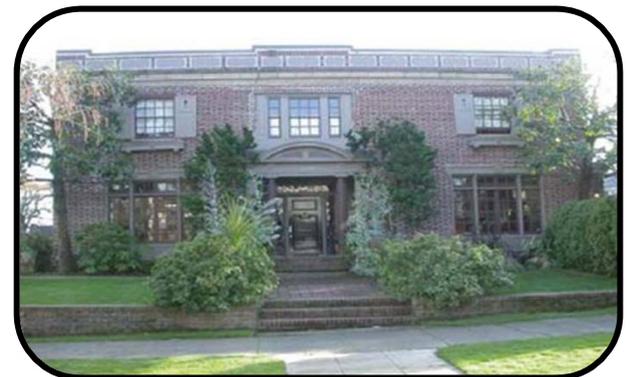


# SR 520 Program

## Montlake "History Open House"

Historic District Survey and Nomination for the National Register of Historic Places

April 3, 2014

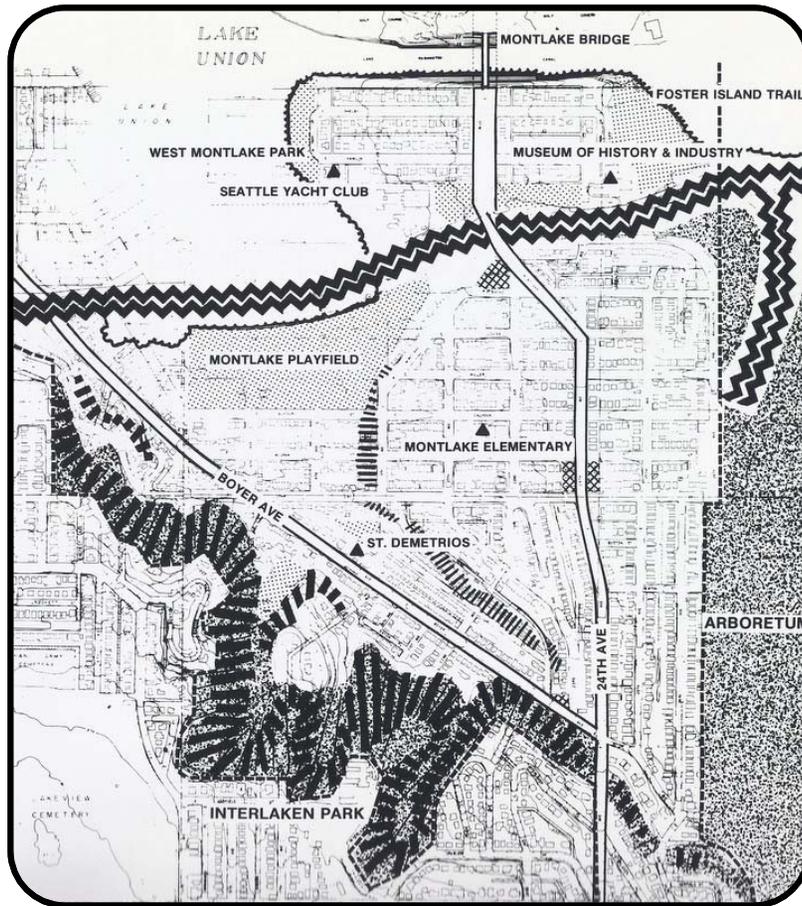


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## Early history of Montlake: The land within

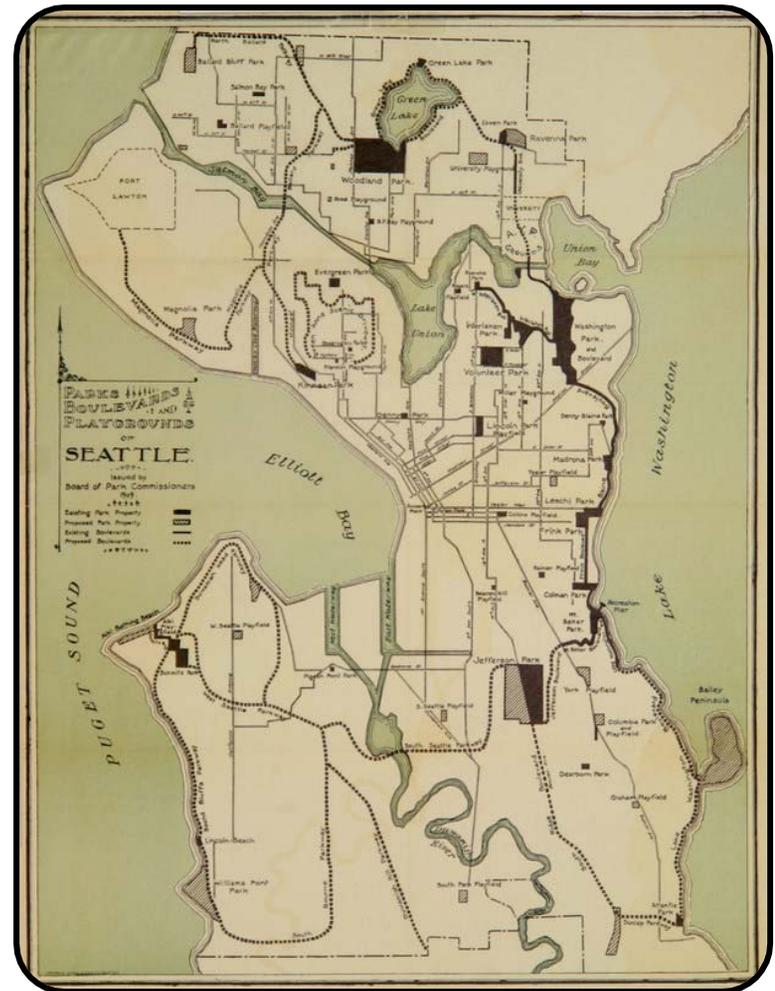


- Seattle's population grew exponentially during the late 19th century.
- On the west side of Lake Washington, forests and isolated farms developed into residential neighborhoods.
- Developing city streets (many of which followed long-used Indian trails) and constructing street car lines linked the outlying areas to downtown
- This development encouraged landowners to subdivide their land and create neighborhoods.

# Major events in the early development of Montlake



Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, 1909



Olmsted Parks & Boulevards Plan, 1903

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Opening of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, July 4, 1917

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**Opening of the Montlake Bridge in 1925**

## Montlake survey area and potential Historic District boundaries (within dashed green lines)



From SR 520 I-5 to Medina Cultural Resources  
Technical Report (2010)

### Approximate survey boundaries:

- East - Arboretum
- West - Portage Bay
- North - Montlake Cut
- South - Interlaken Park or Interlaken Boulevard.

There are approximately **1200 historic buildings** (defined as built before 1972) in the survey area.

Around 250 of these have already been evaluated as part of SR 520 program.

## What do we know about the Montlake Historic District?

- Determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Historical significance comes from its cohesive collection of intact architectural styles, including Craftsman, Tudor, and Colonial Revival.
- Contains individually eligible properties as well as hundreds of contributing properties.



**Montlake, University District, Union Bay,  
Lake Union and Portage Bay, Seattle, 1890**

# Craftsman style houses in Montlake

1907



1915



1916



# Eclectic Revival style houses in Montlake (1920s)



Colonial Revival



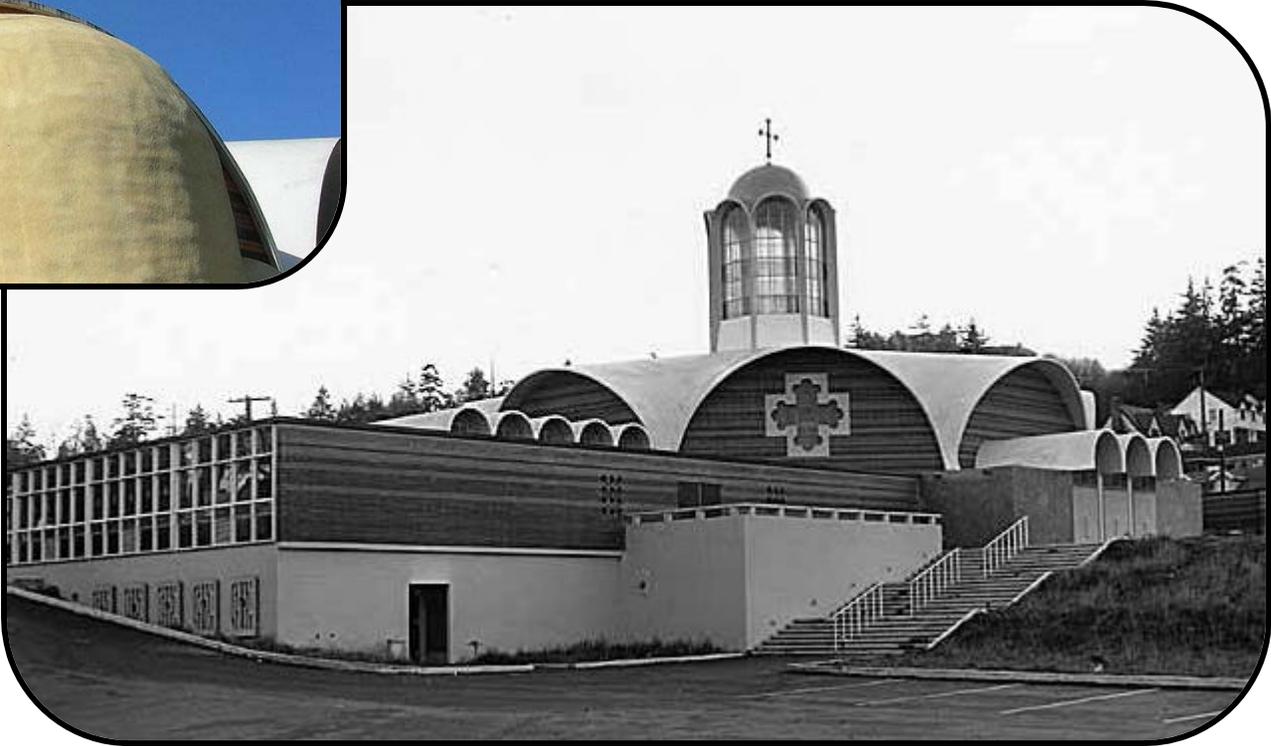
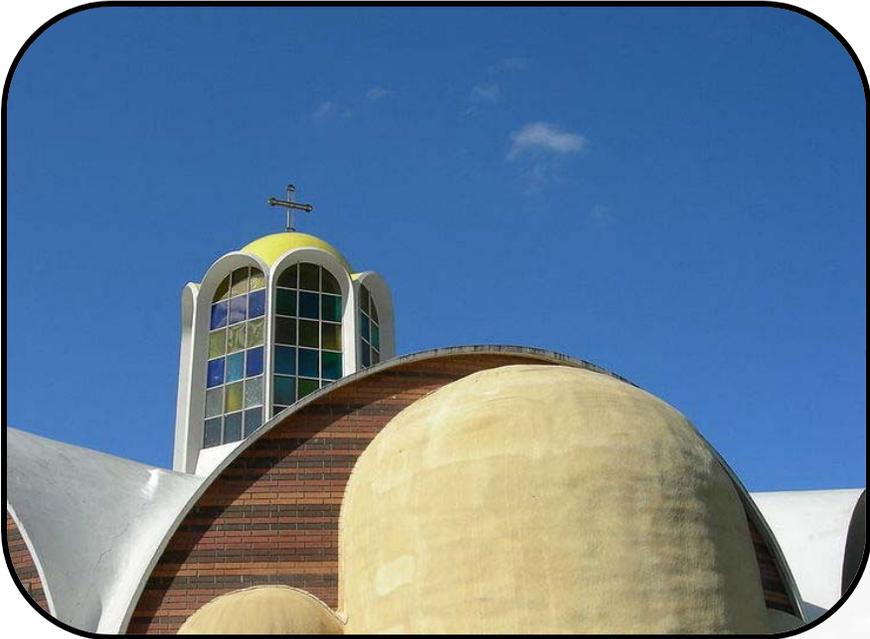
# Tudor Revival houses in Montlake (1920)



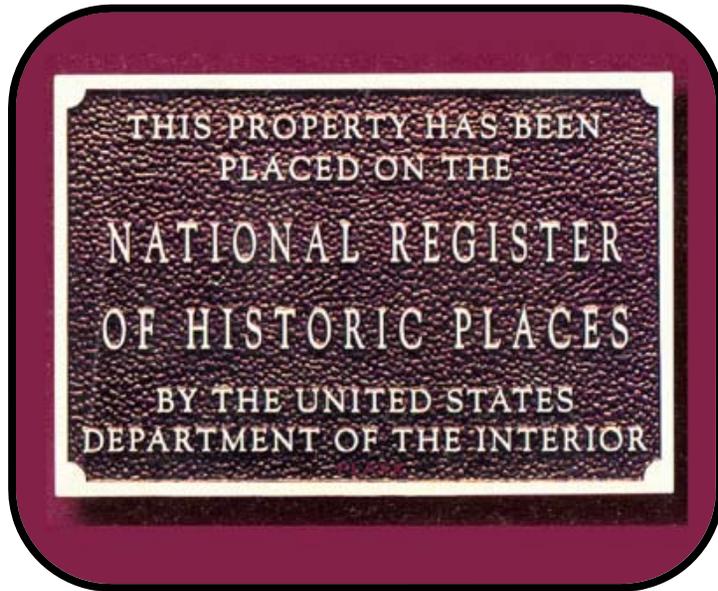
## Modest and vernacular houses in Montlake



# St. Demetrios Church (1962)



## What is a Historic District?



- A group of buildings, properties, sites, structures or objects that are united “by past events” or “aesthetically by plan or development.”
  - A “Period of Significance” is identified for a historic district.
  - Elements may be separated but linked by association or history.
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- Include “contributing” and “non-contributing” resources (outside the period or theme, or lacking sufficient physical integrity).
  - Resources that are not themselves National Register eligible can contribute to a district (context buildings).

## What are some advantages to being listed in the National Register?

- Community history & local pride
- Recognition
- Better design of infill & alterations
- Increased tourism
- Can lead to increased resale value
- Federal Income Tax Credit (up to 20%) for income producing buildings. (Owner-occupied rental properties do not qualify.)



*Montlake Elementary School (1924)*

## What does it NOT mean to be listed in the National Register?



- National Register listing places no obligations on private property owners.
- National Register listing does not trigger Seattle Landmark or local district status. There are no restrictions on the use, treatment, transfer, or disposition of private property.
- National Register listing does not lead to public acquisition or require public access.
- A property will not be listed if, for individual properties, the owner objects, or for districts, a majority of property owners object.



## Anticipated timeline for District Nomination



*Seattle Yacht Club, constructed in 1919 by John Graham*

- **Sept./Oct. 2014:** Anticipated First Draft of NRHP Historic District
- **Fall 2014:** DAHP review of NRHP nomination
- **Winter 2015:** ACHP Meeting / Governor's Advisory Council Review and Recommendation (three review meetings per year)
- **Winter/spring 2015:** NPS 45-60 day review
- **Spring 2015:** Listing in the NRHP

## Want to get involved?



- **Conduct background research** of homes, businesses, or institutions in your neighborhood, using resources such as:
  - Historic maps
  - City directories
  - Periodicals
  - Historic photographs
- Join architectural historians on **neighborhood surveys**, which would include walking from building to building, taking notes, photography, etc.
- Participate in **public meetings** when scheduled.

## For more information

- The **National Park Service** website has more specific information on what it means to be listed in the National Register:  
[www.nps.gov/nr/national\\_register\\_fundamentals.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nr/national_register_fundamentals.htm)
- The **Department of Archaeology** oversees National Register nominations in Washington State:  
<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/national-register-of-historic-places>
- Contact **Michael Houser**, State Architectural Historian,  
at 360-586-3076 or [michael.houser@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:michael.houser@dahp.wa.gov)
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