

***Historic Resource
Survey & Inventory*** *of the*

*Lettered Streets, York, and South Hill
Neighborhoods*

*City of Bellingham
a Preserve America Community*



The Project

City of Bellingham
awarded **\$150,000**
Preserve America
matching grant in 2007



Preserve America objectives:

- historic preservation planning
- heritage tourism
- education

Why Survey & Inventory?

Identifying cultural and historic resources helps us **understand change and define neighborhood character**



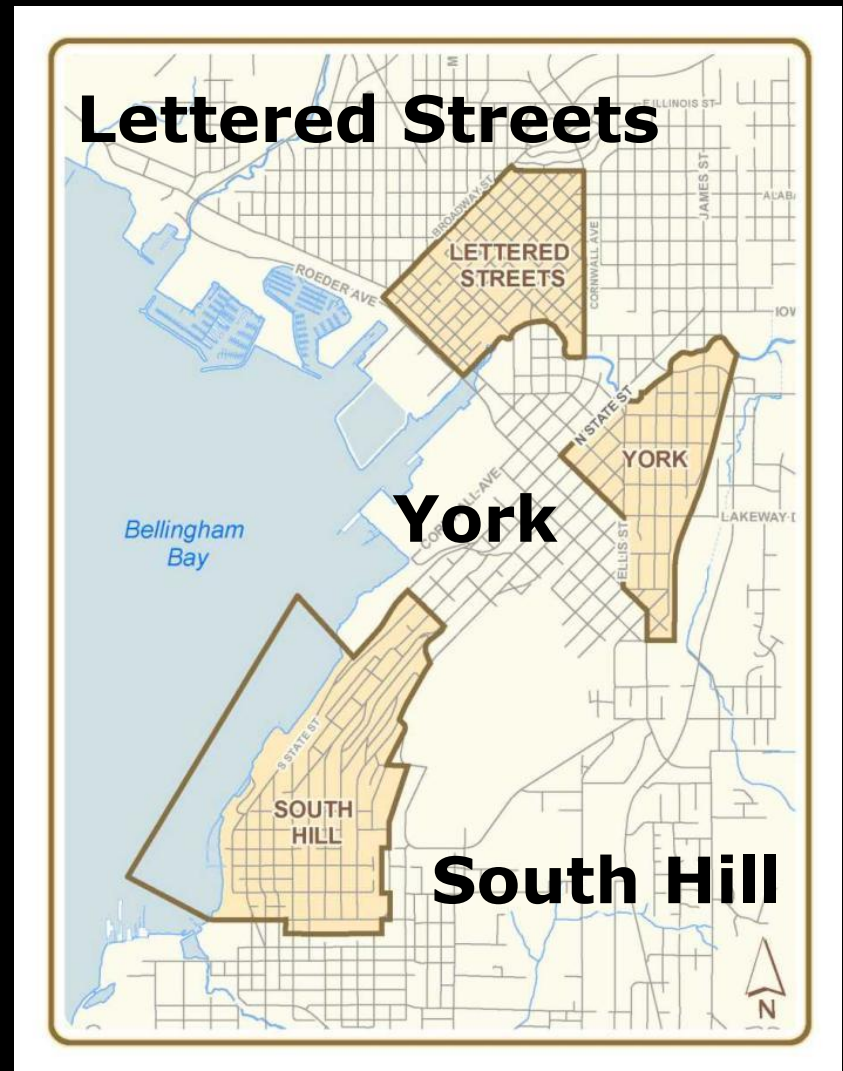
Territorial Courthouse 1858 – present, Lettered Streets Neighborhood

- Builds a **foundation of information** that can be used by neighborhoods for planning, design, illustration, and interpretation
- Creates a **snap-shot in time** for future generations



Sutcliff House in the York Neighborhood c. 1900s and in 2008

Project neighborhoods



Why these neighborhoods?

- **Asked** for assistance
- **Neighborhood-wide commitment**
- **Pledged 3000 hours** in volunteer match
- **Neighborhood Revitalization** goals for York and Lettered Streets



York Neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee meeting with the State Architectural Historian in 2006 to discuss National Register District nomination

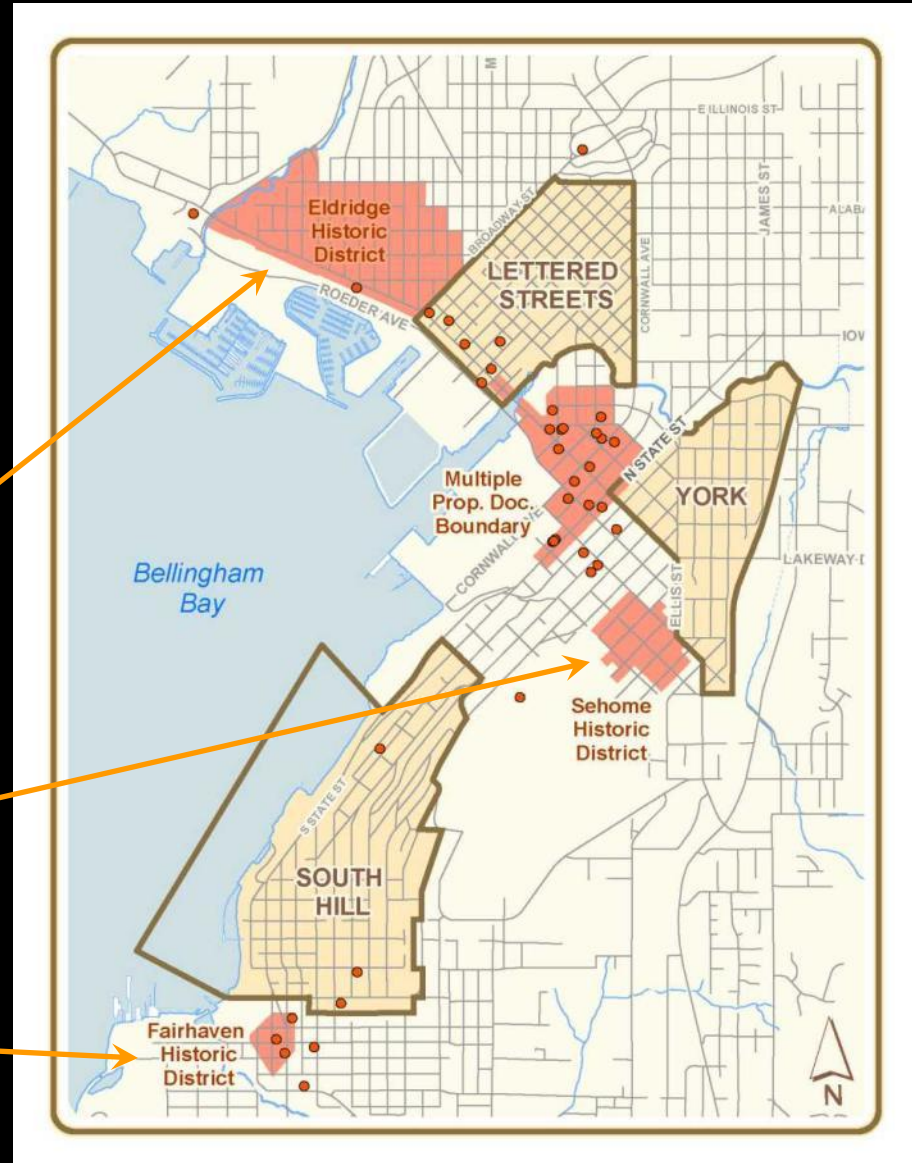
Phase II: National Register of Historic Places District Nominations

Existing National Historic Districts:

**Eldridge National
Historic District
(1978)**

**Sehome National
Historic District
(2000)**

**Fairhaven National
Historic District
(1977)**



The difference between **National** and **Local** Historic Districts.....

Both apply to Buildings, Structures, Objects, Sites, and Districts

National Register of Historic Places



- Properties designated by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior
- **Honorary**, no protection
- **Incentives:** property values increase, may be eligible for federal and State grant funds



Pickett House
National Register of Historic Places

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Bellingham Local Historic Register

- Properties are designated by the Historic Preservation Commission
- **Regulatory**, requires design review, restricts demolition
- **Incentives:** Special Valuation, Adaptive Use Permits, protection for perpetuity



Fairhaven Fire Station No. 2
Bellingham Local Historic Register

Strong Public – Private Partnerships

- City of Bellingham
Mayor's Office
Whatcom Museum
Bellingham Public Library
Planning & Community Development Department



- Whatcom County Assessor's Office
- Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation



- Washington State Northwest Regional Archives
- Western Washington University and the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies



- Neighborhood Volunteers, Students and Work-Study Interns

- *Historic Preservation Northwest Consultant Team*

