

Neighborhood Historic Preservation

Providing historic property protection and development services to the City of Spokane and Spokane County since 1979



Spokane's "historic neighborhoods" are our neighborhoods with a concentration of houses over 50 years old. The Spokane City-County Historic Preservation Office Assists neighborhoods in the preservation process through technical services, grant writing, conducting meetings, and hiring consultants.

Steps to Preserve Spokane's Historic Neighborhoods

Level 1: Form a Neighborhood Work Group

Form a neighborhood historic preservation work group or committee

Benefit: This groups is the central point of contact and takes responsibility for historic preservation in the neighborhood.

Neighborhoods Which Have Reached this Level: Browne's Addition, Corbin Park, East Central, Hillyard, Manito, Peaceful Valley, Riverside/Downtown, Rockwood, West Central.

Level 2: Do a "Windshield Survey"

Determine areas of highest concentration of historic houses by mapping out the neighborhoods oldest homes.

Benefit: The Windshield Survey helps the neighborhood determine the location of highest concentration of historic homes.

Neighborhoods Which Have Reached this Level: Browne's Addition, Corbin Park, East Central, East Downtown, Hillyard, Manito, Mission Avenue, Peaceful Valley, Riverside/Downtown, Rockwood, West Central, West Downtown.

Level 3: Do a Washington State Historic Property Inventory

Hire a consultant to inventory older homes, using the state inventory process.

Benefit: The Washington State Historic Property Inventory is a state-certified method of identifying and mapping historic buildings; it additionally helps identify the potential boundaries of an historic district.

Neighborhoods Which Have Reached this Level: Browne's Addition, Corbin Park, East Central, East Downtown, Hillyard, Mission Avenue, Peaceful Valley, Riverside/Downtown, Rockwood, West Central, West Downtown.

Level 4: Determine rough boundaries for National Register Historic District

With city staff, drive through the neighborhood to identify the potential boundaries for an historic district.

Benefit: The rough draft determination helps define the project area before you hire a consultant to complete a National Register nomination.

Neighborhoods Which Have Reached this Level: Browne's Addition, Corbin Park, East Downtown, Hillyard, Marycliff, Mission Avenue, Ninth Avenue, Peaceful Valley, Riverside/Downtown, Rockwood, West Central, West Downtown.

Level 5: List as a National Register Historic District

Hire a consultant to prepare an application to the National Register of Historic Places.

Benefit: Listing on the National Register gives official recognition of the district's significance, and is a prerequisite for receiving potential federal grants. However, National Register listing also provides limited procedural protection- if federal funding is involved in a project, an historic review is required (i.e. Department of Transportation).

Neighborhoods Which Have Reached this Level: Browne's Addition, Corbin Park, East Downtown, Hillyard, Marycliff, Mission Avenue, Ninth Avenue, Peaceful Valley, Riverside/Downtown, Rockwood, West Central, West Downtown.

Level 6: List as a Local Register Historic District

Hire a consultant to prepare an application to the Spokane Register of Historic Places.

Benefit: A Spokane Historic District provides the highest level of protection to historic resources because most land-use decisions are made under the authority of local law. A design review process, administered by the city, helps protect the historic appearance of buildings in the district. A Spokane Historic District requires approval by a majority of the property owners.

Neighborhoods Which Have Reached this Level: Corbin Park and Hillyard (Market Street).

Other Informative Links

[Area Consultants](#)

[House Research Guide](#)

[Secretary of the Interior Guidelines](#)

[Preservation Briefs](#)

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