

1950s. First, between 1910 and 1940, more than half the Black population of 1,900 was squeezed into Albina by the real estate industry, local government, and private landlords, who restricted housing choice to an area two miles long and one mile wide in the Eliot neighborhood. The second phase occurred in the 1940s, when roughly 23,000 Black workers who migrated to Portland for work in the shipyards were restricted to segregated sections of defense housing developments in Vanport and Guild's Lake and to the Eliot and Boise neighborhoods in the Albina District. During the third phase, in the 1950s, when defense housing was demolished by flood and

bulldozer, Blacks were funneled into the Albina District. (Vanport, the largest wartime development in the nation, was flooded when the dike holding back the Columbia River broke.) As Blacks moved in, Whites moved out. Between 1940 and 1960, the Black population in Albina grew dramatically, while the White population shrank significantly as more than 21,000 left for the suburbs or other Portland neighborhoods.

This study focuses on the neighborhoods in the Albina District that were at least 35 percent Black in 1970 (see Figure 1). The Albina District includes all or part of eight neighborhoods (ten census tracts) that form

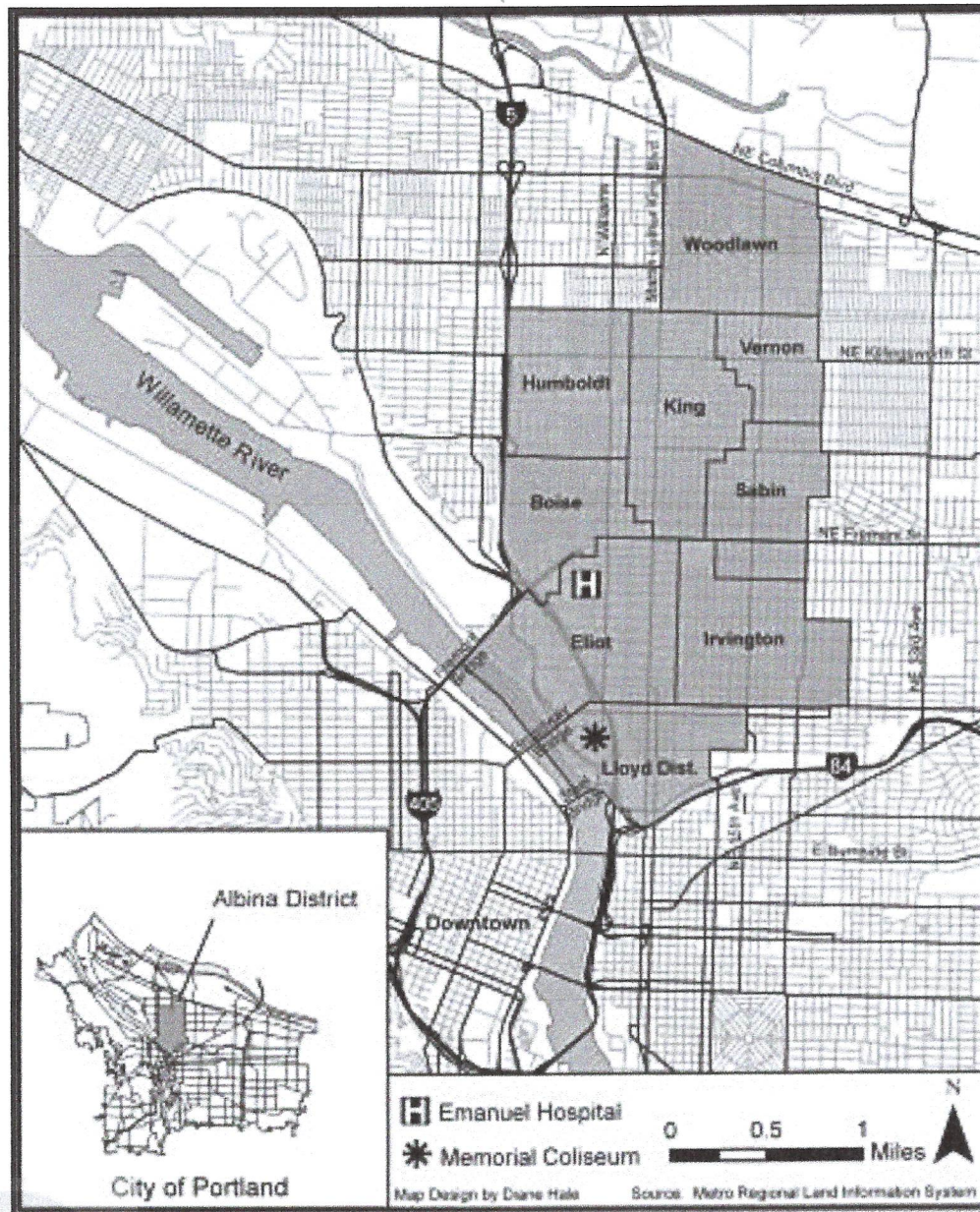


Figure 1. Albina District neighborhoods in Portland, Oregon.