

# ROAD TO REVITALIZATION IN RURAL KING COUNTY, WA

## LANDMARK DESIGNATION & PROTECTION PROGRAM



- KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION: DESIGNATING AND PROTECTING RURAL LANDMARKS SINCE 1980
- AN INCENTIVE-BASED PROGRAM, GRANTS, TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAMS AND MORE
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION/RESTORATION SOURCES AVAILABLE
- SEVENTEEN PARTICIPATING CITIES AND TOWNS

## STOREFRONT STUDIOS PROJECTS



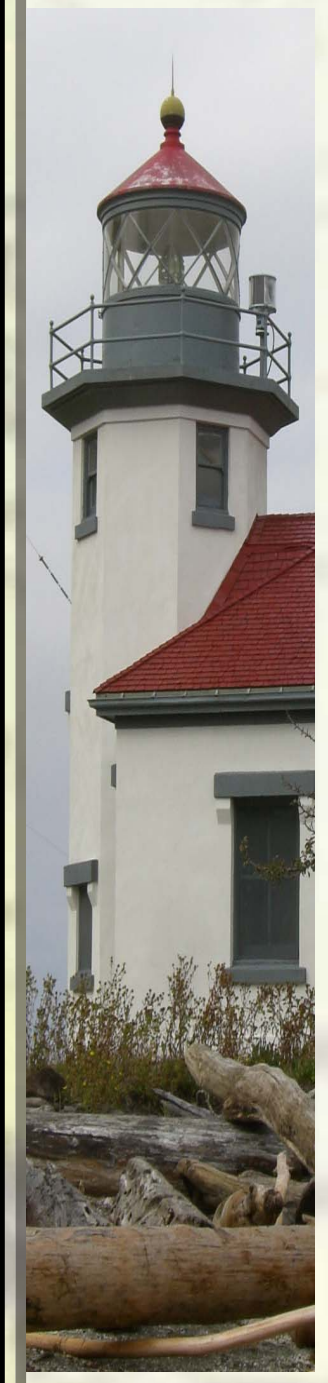
- UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ARCHITECTURE CLASSES TEAM WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM STAFF AND TOWNS AND CITIES TO REVITALIZE SMALL, HISTORIC BUSINESS DISTRICTS
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESS & PROPERTY OWNERS INCLUDING DESIGNS FOR FAÇADE ENHANCEMENTS/RESTORATION, ASSISTANCE WITH GRANT APPLICATIONS, LOW INTEREST LOANS AND SPECIAL TAX PROGRAMS, DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN GUIDELINES

## HARVEST CELEBRATION AND FARM TOUR

- ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND TOUR OF LOCAL FARMS, FOODS AND RURAL HERITAGE
- THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE VISIT LOCAL FARMS & HISTORIC PROPERTIES
- PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WSU KING COUNTY EXTENSION, KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT, KING COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, 4CULTURE



## HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY



- SINCE 1977 HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM HAS CONDUCTED ONGOING SURVEY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
- VALUABLE REPOSITORY OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION
- INVENTORY IS SEARCHABLE MANUALLY OR ON ELECTRONIC DATABASE.
- CURRENTLY MORE THAN 2500 PROPERTIES LISTED
- RECENT FOCUS ON BARN DOCUMENTATION AS PART OF HERITAGE BARN PROGRAM

## INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR LANDMARK OWNERS

- CURRENT USE TAXATION: LANDMARK PROPERTY OWNERS QUALIFY FOR A 50% REDUCTION IN TAXABLE VALUE OF LAND PORTION OF THEIR ASSESSMENT
- LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM: ADMINISTERED JOINTLY WITH LOCAL BANKS FOR RESTORATION OR REHABILITATION OF LANDMARK PROPERTIES.
- LANDMARK REHABILITATION GRANTS: ANNUAL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR STABILIZATION, REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF LANDMARKS, FUNDED BY LODGING TAX MONEY.
- SPECIAL VALUATION: ELIGIBLE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES EXCLUDED FROM PROPERTY TAXES FOR TEN YEARS.



## DESTINATION HERITAGE TOURISM BROCHURES



- PROMOTES HERITAGE TOURISM THROUGH PRODUCTION OF THEMATIC TOUR BROCHURES AND WEB CONTENT
- VISITORS EXPLORE WIDE RANGE OF HISTORIC SITES, MUSEUMS, & OTHER HERITAGE RESOURCES, WITH EMPHASIS ON RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LANDMARK PRESERVATION
- COLLABORATION WITH 4CULTURE & OTHERS TO DEVELOP COORDINATED REGIONAL APPROACH TO HERITAGE MARKETING AND PROMOTION

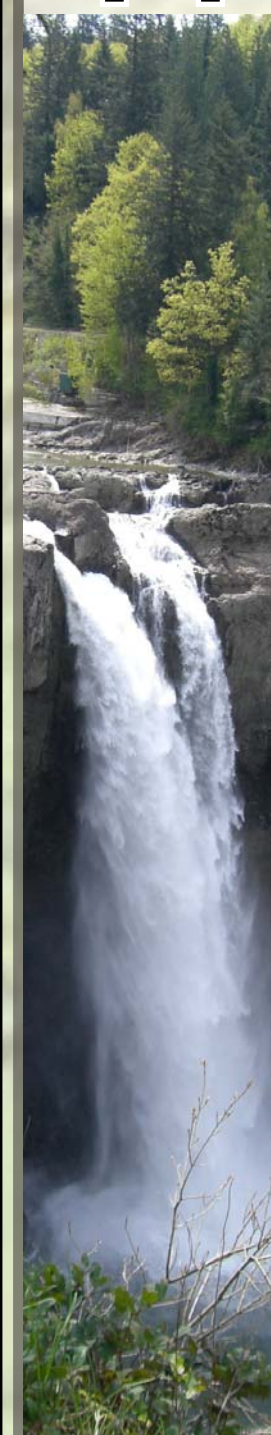


## HERITAGE CORRIDORS PROGRAM



- ESTABLISHED BY KING COUNTY ROADS SERVICES DIVISION TO IDENTIFY & PROMOTE PRESERVATION OF SIGNIFICANT COUNTY-OWNED HISTORIC ROADS
- DEVELOPING INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE PROPERTY OWNERS TO PRESERVE CHARACTER ADJACENT TO HERITAGE CORRIDORS
- ADOPTING RURAL ROAD STANDARDS TO SUPPORT RETENTION OF HISTORIC CHARACTER IN RIGHT-OF-WAY

## SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM



- WASHINGTON STATE ONE OF FIRST STATES TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM OF SCENIC BYWAYS
- 61 ROUTES PRESENTLY IN STATE SYSTEM
- KING COUNTY HAS FOUR BYWAYS THAT TRAVERSE RURAL LANDS
- CITIZEN GROUPS WORK TO ENHANCE BYWAYS THROUGH PLANNING

## COUNTY RURAL ROADS STANDARDS

- PROMOTES DENSER URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- REDUCES THE RATE OF DEVELOPMENT
- PROVIDES DIVERSITY IN LIFESTYLE CHOICES
- PROMOTES ONGOING FARMING AND FORESTRY
- PROTECTS HABITAT & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- PRESERVES LINKS TO KING COUNTY'S HERITAGE



## HISTORIC STREET SIGN RESTORATION PROGRAM



- STREET SIGNS ENHANCED TO INCLUDE ORIGINAL HISTORIC NAME ALONG WITH CURRENT NAME
- RESTORING LOCAL HISTORY ON THE BACK ROADS
- PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN KING COUNTY ROAD SERVICES DIVISION AND KING COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

## HERITAGE BARN PRESERVATION PROGRAM

- ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR STABILIZATION, REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC BARN/OUTBUILDINGS
- FLEXIBILITY IN APPLICATION OF COUNTY CODES
- TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO PROPERTY OWNERS
- RESOURCE LIBRARY



## OPEN SPACE PROGRAM



- KING COUNTY, SEATTLE & SUBURBAN CITIES WORK TO ENSURE PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE THROUGH KING COUNTY'S CONSERVATION FUTURES FUND (CFF)
- DISTRIBUTION OF \$6.5 MILLION IN GRANTS TO 35 PROJECTS FOR PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE, AGRICULTURAL AND TIMBERLANDS
- OVER 1700 ACRES TO BE ACQUIRED

## HISTORIC CEMETERY PRESERVATION PROGRAM



- MAINTAIN DATABASE OF ALL KNOWN HISTORIC CEMETERIES AND BURIAL SITES
- PROVIDE MAINTENANCE FUNDING
- PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON APPROPRIATE RESTORATION TECHNIQUES
- EDUCATE PUBLIC AND ADVOCATE FOR CEMETERY PRESERVATION

## BRED DEPARTMENT POLICIES



- KING COUNTY'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BRED) HOUSES THE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM.
- BRED OFFERS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS TO MAXIMIZE KING COUNTY'S POTENTIAL AS A CENTER FOR ROBUST COMPANIES, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.
- THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF PROGRAMS AND THE VARIETY OF BUSINESS RESOURCES LEVERAGE REGIONAL COLLABORATION TO FUEL ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR KING COUNTY.
- BRED'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GOAL IS TO RETAIN, EXPAND, CREATE AND RECRUIT BUSINESSES WITHIN INDUSTRY CLUSTERS THAT ARE CORE TO THE REGION'S ECONOMIC BASE AND OFFER THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH, INCLUDING HERITAGE TOURISM AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.