

Montavilla Main Street Historic Resources Survey



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About the BPS Historic Resources Program

- Manages maps and public information about designated and documented historic resources.
- Partners with bureaus and state and federal agencies on historic preservation policy development
- Advances implementation of the Comprehensive Plan through amendments to the zoning code and development of Historic and Conservation District design guidelines
- Conducts special projects to support historic resource efforts citywide



Some Quick Terminology

Historic resource—Any older building, object, or district that may be historically significant

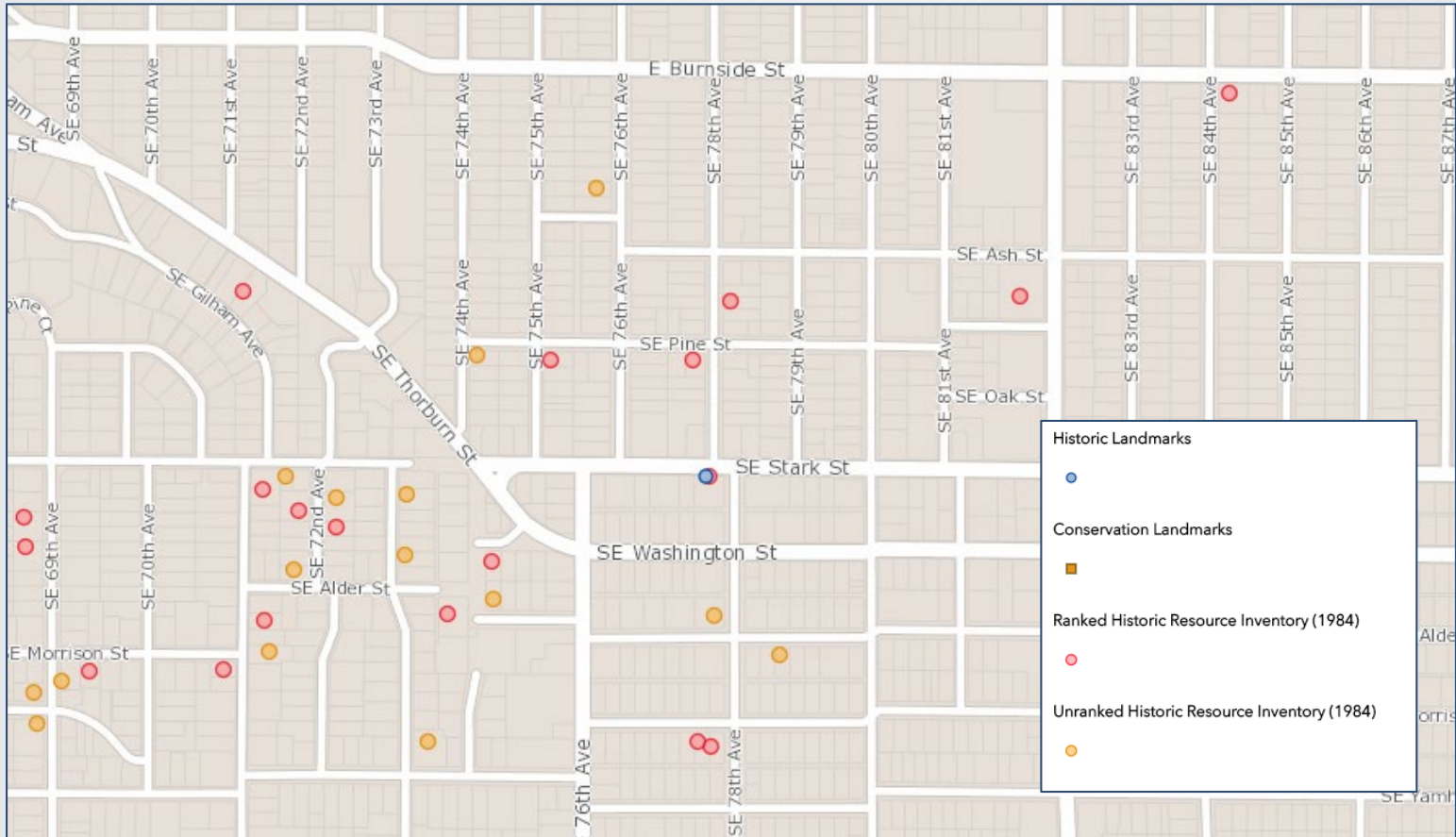
Designated resource—A place that has been formally listed as historically significant and is protected. Designated resources include:

- Historic and Conservation Landmarks
- Historic and Conservation Districts
- Resources on the National Register of Historic Places

Historic Resource Inventory—A list of resources that have been documented and evaluated for their historic significance, but that have not necessarily been designated. There are two types of un-designated resources on the Inventory:

- Ranked—Resources determined to be significant
- Unranked—Interesting resources that have not been determined to be significant

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Designated Resources

- Require a formal decision to designate
- Subject to demolition and design protections
- 700 Historic/Conservation Landmarks
- 24 Historic/Conservation Districts
- Monastery of the Precious Blood and Milepost 5 are Historic Landmarks
- Mount Tabor Park is a Historic District



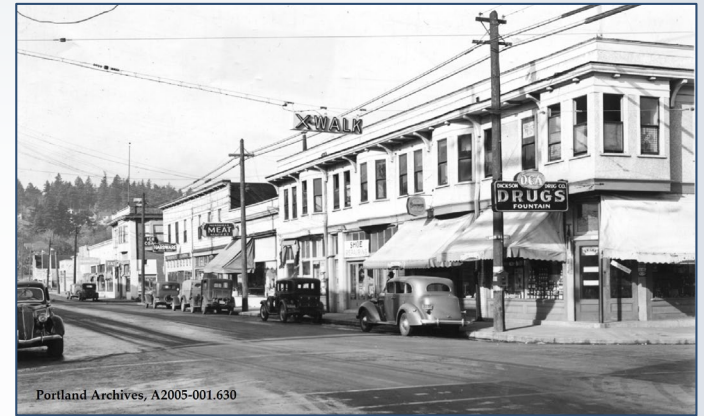
Historic Resource Inventory

- Ranked resources (those determined to be significant) are subject to 120-day demolition delay, but no design protections
- Unranked resources (those that are interesting, but not determined to be significant) are not subject to demolition or design protections
- Last time City of Portland added resources to the Inventory was 1984

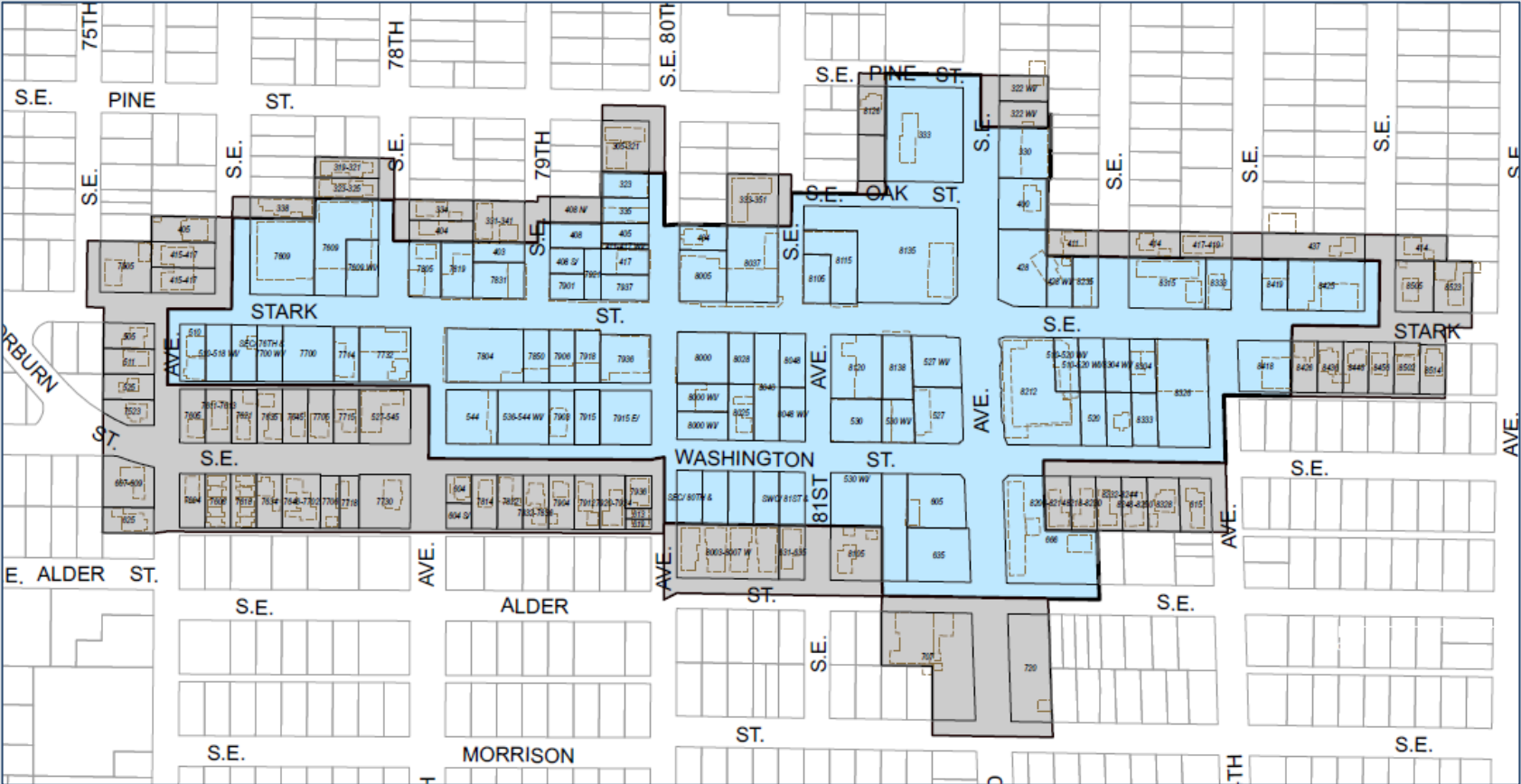


So What Does this Mean for Montavilla?

- Montavilla Neighborhood requested City Council funding to be pilot location of Inventory update
- BPS secured small line item for 2019 to conduct a pilot survey of just the “Main Street” area
- University of Oregon Historic Preservation Program will deploy graduate students to document buildings January-March
- Professional consultant will quality control check student work and research building history for social and cultural associations
- Final report will be published in summer 2019 with recommendations for ranked and unranked
- Resources would be added to the Inventory in late 2019 or 2020.



Survey Area



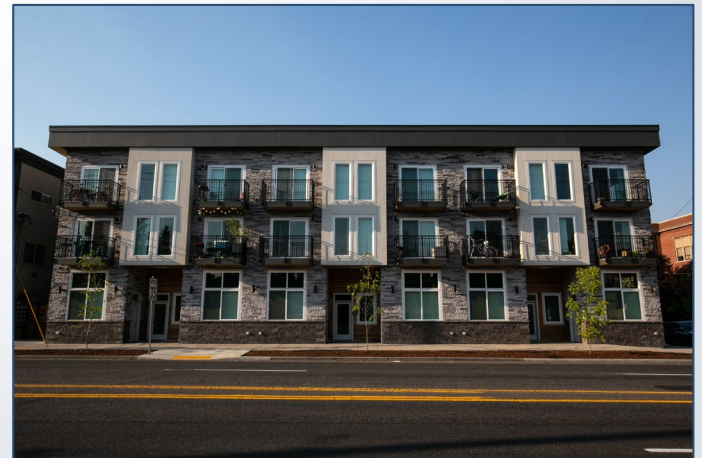
Features to be Documented

- Construction year
- Architectural style
- Primary and secondary materials
- Alterations and additions
- Current and former names and businesses
- Significant physical features
- Historic associations (businesses, individuals, events, etc.)



Evaluating “Significance”

- After the resources have been documented on-the-ground and in the archives, resources will be evaluated for historic significance. Areas of significance include:
- Exemplary architecture or design
- Association with notable individuals
- Association with broad patterns in history
- Social and cultural importance



Project Goals

- Respond to neighborhood interest in Inventory
- Pilot new technology and partnerships to prepare for larger citywide Inventory updates
- Document buildings in an area zoned for and experiencing change
- Identify the most significant resources in the survey area
- Add ranked and unraked resources to the Historic Resource Inventory for public information
- Prioritize future conversions about designation options



One Last Note

- BPS has released a Discussion Draft of code amendments to make changes to the historic resources chapters of the zoning code
- Changes to the zoning code are necessary to add properties to the Inventory in the future
- Changes also provide an opportunity to improve the local designation process and protections that apply to designated resources
- Public comments are wanted before April 1



Request for Neighborhood Assistance

- Historic photos
- Blueprints and drawings
- Names of businesses and people
- Stories



How to Get Involved

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