



DEPARTMENT OF  
**ECOLOGY**  
State of Washington

## **RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY**

### **Sauro's Cleanerama**

#### **Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation and Cleanup**

The public comment period for the Sauro's Cleanerama Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation and cleanup ran from February 12<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Fact sheets were mailed to over 1,000 residents, businesses, local organizations, and government offices. The Agreed Order was made available at repositories in Tacoma (Tacoma Public Library and Citizens for a Healthy Bay) and at the Department of Ecology in Lacey.

One comment was received from Puget Creek Restoration Society. The comment and response are on the attached sheet. If you have questions about the comment, please contact:

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Comment #1

March 13, 2009

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Hello Mr. Coleman:

The Puget Creek Restoration Society (PCRS) protects, enhances and restores the Puget Creek Watershed and similar streams, wetlands and green spaces. We serve the South Puget Sound communities and invite their participation through hands-on restoration, research, education, advocacy, and by promoting a sense of stewardship.

Our organization represents over 1,400 members and volunteers located in the City of Tacoma and who are deeply concerned with wetland, stream, green space and nearshore issues in the City.

Thank you for allowing us to provide input into this project. We request the following conditions be incorporated into the project:

- We request that the site be cleaned up and not capped.
- That continuous monitoring of the groundwater occur to see that offsite seepage from this site isn't recontaminating this site and the groundwater after cleanup is done.
- We would like the site replanted with native trees, shrubs and groundcover and raised garden beds installed for a community garden (as long as the soils in the raised bed will not be contaminated).
- We feel that it is very appropriate for the City of Tacoma to take the lead to figure out the extent of the contamination and to propose a course of action to remedy it.

Without further clarification of the impact that the project has on the natural systems, the Puget Creek Restoration Society cannot support this project; however, if the plan were to incorporate our comments and concerns on this site we would reconsider our position. I write as an officer of the Board of Directors of Puget Creek Restoration Society, which has evaluated the proposed project. We will appreciate your office's full consideration of our position, and we look forward to working with you in making Tacoma a better place for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. You can reach us at (253) 779-8890 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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Ecologist/Board of Directors



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March 18, 2009

Mr. Scott Hansen  
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Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for your comments regarding the cleanup at the former Sauro's Cleanarama site. Independent cleanup efforts at the site were, at best, hit and miss for too long, so we decided to take enforcement action to drive the work to be done. Ecology was pleased to find that the City of Tacoma wanted to further the cleanup effort and took the bold move of purchasing the site. Even before the Agreed Order was finalized, Ecology and the City have been developing work plans to get the site fully characterized and cleaned up. Although still in development, plans will call for removal of contamination rather than capping or encapsulating. Continuous groundwater monitoring will be performed until such time as groundwater does not exhibit contamination above the Model Toxic Control Act groundwater standards. Now that the City of Tacoma is the owner of the site, they will be taking the lead in performing the cleanup functions. They will also be responsible for determining what the redevelopment of the property will entail.

Thanks again for your interest and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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