

Part 1. Compare the 1940s map of racially restrictive covenants in the Hartford area versus the Seattle area. [Hartford](#) vs. [Seattle](#)

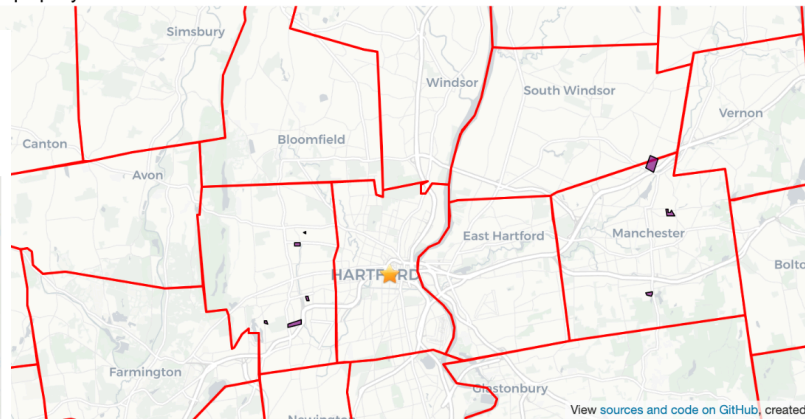
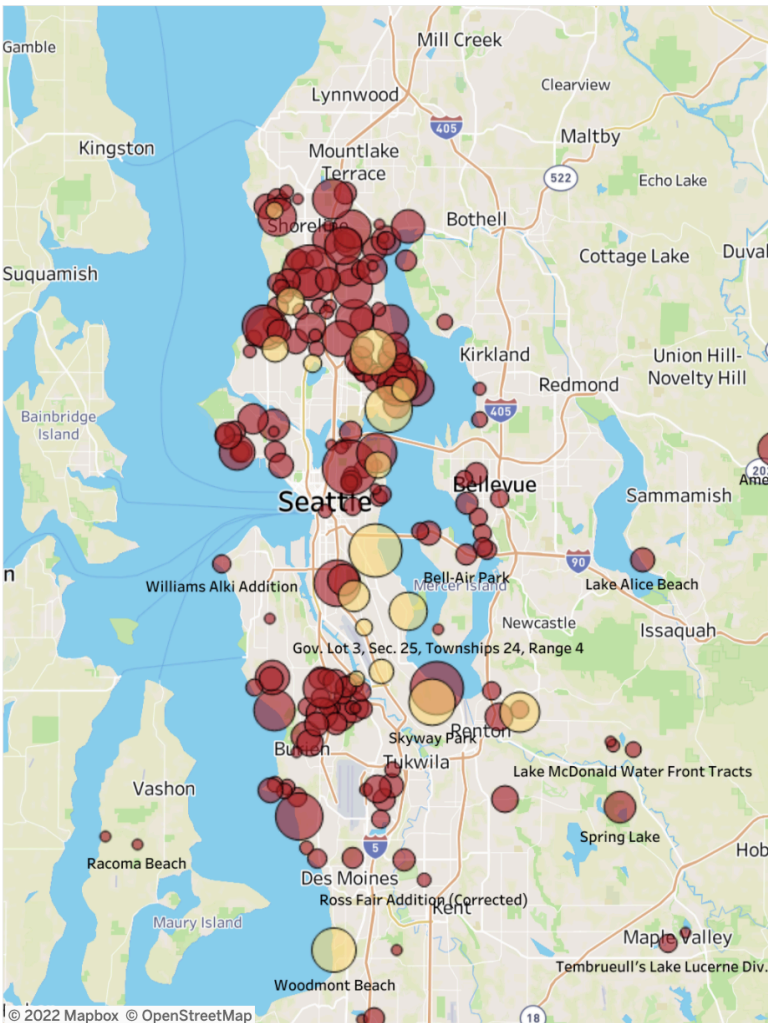
- 1) What do you notice about similarities and differences?
- 2) Why do you think that Seattle had more restrictive covenants than Hartford?
- 3) How does the restrictive language differ between Seattle and Hartford, and why?

Explore the Map: Racially Restrictive Covenants in Hartford Area, 1940s

Click on colored polygons to view property deed restrictions

Partial list of racially restricted subdivisions

Mouseover for details, scroll list or select city/neighborhood using menus (right). **Red** means restrictions recorded in property deeds. **Yellow** indicates that restrictions were advertised in newspapers and enforced by realtors, but deed records have not yet been found in partial search.



ially restrictive covenants in the Hartford area in the 1940s. Real estate developers wrote restrictions into property deeds. The Supreme Court approved these restrictions in the 1926 Corigan v. Buckley ruling, but later declared them unenforceable in the 1948 Shelley v. Kraemer ruling. To date, researchers have found these covenants in West Hartford and Manchester, Connecticut. [Contact the author](#). Property deed research by Katie Campbell (West Hartford) and see [essay by David K. Ware on the history of restrictive covenants](#). created with UConn MAGIC. See [historical sources and code on GitHub](#). Learn more at [OnTheLine.trincoll.edu](#)

Seattle

Restricted subdivisions (scroll list)

Subdivisio..	
3rd avenue tracts	<i>No part of this tract shall at any time directly or indirectly be sold conveyed rented or leased in whole or in part to any perso or persons not of the White or Caucasian race. No person other than one of the White or Caucasian Race shall be permitted to occupy any portion of any tract or of any building thereon except a domestic servant actually employed by a White occupant of such lot and or tract and or building. Properties covered: , Developer: , 7/1/1947</i>
Airway Heights	<i>No part of said property shall ever be used or occupied by any person of the Ethiopian, Malay, or any Asiatic race, and the granted, their heirs, personal representatives or assigns, shall never place any such person in the possession or occupancy of said property, or any part thereof, not permit the said property or any part thereof, ever to be used or occupied by any such persons excepting only employees in the domestic service Properties covered: 82, Developer: South Seattle Land Company, 4/22/1941</i>
Alderbrook Park Division #1	<i>No person of any race other than the White or Caucasian race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner or tenant. Properties covered: 80, Developer: Alderbrook Development Company, 12/23/1948</i>
Alderwood Acres	<i>No part of said property shall ever be used or occupied by any person of the Ethiopian, Malay, or any Asiatic race, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of any of the above races who may be employees by an owner or tenant. Properties covered: 64, Developer: Howard H. Miller and Mary E. Miller/First Holding Company, 9/12/1941</i>
Ames Lake	<i>All rights of ownership and residence of the above described property are restricted to those of the Caucasian race. Properties covered: 261, Developer: M.R.Wood/Harry A. Hart and Mable A. Hart/ Peoples Realty Co., 11/13/1947</i>

Hartford

Bowers Farm development, Manchester CT

"No persons of any race other than the white or Caucasian race shall own, use or occupy any building or any lot in said tract, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race, domiciled with an owner or tenant." -- circa May 1940

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Greenway Park development, Manchester CT

"No persons of any race other than the white race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner or tenant." -- November 18, 1940

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High Ledge Homes development, West Hartford, CT

"No persons of any race except the white race shall use or occupy any building on any lot except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race employed by an owner or tenant." -- June 10, 1940

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Part 2. Seattle Segregation vs Some other states' Segregation

[Jim Crow laws](#) were a collection of state and local statutes that legalized racial segregation. Laws including public parks were forbidden for African Americans to enter, and theaters and restaurants were segregated. Segregation was required in waiting rooms in bus and train stations, same in hospitals and jails. African-Americans cannot live in white neighborhoods. Some states even required separate textbooks for Black and white students.

Compare that to states that permit Jim Crow laws, but in Seattle (Washington State) there are no laws that segregate schools, buses, restaurants, and public facilities, why is that?