

The Promise of Seattle Boulevards



Interlaken Boulevard. Photo by Seattle Neighborhood Greenways

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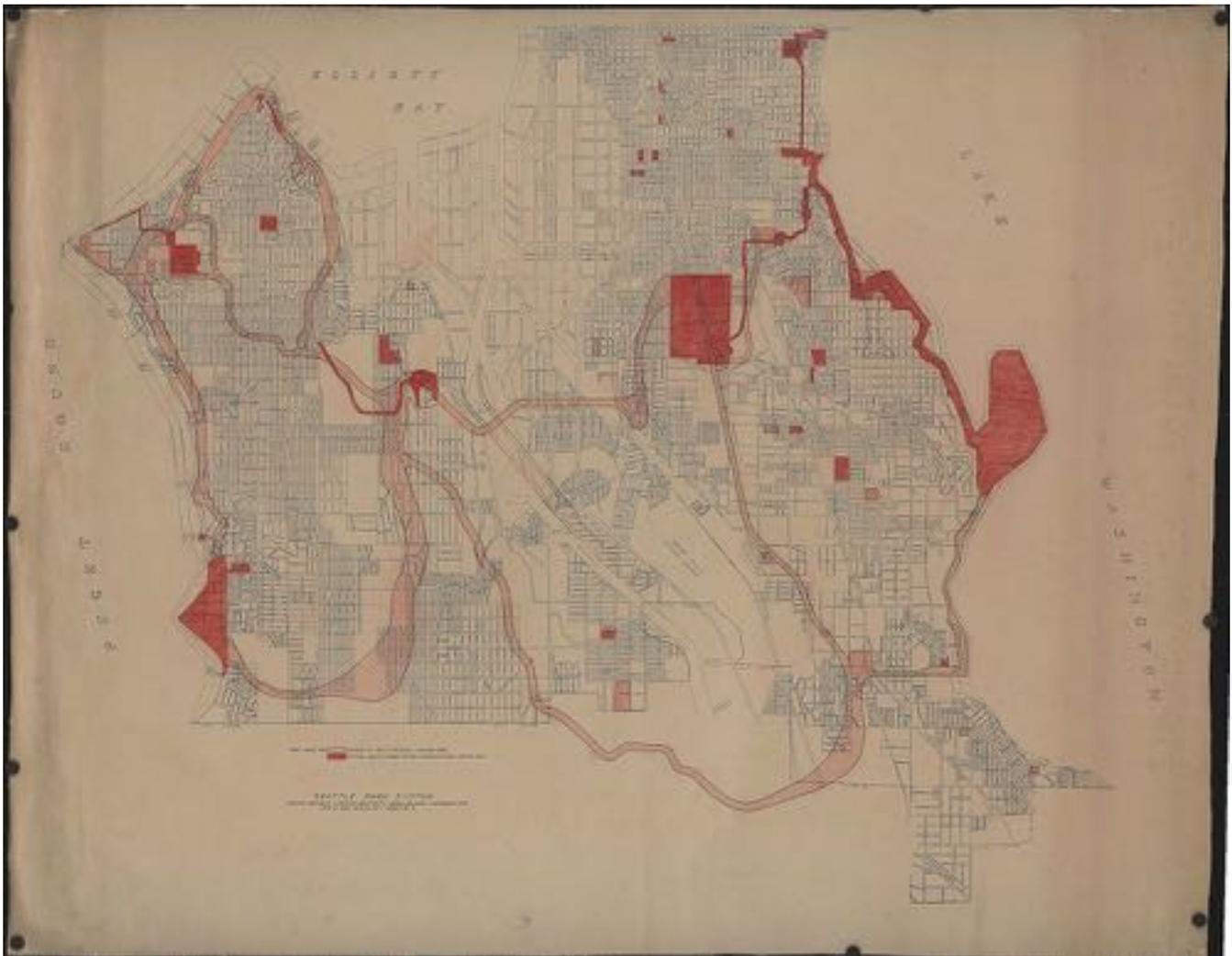
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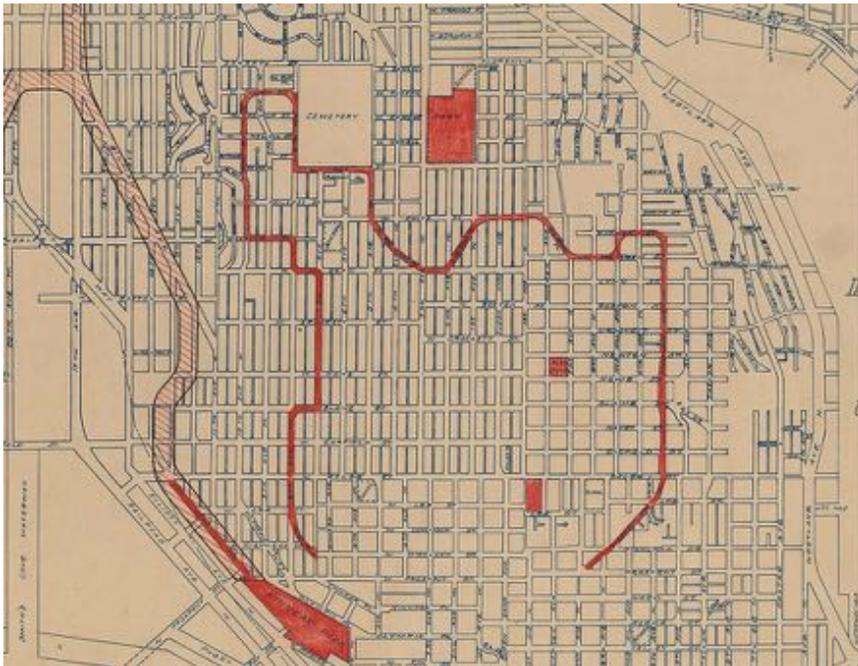
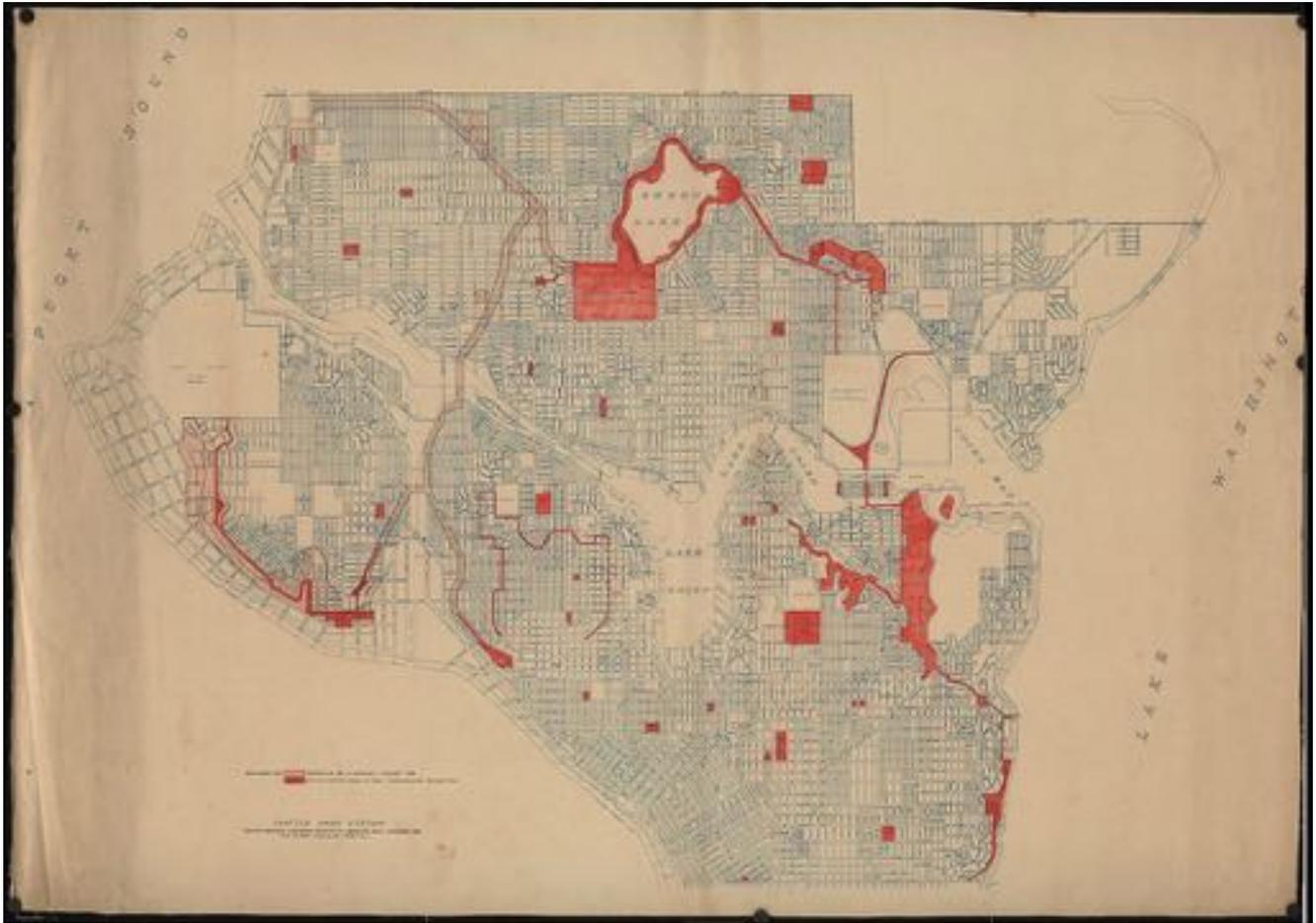
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J) MAPS

The very first recommendation of this report is to **clearly define and map Seattle's boulevard system**. There is not a consistent or agreed upon definition of boulevards, parkways, and park drives in Seattle among the departments that lay claim to their management and design review. There is not a comprehensive map of these street locations. Seattle Parks, Seattle Department of Transportation, and the Department of Neighborhoods must create a common map of overlapping boulevards, streets, and designated landmarks to guide future interdepartmental collaboration and allow our shared streets to evolve to meet the open space needs of future generations while preserving their promise of connecting people to places.

This set of maps begins with the historic Olmsted Plans created in the early 1900s, and lays out related maps created by the City and community partners. These maps do not fully share common definitions or alignment.





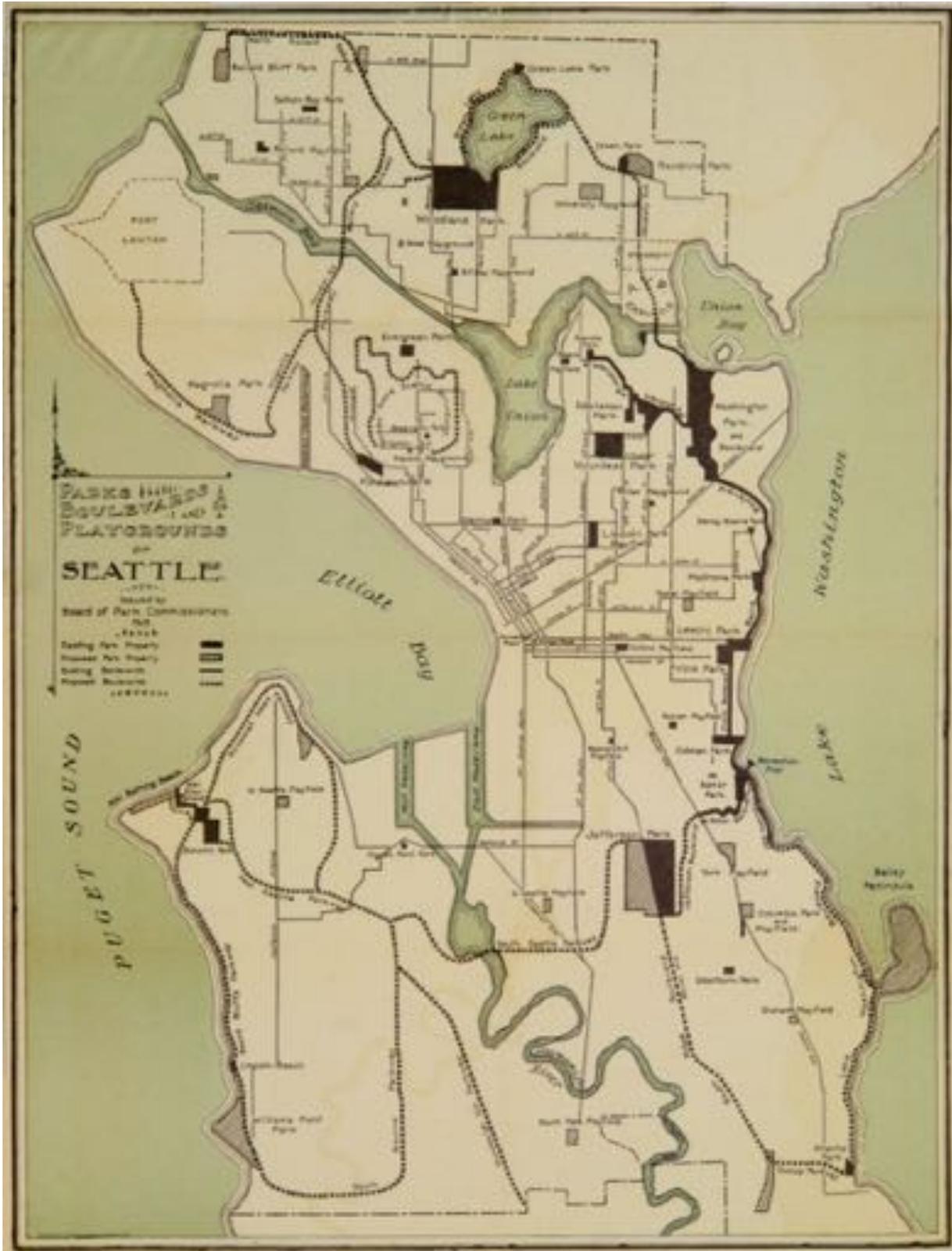
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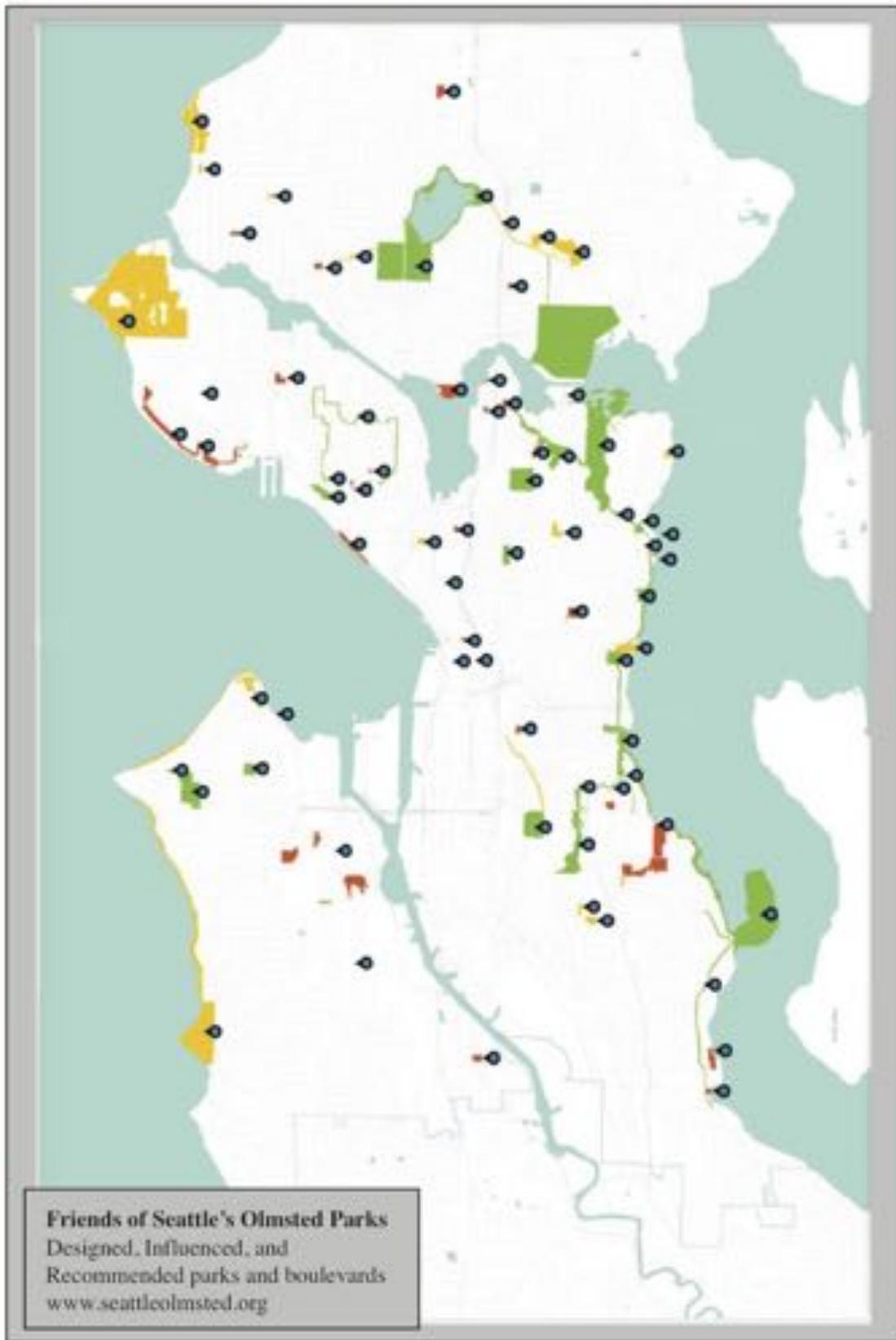
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Detail, Crown of Queen Anne from
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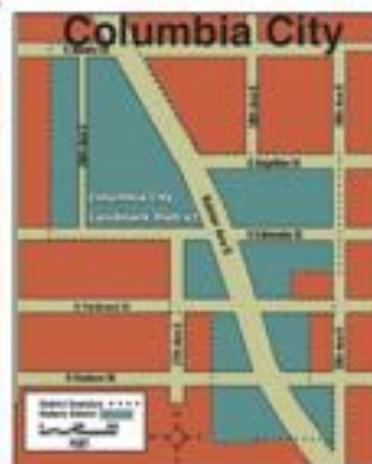
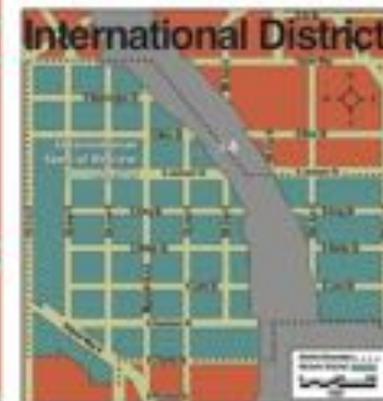
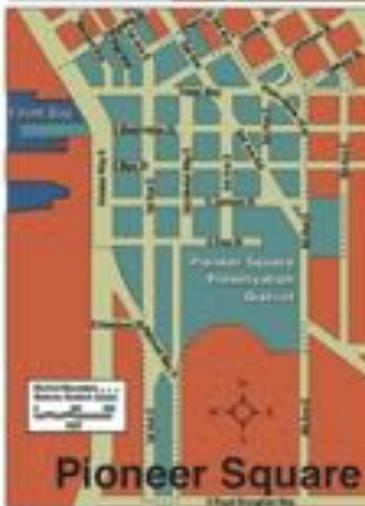
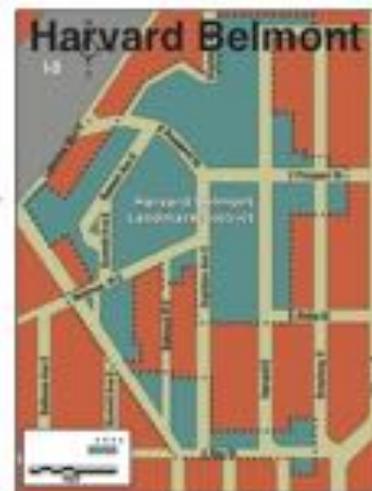
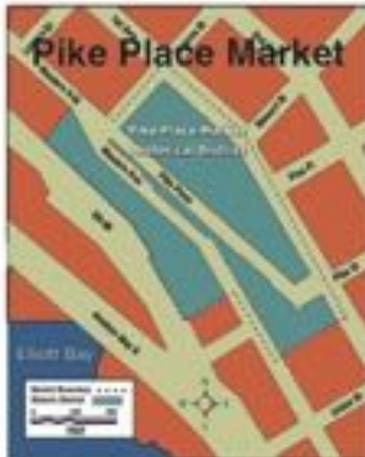
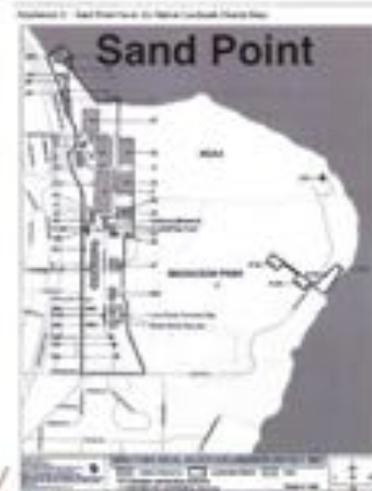
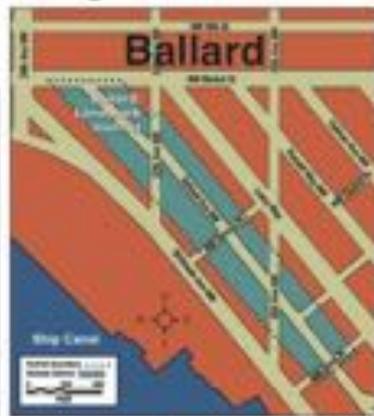
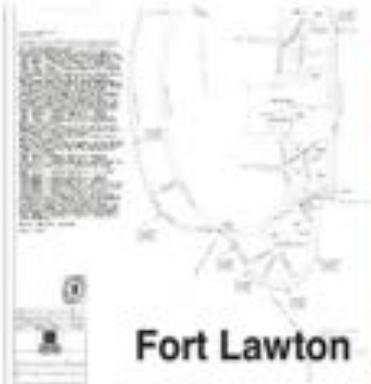
Parks, Boulevards, and Playgrounds of Seattle 1909 From the Board of Park Commissioners Annual Report
Seattle Municipal Archives Map Index Item No: 607 <http://bit.ly/2gwURy>



Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks map <http://seattleolmsted.org/parks>

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Historic Districts

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Historic Districts only. DON also reviews a subset of Park Drives, Boulevards, Parkways, and other landscapes.

Park Drives & Boulevards identified in Seattle Municipal Code

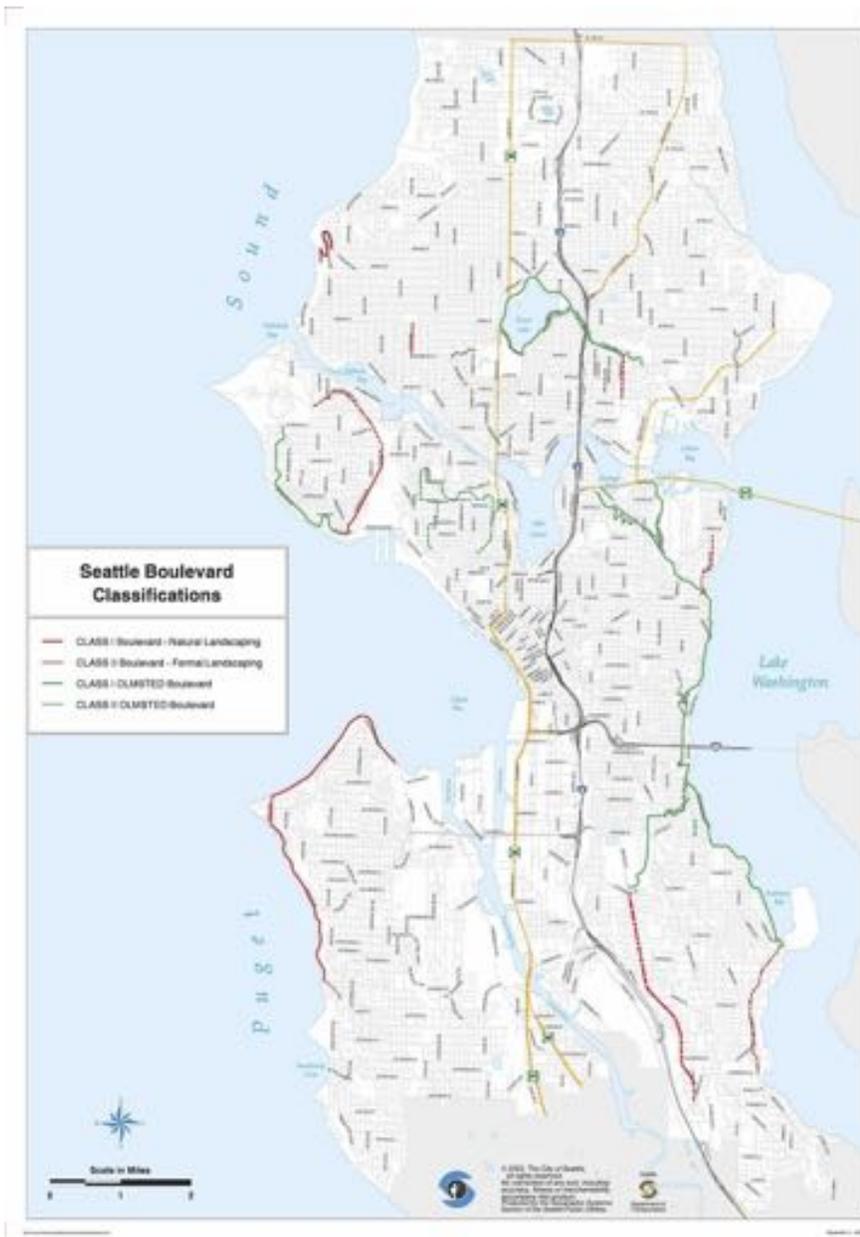
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SPR Greenway Initiative <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/greenways-initiative>



Boulevard Classification Legend Definitions <http://bit.ly/2gmn71s>

Class 1 Boulevard—Natural Landscaping: To provide for circulation and access in a manner that enhances the appreciation or use of adjacent major park lands (run along the street for one mile or more) and continuous vistas. This classification is compatible with traffic classifications of Principal, Minor and Collector Arterials. It is marginally compatible with Residential Access Streets. The emphasis is typically on natural landscaping instead of formal landscaping.

Class 2 Boulevard—Formal Landscaping: To provide special landscaping and geometric features, to provide a park-like atmosphere to a street otherwise intended to move traffic, and/or to provide access. To serve its intended traffic function as indicated by its traffic classification. This classification is compatible with traffic classifications of Principal, Minor, and Collector Arterial, and marginally compatible with Residential Access Streets. The boulevard treatment contributes the major landscaping to the corridor such as in multi-family, commercial, industrial, and manufacturing areas.

Class 1 Olmsted Boulevard: This classification would be applied to the existing, improved Olmsted Boulevards with natural landscaping.

Class 2 Olmsted Boulevard: This classification would be applied to the existing, improved Olmsted Boulevards with formal landscaping.