

# BDS Fact Sheet: 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 Preserving Spokane's Historic Neighborhoods

**Form a Neighborhood Work Group** to evaluate historic character of neighborhood.

*This group is the central point of contact and takes responsibility for historic preservation in the neighborhood.*

**Conduct a "Windshield Survey"** to map historic sites within neighborhood.

*A Windshield Survey helps the Neighborhood Work Group determine the highest concentration of historic homes.*

**Complete a Washington State Historic Property Inventory** with the help of a consultant.

*The Washington State Historic Property Inventory is a state-certified method of identifying and mapping historic buildings. It helps identify the potential boundaries of the historic district.*

**Determine rough boundaries for National Register Historic District** with the help of staff.

*The rough draft determination helps define the project area before hiring a consultant to complete a National Register nomination.*

**Prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places** with the help of a consultant.

*National Register listing provides official recognition of the district's significance, and is a prerequisite for receiving federal grants.*

**Prepare a nomination to the Spokane Register of Historic Places** with the help of a consultant.

*Local districts provide the highest level of protection to historic resources, as most land-use decisions are made under the authority of local law. Once listed on the register, a design review process, administered by the city, helps protect the historic appearance of contributing structures within the district.*

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