

History restored

WELLINGTON HOUSE, From A1 include putting on a new cedar-shingle roof – the same type that was on the home when it was originally built – and repairs to the post-and-beam framework. Of the money that was used for the renovations, \$100,000 comes from the city's Community Preservation Act fund.

The Community Preservation Committee in January ap-

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proved \$100,000 a year over a total of four years for renovations.

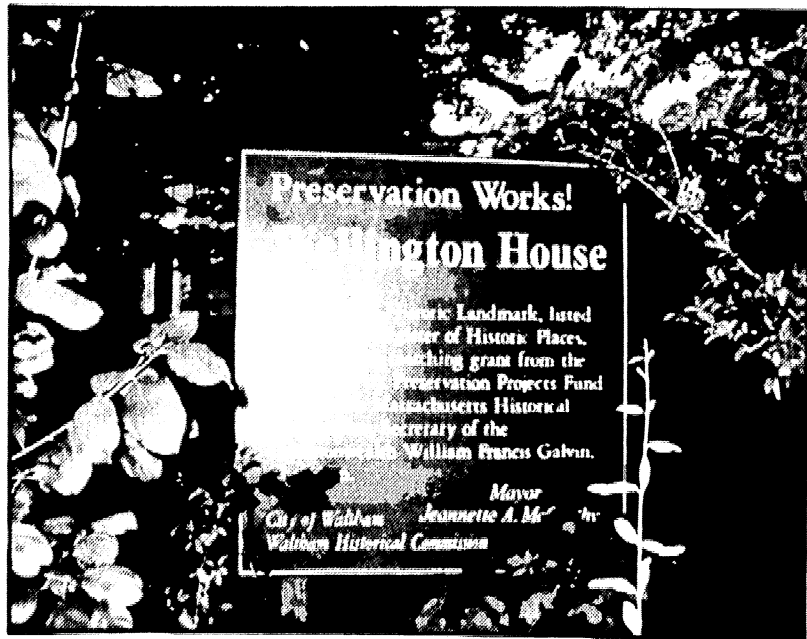
While this year's allotment was approved by the City Council, Bennett said the council would have to OK the preservation act money separately each year.

In 2005, developer Pulte Homes donated the house along with about \$115,000 for its renovations after the company bought the former Middlesex County Hospital property for its 268-unit condominium project, Wellington



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Restoration to the exterior of the Revolutionary War-era Wellington House off Trapelo Road could be completed by the end of the month. The city is planning on turing 12 acres near the house into a park.



Crossing. Also in 2005, the Davis Companies in Boston donated \$100,000 to the city for historical preservation, which was used for the Wellington House.

Another \$52,000 was given by the Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund.

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Wellington House, which could be turned into a park.

"The thinking is that (the Wellington House) could be sort of a head house for some type of passive recreation area," Bennett said.

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