



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Former West Olympia Landfill
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INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this public participation plan in cooperation with the City of Olympia (City) pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and Agreed Order #DE-13797 to promote meaningful community involvement during the investigation and cleanup of Former West Olympia Landfill Site. This plan outlines and describes the tools that Ecology uses to inform the public about Site activities and identifies opportunities for the community to be involved.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Former West Olympia Landfill Site is generally located at 1305 Cooper Point Road SW in Olympia. The site was used as a municipal landfill by the city of Olympia from mid 1940's to about 1968. Refuse was burned and buried on the 12.33 acres property. Currently the site is vacant see picture on page 7.

Historic activities on the property caused groundwater contamination. Trichloroethelne (TCE) was detected above the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) level in groundwater. Preliminary testing has shown that two monitoring wells are contaminated. However, the extent or boundary of contamination has not been found.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

We are holding a 30 day comment period in August of 2017 for the **Agreed Order**—A legal agreement with the owner of the land that requires them to investigate the contamination and propose cleanup options.

NEXT STEPS

- At the end of the 30 day comment period, Ecology will draft a Responsiveness Summary document which will contain all of the comments received and Ecology's response to them.
- Ecology will keep the public informed as this cleanup moves forward.
- Comment periods will be held at various points in the process. Public meetings will be held when appropriate.

MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT CLEANUP STAGES

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) defines each stage of the cleanup process to protect human health and the environment. Picture on page 8 details these stages.

Some steps described in the chart include legal documents called agreed orders or consent decrees. These are agreements between Ecology and the parties responsible for cleanup of the pollution. In addition to the steps in the chart, interim actions may be taken during the investigation to reduce or eliminate pollution that poses an immediate threat to human health or the environment.

The cleanup process is complex. Issues often arise that require more attention or evaluation, and may lead to changes in the steps or schedule. Every effort will be made to keep the public well-informed of changes.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the MTCA activities planned for this Site. This section of the plan addresses how we will share information and receive public comments and community input on the Site activities.

Public Involvement Activities

We use a variety of activities to facilitate public participation in the investigation and cleanup of MTCA Sites. The following is a list of the public involvement activities that Ecology will use, their purposes, and descriptions of when and how they will be used during this Site cleanup.

Formal 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 30 days and are required under WAC 173-340-600 at certain points during the investigation and cleanup process

During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. Verbal comments are taken if a public hearing is held. After formal comment periods, Ecology reviews all written 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 may be held. If no significant changes are made, then the draft document(s) will be finalized.

Public comment periods will be held for draft remedial investigation/feasibility study reports, draft cleanup action plans, future agreed orders or consent decrees that are developed for the Site.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Public meetings may be held during the investigation and cleanup process as required by WAC 173-340-600. Ecology also may offer public meetings for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community. These meetings will be held at locations convenient to the community. If 10 or more people request a public meeting, one will be scheduled. Otherwise, meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Information Repositories

Information repositories are places where the public may read and review Site information, including documents that are the subject of public comment. Ecology has established three repositories for the Former West Olympia Landfill cleanup project. Documents available for public review and comment can be found here:

- WA Department of Ecology, Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98516. By appointment only: contact Susie Baxter at (360) 407-6365 or PublicDisclosureSWRO@ecy.wa.gov.

- Timberland Olympia Library, 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501-9300 (360) 352-0595
- Ecology's Website :<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4807>

Site Register

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses its bimonthly *Site Register* to announce all of its public meetings and comment periods, as well as many other activities. To receive the *Site Register* in electronic or hard copy format, contact Cheryl Ann at (360) 407-6848 or by e-mail at Cbis461@ecy.wa.gov. It is also available on Ecology's web Site at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html

Mailing List

Ecology has compiled a mailing and email list for the Site. These lists include individuals, groups, public agencies, elected officials, private businesses, potentially affected parties, and other known interested parties. The lists will be maintained at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office and will be updated as needed.

Please contact Stacy Galleher at (360) 407-6255 or sgal461@ecy.wa.gov if you would like to have your mailing address or email address added to either list.

Fact Sheets

Ecology will mail or email fact sheets to persons and organizations interested in the Former West Olympia Landfill cleanup project to inform them of public meetings and comment opportunities and important Site activities. Ecology also will send out fact sheets about the progress of Site activities.

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology may place display or legal ads in the *Olympian* to announce public comment periods and public meetings or hearings for the Site.

Plan Update

This public participation plan may be updated as the project proceeds. If an update is necessary, and constitutes a substantial change in the plan, the revised plan will be announced in the site register and posted online.

Public Participation Grants

As part of the Model Toxics Control Act, Ecology developed a public participation grant program to promote public participation during cleanups. Public Participation Grants provide funding to community groups to help involve the public in the investigation and cleanup of contaminated properties. The grants also help develop and carry out programs that promote the state's solid or hazardous waste management priorities.

For cleanup sites, non-profit groups or groups of three or more unrelated individuals can apply for grants to fund outreach and education efforts for the community that is impacted by the cleanup. Past projects have helped people understand the cleanup and how to comment on cleanup proposals during public comment periods. Grant funds may be used to pay for technical experts who help people understand cleanup issues. They can also be used to hold meetings, workshops and other events that help to inform people. In addition, printing and distribution of reports, brochures and other materials may be covered. For more information about this grant program, visit <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/ppg.html>.

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Figure 1. West Olympia Landfill Site location.

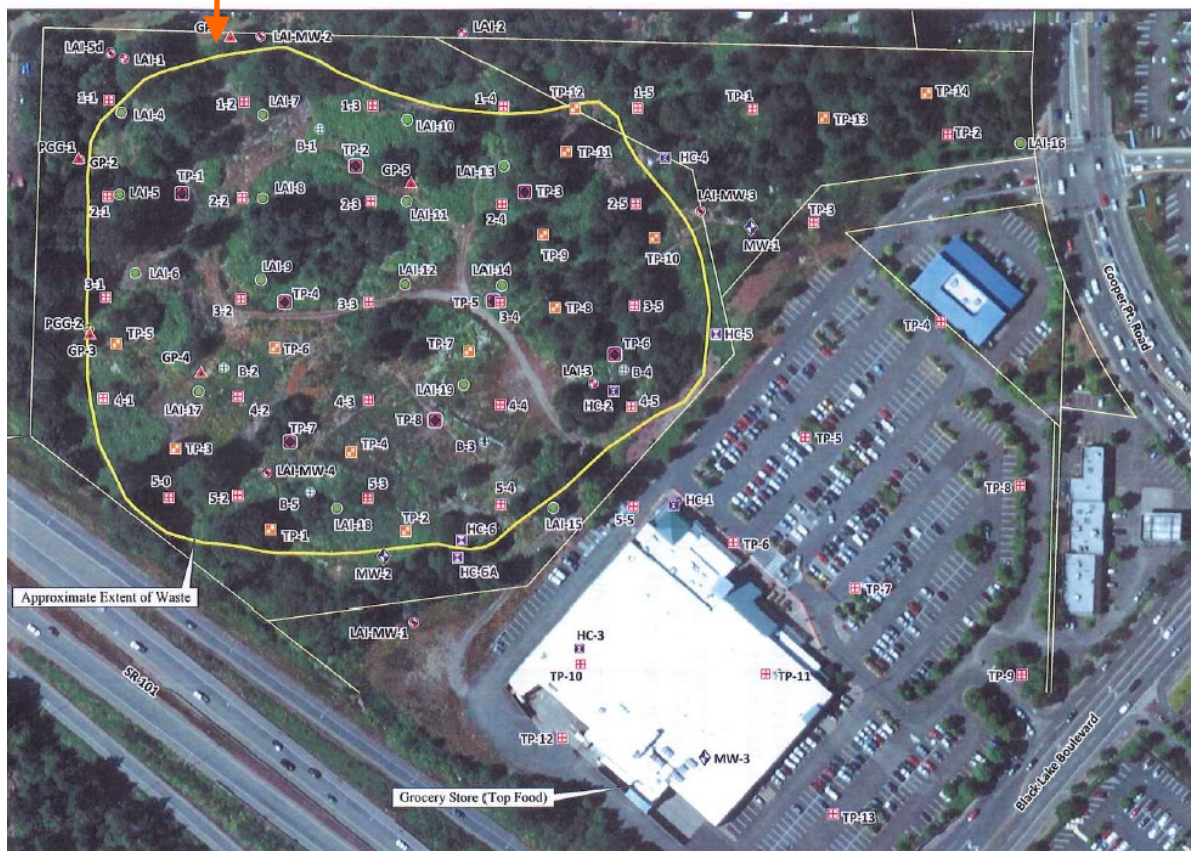
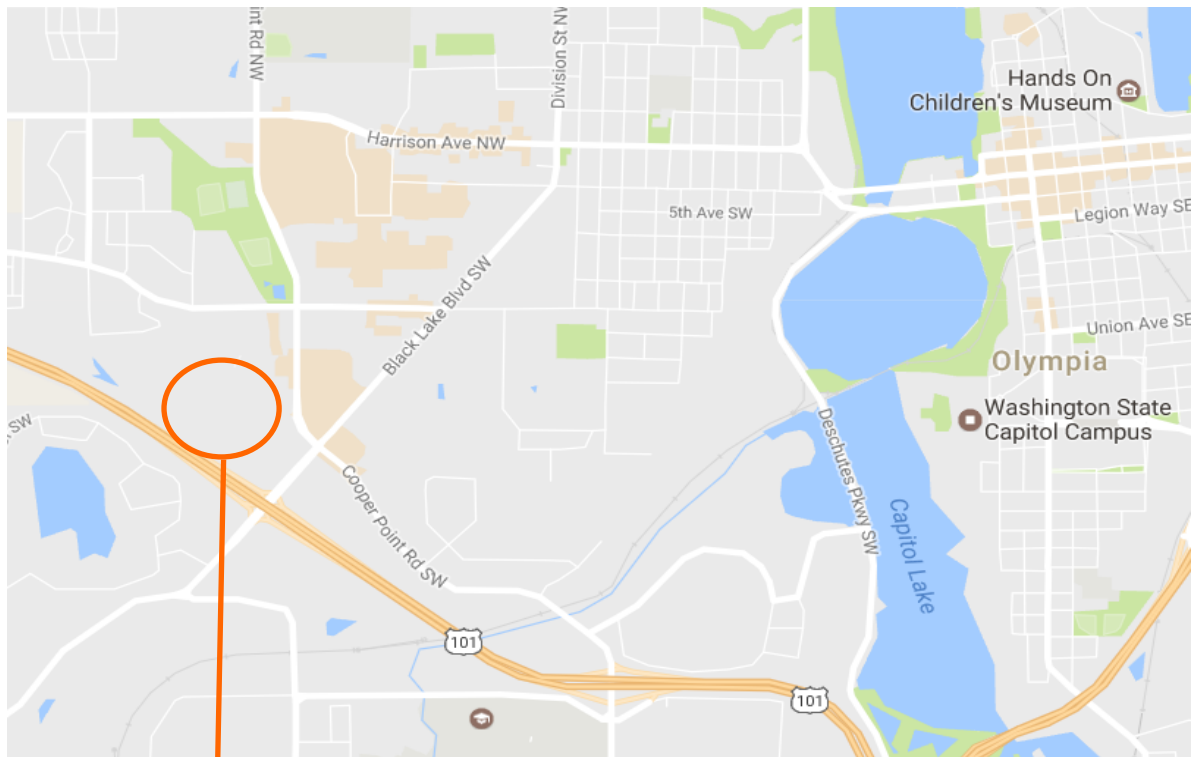
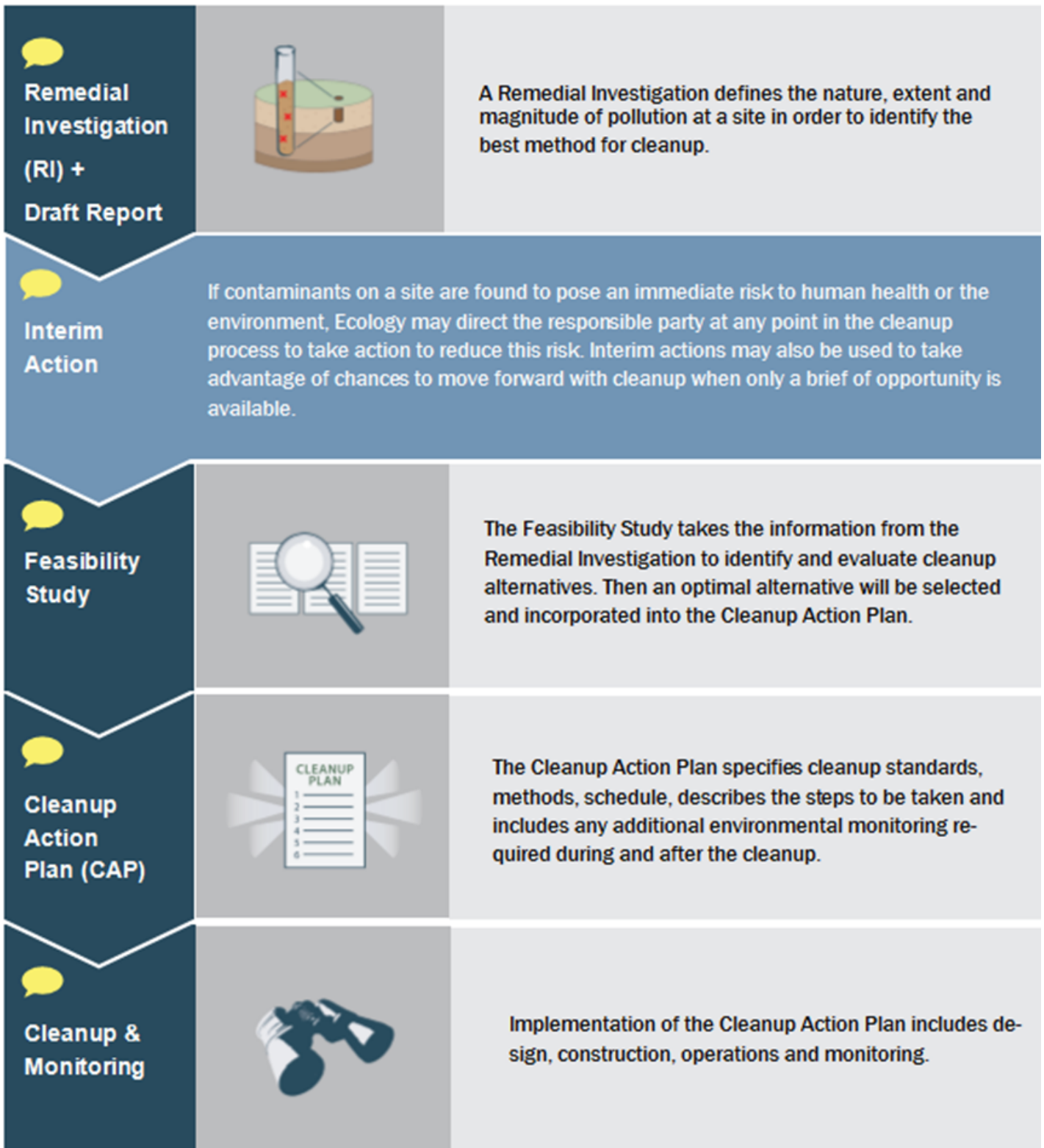


Figure 2. Steps in the Model Toxics Act Formal Cleanup Process

Basic Steps in the MTCA Cleanup Process




 Opportunities for public comment

Figure 3. Public involvement milestones and upcoming opportunities

Date	Cleanup Event	Public Participation
July 2017	Agreed Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study	Public Comment Period
September 2017	Responsiveness summary from August comment period released	Will be sent out to all that commented and placed on website
Next Steps		
Fall 2017	Data Gaps Report prepared	
~ 2018	Remedial Investigation Work Plan developed	
~ 2019	Remedial Investigation Report and Feasibility Study	Public Comment Period