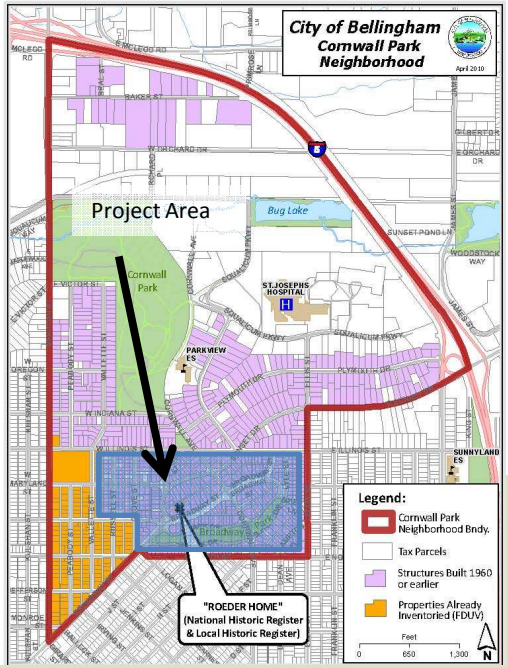
Cornwall Park Neighborhood / Broadway Park

Historic Resource Survey & Inventory and National Register District Nomination Project



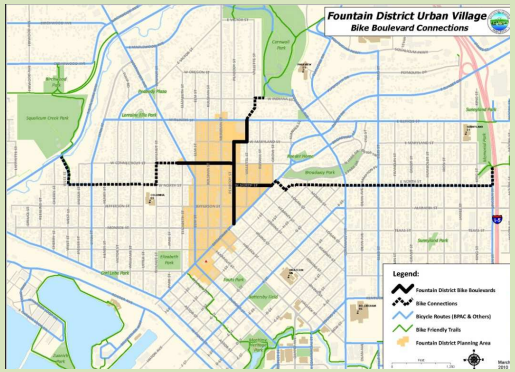
Following on the heels of the Fountain District Urban Village planning process, in 2011 the Historic Resource Survey & Inventory project of the ***historic Broadway Park area in the Cornwall Park Neighborhood*** will begin.

The City of Bellingham has been awarded a grant from the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to hire a consultant team who will complete the survey and nomination the areas as a district to the National Register of Historic Places.*

**National Register designation is honorary and imposes no regulations onto property owners.*

The Roeder Home in the Broadway Park potential district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

Early photographs and promotional map of the Broadway Park development.



Fountain District Urban Village (marked in beige, center) shows the close proximity to the historic Broadway Park area. The black solid and dotted lines show potential routes for "Bike Boulevards."

Located in one of the city's early neighborhood developments in the Cornwall Park Neighborhood, the 65-acre Broadway Park Plat was opened to residential development by the Bellingham Bay Improvement Co. in September, 1906. Originally designed as a "streetcar suburb," the plat was created to coincide with a trolley-line extension connecting the new neighborhood with the central downtown trolley system, and provided new housing opportunities for Bellingham's growing population.

The Broadway Park Plat remains much as it did 100 years ago, and is bounded by Ellis Street on the east, North Street on the south, Illinois Street on the north an roughly the alley east of Grove Street on the west. The area presents a high degree of historic integrity, and over the last three years neighbors, City staff, and historic preservation consultants working on the adjacent Fountain District Urban Village project have produced a good basis of historical research.