



## Show Your Community Spirit by Helping Us SAVE THE FREED HOUSE

- The Reard/Freed house is an authentic symbol of early pioneer life on the Sammamish Plateau. Its preservation will create a spirit of community involvement and pride.
- It's one of the last remaining historical homes in Sammamish. The house was built in the early 1890's and has retained most of the original building material (old growth timber).
- Oscar Freed established the first Water District on the plateau and the house served as the Water District office for over 30 years.
- Sammamish Heritage Society has proposed that the Freed House be established as the first King County Historical Landmark in Sammamish. The City of Sammamish is the only local city without a designated landmark.
- Washington Trust for Historical Preservation has placed the Reard/Freed house on the Most Endangered Properties List in 2010.
- Upon renovation, the Freed house would be self-sustaining as a rental facility for community events and private functions and would also serve as the appropriate setting for the display of Sammamish's historical artifacts.
- Because of the house's link to the local area's history, it can be used by children of the Issaquah and Lake Washington School Districts as a teaching tool.
- The house renovation will be an example of environmentally-sensitive building using green materials and reusing original materials.
- Being situated in the Lower Commons, the house would serve as a centerpiece for the park and future trail systems.

### Fascinating Fact

- Learn about the colorful history including bootlegging, farming, logging, and its use as a Hollywood movie set for Ron Howard and Mickey Rourke.