Purpose: To promote the knowledge of and appreciation of the human and physical heritage of the Wallingford neighborhood through advocacy, education, publications, assistance to property owners and preservation of oral history, written and photographic ephemera, objects, landscapes and structures.

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Purpose: To develop the information needed to guide historic interpretation and preservation efforts in Wallingford, including identifying potential historic district boundaries and gauging the public interest in potential National Register of Historic Places historic district designation. The study uses, approximately, the same boundaries as the 1975 Steinbrueck/Nyberg study.
Development periods [4961]
1900 to 1916 [2202]
1917 to 1936 [1763]
1940 to 1955 [234]
1956 to 1985 [243]
Project study area based on Wallingford neighborhood general boundaries

In the legend, numbers in [\#] after each period show the building count.
The National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of our Nation’s places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, it is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America’s historic treasures.

Designation to the National Register of Historic Places as an individual property or as part of a historic district is:

- An honorary designation recognizing a property’s significance
- **Does not** prevent a building from being modified or demolished
- Informs and raises awareness for the historic significance of a building or neighborhood for property owners, local planning and elected officials
- Provides some protections from federally-funded or licensed projects
- Allows property owners to receive free technical assistance from the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)
- Provides tax benefits for commercial and rental residential properties
Study Findings

Areas are recommended for National Register of Historic Places historic district eligibility based on their integrity, which is their ability to convey their architectural and/or historical significance.

There are seven aspects of integrity established by the National Park Service for use in evaluating properties to determine if they convey those historical and/or architectural associations for which they are significant.

- Location: the place where the historic property is and was constructed
- Design: the form, plan, space, structure, and style of a property
- Setting: the physical environment of a historic property that illustrates the character of a place
- Materials: the physical elements combined in a particular pattern or configuration to form the style during a period in the past
- Workmanship: the physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during a given period of our history
- Feeling: the quality that an historic property has in evoking the aesthetic or historic sense of a past period of time
- Association: the direct link between a property and the event or person for which the property is significant
Project study area boundaries based on general neighborhood boundaries and the Nyberg and Steinbrueck study boundaries.
Area A: 83% contributing    Area B: 70% contributing
Area C: 69% contributing
Property status

- Area D non-contributing
- Contributing if POS is 1900 to 1936
- Contributing if POS extended to 1955

Recommended preliminary historic district boundaries

Legend

Area D: 71% contributing
Commercial District: 53% contributing
1. LAND DEVELOPMENT
What was the dominant pattern of early land sales?
- As single lots for owner house construction?
- As groups of lots for speculative development by a builder?
- As investments held for later sale?
- Other?

2. BUILDING DEVELOPMENT
When were the buildings built, and any information on builder/architect?

3. BUILDING OCCUPANTS
Who is associated with each building?

2.1 CITY SURVEY
Extract previous survey data, including physical description and significance statement. No further research or writing is needed for these. Physical descriptions may need to be condensed to match other descriptions.

1.1 COUNTY RECORDER
Use the direct index from county recorder to look up sales around key development periods from the entity that recorded the plat.

1.2 RESEARCH NAMES
Research names associated with the plat entity and land development groups.

1.3 PRODUCT
- Summary of findings.

2.2 GOOGLE STREET VIEW
Utilize Google street view to complete physical description templates for each property.

2.3 REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOS
General views within district only.

2.4 BUNGALOW MAGAZINE
Seattle Public Library resource.

2.5 PRODUCTS
- Physical description for each building.
- General street views conveying character and type of properties

3.1 POLK DIRECTORIES
Address search to pull occupant information.

3.2 HERITAGE QUEST
Occupant name search by census year. Also Familysearch.org

3.3 NEWSPAPER SEARCH
Targeted search based on specific building occupants and businesses.

3.4 PRODUCTS
- Significance narrative for each building.
District Designation Process

1. Feasibility Study – public meetings

2. Historic Wallingford outreach to sub-area residents

3. Organizing meeting of sub-area participants

4. Research of the following to develop the nomination
   • Property records – year built, description, owners, occupants
   • Aspects of integrity of buildings and community
   • Previous surveys findings
   • Photographs
   • Narrative of building descriptions
   • Narrative of architectural styles
   • Narrative of area history – notable persons, architects, ethnic groups

5. Fundraising

6. Consultant assists in nomination packaging and submittal to DAHP for draft review

7. Public meetings in sub-area with public notice

8. Final nomination submittal to DAHP


10. Review by the Keeper of the Register, National Park Service and listing