, and the uncertainty of when or if the problem would be resolved, the Trust Board narrowly avoided having to lay off staff, possibly close the office, and definitely close the Ebey House (the only NPS visitor contact station in the Reserve). While the Trust Board is aware that this was not due to NPS action (or inaction), it must be reported that this significantly impacted staff, and raised a new concern about future threats to operations.

A second major challenge to FY2017 administration/operations was attempting to meet program obligations with reduced staff. The Education Outreach Coordinator position became vacant in January 2017 (employee left to take a position out of state) and has not been filled due to funding limitations. Program commitments tied to funding made it difficult to substantially modify the 2017 work plan, which was developed with a prominent role for the vacant position. For the 2018 work plan, efforts were made to keep expectations aligned to staffing.

**Trust Board Composition:** FY2017 began with the following representation on the Trust Board:

Position 1	Mark Sheehan	Town of Coupeville
Position 2	Lisa Bernhardt	Town of Coupeville
Position 3	Harry Anderson	Town of Coupeville
Position 4	Fran Einterz	Island County
Position 5	Wilbur Bishop	Island County
Position 6	Al Sherman	Island County
Position 7	Lisa Meserole	Island County, At-Large
Position 8	Hank Florence	National Park Service
Position 9	Jon Crimmins	Washington State Parks

Board composition changed with Hank Florence's retirement and resignation from the board on December 31, 2016. Position 9 was filled in April 2017 by David Louter, PWR Chief, Cultural Resources Program. As of October 2017, an NPS detail assignment will prevent David Louter from continuing his appointment. NPS is in the process of appointing a replacement. The term of Island County At-Large representative Lisa Meserole concluded in September 2017. Island County is in the process of filling the position.

The 2016 slate of officers was reappointed in March 2017: Wilbur Bishop (County) Chair; Mark Sheehan (Town) Vice Chair; Al Sherman (County) Treasurer; and Lisa Bernhardt (Town), Secretary.

**Trust Board Meetings:** The Trust Board maintained a schedule of regular public meetings with one business meeting and one workshop monthly. Exceptions to this schedule were April (no workshop, and short business meeting following the annual planning retreat) and December (no workshop due to holiday schedules). In addition, two special topic meetings of the Trust Board were called. In February a meeting was held to approve board comments on the Navy's Draft Growler EIS, and in September the board met to approve a revision to the FY 2018 Operating Budget. All meetings were held with appropriate public notice.

**Trust Board Committees:** The Trust Board began the year with no changes to existing committee structure: Communications (Wilbur Bishop, Chair), Education/Outreach (Al Sherman, Chair), Finance (Al Sherman, Chair), Land Use (Mark Sheehan, Chair), Trails (Fran Einterz, Chair), Navy Coordination (Fran Einterz, Interim chair), and Governance (Lisa Meserole, Chair). With conclusion of the Trust Board's response to the Draft Growler EIS and the near conclusion of the OLF cement block Section 106 consultation (a draft MOA has been developed), the Trust Board decided that the Navy Coordination committee would become inactive until further notice.

**Trust Board Resolutions:** The Trust Board passed two resolutions in FY2017. Resolution 17-01 was passed in November, 2016 adopting a new Mission Statement for the Trust Board. Resolution 17-02 was passed in March 2017, electing a slate of officers.

**2018 Work Plan:** The Reserve Manager prepared a draft work plan that was presented to the Board at a planning retreat in April 2017. NPS Operations Manager (Roy Zipp) and the Executive Director of the Friends of Ebey's (Alix Roos) attended the retreat. The draft was discussed and modified at two workshops. A final version was approved at a Trust Board meeting and forwarded to NPS in August 2017.

**Foundation Document:** Work on the Foundation Document continued through FY2017. By the end of September all editorial changes were complete and the layout phase was about to begin.

**Budget:** The FY2017 operations budget was based on \$349,143 in operating income (does not include in-kind contributions). The operations budget was approved by the Trust Board and forwarded to NPS in August 2017.

In 2017, NPS base was used to fund personnel costs for administration and operations. VIP funds paid for a part time seasonal employee to coordinate Ebey House docents, and miscellaneous volunteer program expenses (such as uniforms, training, volunteer name tags, recognitions, etc.).

A separate, non-operations 2017 Restricted Fund budget was also passed by the board, showing \$40,000 in income for 2017 expenditures. This fund is used entirely for Ebey's Forever historic property rehabilitation grants (a program responsibility under the Cooperative Agreement). The fund is all non-federal funding, consisting of donations raised by the Friends of Ebey's.

The Friends of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve formally approved a \$78,000 funding request including financial support paid directly to the Trust Board for projects and staff capacity, restricted funds to be allocated under the Ebey's Forever Grant Program, as well as sponsorship funding that the Friends have agreed to seek on behalf of the Trust Board.

As with last year, it is encouraging that the proportion of cash and in-kind support for operations from local sources is increasing. Local cash support for 2017 was \$117,000 per year (combined Friends of Ebey's, Town of Coupeville and Island County), with additional funds supporting the Restricted fund as noted above.

In-kind contributions remain challenging to calculate. The Interlocal agreement intends that each partner will make in-kind contributions to the operations of the Reserve but those contributions are not included in calculations of operations costs. However, in 2017 the Town of Coupeville estimated that the design review and permitting process (a program responsibility under the Cooperative Agreement) represents an \$18,380 in-kind contribution to the Reserve. Tracked volunteer hours in the Reserve are another form of in-kind contribution to the Reserve. Documenting and understanding all kinds of partner in-kind contributions is important so we can ensure that we are meeting the "not to exceed 50% of annual operating costs of the Reserve" provision in the enabling legislation and the Interlocal Agreement.

The Trust Board made progress in restoring its contingency/reserve fund in 2017, but it will need to draw on the fund in 2018 for a large administrative cost (a mandated state procedural audit).

The rate at which this fund is growing means that it will take two or three more years before it is sufficient to cover even two months of expenses at current operations levels (\$30-40,000 would be needed). This means cash flow remains a vulnerability that could disrupt Trust Board (and therefore NPS) operations, including year round services in preservation and visitor services.

**Sustainability:** Trust Board staff continued an office recycling program to reducing trash by regularly transporting recyclables to the recycle center. A new more energy efficient copier has been installed with default settings that will help reduce paper use.

**NPS Reporting:** In addition to this annual report, Trust Board staff submitted all requested reports, including a mid-year progress report (new for 2017), the 2017 SIR, the 2017 VIP report, and the HFC requested inventory reporting on Unigrid brochures.

## **Human Resources:**

**Summary: Under the Cooperative Agreement, the Trust Board will (subject to available funds), hire professional staff to coordinate the Reserve and Trust Board activities; implement the VIP program for the Reserve and manage VIP funds; and provide training.**

**Staffing:** The work of the Trust Board was accomplished with a full time Reserve Manager (Kristen Griffin), full time Office Manager (Carol Castellano), and a full time Preservation Coordinator (Sarah Steen). The Education Outreach Coordinator position became vacant in January 2017 (employee left to take a position out of state) and has not been filled due to funding. It is expected to remain vacant through 2018.

A part-time seasonal employee (Sally Straathoff) coordinated volunteer docents and provided visitor services at the Jacob and Sarah Ebey House visitor contact station. The staff was assisted by 36 volunteer docents (an increase over last season), engaging over 7,500 visitors during the part-time summer season.

A temporary, part-time project assistant (Nan Maysen) was hired in June 2017 to assist with four specific tasks, including a grant submission, and future education/outreach projects. The position was terminated early due to budget shortfall. Intended as a youth engagement opportunity and to provide assistance with needed peak season tasks, the Trust Board hired a part-time Reserve Intern (Colbey Fleming) in June 2017 and this continued to the end of FY2017.

Trust Board staff provided two trainings to the Historic Preservation Commission in 2017. One an overview of the Reserve and its history, the other a review of the National Register and the historic property nomination process.

**Staff Development:** All staff completed mandatory NPS FISSA training, and were asked to read the Effigy Mounds “After Action” report and Lessons Learned. Preservation Coordinator initiated ongoing GIS training through the NPS Esri portal, and also attended a webinar on the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program. Reserve Manager took a workshop on the installation and use of AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators). Office Manager took several NPS webinars on website federal accessibility standards for application to website revision.

**Volunteers in Parks:** The Trust Board maintained an active and successful VIP program in FY2017 with 281 volunteers contributing 13,685 hours of service to the Reserve. These hours represent visitor services (seasonal docents), planning and administration (including Trust Board members, Friends Board members, committees, partners), historic preservation projects (such as the Field School and cemetery workshop), and various trail and maintenance projects. As noted, 36 docents (including new volunteers) staffed the Ebey House Visitor Contact Station for four days per week during the summer season (Memorial Day to Labor Day), and several contributed additional hours assisting with other projects, such as tours of the Ferry House. All expenditures are appropriately documented.

**Safety of staff, visitors and volunteers:** In 2017, Trust Board staff coordinated the identification of NPS structures with Island County, and Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue so that the Ferry House, Ebey House and the Cottage (Trust Board office) all have appropriate address signs and these locations are mapped for emergency responders. For the first time, an emergency cell phone was provided in the Ebey House. The Ebey House and Trust Board office were signed with information concerning limits on firearms in federal buildings and facilities.

### **Partnerships and Community Planning:**

**Summary: Under the Cooperative Agreement, the Trust Board develops partnerships; engages on local land use issues (including Design Review); and advocates for the Reserve and its resources.**

**Partner Coordination:** Regular meetings of the Reserve Manager and the four partners of the Interlocal Agreement were held throughout 2017 and provided an important forum for issues and policy guidance pertaining to mutual interests in the Reserve.

**Friends of Ebey's Partnership:** In addition providing financial support for operations and programs in the Reserve, in 2017 the Trust Board and Friends began the most complicated collaboration they have undertaken together – securing dedicated funding for the Sheep Barn rehabilitation project. This involved recruiting \$30,000 in private donor funds, and making the first ever disbursement (\$20,000) from the \$285,000 Pratt TNC fund intended for stewardship of Pratt Estate historic buildings and now being managed by the Friends of Ebey's.

### **Land Protection:**

**Summary: Under the Cooperative agreement, this category includes easement monitoring; developing easement language; and establishing and updating land protection priorities.**

The Trust Board's Land Use Committee continued its work on updating the Land Protection Plan in 2017. The Trust Board staff also worked with NPS GIS staff to continue to improve the Reserve's land protection base map titled "Land Protection in Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve" (also a key part of the NPS Foundation Document process). The plan and map are key to making recommendations to the NPS LARS database.

**Easement Monitoring:** Trust Board staff worked on several projects related to easement monitoring, including coordinating an update of the Reserve's main Land Protection Map;

completed a digitization project for Reserve easement records; made progress on updating the Scenic Easement Administration Plan (SEAP) which outlines the process for administering easements in the Reserve; Lastly, 2017 easement monitoring was completed and Trust Board staff communicated with all easement holders.

**Presentative Maintenance:** Trust Board staff developed a Presentative Maintenance and Condition Assessment Plan for the NPS Pratt structures, to be implemented in 2018. It is hoped this plan will help NPS identify and track preservation needs and contribute to the security of these structures.

**Easement Language Assistance:** Trust Board staff helped the NPS Lands Office develop appropriate language for a façade easement to be funded with Ebey's Reserve LWCF funds and intended to help preserve the historic Haller House, an important contributing structure in the Reserve.

**Farm Exchange:** The Trust Board staff assisted NPS in hosting a farmer information/discussion meeting about Farms I & II, and assisted NPS with two public scoping meetings to provide information on disposition and leasing of Farms I & II.

**Ebey's Forever Historic Rehabilitation Grant Program:** FY2017 saw the seventh round of Ebey's Forever grants, with approval of five historic preservation projects, totaling \$56,000. The grant program continues to be a very visible, popular and positive demonstration of the Reserve's proactive approach to preservation. With the 2017 projects, total economic impact of funded rehabilitation projects has reached 1 million dollars. This program promotes preservation in the Reserve by encouraging rehabilitation work which meets the Secretary's Standards, by encouraging diversity among preservation projects, and by building in long-term sustainability of preservation objectives (maintenance agreements). It also encourages voluntary listing of historic properties, for example, in 2017, the Cawsey-Perkins House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Territorial Structure MPD:** Trust Board staff completed a draft context and an initial property submission (the Ferry House) for an MPD (Multiple Property Document) for "Territorial" structures in 2017. The draft is being reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office. When complete, the MPD will provide context to better understand these structures and plan for rehabilitation, management and interpretation.

**Historic Preservation Field School:** Together with the NPS staff, the Trust Board staff coordinated the 10<sup>th</sup> annual, community-supported historic preservation Field School. This year the project was work to stabilize and rehabilitate the Pratt Machine Shed, an outbuilding associated with the Pratt Sheep Barn. The field school attracted a wide range of community volunteers, including many Coupeville Lions, who were recognized for their years of involvement in preservation within the Reserve.

**Historic Preservation Workshops:** A short workshop on preservation of historic cemetery monuments was held in Sunnyside Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend. This second cemetery project, building on the 2016 preservation field school, was so positive and successful the Trust

Board may make it an annual community engagement event with other partners. This work was inspired by NPS Vanishing Treasures training received by the Preservation Coordinator.

**Ebey's Reserve Historic Preservation Commission:** During FY2017 the Trust Board continued to offer support and technical assistance to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The Reserve Manager designated the Preservation Coordinator to represent the Reserve's interests on the monthly Historic Reserve Committee (HRC), and discuss administrative project reviews. The Preservation Coordinator attended all HPC meetings and offered advice and assistance to Town and County staff. Significant Design Review policy and process work was undertaken by the Reserve and Town/County planning staff in 2017. Commission training and guiding documents, such as Rules of Procedure, were developed and implemented. Design Review level thresholds and areas were reviewed and revised, Town and County Preservation Ordinances were reviewed and are now in the long process of formal amendment. Also this year, the Historic Reserve Committee (HRC) began a targeted review of design review guidelines. Responding to last year's conclusions about improving the HPC, there seems general agreement among Reserve partners that more training and clearer procedures are needed for this important aspect of preservation in the Reserve to function optimally.

**NPS Cultural Resource Compliance:** As requested by NPS in April 2017, Trust Board staff were added to the NPS Cultural Resource Management Team for Ebey's Reserve in 2017, allowing the Preservation Coordinator (as an architectural historian) to contribute as needed interdisciplinary expertise for compliance reviews such as Section 106, SEPA, NEPA, etc. Cultural Resource Compliance is an NPS responsibility under the Cooperative Agreement but this collaboration is an efficient practice that benefits the historic resources of the Reserve. During 2017, the Preservation Coordinator provided this assistance on three occasions: Section 106 review of new wayside panel installations, Section 106 review of the NPS rehabilitation of the granary rehabilitation at Farm II (Reuble Farmstead), and Section 106 review of the Pratt NPS Sheep Barn/Machine Shed project. In response to an additional NPS request in August 2017, this role was added in the 2018 work plan, with understanding that major project reviews (for example, a multiyear, multi-review Ferry House project) that could exceed staff workload capacity, should program for, and contribute to, these personnel costs.

**Major Project Environmental Reviews:** The Trust Board and staff continued to respond to multiple requests to participate in consultation with the Navy through NEPA and NHPA Section 106. The most comprehensive of these was the Trust Board's consideration and comment on the Navy's Draft EIS and Section 106 review of the significant expansion of Growler operation expansion at NAS Whidbey. This was a major undertaking for the Trust Board. The process took multiple meetings and benefitted greatly from technical data and research shared by NPS resource management specialists. A Section 106 consultation begun last year concerning cement blocks installed at OLF was approaching completion in late 2017 (an MOA has been developed and reviewed for comment).

## **Maintenance:**

**Summary: Under the Cooperative Agreement, the Trust Board provides custodial maintenance and utility costs for the Trust Board office (the NPS Cottage), and reports problems or issues to NPS.**

Custodial services are provided by Trust board staff and through contracted services. Utilities are being paid regularly through the Trust Board. Issues needing attention by NPS have been reported in a timely manner.

## **Interpretation, Outreach and Education:**

**Summary: Under the Cooperative Agreement, the Trust Board develops and implements the Reserve's Interpretation/Education and Outreach program, including operating the Jacob Ebey House, and planning and producing media and communications (brochures, kiosks, website, social media.**

**Ebey House Visitor Contact Station:** In 2017, Trust Board staff and volunteers opened the Jacob Ebey House for visitors Thursday through Sunday, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A total of 7,500 visitors signed into the house, setting another seasonal record (an increase of 25%). The visitors were assisted by a crew of 36 docents (an increase over last year).

**EKiP Field Trip Grant:** In 2017 the Trust Board applied for, and was awarded, a \$6,100 Every Kid in a Park grant from the National Park Foundation to eliminate barriers (generally transportation costs) and encourage low income schools to bring 4 grade students to the Reserve for field trips in 2018. As planned, the Trust Board will develop a cooperative agreement with the Island County Historical Society to schedule and provide field trips for 500 students, with administrative support and materials developed by Trust Board staff.

**Outreach Programs (provided by Trust Board staff or volunteers):** Trust Board staff provided several tours and programs on the Reserve in 2017. These included the Soundwaters conference, the American Association of University Women, and a driving tour of the Reserve for Town and County planning staff. During the summer season, Trust Board staff provided two Porch Story lectures, and started a new summer "pilot" program to experiment with providing regularly scheduled tours of the Ferry House by reservation. These tours were extremely popular and consistently were booked to capacity.

**Outreach Programs (Provided by Partners):** With sponsor support through the Friends of Ebey's, the Trust Board expanded and formalized its successful partnership with the Island County Historical Society and Museum to present regular "Porch Stories," programs. Now in its third year, this program is extremely popular. The programs are short, free, programs on local history in a casual, intimate and interactive setting of the museum covered porch. This partnership has proved to be a perfect fit for both the museum and the Reserve. The museum provides the location and content and benefits from income and increased visitation. The Reserve is able to expand its ability to meet interpretive and public education objectives. "Porch Stories" will continue and expand for next season.



**Publications:** Two of the most popular Reserve brochures were updated and reprinted in 2017: the Reserve Trails Map, and the Self-Guided Walking Tour of Historic Coupeville map. Funding was through Friends of Ebey's, Washington State Parks, and the Town of Coupeville.

**Visitor Services:** The Prairie Overlook trail head saw expanded use again this year. Trust Board staff have assisted NPS by collecting data from newly installed NPS Trail Counters.

**Wayside Exhibit Replacement:** The biggest work plan challenge in 2017 was meeting expectations for the wayside panel replacement project. The work plan was developed with a heavy schedule of Education/Outreach work to be accomplished by the Outreach Coordinator. When the position was not filled due to reduced funding, this work was shifted to the Reserve Manager and other staff. While progress was made, the timeline for completion was not met. Three panels were intended to be installed by May of 2017. At the end of FY2017, two panels have been designed and were in the final review stage and preparations for installation have been made (bases acquired, installation locations identified, and Section 106 compliance completed).

**Other Exhibit Development:** Two education/outreach/interpretive products that were not planned at the beginning of 2017 were completed due to the availability of funds. These were a revised and improved wall orientation map for the Ebey House and an informational sign at the blockhouse, both designed and installed in 2017.

# ADMINISTRATION



**Members of the Trust Board** visiting the NPS Sheep Barn rehabilitation project. Left to Right: Al Sherman, Jon Crimmins, Wilbur Bishop, Fran Einterz, Lisa Meserole, Harry Anderson. Not shown: David Louter, Lisa Bernhardt, Mark Sheehan.



**Trust Board staff** at The Cottage (Trust Board office): Left to Right: Preservation Coordinator Sarah Steen, Office Manager Carol Castellano, Reserve Manager Kristen Griffin.



# LAND & RESOURCE PROTECTION



*This 1930s NPS structure known as the Sheep Barn is being rehabilitated for use as an outdoor classroom. Funding is through NPS, the Trust Board (TNC/Pratt Fund) and the Friends of Ebey's. The project began in 2017 and will be complete in 2018.*



*NPS staff, Trust Board staff, and community volunteers collaborated in a 2017 Preservation Field School that helped to stabilize and preserve an NPS structure. This was the 10th Annual Ebey's Reserve Preservation Field School and the Coupeville Lions were recognized for their contributions to field school preservation projects in the Reserve.*





***Hancock easement on Ebey's Prairie. The Trust Board is responsible for annual monitoring of 49 National Park Service held scenic easement tracts within the Reserve.***

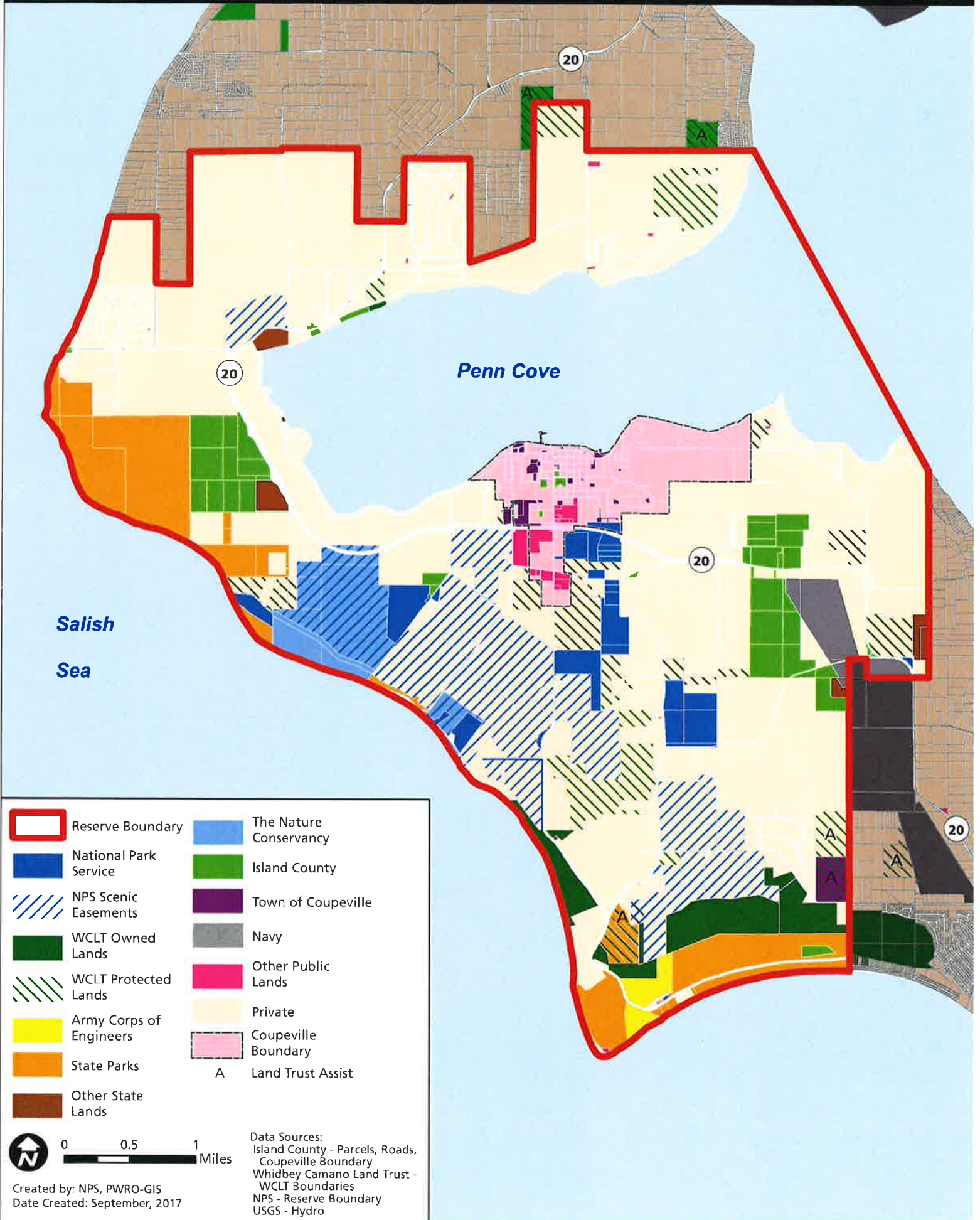
***Community volunteers participate in a Decoration Day (Memorial Day) themed preservation workshop focusing on historic cemetery preservation.***





# Land Protection in Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior



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|  | Reserve Boundary        |  | The Nature Conservancy |
|  | National Park Service   |  | Island County          |
|  | NPS Scenic Easements    |  | Town of Coupeville     |
|  | WCLT Owned Lands        |  | Navy                   |
|  | WCLT Protected Lands    |  | Other Public Lands     |
|  | Army Corps of Engineers |  | Private                |
|  | State Parks             |  | Coupeville Boundary    |
|  | Other State Lands       |  | Land Trust Assist      |



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Date Created: September, 2017

Data Sources:  
Island County - Parcels, Roads, Coupeville Boundary  
Whidbey Camano Land Trust - WCLT Boundaries  
NPS - Reserve Boundary  
USGS - Hydro

# PARTNERSHIP / PLANNING

*The Friends of Ebey's at a 2017 board meeting in the Eckholm Farm Long Barn, a structure rehabilitated with an Ebey's Forever Grant.*



*2017 Ebey's Forever Grant program broke the \$1,000,000 mark for local investment in historic buildings.*



*Holbrook Garage, c. 1910*



*Todd/Lovejoy House, c. 1886*



# Ebey's Forever Grant Recipients

# 2017



**Fullington House**

1859/1920s

*Cedar Shake Roof*  
\$13,000



**Robertson House**

c.1864

*Asphalt Roof; Siding Repair; Drainage*  
\$11,900



**"Ryan's" Barn**

unknown

*Structural Stabilization; Roof*  
\$3,000



**Todd/Lovejoy House**

1886

*Cedar Shingle Roof; Porch Flooring Repair*  
\$17,000



**White Barn**

c.1920

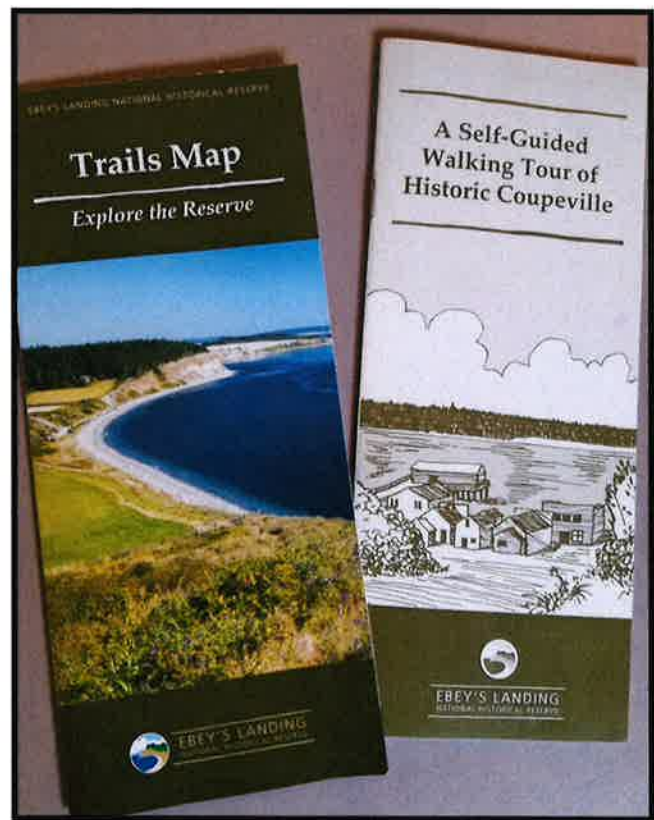
*Cedar Shake Roof; Siding Repair*  
\$6,300

# INTERPRETATION, EDUCATION & OUTREACH



*Original artwork that will be part new wayside interpretive panels designed in 2017. With the vacant Outreach/Education coordinator position, other Trust Board staff absorbed project responsibilities and contracted for design assistance. Two of three planned panels were in final review at the end of FY2017.*

*The Trust Board used grant funds from Island County, Town of Coupeville and State Parks to update and reprint two popular brochures in 2017: The Trails Map, and the Self-Guided Walking Tour of Historic Coupeville.*







*The Reserve's VIP docents in the Ebey House at the end of the 2017 summer season. The number of docents increased to 36 this season, and the docents engaged 7,500 visitors, which was a 25% increase over last season and a new record for the program.*



*The Reserve's VIP docents and Preservation Coordinator Sarah Steen during docent training in the Ebey House, May 2017.*



**The Mission Continues** volunteers do maintenance work on the Prairie Wayside.



*Student Conservation Association* volunteers do trail maintenance work on the Bluff Trail.





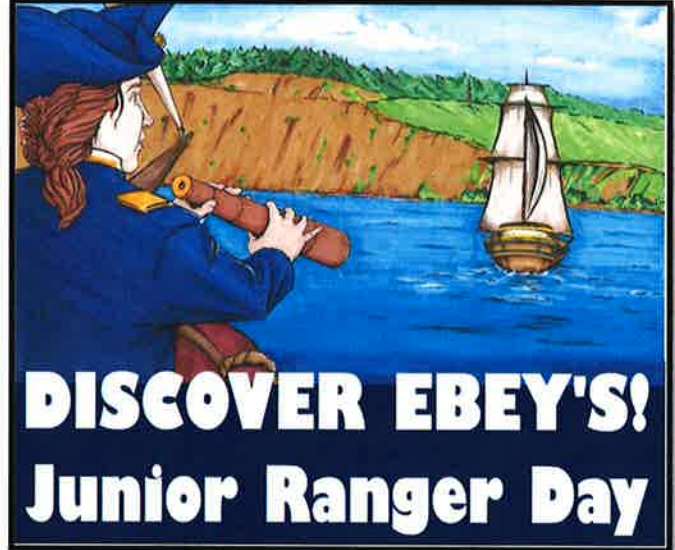
## TOUR THE HISTORIC FERRY HOUSE

The Historic Ferry House was built by Winfield Scott Ebey in 1860, and is one of the oldest Territorial Era buildings in the state of Washington. Rarely open to the public, we are pleased to invite you to take a tour this summer!

**Tour Dates** - Saturdays, June 24, July 22 and August 26

**Tour Times** - 11am to 1pm.

**Group Size** - Up to 20 people per tour.



# Ebey's Reserve 50 Hour FilmSlam JOIN US!



*Outreach and Education programs for FY 2017 were varied and reached out to both local and visitors. The popular Jr. Ranger Program was highlighted during June, and PorchStories in conjunction with the Island County Museum presented historical programs on the porch of the museum throughout the summer. The 50 Hour FilmSlam once again had participants tell their unique story of the Reserve through their eyes.*

## PorchStories

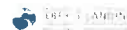
A Little Bit of History presented on the  
Porch of the Island County Museum  
Wednesday, August 23rd, 2:00pm



### CHINESE ON CENTRAL WHIDBEY: Hard Work, Hard Lives

*Presented by Sarah Aldrich, ICMS Archivist*

A Free ½ Hour Program  
brought to you by:

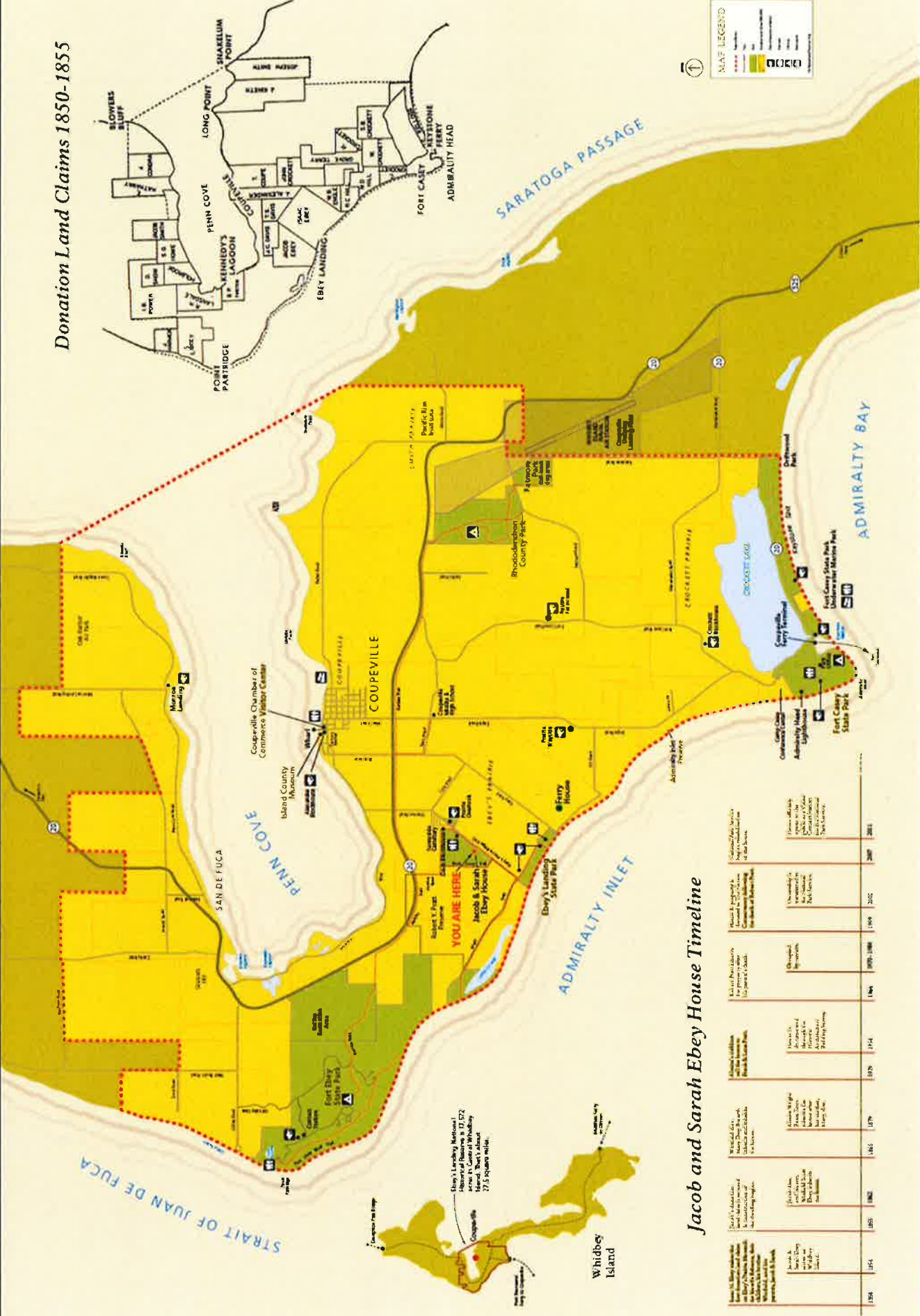


This program is made possible by the Island County Historical Society and Museum, Island County 2% Lodging Tax, Friends of Ebey's, Whidbey Island Bank and Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve.

# EBEY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORICAL RESERVE



Donation Land Claims 1850-1855



## Jacob and Sarah Ebey House Timeline

1856	1854	1852	1851	1849	1848	1844	1842	1841
<p>1856: The Ebey House is built on the site of the former Ebey farm. The house is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p> <p>1854: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>	<p>1852: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>	<p>1851: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>	<p>1849: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>	<p>1848: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>	<p>1844: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>	<p>1842: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>	<p>1841: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>	<p>1841: The house is completed. It is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed structure of brick and wood.</p>

The Trust Board designed and fabricated (with NPS special project funds) a new orientation wall map for the Ebey House in 2017.