



## Cultural Resources

Cultural resources represent or convey a place's heritage or help tell the story of a region's past. Three categories of cultural resources are studied: archaeological resources, historical resources, and culturally significant properties.

### The study analyzed:

Potential impacts to cultural resources from the construction and operation of the proposed export terminal, including:

- The likelihood that construction could disturb archaeological resources; and
- Whether any buildings in or near the project areas are historically significant and how they might be affected.



1966 aerial photograph of Reynolds Metals Reduction Plant (source: Cowlitz County Historical Museum)

### The study found:

- Construction - Construction of the export terminal at the On-Site Alternative project area would demolish buildings and structures that contribute to the historic significance of the Reynolds Metals Reduction Plant Historic District, which was previously determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). As a result, the district would no longer be eligible for listing on the NRHP. Construction of the export terminal at the Off-Site Alternative project area would have no effect on any known cultural resources in or near the project area. An Unanticipated Discovery Plan would be prepared to address any discovery of previously unidentified archaeological resources during construction.
- Operations - Operation of the proposed export terminal under either alternative is not expected to affect cultural resources.

### What could be done to reduce impacts?

- Have a qualified professional archaeologist monitor ground-disturbing activities, and halt construction if archaeological resources are discovered.
- Conduct archaeological investigations and a historic resources survey of the Off-Site Alternative project area prior to construction.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has initiated consultation with applicable parties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. A Memorandum of Agreement is expected to stipulate measures to mitigate the proposed export terminal's impact on cultural resources in the study area.