Green Valley Road, c.1911.
Courtesy of King County Archives

The Green Valley Road's alignment has changed little since its late 19th century alignment. Its development helped farmers bring their products to market and raw mining resources to manufacturers. Residents of the Green Valley Road historically formed a close-knit community. Up until about 1970, a large sign at the west end of the road listed the names of all the families and how far up they lived on the "Green River Valley Road."

Corridor begins

Corridor ends

GREEN VALLEY ROAD HERITAGE CORRIDOR

From I-5:

- Take exit 142 A
- Take the Auburn-Black Diamond Road exit
- Turn right at SE Auburn-Black Diamond Road
- Slight right to stay on Auburn-Black Diamond Road
- Continue on to SE Green Valley Road

Corridor length: 11 miles
Begins: SR 18 and SE Auburn-Black Diamond Road
Ends: SR 169
Highlights: Rolling countryside views of farms and ranches
Nearby: Neely Mansion–completed in 1894 the restored home is at 12303 SE Auburn-Black Diamond Road.

Whitney Bridge , looking south from Green Valley Road, c. 1930. Courtesy of King County Archives

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GREEN VALLEY ROAD MILE-BY-MILE TOUR

Please be respectful and courteous of private residences and property.

Mile 0.0 - 1.0

- At mile 0.1 is Neely Mansion, a King County Landmark. Built in 1892, it was the farmhouse of David Neely and subsequent immigrant Asian farm families.
- Road curves south into Green River Valley Agricultural Production District.
- At mile 0.3 is the Auburn Meat Packing Plant, dating to early 1930s.
- West of road at mile 0.8 is the old Sabeniah Crisp Farm, with 1920s bungalow built by Wesley Brown when he established his dairy here.

Mile 1.0 – 2.0

- At mile 1.0 is the Mosby Brothers Farms, a u-pick farm on the site of a former dairy, seasonally open to the public.
- The gambrel-roofed barn at mile 1.2 is part of historic Arthur Bull Farm, currently operated as a horse boarding facility called "Frosty's Stable."
- At mile 1.6 a contemporary bridge crosses the Green River.

Mile 2.0 – 3.0

- At mile 2.0 on north side of road is the Horath Dairy, with its 1906 hay barn, silo, milk house, and milking parlor.
- At mile 2.4, south of the road, is the Hamakami Farm, one of the longest-lived Japanese American berry farms in the area. The long low shed in field may be last intact rhubarb shed in valley.
- At mile 2.9 is the 1891 Brannon farmhouse, one of the most intact of its type in the valley, is hidden in the trees.
- At mile 3.2 is a view of historic French Dairy on north edge of valley. This working farmstead has a hay barn, silo, milk house and milking barn dating from the 1920s.
- At mile 3.8 is large Christmas tree farm to the south, and a pumpkin patch to the north.

Mile 4.0 – 5.0

- At about mile 4.6, there is a herd of llamas to the southeast.
- At mile 4.9 is clear view of the Selma Rodgers Farm to the north, with a gambrel-roofed hay barn.

Mile 5.0 – 6.0

- At mile 5.5 south of road is the entrance to Metzler Park, part of Green River Natural Area. At mile 5.7 to the north is Canter-Berry Farms, a u-pick blueberry farm and horse stables. Features an 1879 timber-frame barn, selling jam, gifts and produce in season.

Mile 7.0 – 8.0

- Southeast along 212th Way, is the Argus Ranch. Immense gambrel-roofed hay barn now converted to a residence, and former dairy to a commercial dog training facility.
- Access the river at King County's East Green River Park.

Mile 8.0 – 9.0

- At mile 8.0, brief stunning view of Green River rapids.
- Entrance to Flaming Geyser State Park at mile 8.1, a day-use park with access to Green River.
- River-rock wall borders right-of-way on south side, screening a private home from the road.

Mile 9.0 – 10.0

- On south side of road is Sweet Briar Farm, selling honey to the public.

Mile 10.0 – 11.0

- At mile 10.5 to south is little Kummer School House, once part of a close knit mining and farming community. School was active until late 1920s.
- Opposite to north side is a bow-truss dairy barn once owned by the Gladding McBean Co., miners of sand and clay for the manufacture of terra cotta cladding for downtown Seattle commercial buildings.
- At mile 10.9 to the north is Big Dipper Farm, a nursery and events center.
- Corridor ends at junction with SR 169, Enumclaw-Black Diamond Road.

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