

GAS WORKS PARK ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

ADDENDUM TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN



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The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), the City of Seattle's Department of Parks and Recreation (City) and Puget Sound Energy (PSE) are working together on an environmental cleanup of Gas Works Park to address soil and groundwater contamination in the park.

After over three years of successful planning, technical studies and public outreach, the cleanup project is entering the final stages of completion, including the long-awaited implementation of cleanup measures. A major objective of the cleanup program has been a proactive approach to engage and inform the community, key stakeholders and interested parties about the cleanup planning process. The framework for the public involvement program is outlined in the project Public Participation Plan, last updated in April 1997. The numerous public outreach activities undertaken have successfully established credibility with the community for the planning process and built broad based public knowledge about the cleanup project.

This addendum to the Public Participation Plan updates the project schedule and describes a program for continuing proactive community involvement activities during the final stages of the environmental cleanup project for Gas Works Park.

Public involvement activities outlined in this addendum have been organized into three phases: Project Design and Bidding, Cleanup Implementation, and Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance.

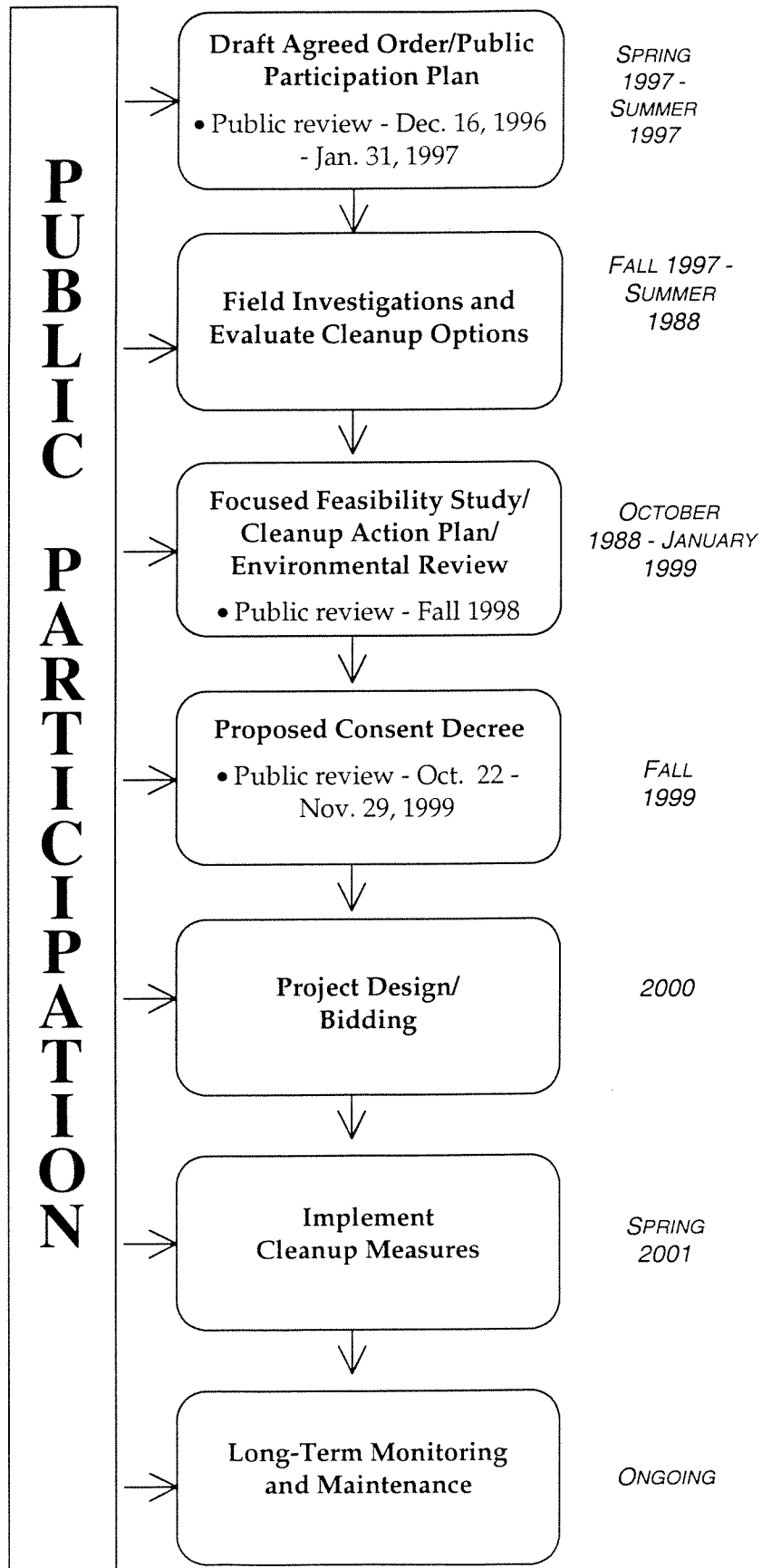
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Gas Works Park Cleanup Process and Schedule



PROJECT DESIGN AND BIDDING

Anticipated Timeframe: 2000

After the final legal agreement (Consent Decree) has been signed by Ecology, PSE and the City, cleanup of Gas Works Park will begin. The City and PSE will fund preparation of an Engineering Design Report which will include design and construction details, and a compliance monitoring plan to ensure the cleanup is working. The report will also describe the construction schedule and any associated park disruptions. Ecology will oversee these activities. If the remediation process changes significantly from the final decision made in the Cleanup Action Plan, Ecology will hold a comment period so the public will have a chance to comment on the changes before they are adopted. Public outreach activities will focus on informing the community about the proposed design of the cleanup measures and addressing issues related to the engineering design plan. After Ecology approves the Engineering Design Report, construction bidding specifications will be prepared and a contractor will be selected.

Proposed Public Participation/Communication Activities:

- Public fact sheet
- Place project materials in information repositories; review repositories for accuracy and update with new materials if needed.
- Project sign updates for Engineering Design Report public review period
- Display ads announcing public comment period and meetings in local newspapers
- Coordinate media relations with Ecology, the City and PSE
- Public hearing on the Engineering Design Report (if needed)
- Briefings to key community and environmental groups on proposed design and status of project

CLEANUP IMPLEMENTATION

Anticipated Timeframe: Spring 2001

The implementation of cleanup measures at Gas Works Park will be the most visible phase of the project to date and is expected to garner media attention due to the nature of the project. Public outreach efforts will focus on educating the project stakeholders and media about the cleanup efforts being implemented, the impacts cleanup activities will have on the Park's appearance, activities and neighborhood, the long-term improvements being made to the environment and Park, and the safety measures being undertaken to protect the public. During construction, Ecology will conduct site inspections and construction oversight.

Proposed Public Participation/Communication Activities:

- Public fact sheets for (construction start, construction completion)
- Place project materials in information repositories; review repositories for accuracy and update with new materials if needed.
- Project signs (construction start, construction completion)
- Display ads (construction start, construction completion) in local newspapers
- Coordinate media relations with Ecology, the City and PSE
- Produce a media kit (press release, remediation activities fact sheet, site map, project schedule, photos, etc.) announcing start of construction and disseminate to local media outlets
- Community group briefings
- Public event celebrating completion of construction activities

LONG-TERM MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE

Anticipated Timeframe: Ongoing

Once the selected remedy has been implemented to the satisfaction of Ecology, the City and PSE will conduct long-term monitoring and maintenance of cleanup measures constructed at the site. Complete removal of all contamination from the site is not technically practical. For this reason, Ecology will review the site every five years. Ecology will verify that human health and the environment remain protected according to the current land use for the site and surrounding areas. Updates on the site's condition will be published in Ecology's Site Register when reviews are conducted. If Ecology determines that additional cleanup is required to protect human health and the environment at the site, the City and PSE will revise the Cleanup Action Plan. Ecology would reissue the Cleanup Action Plan in draft and conduct a public comment period.

Proposed Public Participation/Communication Activities:

- Public notification of any significant changes to long-term monitoring and maintenance plan or additional cleanup