

South State Street Cleanup Site



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By appointment; call 425-649-7190

Ecology— S. State Street webpage:

<http://bit.ly/SouthStateStreet>

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Cleanup Site ID: 4606
Facility Site ID: 2865

Work proposed to prevent soil erosion along Bellingham Bay shoreline

Comment period: August 28—September 26

Meeting: August 30

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on planned work to prevent potentially contaminated soil from eroding into Bellingham Bay. The work will occur at the north end of Boulevard Park, within the South State Street Manufactured Gas Plant Cleanup Site.

The planned work includes repairing damage from winter storms by reshaping the shoreline and placing rock to prevent future erosion. In addition, an existing failing dock is slated for removal. The work is scheduled to begin in September and last about a month.

Two documents that allow this work to happen are available for public review and comment: an amendment to an existing legal agreement between Ecology, the City of Bellingham (City), and Puget Sound Energy (PSE), and a work plan. You can find them at the locations listed in the column to the left. Ecology will accept written comments from **August 28 – September 26, 2017**.

Ecology will also hold a public meeting to provide more information:

Wednesday, August 30, 2017; 6-8PM

Bellingham City Hall
City Council Chambers
210 Lottie Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Ecology will respond in writing to all comments received, and may make changes to the documents. If substantial changes are made, Ecology will issue the documents again for public review.

Public Comment Notice

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance

Ecology held a comment period August 7—21, 2017 on our determination that the planned work will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. SEPA documents can be found at: <http://bit.ly/SouthStateStreet>

Site Background

The South State Street Manufactured Gas Plant site is about 6 acres at the north end of Boulevard Park on the Bellingham waterfront. A manufactured gas plant operated on the hillside above the bay from the 1890's to the 1950's, and made home heating and cooking fuel from coal. The only remaining visible gas plant structures are a concrete gas-holding tank and a small brick building along South State Street.

Contamination at the site is from the operations of the gas plant and other historical operations there. Contaminants include petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and benzene, toluene and xylene (BTX). The City and PSE have studied the site for a number of years, with Ecology oversight, under state cleanup law (Model Toxics Control Act). The results, as well as cleanup options, are expected to be available for public review next year.

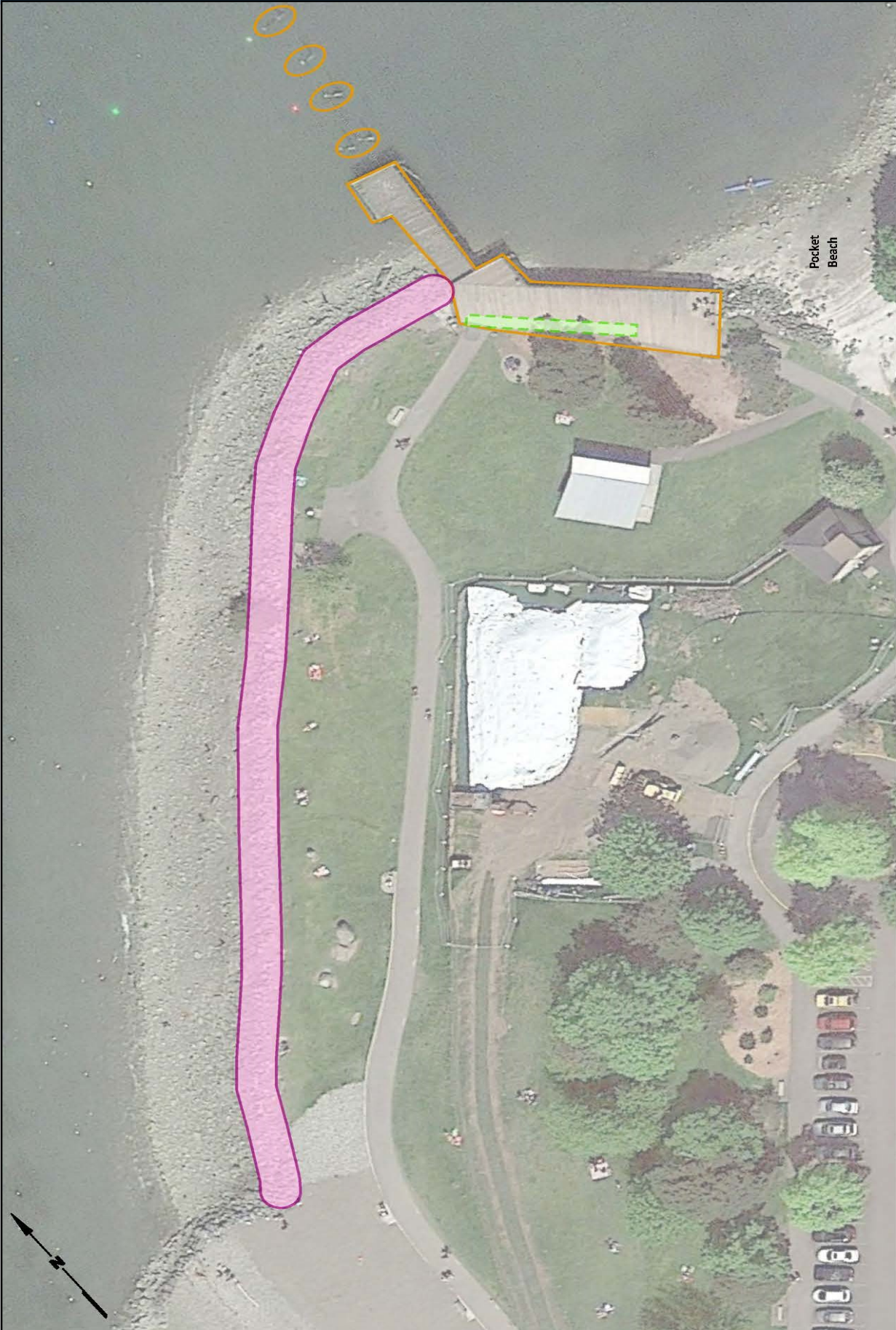


En Español




El Departamento de Ecología está anunciando el periodo de comentario público referente de South State Street Manufactured Gas Plant Cleanup Site en Bellingham.

Si le gustaría obtener este documento, o más información sobre este sitio, en español, favor de comunicarse con Gretchen Newman al: 360-407-6097, o preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

Public Comment Notice



Legend

-  Concrete Bulkhead Wall Stabilization
-  Shoreline Erosion Repair (Approximate)
-  Wooden Deck and Piles Removal

Note

1. Black and white reproduction of this color original may reduce its effectiveness and lead to incorrect interpretation.

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Scale in Feet

Interim Action Work Areas

South State Street
Manufactured Gas Plant
Interim Action Work Plan
Bellingham, Washington

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Work proposed to prevent soil erosion along shoreline



Public comments requested

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Documents for review include an amendment to an existing legal agreement between Ecology, the City of Bellingham, and Puget Sound Energy, and a work plan for proposed activities.

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