



# Georgia-Pacific West – Lignin Operable Unit

Public Meeting: Cleanup Action Plan and Legal Agreements

June 29, 2022

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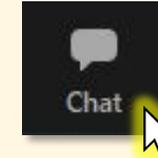
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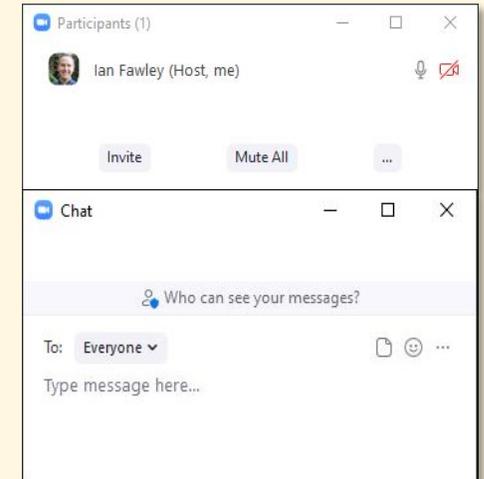
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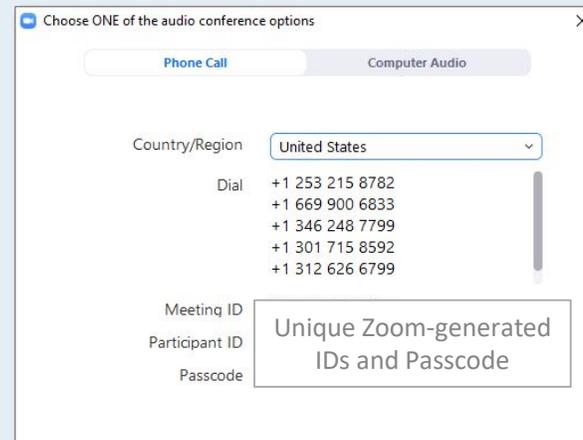
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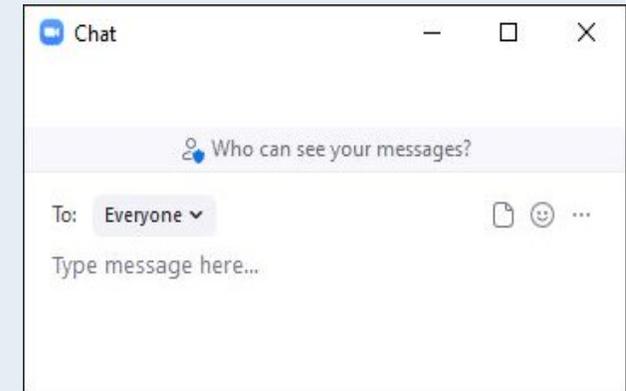
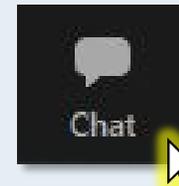


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Our presentation team will either:

1. Answer your questions throughout the presentation.
- OR–
2. Collect your questions for the Q/A session at the end.



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# Presentation Outline



- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview
- Cleanup Process and Public Participation
- Site History
- Site Overview
- Draft Cleanup Action Plan
- Planning and Cleanup Funding
- Affordable Housing Redevelopment
- Planned Next Steps
- How to Comment
- Questions/Answers

# Meet Your Presenters



**Sandra Matthews**  
Site Manager, LHG

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Senior Outreach Planner

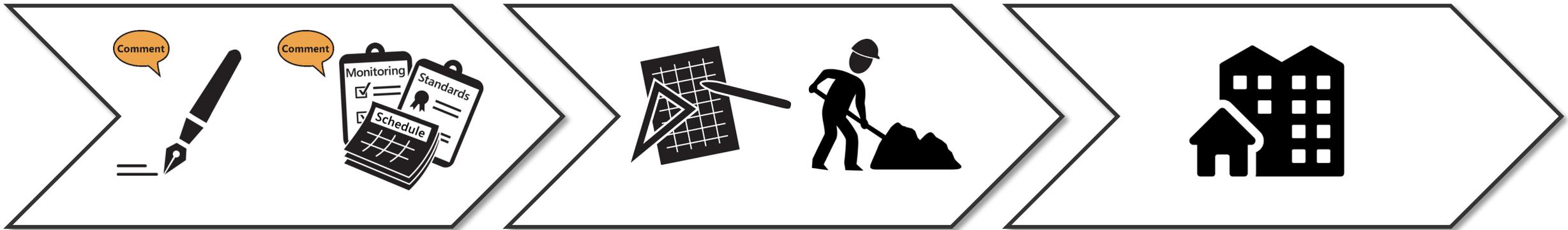


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Environmental Project Manager



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Senior Developer, Real Estate Development

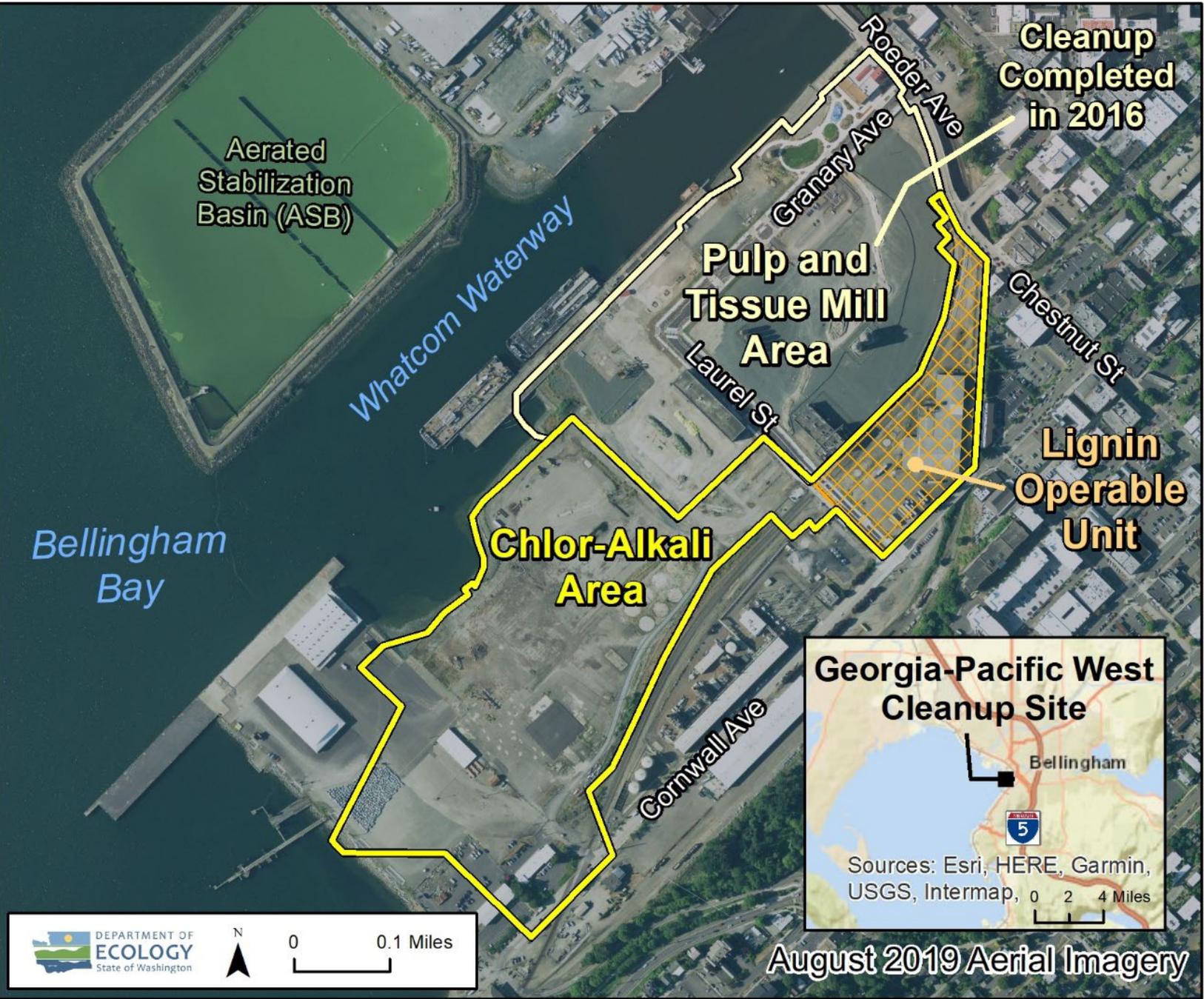
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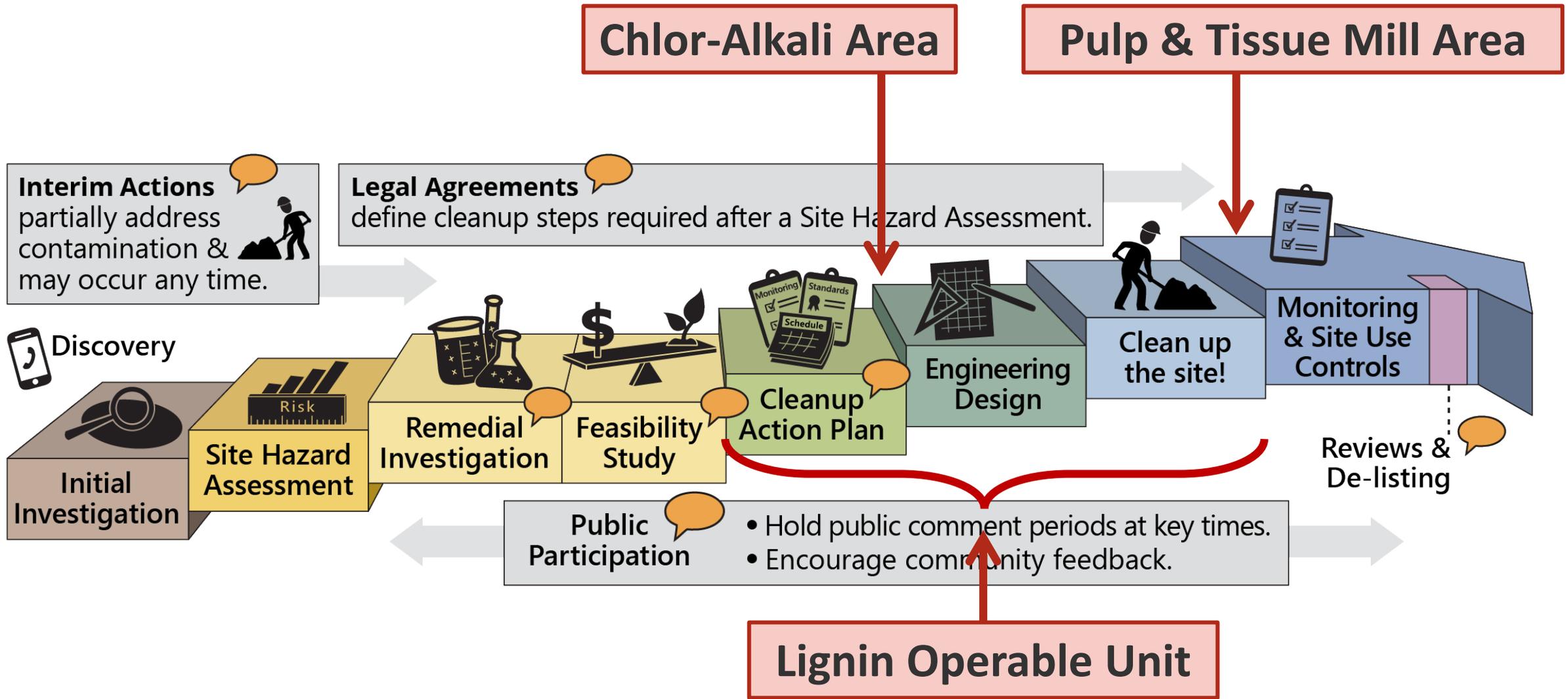
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# GP West Public Participation



# Washington's Formal Cleanup Process



# Public Participation

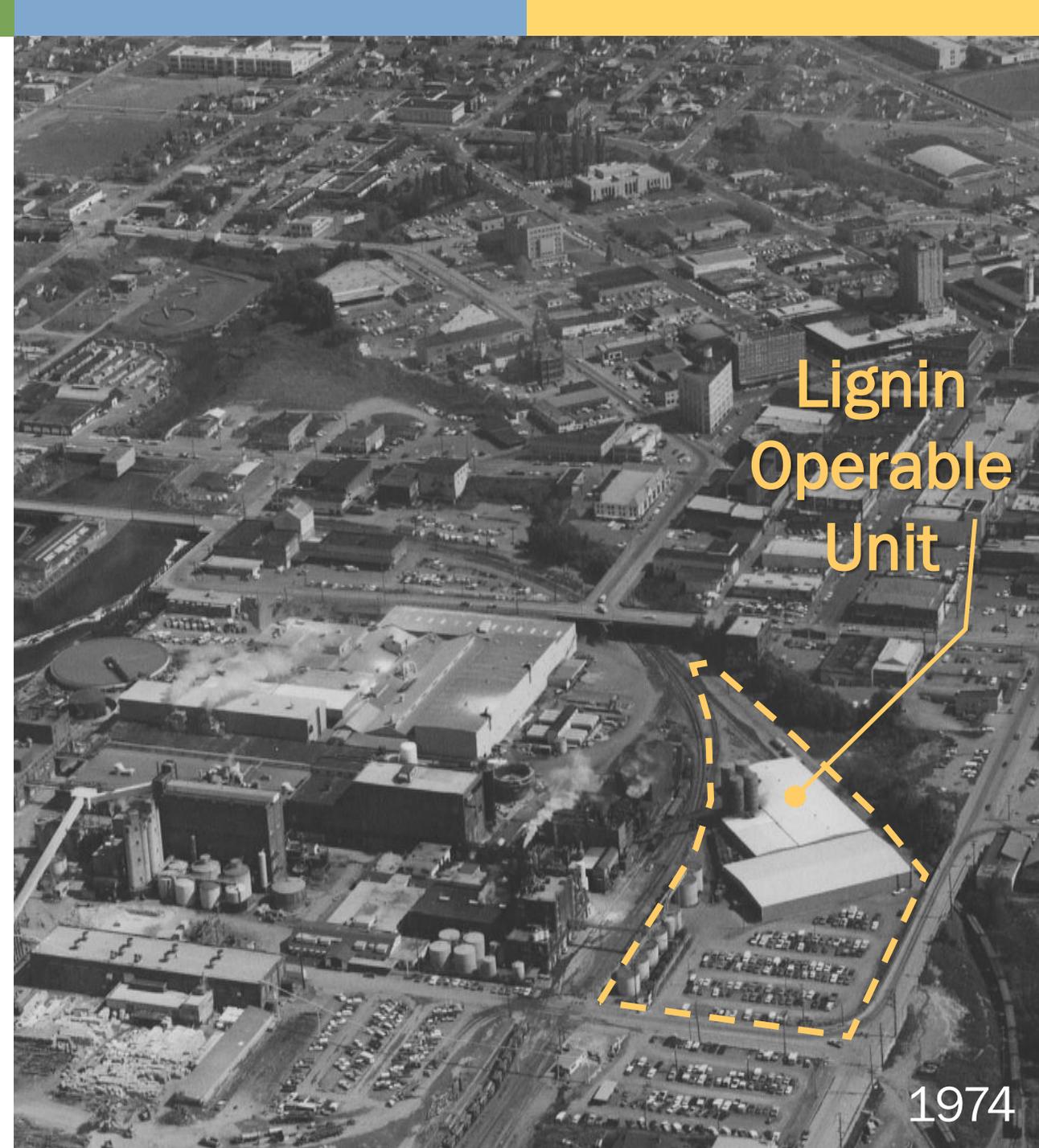


Ecology has 3 documents ready for public review and comment:

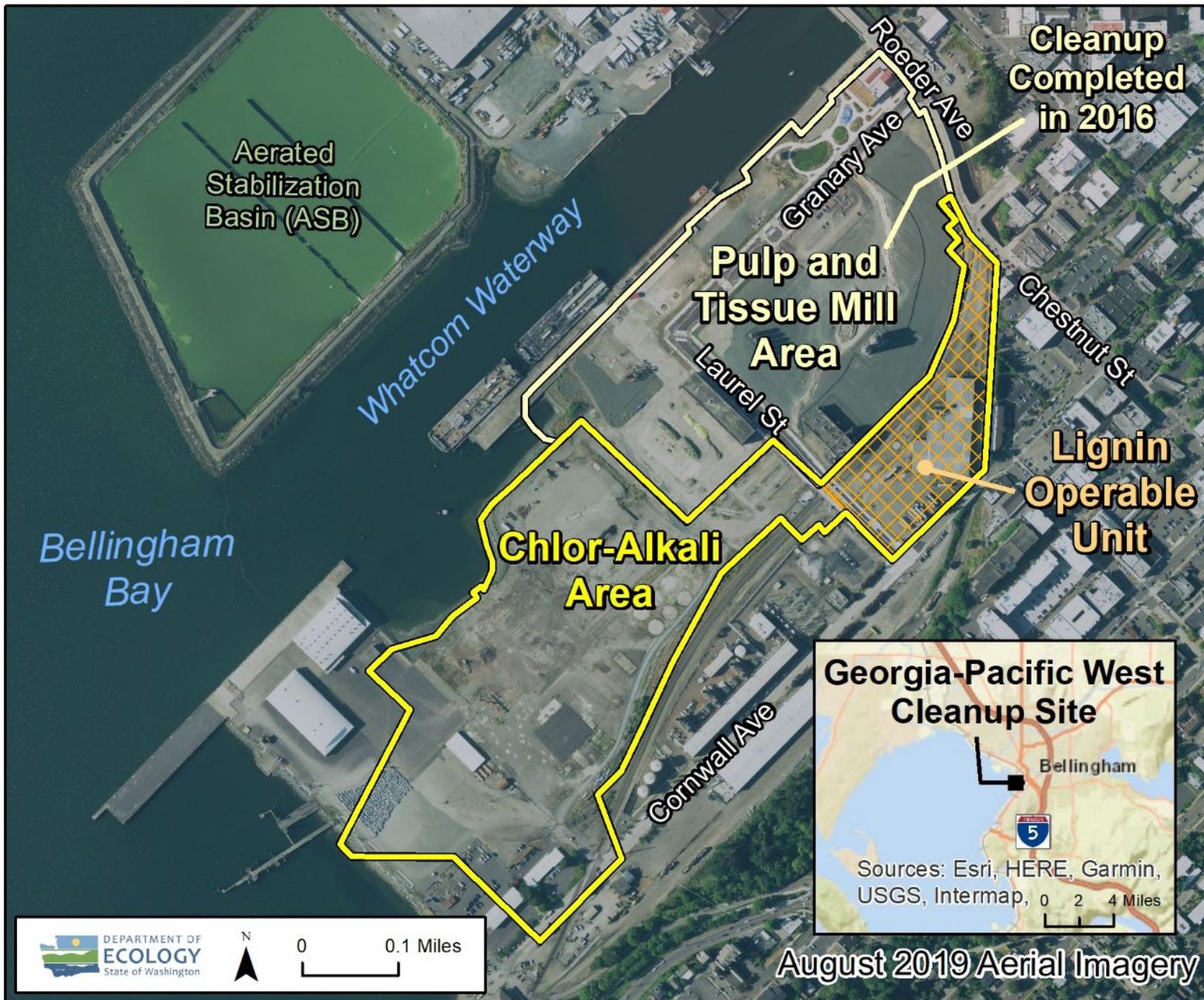
1. Draft Cleanup Action Plan
2. Consent Decree Amendment (legal agreement)
3. Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree (legal agreement)

# Site History

- **Port of Bellingham owns**
- **Former GP West lignin operations:**
  - **Warehouse:** stored manufactured lignin products
  - **Above ground tanks:** contained liquid waste from lignin process
- **Environmental investigations:**
  - Metals
  - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)



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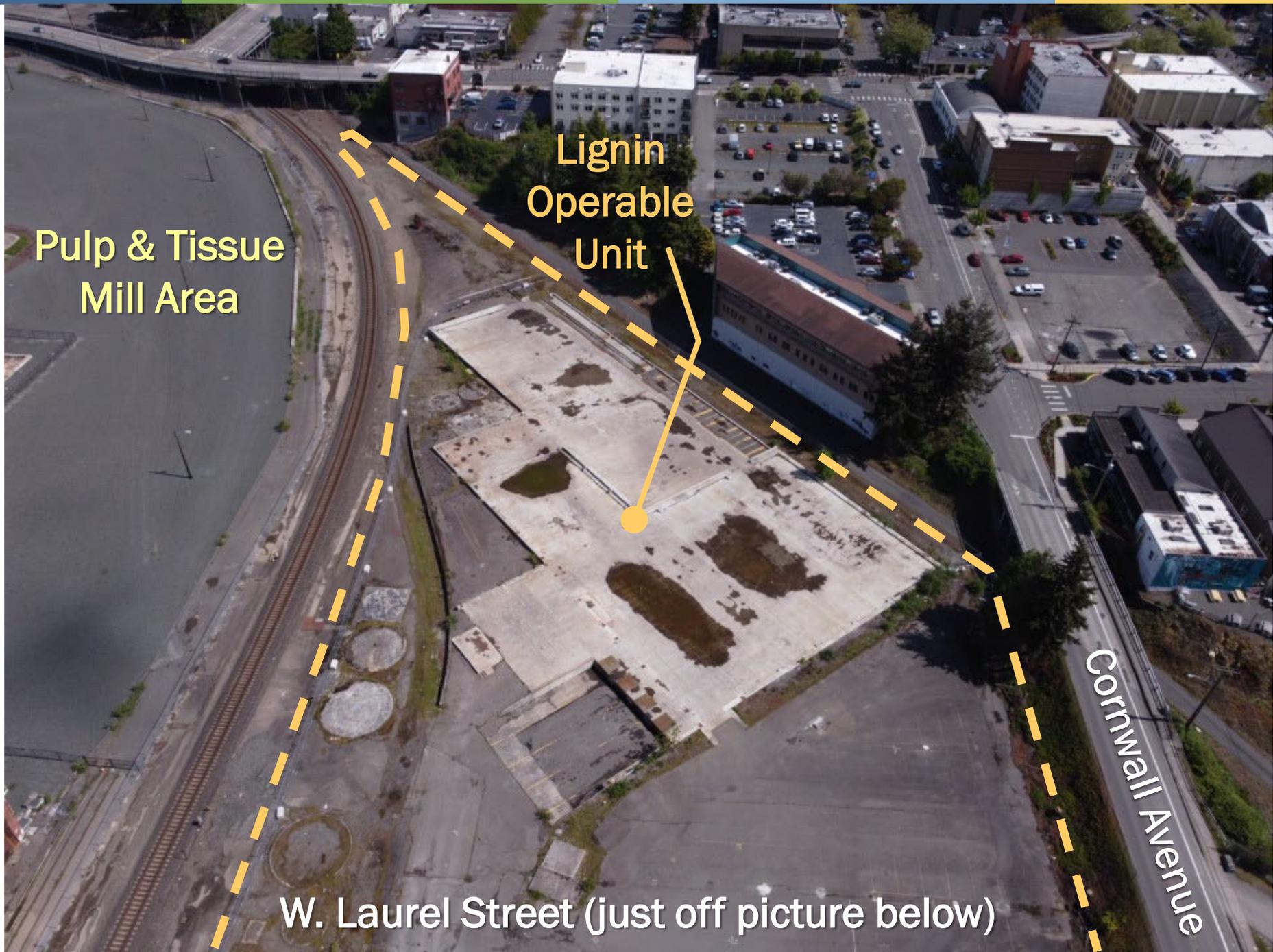
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Mill Area**

**Lignin  
Operable  
Unit**

**Chlor-Alkali  
Area**

W. Laurel Street

Cornwall Avenue



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Mill Area

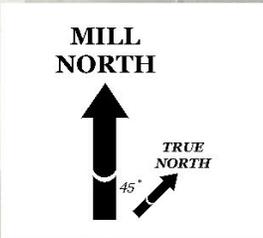
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Cornwall Avenue

W. Laurel Street (just off picture below)

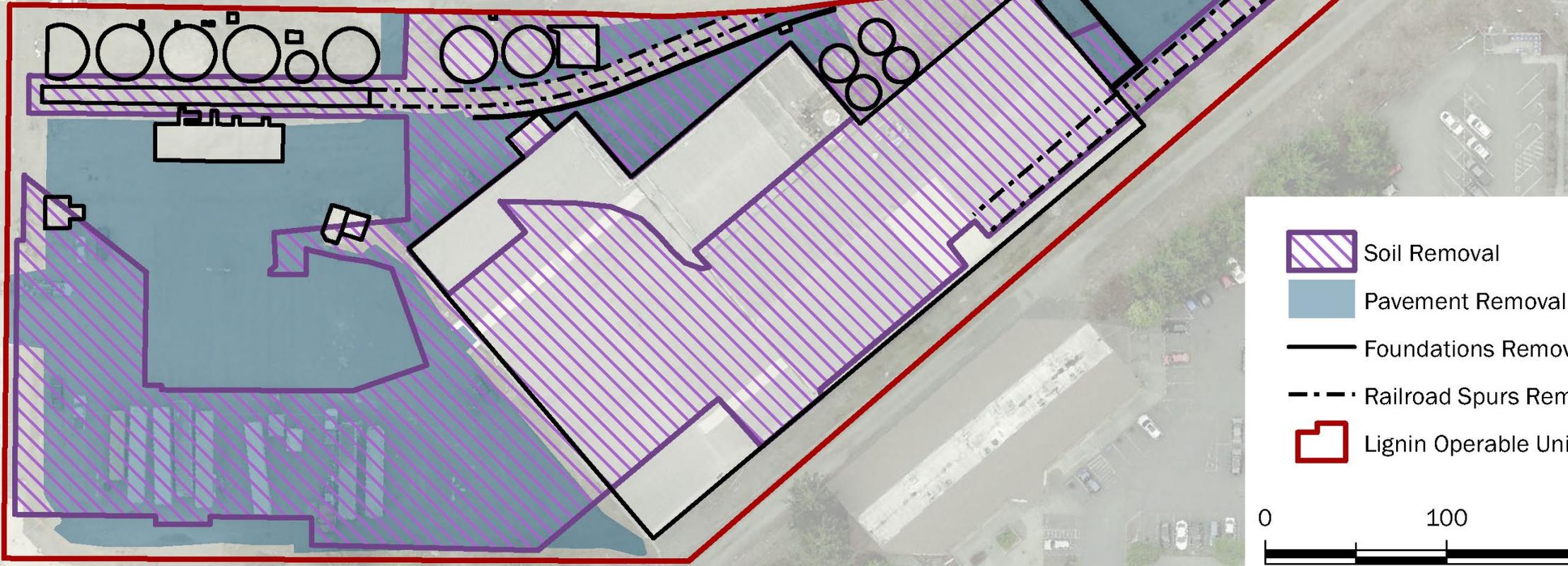


# Lignin Operable Unit Cleanup Action



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CORNWALL AVE



-  Soil Removal
-  Pavement Removal
-  Foundations Removal
-  Railroad Spurs Removal
-  Lignin Operable Unit

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# Planning and Cleanup Funding



**\$200,000**

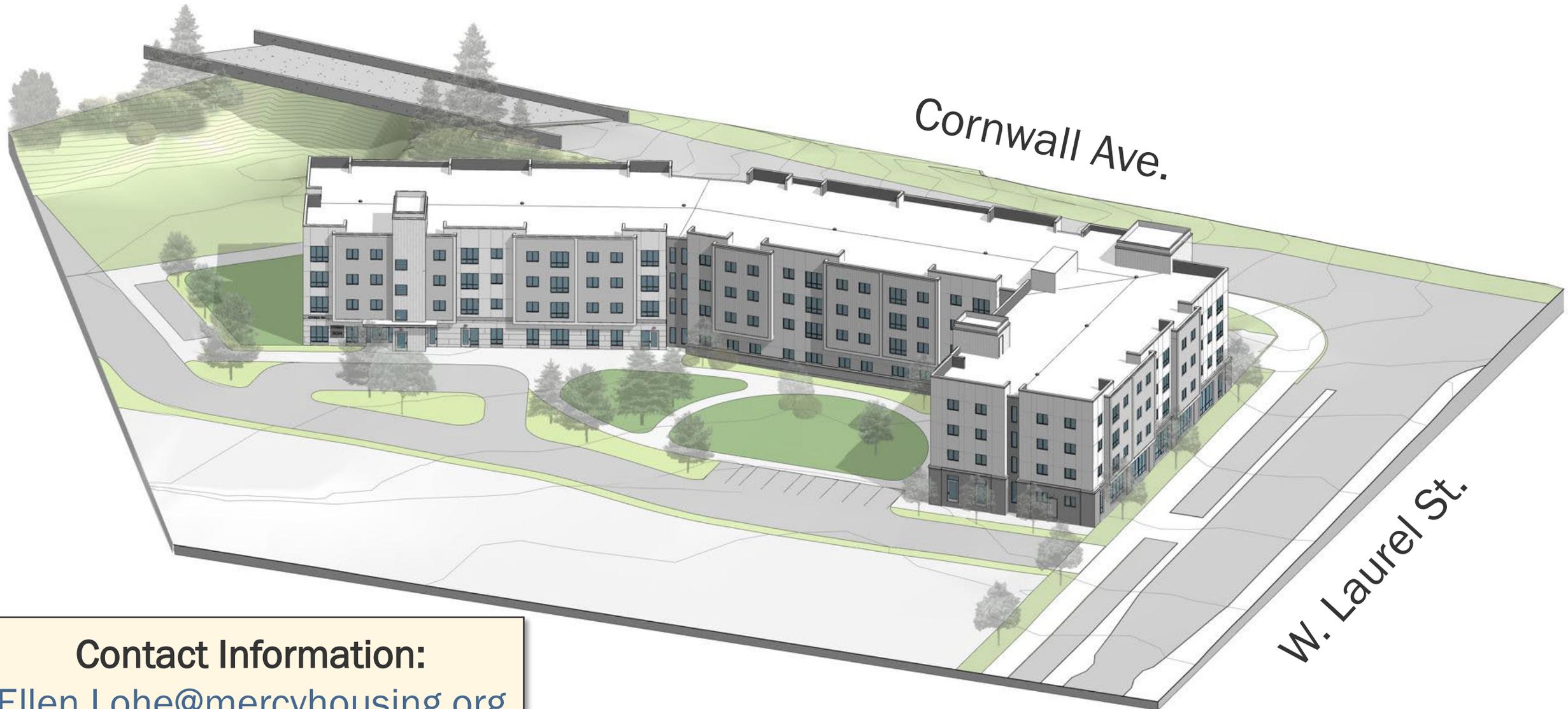
Healthy Housing Integrated  
Planning Grant (2019)



**\$2.6 million**

Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant  
(2021)

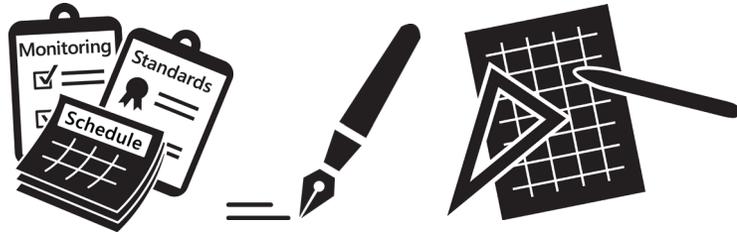
# Affordable Housing Redevelopment



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# Planned Next Steps



## Summer 2022

- Finalize documents:
  - Cleanup Action Plan
  - Legal agreements
- Engineering Design
- Permitting

## Fall 2022

- Port of Bellingham cleans up the Lignin Operable Unit

## End of 2022

- Mercy Housing Northwest begins affordable housing redevelopment construction



# How to Comment

June 20 –  
July 19,  
2021



## Comment Online

[www.bit.ly/Ecology-Lignin-Comments](http://www.bit.ly/Ecology-Lignin-Comments)



## Contact Site Manager

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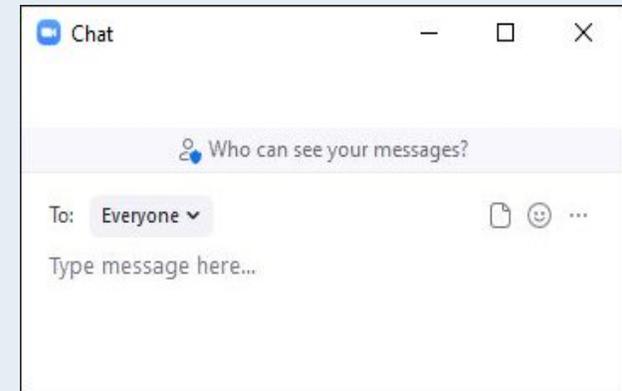
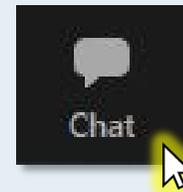
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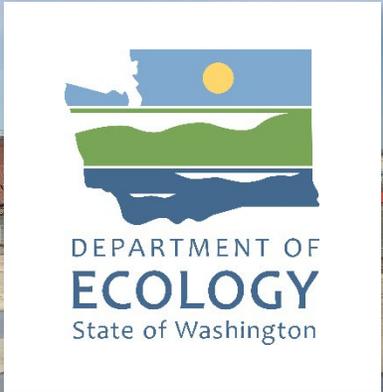
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