

Briggs Nursery Site

Proposed removal from the Hazardous Sites List

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Comments accepted:
February 19–March 21, 2019

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Facility Site ID: 35797926

Cleanup Site ID: 4150

The **Hazardous Sites List** includes sites that Ecology has rated for their relative potential threat to human health and the environment. Sites must meet state cleanup levels and have a comment period before Ecology can remove them from the list.

Public comment invited

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites your comment about its proposal to take the Briggs Nursery site (site) off the Hazardous Sites List. The public comment period is from **February 19 to March 21, 2019**.

The site is located north of the intersection of Henderson Blvd and Yelm Highway in Olympia.

The site's webpage (blue box on the left) shows where to view documents related to this cleanup.

Background and cleanup

The site is about 120 acres. A wholesale nursery was located at the site from 1912 until the nursery moved away in the mid-2000s. Now the land use is changing to houses and businesses.

In 2002, Thurston County Health Department on behalf of Ecology decided a study of the site was necessary based on information about pesticides present at the site. In 2004, Ecology put the site on the Hazardous Sites List because dieldrin (a pesticide) levels in soil were above state cleanup levels.

Ecology and site owners joined in a legal agreement to find the extent of contamination. The owners tested soil, sediment, groundwater, and surface water for pesticides, metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and dioxins/furans.

Results showed no contamination of groundwater or of nearby Ward Lake from the nursery operation. Some areas at the site had soil contaminated with dieldrin and PCBs exceeding state clean up levels.

To clean up the site, owners removed

- 20,250 tons of dieldrin contaminated soil.
- 1,811 tons of dieldrin and PCBs contaminated soil.

Concentrations of PCBs above state cleanup levels remained in natural depressions (kettles) at the site. Kettle landforms are created by melting ice blocks as a glacier retreats. In 2008, an environmental covenant was filed for the kettle bottoms. Thurston County owns the kettle bottoms and maintains the fences and warning signs restricting access to the kettles.

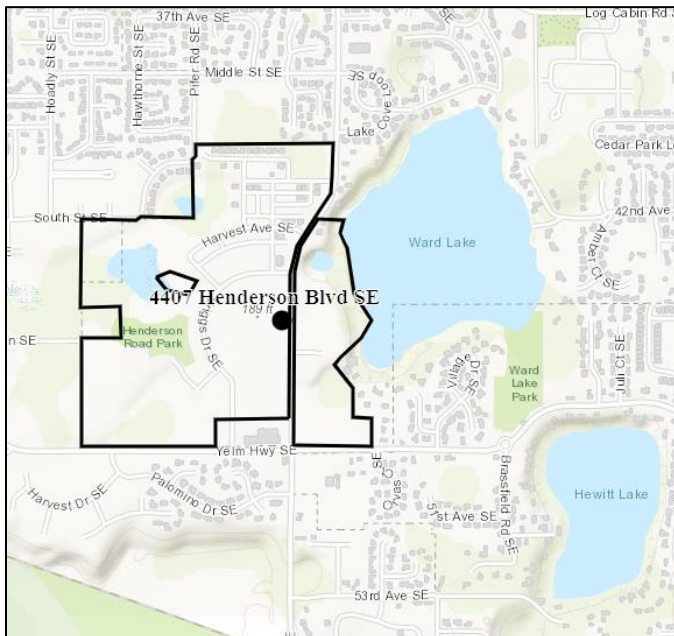
Ecology reviewed the cleanup work and found the site meets state cleanup levels. With cleanup completed and the covenant restricting access to the kettle bottoms, Ecology proposes removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Next steps

After the comment period ends, Ecology will post responses to the comments on the site webpage. Ecology may withdraw its proposal based on information given during the comment period. Otherwise, Ecology will remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

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Ecology invites your comments on the proposed removal of Briggs Nursery Site from the Hazardous Sites List



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Site Location

4407 Henderson Blvd. SE, Olympia, WA

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