



Stewart House

Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan

Open House: April 15, 2025

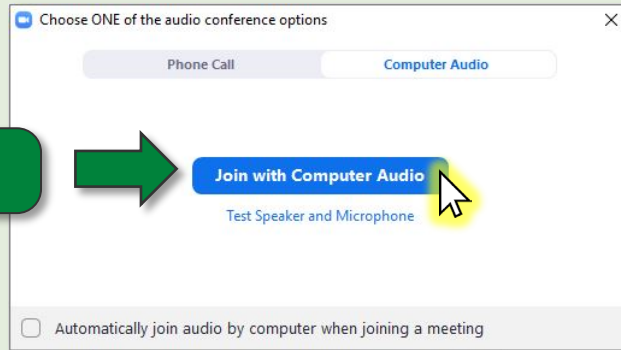
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Welcome to our online open house

We will begin taking questions shortly.
No sound? We will unmute soon for sound checks.

Join

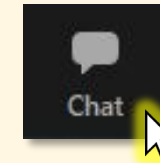
Connect Audio & Join



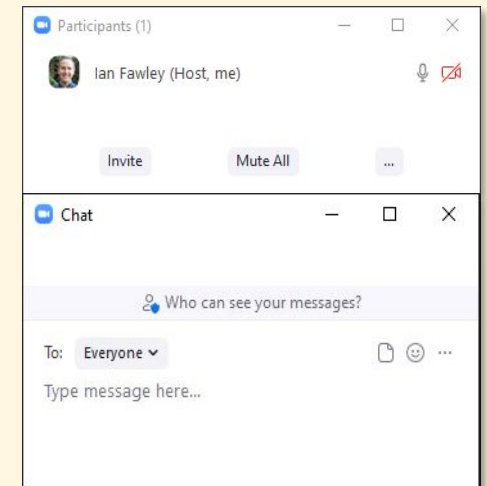
Tip Try your computer audio *first*.

If you'd like, you can test your speaker and microphone *before* joining.

Participate



Question?
Need help?
Chat with us!



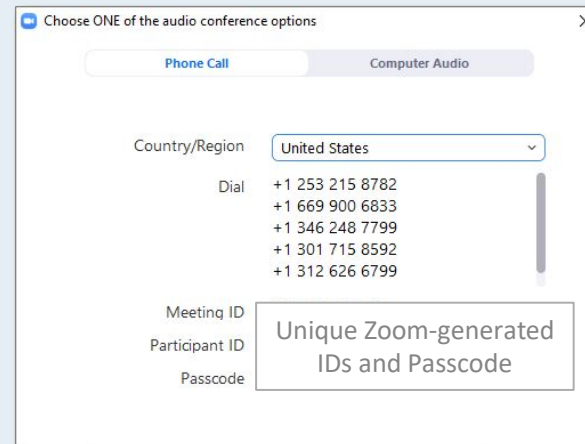
Turn on the Chat box and Participant list from your toolbar.

Audio

Best Option: Use computer for audio

B If selecting "Phone Call"...

- Dial: **253 215 8782 (Tacoma)**
- Enter Zoom Meeting ID **857 0468 2402** followed by "#"
- Enter your unique Zoom Participant ID, followed by "#"
- (If you do not enter the Participant ID, you will be prompted to enter the Passcode = **011656**)



Online Open House Flow



1. Put your question in the chat or raise your hand to request to be unmuted.
2. We will connect you with the best staff to answer your questions one by one.
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Ecology Staff Available Today

Zak Wall (in person)

Stewart House Cleanup Site Manager

Augie Nuszer (in person)

Community Outreach Specialist

Sandra Matthews (online)

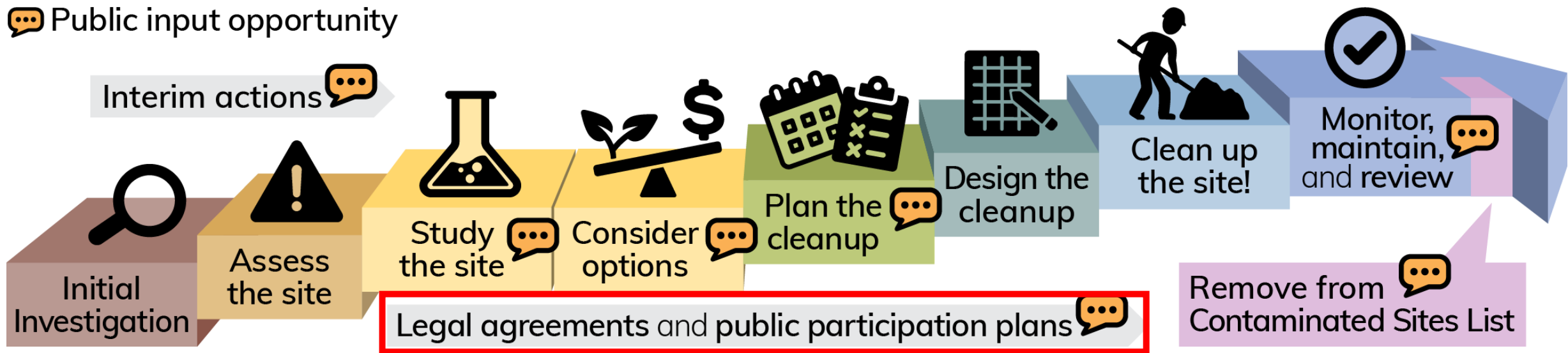
Affordable Housing Group Lead

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Washington's Formal Cleanup Process

- The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is Washington's environmental cleanup law. It provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect human health and the environment.
- WA Dept of Ecology (Ecology) enacts MTCA and oversees cleanups.
- The MTCA cleanup process is completed in steps over a variable timeline.

 Public input opportunity



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We are here

Site Location

- Located in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood
- Densely populated area



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Site History

Former Uses:

- The three properties were developed in the early 1900s as residential apartment buildings.
- All three of the properties were historically heated by oil-burning furnaces, supplied by underground storage tanks (USTs).

Contamination:

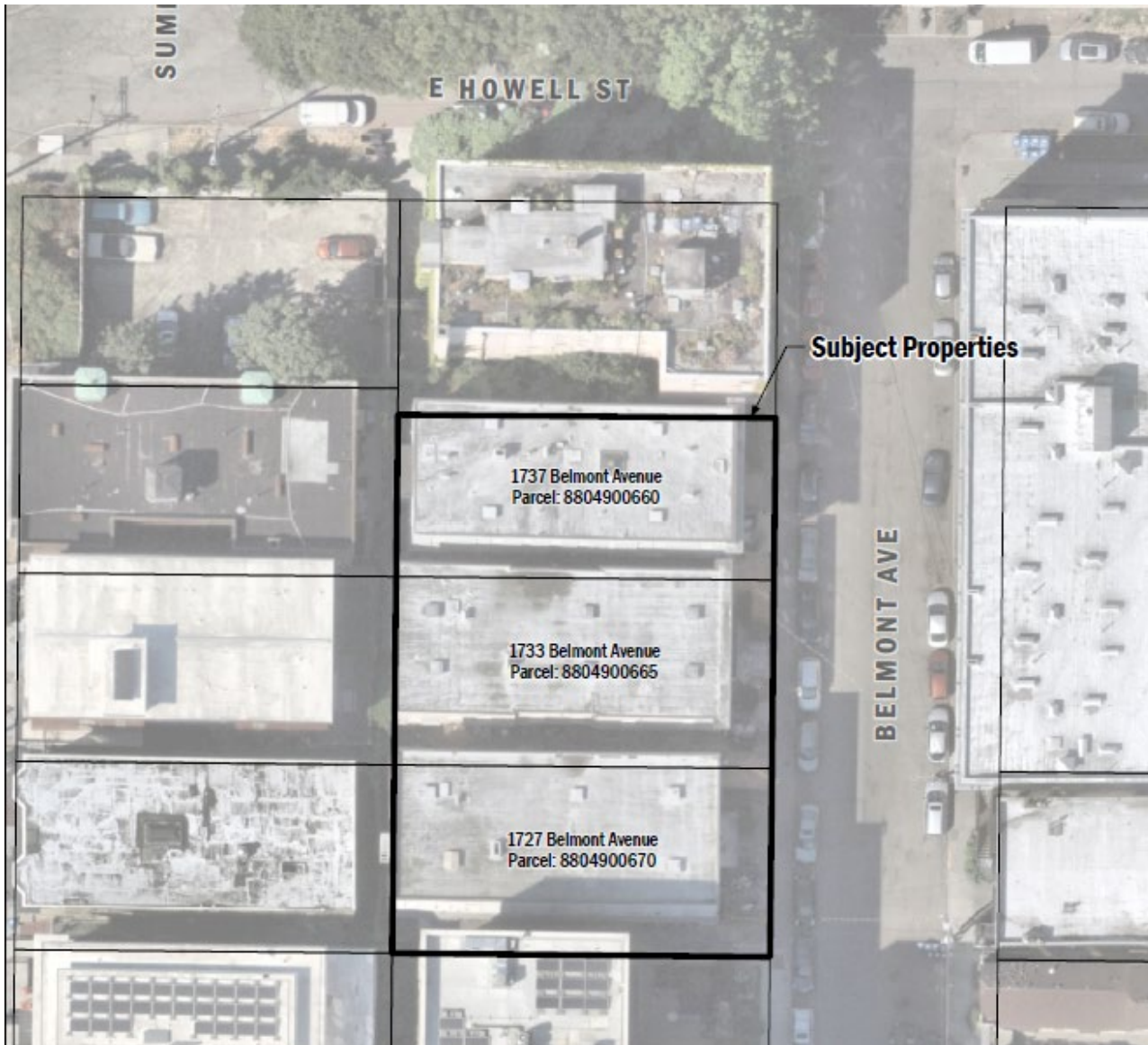
- Soil: Petroleum-contaminated soil has been detected at the 1733 address at depths between 4 and 12 feet below the ground surface.

Contaminants:

- Petroleum hydrocarbons.

USTs:

- On-property: Three heating-oil USTs closed in place in 1996.
- Off-property: Two heating oil USTs closed in place in 1996 south/southeast of the properties.



Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program

- Ecology's Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program provides grants for the planning and cleanup of contaminated sites intended for affordable housing development.
- Downtown Emergency Service Center has received a cleanup grant through the Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant program.
- The grant will fund work to assess, study, and plan the cleanup at Stewart House.



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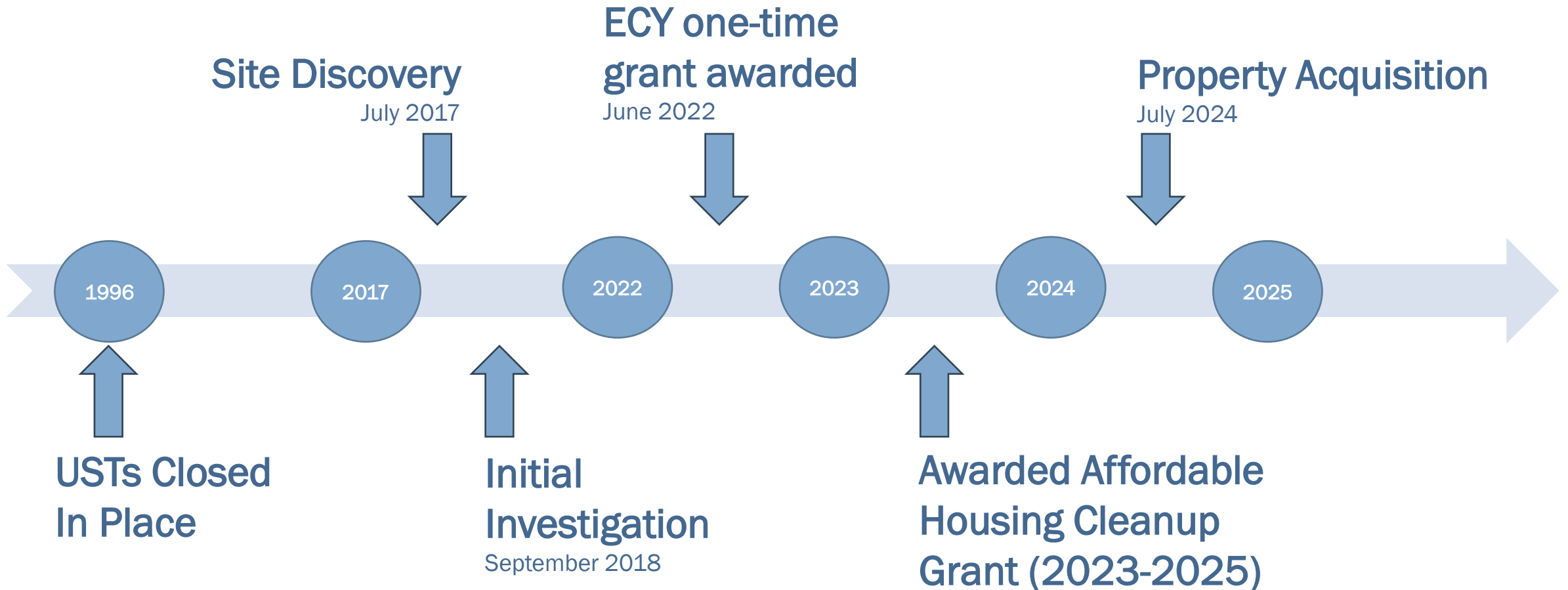
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Vision and Goal

- Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) is a nonprofit affordable housing developer based in Seattle, founded in 1979 to provide shelter, services, and housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness.
- DESC will use the grant provided through Dept of Ecology to clean up the site known as Stewart House.
- Ultimately, the site will be redeveloped as permanent supportive housing for up to 120 clients. The building will include onsite support services for tenants and 24/7 staff.
- DESC held a public information session and conducted outreach to neighbors and community groups about this site in 2024.
- More information about the project may be found at: desc.org/belmont

Site Timeline

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How to Comment

April 7, 12:00 a.m. –
May 6, 11:59 p.m.,
2025



Comment Online

go.ecology.wa.gov/StewartHouse-Comments

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Find this presentation on our webpage at: [Stewart House cleanup site](#)

Thank you for joining!

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