
Little Squalicum Park Site Whatcom County



Cleanup Documents Available for Public Review

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the City of Bellingham (City) have released **draft final Work Plans** providing an overall description and schedule for an environmental study (called a *remedial investigation/feasibility study or RI/FS*) at the Little Squalicum Park site in Whatcom County, Washington. These Work Plans outline the scope of the RI/FS and the procedures that will be followed to ensure the collection of representative environmental data.

Comments Encouraged!

The draft final Work Plans are currently available for public review comment. Your comments on the proposed Work Plans are welcome through **September 10, 2005**. The box at the right contains information on where to view the documents and how to submit written comments. Ecology will respond in writing to all comments received and may make changes to the documents as a result of them. If these changes are significant, the revised Work Plans will once again be made available for public review and comment.

Site Background

The Little Squalicum Park site (Site) is located at 604 Marine View Drive (see map on page 3) and is currently undeveloped open space with trails providing public access. (A previously planned trail segment and a new entrance are now being constructed at 604 Marine View Drive). The Site has multiple owners including the City of Bellingham (City) and Whatcom County. The portion of the Site owned by Whatcom County has been leased to the City for improvement and management as a park. Little Squalicum Creek runs through the Site and is fed by springs and storm water runoff from adjacent properties.

The Site is located next to both residential neighborhoods and heavy industrial facilities including the Oeser Company, an active wood-treating facility. The Oeser Company is a designated federal Superfund site and historic and on-going contamination issues at this facility are currently being addressed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). (For more information about the status of EPA's activities at the Oeser Company Superfund site which is located adjacent to the Little

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**Public Comment Period:
8/10/05-9/10/05**

Technical questions, written comments, or to be added to the site mailing list:

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Bellingham Public Library
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(360) 676-6860

Bellingham Technical College
Library
3028 Lindbergh Ave., Bldg. A
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Northwest Regional Office
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Ecology's Website:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/blhm_bay/sites/bel_bay_sites.html

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Environmental investigations of the surface water, ground water, soil and sediments at the Little Squalicum Park site have confirmed the presence of hazardous substances including pentachlorophenol, dioxin, copper, zinc and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon ("PAH") compounds. As a result, this Site is subject to the investigation and cleanup requirements of the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Ecology and the City signed an agreed order in March 2005 requiring the City to complete a RI/FS of the Site.

Draft Final Work Plans

The draft final Work Plans include several documents which will guide the activities to be performed for the environmental investigation. The Work Plan documents include:

- *Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP)*. The SAP describes the sampling strategy and design to meet the data needs of the RI/FS and provides specific guidance for field methodology and quality assurance procedures.
- *Work Plan for the RI/FS*. The Work Plan describes program objectives, project organization, and project tasks to complete the RI/FS.
- *Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)*. The QAPP describes laboratory methodology and quality assurance/quality

control procedures that will be used to complete the RI/FS.

- *Project Health and Safety Plan (HASP)*. The HASP addresses occupational health and safety for activities performed in Little Squalicum Park.
- *Integral Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)*. These documents provide specific detailed information on conducting routine, repetitive field techniques.

What's Next?

After the Work Plans have been finalized, additional sampling will take place at the Site. Once the sampling results are available, an RI/FS will be developed which will describe the nature and extent of contamination at the Site, present and evaluate a range of cleanup alternatives, and identify a preferred cleanup approach. It will build on previous environmental investigations and will provide the information necessary for Ecology to select a preferred cleanup alternative for the Site. The draft RI/FS will be released for public review and comment.

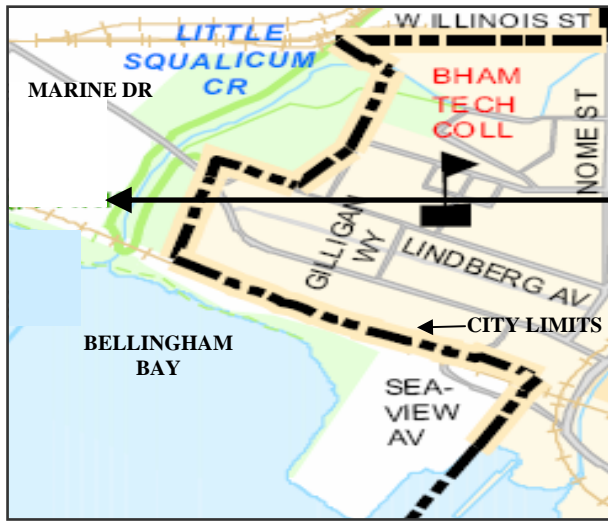
Learn More at a Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held **August 23, 2005** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bellingham Technical College, in the "G" building. The Bellingham Technical College is located at 3028 Lindbergh Avenue. Ecology will present information about the Little Squalicum Park site and the activities to be performed during the environmental investigation of this site. You can provide valuable local input and knowledge that will be helpful as the cleanup plan is developed and implemented.

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Location Map of the Little Squalicum Park Site, 604 Marine Drive



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