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Facts About Listing the Cove Building on the National Register of Historic Places

- **The National Register of Historic Places is an official listing of historically significant sites and properties throughout the country and is maintained by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. In WA State, the National Register is administered by the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation in Olympia.**
- **The Cove Building qualifies for listing on the National Register because**
 - **it is 50 years old**
 - **it's exemplary mid-century modernism architecture**
 - **it's association with one of Puget Sound's prominent architectural firms, Steinhart, Theriault and Anderson**
 - **it's site location and setting**
 - **it's rich history as a "community gathering place" in Normandy Park**
- **Listing on the National Register is strictly honorary. The basic concept is to formally document the building, raise its public profile and celebrate the history of the building.**
- **Lot A owners will surrender none of their rights to the Cove Building after listing. There are no restrictions on the use, treatment, transfer or disposition of the building.**
- **There is no requirement or expectation that the building will be made available for public visitation or inspection or that it will be rehabilitated or restored.**
- **Listing does not require review of owner-funded renovations to the building by any local, state or federal agency.**
- **National Register listing does not automatically invoke local historic district zoning or local landmark designation.**
- **National Register listing will benefit the Cove Building in three ways,**
 - **by encouraging consideration of the building's historic value in renovation planning by current and future Lot A owners**
 - **by imposing limited protection from activities by Federal agencies, such as the Corps of Engineers, that could result in damage or loss of historic or property value**
 - **by making the building eligible for Federal financial incentives for historic preservation (*not available at this time*)**
- **National Register listing will instill the same renewed pride and community spirit in the Cove Building that Lot A owners have experienced in the restored grounds, streams and wetlands (*not a fact but an opinion*). And maybe, renters might take better care of the building (*not a fact but a wish*).**

This fact sheet has been prepared and approved by the NPCC Board of Trustees.