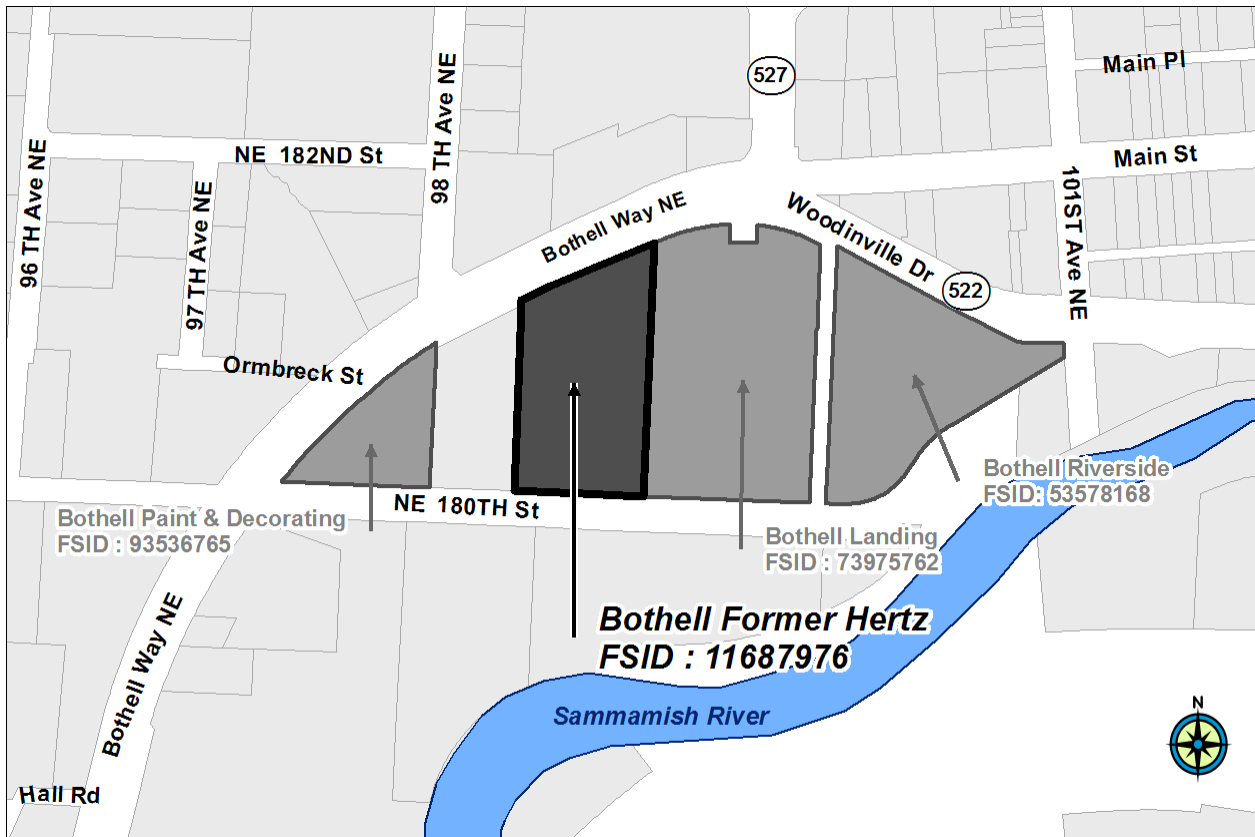




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State of Washington

**Bothell Former Hertz Site**  
Cleanup ID Number: 7906

**Public Participation Plan**



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this Public Participation Plan pursuant to the **Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)** and a proposed Agreed Order between Ecology and the City of Bothell (Bothell). Ecology is committed to an open dialogue with the community to ensure that interested parties receive information as well as provide input during the decision-making process. The intent is to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process at the Bothell Former Hertz Site (Site). The Site is also known as AA Rentals of Bothell.

## SITE LOCATION

The Site is generally located at 18030 Bothell Way NE, Bothell, Washington.

It is an approximately rectangular lot bounded by Bothell Way Northeast to the north and Northeast 180<sup>th</sup> Street to the south (see map on page 4).

The property had been developed from 1918 until 2010, when Bothell demolished buildings on the Site for its SR 522 Bothell Crossroads realignment project. Past property use included automobile repair and dealerships, fueling, and equipment rental. Before the property was purchased by the City of Bothell in 2009, it contained a Hertz equipment rental office, storage yard, and equipment repair shop.

The property contained a building that was used as an automobile dealership. A petroleum company is listed as a lessee of the property in the 1930s. A former building at the northeast corner of the property included a gasoline dispensing facility and Underground Storage Tanks (USTs). Three USTs were removed from the property in 1993, and. Petroleum-affected soils were encountered during removal. An unknown quantity of petroleum contaminated soils remained underneath buildings.

In 2008, the City of Bothell conducted Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) at the Site prior to its purchase of this and adjoining properties.

The 2008, Phase II ESA included soil and ground water sampling results where three former USTs had been removed. Petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in soil and ground water exceeding state cleanup standards. Vinyl chloride and volatile organic compounds (VOC) were detected at concentrations exceeding state cleanup standards in ground water samples.

Other VOCs were detected in groundwater at the time, including common solvents - tetrachloroethene and trichloroethene. The concentrations were below state cleanup standards. The VOC detections in groundwater appear to be from suspected up-gradient sources. Arsenic was also detected in one well above cleanup levels.



### **3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the cleanup process for this site. This section addresses how Ecology will keep the public informed about site activity and provide opportunity for being involved in the cleanup.

Ecology will use a variety of tools to facilitate public participation in the planning and cleanup of this site. These tools include: formal comment periods and responsiveness summaries, fact sheets, public meetings (if required), information repositories, Ecology's Site Register, web tools including a web-based events calendar, display advertisement in a local newspaper, and the Bothell Former Hertz (AA Rentals of Bothell) website. These tools will be used as appropriate. Ecology will consider and implement constructive input provided by the community whenever possible.

Ecology and Bothell urge the public to become involved in the cleanup process. Information will be provided regularly in order to provide many opportunities to review materials and provide comments. This plan is intended to be a flexible working document where activities change as community concerns emerge as well as when more information becomes available during the cleanup process. To arrange for a briefing with project staff, ask questions, or provide comments on the plan or other aspects of the cleanup, please contact one of the persons listed below. Ecology is committed to an open dialogue with the community to ensure that interested parties receive information as well as provide input during the decision-making process.

**For technical questions, please contact:**

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#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

Ecology maintains overall responsibility and approval authority for the activities outlined in this plan in accordance with Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) requirements. Ecology, with the

participation of Bothell, conducts public comment periods as required by MTCA, including soliciting, receiving and considering comments, making decisions, and preparing responsiveness summaries.

### **Public Comment Periods**

Comment periods are the primary method Ecology uses to get feedback from the public on proposed cleanup decisions. Comment periods usually last for 30 days and are required at key points during the investigation and cleanup process before final decisions are made. During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. After formal comment periods, Ecology reviews all comments received and may respond in a document called a Responsiveness Summary. Ecology will consider the need for changes or revisions based on input from the public. If significant changes are made, then a second comment period will be held. If no significant changes are made, then the draft document(s) will be finalized.

### **Public Meetings**

Public meetings may be held at key points during the cleanup process. Ecology may also offer public meetings for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community. Also, if ten or more people request a public meeting during the 30-day comment period, Ecology will hold a public meeting for the purpose of taking written comments on draft documents.

### **Information Repositories**

Information repositories are convenient places where the public can go to read and review Site information. The information repositories are often at libraries or community sites where the public has access. During the comment period, the site documents will be available for review at each repository which is listed below. Documents remain at the repositories for the entire duration of the project.

Repositories for this project include:

#### **King County Bothell Regional Library**

18215 98<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Bothell, WA 98011  
(425) 485-7811

#### **Bothell City Hall**

18305 101 Ave. NE  
Bothell, WA 98011  
Hours: Monday –Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
(425) 485-3256

#### **Washington State Department of Ecology – Northwest Regional Office (NWRO)**

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Bellevue, WA 98008

To visit Ecology's NWRO, please call Sally Perkins to schedule an appointment.

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Hours: Tuesday – Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

### **Site Register and Public Events Calendar**

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses the Site Register and web-based Public Involvement Calendar to announce all of its public meetings and comment periods as well as additional site activities.

To receive the Site Register in electronic or hard copy format, please call (360) 407-6000. Ecology's Site Register publication may be intermittent due to budget constraints. The Site Register is available on Ecology's website at:  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub\\_inv/pub\\_inv2.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html)

The Public Involvement Calendar is available on Ecology's website at:  
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

### **Mailing List**

Ecology has compiled and maintains a list of interested parties, organizations and residents living in proximity to the Site. This list will be used to disseminate information via mail (fact sheets, site updates, public notices, etc.). If you are not on the mailing list for this Site and wish to be added, please contact Nancy Lui at (425) 649-7117 or through email at [nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov). In the subject line, please indicate Bothell Former Hertz Site Mailing List.

### **Bothell Former Hertz Website**

Information on the cleanup work at the site is also available online. This website includes background information, status updates, and contact information for the site. Ecology's Toxics Cleanup website addresses will be changing in the near future.

#### **Ecology Website:**

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/Bothell\\_Former\\_Hertz/Bothell\\_Former\\_Hertz\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/Bothell_Former_Hertz/Bothell_Former_Hertz_hp.html)

Please note that this website address may change in the future.

## **4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS**

This plan was developed in compliance with the MTCA regulations (Chapter 173-340 WAC). It will be reviewed as cleanup progresses and may be amended as necessary. Amendments may be

submitted to Ecology's Site Manager, Jerome Cruz, for review and consideration. Ecology will determine final approval of the plan as well as any amendments.

## **5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Additionally, citizen groups living near contaminated sites may apply for public participation grants during open application periods. These grants help citizens receive technical assistance in understanding the cleanup process and create additional avenues for public participation.

Information on the guidelines and application for Public Participation Grants may be found at Ecology's website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/ppg.html>

Alternatively, technical questions may be directed to site manager Jerome Cruz.

Ecology currently does not have a citizen technical advisor for providing technical assistance to citizens on issues related to the investigation and cleanup of the site.