

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT



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### CONDITIONS AND TRENDS

*Unlike many cities within the Puget Sound Region, Auburn has a long and established history. Auburn has been a vibrant and freestanding community for over 100 years. As a result, Auburn developed its own downtown as the focus of business and community life. The downtown in particular, and the community as a whole, were linked to the railroads, which were the major mode of transportation throughout the region for decades. In the past several decades, the region has experienced significant population growth. Due to the nature of this growth, the differences between one community and another have blurred and communities are becoming more and more alike. If Auburn is to retain its identity as a unique community, it must seek to emphasize its differences and celebrate them. Auburn's history is a part of its identity that is unique to Auburn. Through the recognition and preservation of its past, Auburn can ensure its uniqueness and strengthen its identity as it moves into the future. The City recognizes the importance of maintaining this connection with its past by including policies which address the enhancement and maintenance of historic resources within this Comprehensive Plan. This importance is also recognized by both the State and the County by the inclusion of historic preservation as one of the goals of the Growth Management Act (GMA) and in the King County Countywide policies.*

*Planning Approach To maintain, preserve and enhance the City's historic, cultural and archaeological resources to provide a sense of local identity and history to the visitors and residents of the community.*

### Objectives and Policies

**Objective 1.1.** To enhance and maintain the quality of historical resources in the region.

#### **Policies**

HP-1. The City shall encourage the protection, preservation, recovery and rehabilitation of significant archaeological resources and historic sites. City staff should be adequately trained to recognize significant resources or should have ready access to professionals who do.

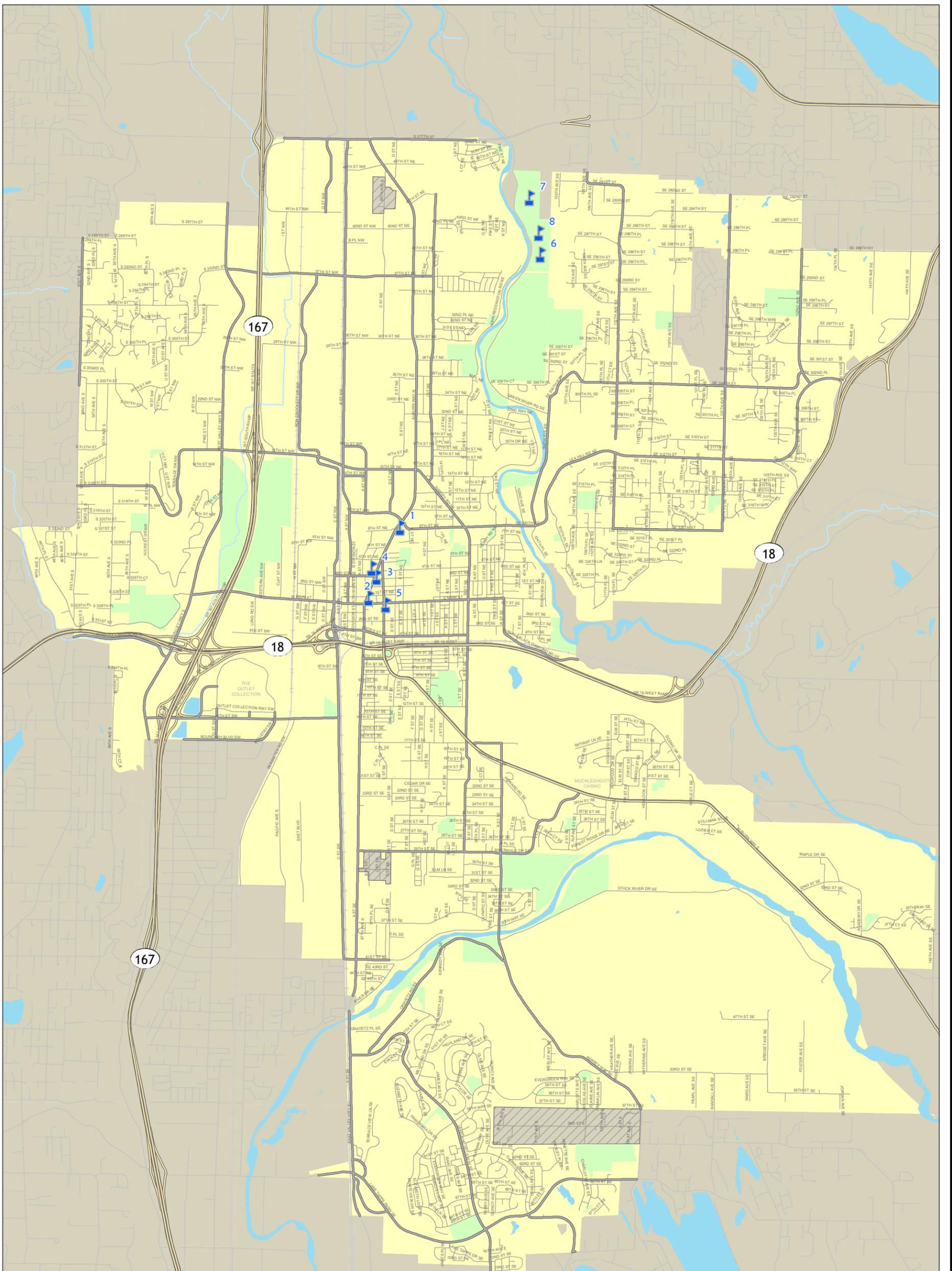
HP-2. The City should develop a Historic Preservation Plan to identify and protect City historic resources. The historic site and building inventory should be updated as part of this plan, and made readily accessible to the public. The City should amend existing historic preservation codes and incentives as needed to implement the Historic Preservation Plan.

HP-3. The City shall consider the impacts of new development on historical resources as a part of its environmental review process and require any appropriate mitigating measures. A mitigation fund should be established and maintained for receiving contributions when historic resources are demolished. The fund should be used to further preservation activities within the City.

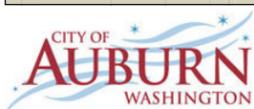
HP-4. The City should assist appropriate efforts to rehabilitate sites and buildings with unique or significant historic characteristics.

HP-5. Future development in the Downtown area should be sensitive to the character of surrounding buildings and the historical context of the area. Modifications of existing buildings shall consider the appropriate treatment or restoration of historic architectural features.

- HP-6. The White River Valley Historical Museum is recognized as the primary repository of historic artifacts which relate to the City's historic and cultural heritage.
- HP-7. The City recognizes that the region's history began before the arrival of settlers to the area and should accord the same levels of promotion and protection to Native American sites and artifacts as to those of the more recent past.
- HP-8. The City should work with the White River Valley Historical Museum and other interested organizations and agencies to educate the public about the area's cultural and historic heritage through the promotion of walking tours, festivals, online resources, and other means.
- HP-9. Development projects proposing modifications to or demolitions of historic buildings or resources shall mitigate such impacts. Archival quality historical documentation shall be required when a building, on an inventory of historic places, cannot be preserved or cannot have significant architectural/historical features retained. Buildings eligible for landmark status shall require the most detailed level of archival documentation and/or measured drawings.



ID	HISTORIC SITE NAME	STATUS	PARCEL
1	AUBURN PIONEER CEMETERY	KING COUNTY REGISTER OF LANDMARKS	0721059020
2	AUBURN POST OFFICE	WASHINGTON HERITAGE REGISTER AND NATIONAL REGISTER	0483000090
3	AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY	WASHINGTON HERITAGE REGISTER AND NATIONAL REGISTER	1735800115
4	BLOMEEN, OSCAR HOUSE	WASHINGTON HERITAGE REGISTER AND NATIONAL REGISTER	5405100005
5	KING SOLOMOM MASONIC LODGE NO 60 HALL	DESIGNATED LOCAL LANDMARK	7331400475
6	MARY OLSON PARK	WASHINGTON HERITAGE REGISTER, NATIONAL REGISTER, WASHINGTON HERITAGE BARN REGISTER	3222059032
7	MARY OLSON PARK	WASHINGTON HERITAGE REGISTER, NATIONAL REGISTER, WASHINGTON HERITAGE BARN REGISTER	3222059032
8	MARY OLSON PARK	WASHINGTON HERITAGE REGISTER, NATIONAL REGISTER, WASHINGTON HERITAGE BARN REGISTER	3222059032



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Zoning map is current through Ordinance No. 6698, December 17, 2018

## Historical Landmark & Registry Inventory (Map 8.1)

1 INCH = 3,400 FEET



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