



Response to Comments

Interim Action Work Plan SEPA Determination on Non-Significance

**C L Auto Repair Cleanup Site
2901 17th Ave S, Seattle
King County**

Toxics Cleanup Program

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Northwest Region Office
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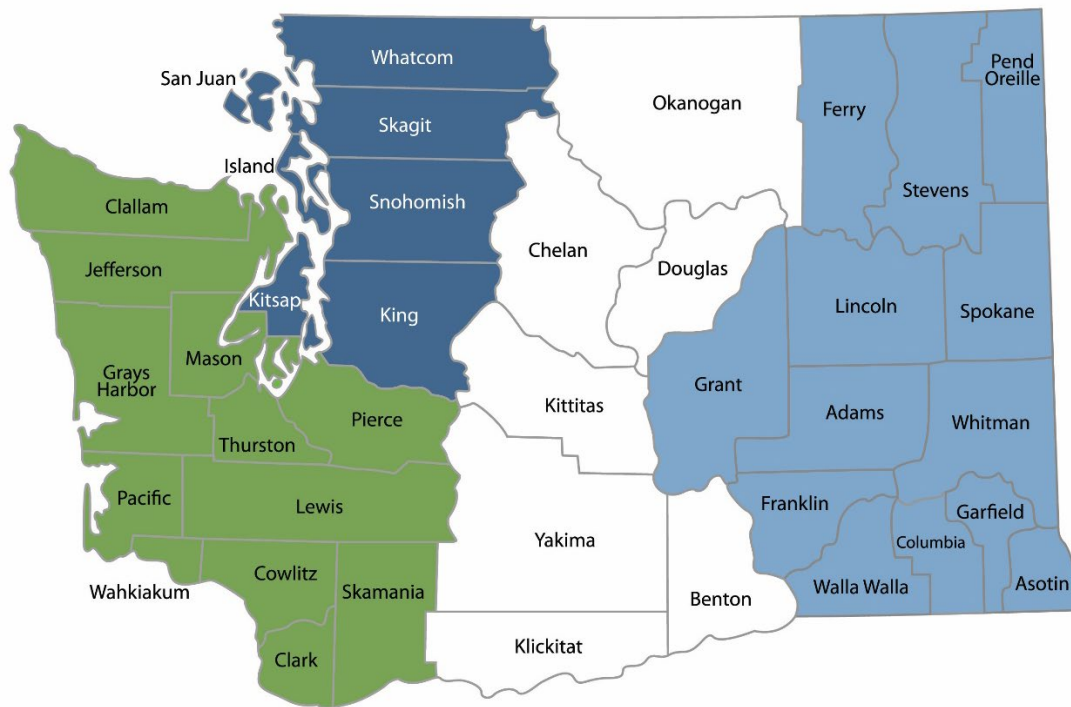
¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/10376>

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Who-we-are/Our-Programs/Toxics-Cleanup>

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Public Outreach Summary

The C L Auto Repair cleanup site located in Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood is continuing Washington State's [formal cleanup process](#)⁴ as directed under the Model Toxics Control Act ([MTCA](#)⁵). Estelita's Library is addressing contamination at the site under a legal agreement with Ecology.

The Department of Ecology's public involvement activities related to this site's 30-day comment period (June 1 – June 30, 2026) included:

- **Fact Sheet:**
 - US mail distribution of a fact sheet providing information about the cleanup documents and the public comment period to over 4,900 addresses including neighboring businesses and other interested parties.
 - Email distribution of the fact sheet to over 100 people, including interested individuals, local/county/state/federal agencies, neighborhood associations, and interested community groups.
 - The fact sheet was available digitally through Ecology's [cleanup site webpage](#)⁶ in English, Spanish, and Chinese.
- **Legal Notices:**
 - Publication of one paid print display ad in *The Seattle Times*, dated Friday, May 29, 2026.
- **Contaminated Site Register newsletter:**
 - Publication of four notices in Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program Contaminated Site Register:
 - Comment Period Notice:
 - May 28, 2026
 - June 11, 2026
 - June 25, 2026
 - July 23, 2026 (Response to Comments)
 - Visit [Ecology's Contaminated Site Register website](#)⁷ to download PDFs.

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process>

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/mtca>

⁶ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/10376>

⁷ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/UIPages/PublicationList.aspx?IndexTypeName=Program&NameValue=Toxics+Cleanup&DocumentTypeName=Newsletter>

- **Websites:**
 - Ecology announced the public comment period, open house, posted the fact sheet, and made the review documents available on Ecology's [C L Auto Repair webpage](#)⁸ and [Ecology's Public Inputs & Events webpage](#).⁹
- **Document Repositories:**
 - Copies of the review documents and fact sheets were available for review at the Seattle Public Library's Beacon Hill Branch.
 - Outreach materials also directed the public to contact Augie Nuszer, Outreach Specialist, for document review assistance.

⁸ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17017>

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>

Comment Summary

From June 1 to June 30, 2026, Ecology asked for comments on multiple cleanup documents between Ecology and Estelita's Library.

Ecology received seven formal comments during the 30-day comment period.

Table 1: List of Commenters

	First Name	Last Name	Agency/Organization/Business	Submitted By
1	Anonymous		N/A	Individual
2	North Beacon Hill Neighbor		N/A	Individual
3	Daniel	Collins	N/A	Individual
4	Marita	Diaz	N/A	Individual
5	Matthew	Szczerba	N/A	Individual
6	D S		N/A	Individual
7	Tina	Young	N/A	Individual

Next Steps

Ecology has reviewed and considered the comments received on the cleanup documents. Based on Ecology's evaluation of the comments, no substantive changes to the documents were necessary.

The documents will be finalized and preparations will begin for studying the site and considering options (also known as the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study) which are the two next steps for this site. See the graphic below and visit Ecology's [cleanup process webpage](https://ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process)¹⁰ to learn more about Washington's cleanup process.



Figure 1: Washington's cleanup process

Public Comments and Responses

The public comments are presented below, along with Ecology's responses. The Appendix contains the comments in their original format.

Comment from: Anonymous

I approve of this plan and strongly support this site in my neighborhood being cleaned up and improved into a community space and affordable housing.

Response:

Thank you for your comment. We appreciate your support for cleaning up and improving this site.

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process>

Comment from: North Beacon Hill Neighbor

Love this project! My only note is to remediate and build this project ASAP. Delays, extended review times, public comments, and permitting are the bane of progress in Seattle. This is a wonderful addition to the neighborhood and we are all looking forward to it.

Response:

Thank you for your public comment. We appreciate your support and will work to remediate this site as quickly and as safely as we can.

Comment from: Daniel Collins

please provide the public with any off site contamination of soils as the project proceeds...
thank you

Response:

Thank you for your comment. We appreciate your interest in the project. As work progresses, we will provide the public with information about any identified off-site contamination, along with the steps being taken to address it.

To subscribe to site updates, you can go to the [webpage](#) and click “Subscribe to this site” in the top right corner. You will then receive weekly emails on Fridays with any new site documents or webpage documents. Thank you for staying engaged.

Comment from: Marita Diaz

I live and work on North Beacon Hill just 2 blocks from the CL Auto Repair site. It's wonderful that this polluted property will undergo a clean up and that Estelitas Library organization will be converting the site for community use. As a neighbor and local business owner I fully support the work that is being done in partnership with our community and Estelitas to repurpose the space for community benefit. Creating more affordable housing and a center for our neighborhood is what the area needs. Thanks to everyone involved for making this possible.

Response:

Thank you for sharing your perspective. We're glad to hear from a neighbor and local business owner who supports the cleanup of the C L Auto Repair site and the partnership with Estelita's Library. We appreciate your engagement and your comment.

Comment from: Matthew Szczerba

Thank you for the notice mailer explaining some technical details about the project. I value this type of transparency and hope your project is successful and efficient.

Response:

Thank you for your comment and for taking the time to review the fact sheet. We're glad to hear that the technical details were helpful. We appreciate your support for transparency. We will continue to be transparent in the future and will share progress updates as we have them.

Comment from: D S

I have lived a few blocks from this site for over 5 years and hope to continue living in this neighborhood for a long time to come. Getting the CL Auto Repair site cleaned up and making way for Estelita's Library's plans for housing will be a major success for the entire neighborhood. Please do not let this project linger in bureaucratic purgatory. We want this to happen ASAP!

Response:

Thank you for your comment. We appreciate your support and we will work to move this project forward efficiently.

Comment from: Tina Young

I am very supportive of the planned cleanup of this site. As a resident of Beacon Hill for over 35 years, I am very appreciative of the intentional and very inclusive actions of Estelita's Library to bring this exciting project forward to advance greater equity in our community.

Response:

Thank you for your comment. We appreciate your longevity in the neighborhood and we hope to make a positive impact in your community through this cleanup.

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