Landmark Designation

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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City of Seattle

Historic Preservation

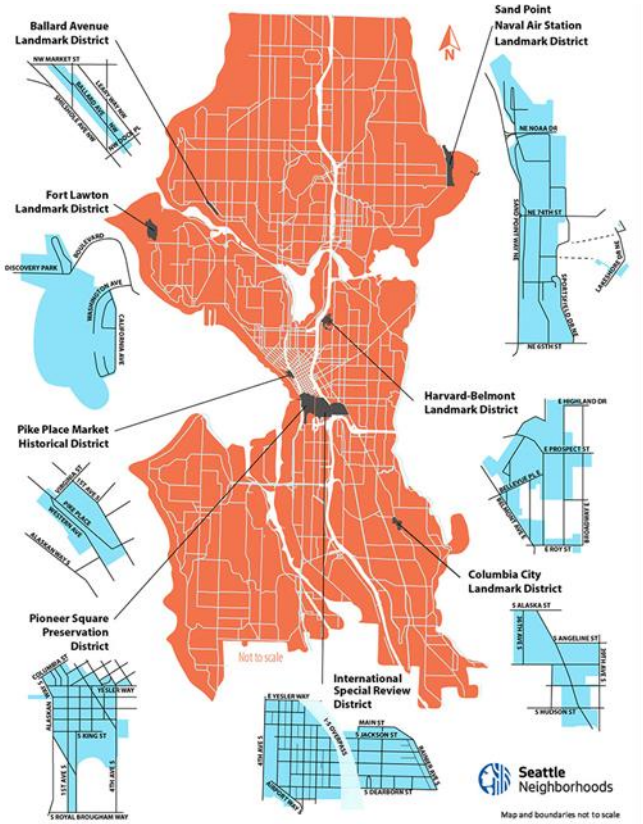
The mission of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods is to provide resources and opportunities for community members to build strong communities, receive equitable access to government, and improve their quality of life.

Historic Preservation works in collaboration with communities to preserve places that are identified as important. Keeping a tangible connection with the past helps foster community belonging in the present and future.

What we do

8 Historic Districts

450+ Landmarks



Historic District land area

- Coordinate Historic Preservation Boards and Commissions led by community volunteers
- Support people through the Landmark nomination and designation process
- Manage the Certificates of Approval process
- Conduct surveys and inventories of historic resources
- Coordinate Major Project Review & Interdepartmental Permitting
- Engage community in education, outreach, and storytelling

Designation Standards

In order to be designated, the building, object, or site must be at least 25 years old and must meet at least one of the six standards for designation outlined in the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Ordinance (SMC 25.12.350):

a) It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, a historic event with a significant effect upon the community, City, state, or nation; or

b) It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation; or

c) It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation; or

Designation Standards, cont.

d) It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or a method of construction; or

e) It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder; or

f) Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City.

In addition to meeting at least one of the above standards, the object, site, or improvement must also possess integrity or the ability to convey its significance.

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9536 Ashworth Avenue N

Designation: October 16, 2019

Standards: A and C

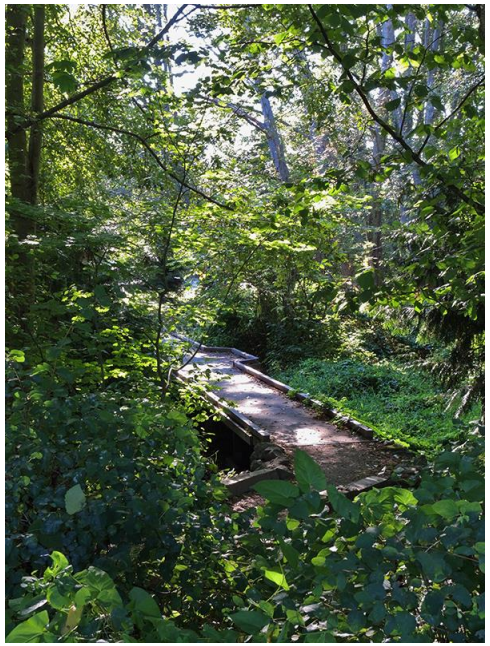
Controlled features:

- the park site (excluding the existing shelter and play equipment on the west side)

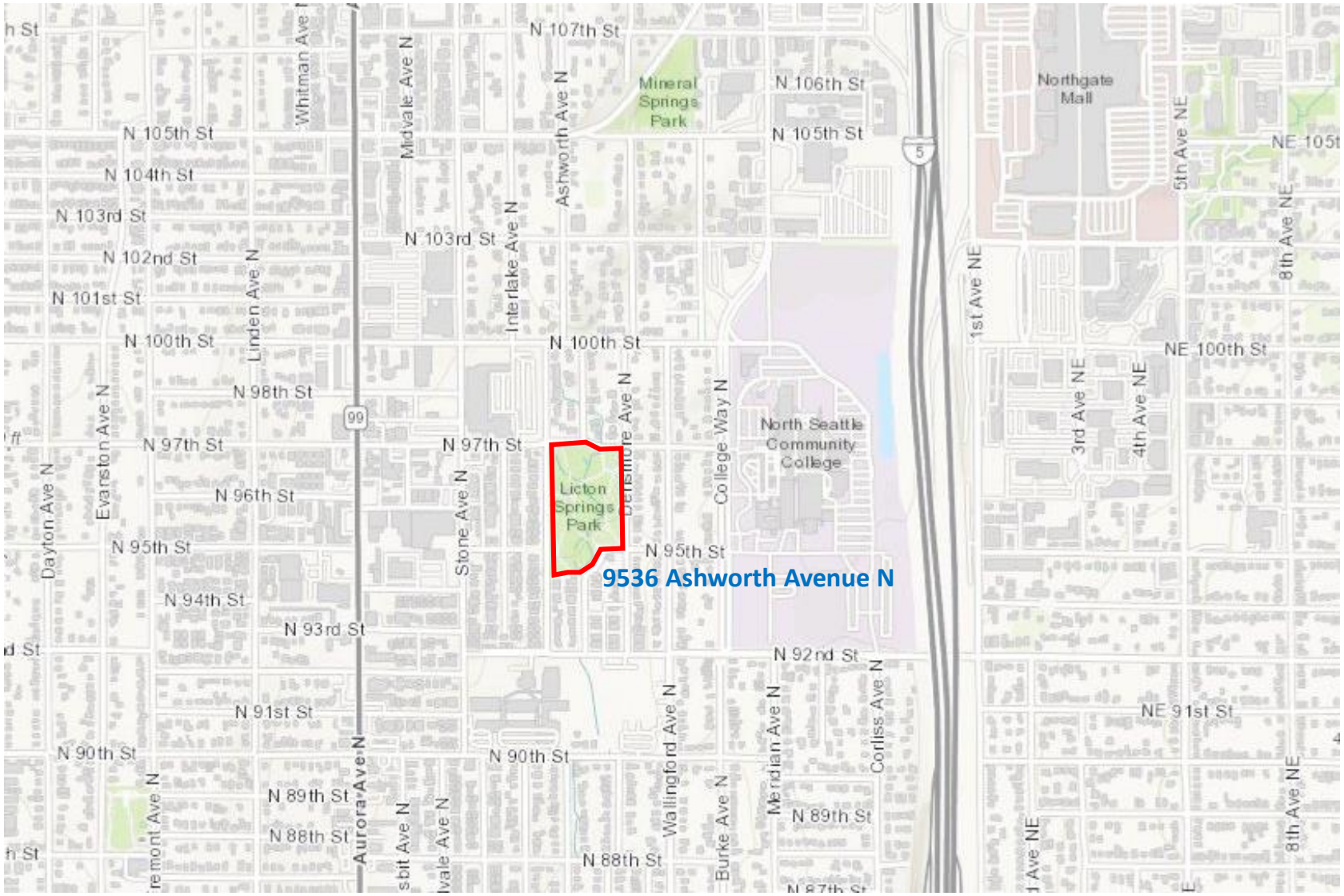
Park Built: 1974

Park Landscape Architects: Jones & Jones

Historic photo, 1961



Contemporary photo, 2017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Dibble Ave N
College Way N
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North Seattle Community College
Licton Springs Park
9536 Ashworth Avenue N

Stewart House

10455 Maplewood Place SW

Designation: November 20, 2024

Standards: D and E

Controlled features:

- the site
- exteriors of the house and apartment/garage
- portions of the interior

Date Built: 1931

Architects: William J. Bain, Sr. and Lionel Pries

Contemporary photos, 2024

Historic photo, 1931

10455 Maplewood Place SW
Puget Sound
Maplewood Pl SW
Marine View Dr SW
SW 104th St
SW 106th St
SW 107th St
SW 109th St
38th Ave SW
44th Ave SW
42nd Ave SW
39th Ave SW
Stim Bullitt Natural Area
Arroyo Heights
Arroyos Natural Area
400 ft
900 ft