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**What does heritage mean to you? Wheeling Heritage wants to know**

WHEELING, W.Va. – February 19, 2019 – The word “heritage” has a long definition, and it means different things to different people. Wheeling Heritage is hoping to learn how Wheeling residents view heritage, and how heritage plays a role in their lives. Anyone interested in sharing his or her thoughts can take a short survey at [wheelingheritage.org/heritage](http://wheelingheritage.org/heritage).

Heritage spans everything from family, culture, places, architecture, art, traditions, and values. There is no “wrong” answer to the survey, said Betsy Sweeny, Wheeling Heritage’s historic preservation program manager. Wheeling Heritage’s goal is to learn how people view heritage, and then use that information to make its programming stronger.

“Our job is to connect people to the past while staying relevant in the present. These answers will help us do just that by providing insight into the aspects of heritage that resonate with the people of Wheeling,” Sweeny said. “What we want more than anything is for people to feel comfortable sharing their stories.”

Wheeling Heritage is Responses will help the organization plan future projects, including a radio show focused on the area’s history and heritage, which is currently in the planning stage.

**About Wheeling Heritage:**

[Wheeling Heritage](http://wheelingheritage.org) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling’s story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.