

Red Barn Ranch Recreational Covenant Transfer

City Council Public Assets and Native Communities Committee

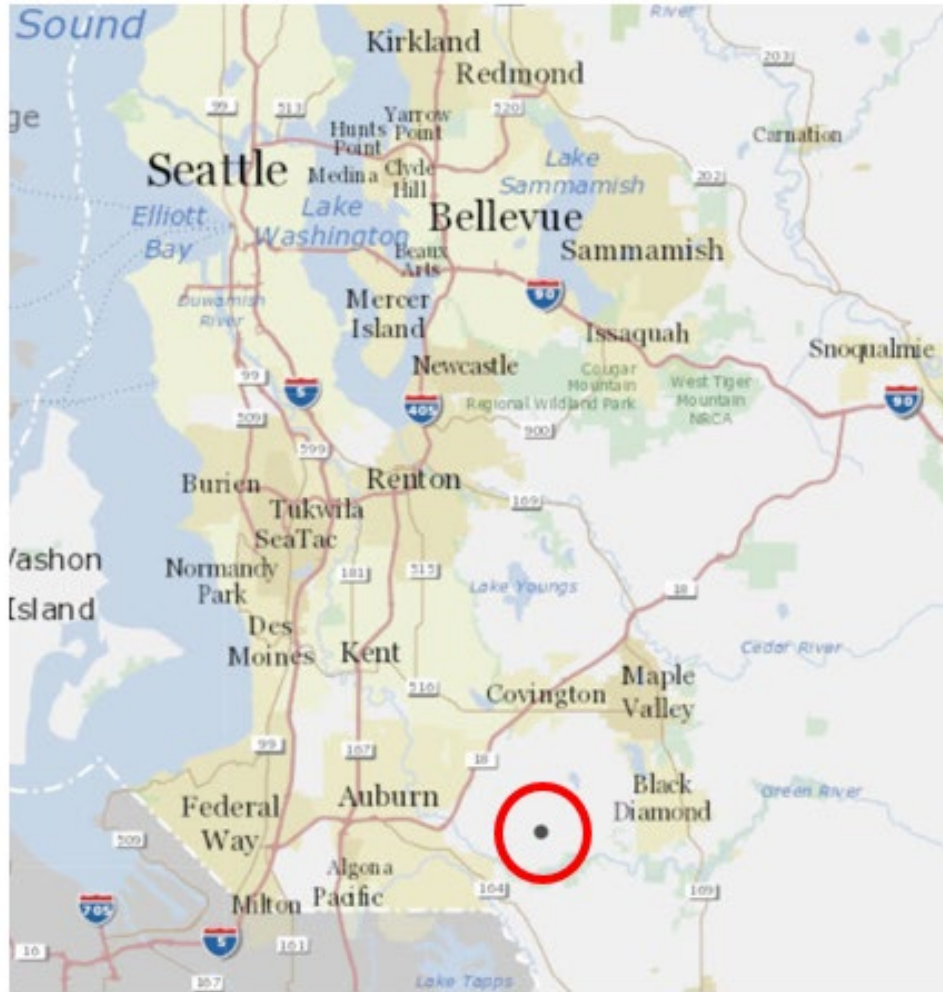
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Red Barn Ranch Property



Description and History

39-acre site, developed for recreational camp, with farm space

- **1970:** City purchased Property with RCO funding
- **1971-83:** SPR renovated property & operated youth camp
- **1983-1994:** Site used for contracted recreation uses and education programming, with periodic site closures
- **1995-2011:** Camp Berachah operated equestrian camp
- **2011-14:** Camp Berachah & Seattle Tilth incubator farm
- **2014-18:** Seattle Tilth farm operations alone
- **2018-present:** Site vacant



What is a Recreation Covenant?

- Specifies use of land for **public outdoor recreation purposes** only, intended to protect public outdoor recreation and park resources
 - Limits the construction of on-site structures in favor of outdoor uses
- Requires provision of **public access** to the property
 - Does not preclude reasonable access/use restrictions necessary for safe and effective management of the property

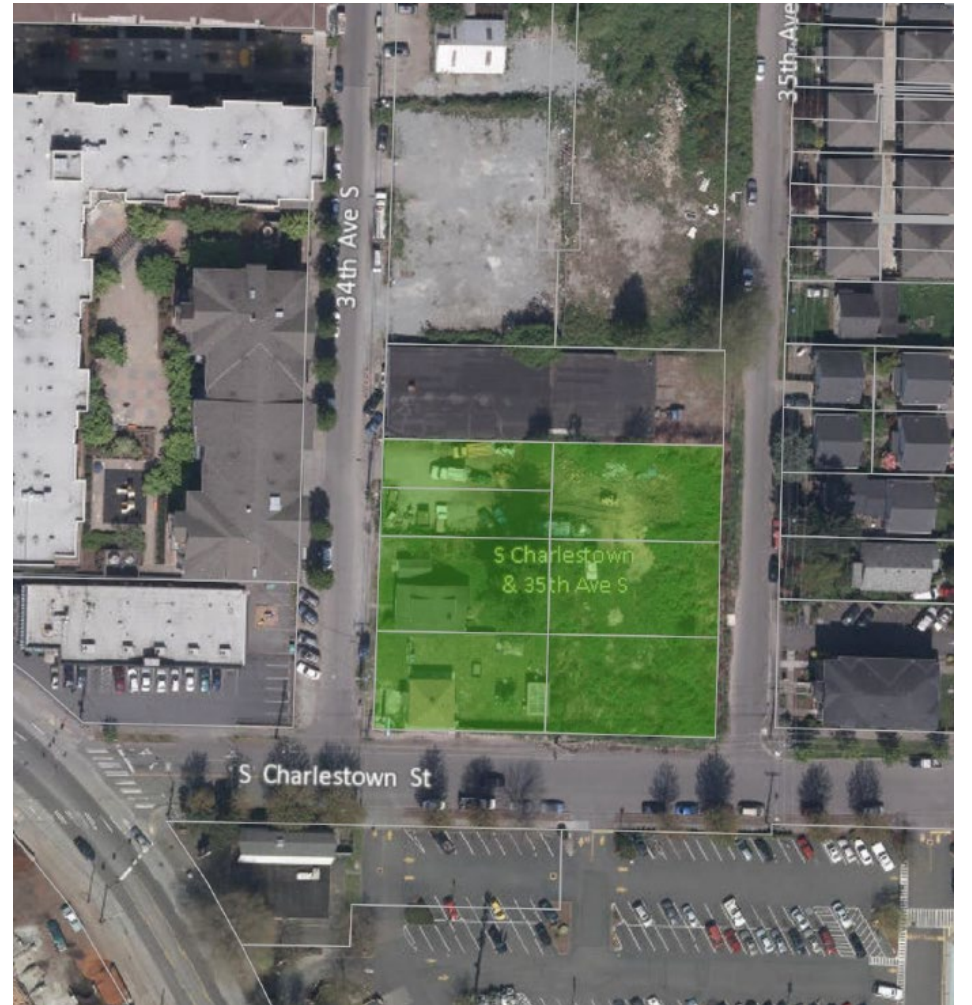
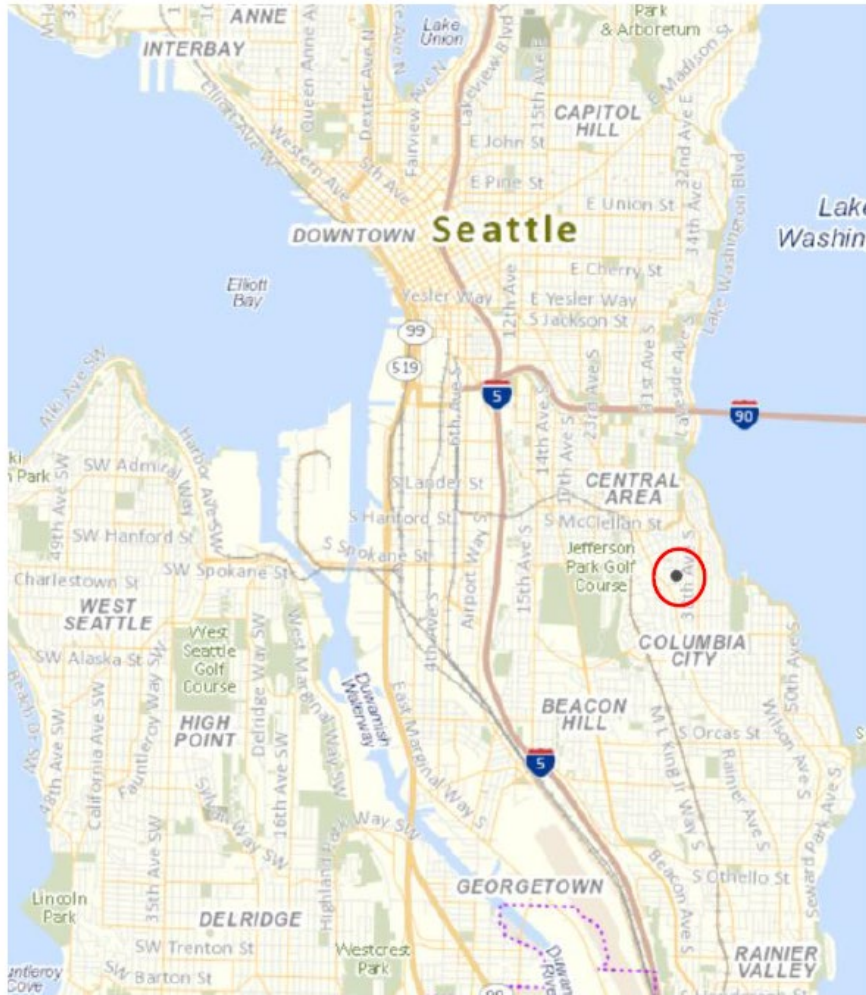


Today's Action: Covenant Transfer

- In January 2021, RCO Board approved covenant transfer from Red Barn Ranch to the to-be-developed North Rainier park property
- **Today's action to formalize transfer:**
 - Release existing recreational deeds from Red Barn Ranch property
 - Record new recreational deed on North Rainier property
 - Aligns with development plan for this property
- **This covenant transfer opens the door for:**
 - North Rainier grant receipt and site development (consistent RCO use guidelines)
 - Future creative uses of Red Barn Ranch property (beyond recreation uses)



Transfer Site: North Rainier Property



What's Next for Red Barn Ranch

- SPR has engaged a consultant to conduct a feasibility study of possible on-site stabilization to ensure property is safe for future user(s)
- Next steps include:
 - Design and implement a community visioning process to inform long-term use of site
 - Conducting restoration work on-site
 - Scoping major maintenance/stabilization
 - Conduct legal analysis regarding future use



Summary of Action Requested Today

- Approve transfer of recreation covenant from Red Barn Ranch to North Rainier site to:
 - Allow consideration of a broader set of possible future uses at Red Barn Ranch
 - Enable North Rainier development to proceed on time

