

## The Ballard Avenue Landmark District Historic Marker Project



The Ballard Avenue Landmark District holds a significant place in Seattle history. Ballard, incorporated in 1889, ran as an independent municipality for 16 years. The city's early economy was driven by lumber mills and, by 1896, Ballard was known as the 'Shingle Mill Capital of the World.' Ballard's maritime industry developed simultaneously. Ballard Avenue became a busy commercial district serving the needs of these two industries and their workers. However, in 1907, due to water rights restrictions, Ballard residents voted by a slim margin for Ballard to be annexed to the City of Seattle.

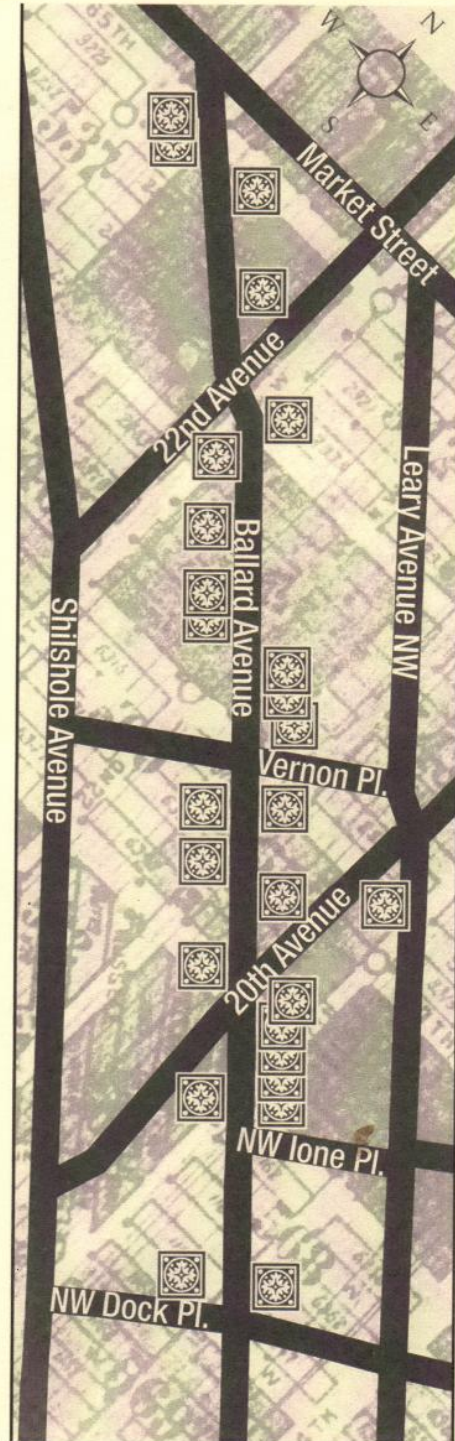
While Ballard has now existed as a City of Seattle neighborhood for a century, the community's residents still have a strong identification with and devotion to Ballard's unique history and traditions. The installation of these historical markers on Ballard Avenue enables residents and visitors to interact with the rich history of the once City of Ballard. The markers also highlight the protected status of Ballard Avenue, which was designated a City and National Landmark District in the mid-1970s.

Please see the reverse side for a map of the marker locations.



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