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**ECOLOGY**  
State of Washington

## **Public Participation Plan**

**Bothell Riverside Cleanup Sites  
NE 180<sup>th</sup> Street & Woodinville Drive  
Bothell, WA 98011**

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*Cleanup Site ID: 6240*

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## **Bothell Riverside Sites**

Toxics Cleanup Program  
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## Public Involvement in Contamination Cleanup

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) developed this public participation plan (plan) in cooperation with the City of Bothell (City), the party responsible for cleanup at the Bothell Riverside Cleanup Sites. The purpose of the plan is to promote meaningful community involvement during cleanup.

The plan describes ways Ecology will inform the public about contamination investigations and cleanup options throughout the cleanup process. Ecology encourages the public to learn about and get involved in decision-making opportunities. This plan identifies how and when the public can get involved during different stages of the investigation and cleanup of contamination.

This plan is updated for the Agreed Orders for the Bothell Riverside TPH and HVOC Sites.

### Site contacts

To be included in the site record, comments about the cleanup process must be submitted during comment periods. Questions and informal comments or information about the site's history are welcome anytime.

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## Public Participation Grants

Grants may be available to neighborhood committees, non-profits, and other groups interested in the site. For contaminated sites, these funds can be used to:

- Hire an expert to help interpret technical information<sup>1</sup>
- Conduct activities that enhance the public's understanding of, and participation in, the cleanup process

For more information about public participation grants, please contact Lynn Gooding at 360-407-6062 or [lynn.gooding@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:lynn.gooding@ecy.wa.gov), or visit the [Public Participation Grant website](#).<sup>2</sup>

## Washington's Cleanup Laws

Ecology uses the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and accompanying regulations for cleanup activities. This plan is required under MTCA, a law that passed in 1989. MTCA provides guidelines for contaminated site cleanup in Washington State and sets standards to ensure the cleanup protects human health and the environment.

## Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

MTCA began as a grassroots citizen's initiative in 1988, and started the process of systematically cleaning up contaminated sites in Washington. Under MTCA, a current or past property owner or operator may be held responsible for cleaning up contamination on, or coming from, their property to standards that are safe for human health and the environment.

Ecology enacts MTCA and oversees cleanups in the state and issues regulations and guidance governing those cleanups. The regulations are found in [Chapter 173-340 Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\)](#).<sup>3</sup> Ecology investigates reports of property contamination, and if the contamination is seen as a significant threat to human health or the environment, the contaminated property is placed on the Hazardous Sites List, and the cleanup process begins.

Public participation is an important part of cleanup under the MTCA process. Participation needs are assessed at each cleanup site according to the level of public interest and the degree of risk posed by the contamination. Individuals who live near the site, community groups, businesses,

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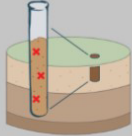





<sup>1</sup> Ecology currently does not have a citizen technical advisor for providing technical assistance to citizens on issues related to the investigation and cleanup of the site.

<sup>2</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Public-participation-grants](http://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Public-participation-grants)

<sup>3</sup> <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/9406.pdf>

government, other organizations, and interested parties have the opportunity to get involved by commenting on the cleanup process. Under MTCA, the cleanup process generally includes five phases. Each phase includes an opportunity for the public to review and comment.

## Steps in Washington's Cleanup Process

 <p><b>Interim Action</b></p>		<p>If contaminants pose an immediate risk to people or the environment, action can be taken at any point in the cleanup process to reduce the risk. Interim actions may also be used to progress cleanup when only a brief opportunity is available.</p>
 <p><b>Remedial Investigation (RI)</b></p>		<p>Environmental investigation to identify the nature, extent, and magnitude of pollution at a site, and how people, plants, and animals may be exposed to the pollution.</p>
 <p><b>Feasibility Study (FS)</b></p>		<p>Uses information gathered during the Remedial Investigation to develop cleanup alternatives, and then evaluates them through an environmental benefit vs. cost analysis. This process determines a preferred alternative.</p>
 <p><b>Cleanup Action Plan (CAP)</b></p>		<p>Ecology identifies a cleanup plan based on information in the RI/FS and public input. The CAP includes cleanup standards, a schedule for design and construction work, and requirements for monitoring, operation, and maintenance.</p>
<p><b>Cleanup &amp; Monitoring</b></p>		<p>The CAP is used to clean up the site. After construction is complete, monitoring occurs. Environmental covenants prohibit or restrict activities that would expose any remaining contamination or adversely affect the cleanup.</p>

 Opportunities for public comment

Figure 1. Steps in Washington's Cleanup Process



## **State Environmental Policy Act**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is followed during review and development of cleanup plans.

## **Site History**

The Bothell Riverside TPH and HVOC Sites are generally located at NE 180<sup>th</sup> Street & Woodinville Drive (SR 522) in Bothell. Originally, these were considered “areas” within the overall Riverside Site. In 2009, Ecology and the City entered into an Agreed Order to conduct investigations, develop cleanup alternatives, and perform interim cleanup actions in both areas.

A former gasoline service station once operated at the Riverside Site. Investigations found petroleum contaminants in soil in the TPH area and chlorinated solvents in groundwater in the HVOC area.

## **Riverside TPH Site**

Operations at the former gasoline service station caused petroleum contamination to get into the soil in the TPH area at cleanup levels higher than allowed under MTCA.

In 2010, and again in 2017, the City conducted interim cleanup actions to partially address the contamination. The City excavated the petroleum-contaminated soil and disposed of it at a licensed off-site facility. These actions were successful in removing all contamination from the TPH area. No additional cleanup work is required there.

The new TPH Agreed Order now designates this former area as the Riverside TPH Site. It can now be removed from the Hazardous Sites List while separate work continues in the Riverside HVOC Site.

Ecology will remove the Riverside TPH Site from the Hazardous Waste Sites List following a period for public comment.

## Riverside HVOC

Investigations at the Site determined that even though a former gasoline station operated on the Site, there were no documented local HVOC sources, so these compounds were likely from sources upgradient from the Site. The primary contaminant source is a small release of tetrachloroethene (PCE) to the ground somewhere to the north of end of the HVOC area, most likely from spilling or dumping of PCE.

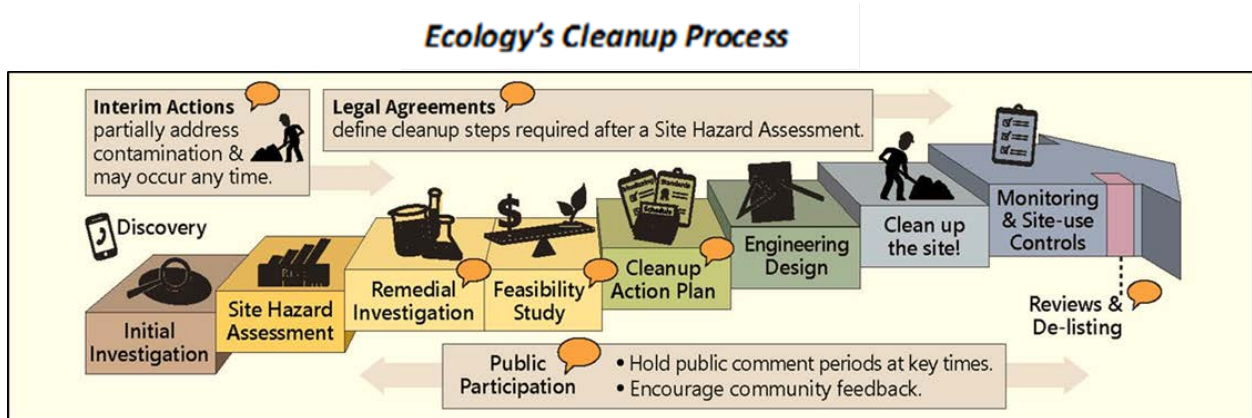
In 2013, Ecology and the City agreed to amend the 2009 Agreed Order so that the City could conduct an interim cleanup action to prevent the chlorinated solvents from discharging into the Sammamish River. The City installed six extraction wells to collect solvent-contaminated groundwater and treat and discharge it into the sanitary sewer.

The new HVOC Agreed Order now designates this former area as the Riverside HVOC Site, allowing cleanup work to continue while the TPH Site is removed from the Hazardous Sites List. Under this order the City will complete a Supplemental Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, Interim Action, and preliminary draft Cleanup Action Plan for the Site. The City will also continue to implement the 2013 Interim Action.



## Next Steps

As of October 28, 2019 Ecology conduct a 30-day public comment period for the two agreed orders and this plan. Ecology will consider all comments received and may amend the documents based on your comments. After that, the Agreed Orders will be finalized. Ecology will remove the Riverside TPH Site from the Hazardous Sites List, and the cleanup process for the Riverside HVOC Site will proceed.



## Community Profile

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a new environmental justice (EJ) mapping and screening tool called EJSCREEN. It is based on nationally consistent data and an approach that combines environmental and demographic indicators in maps and reports. See below for information about demographics in the area of the Bothell Riverside Sites in Bothell.



**EJSCREEN Report (Version 2018)**

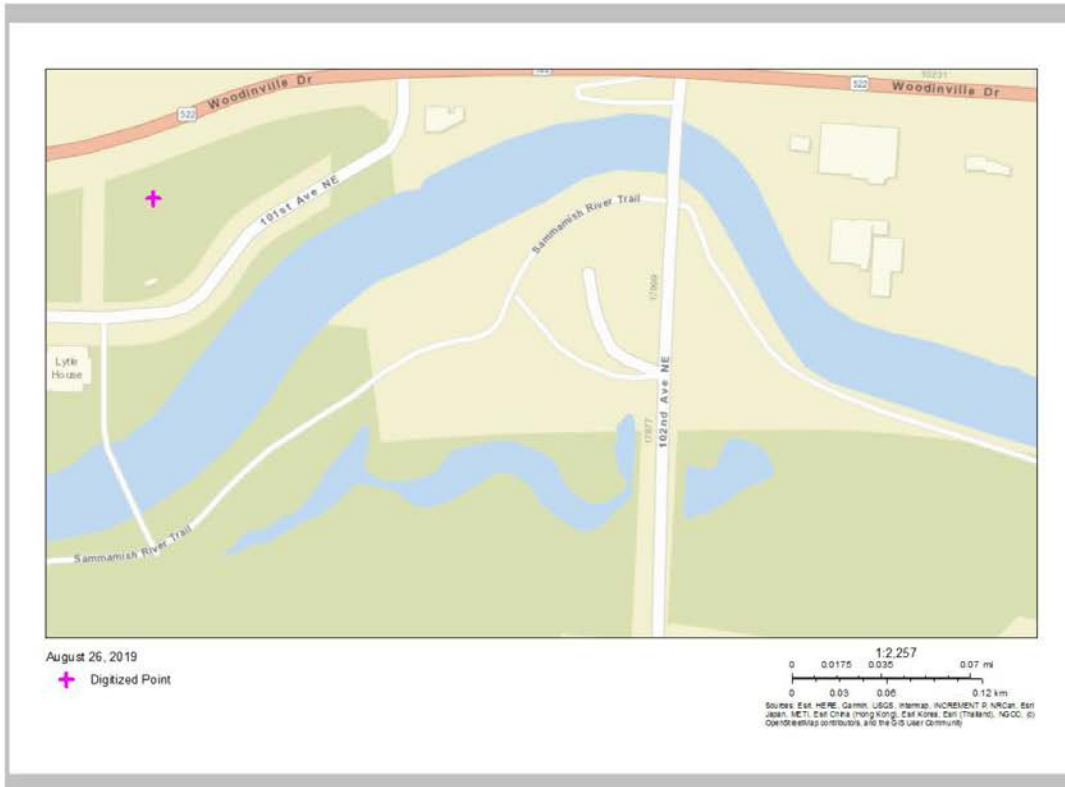


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Approximate Population: 10,607

Input Area (sq. miles): 3.14

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Sites reporting to EPA	
Superfund NPL	0
Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDF)	0



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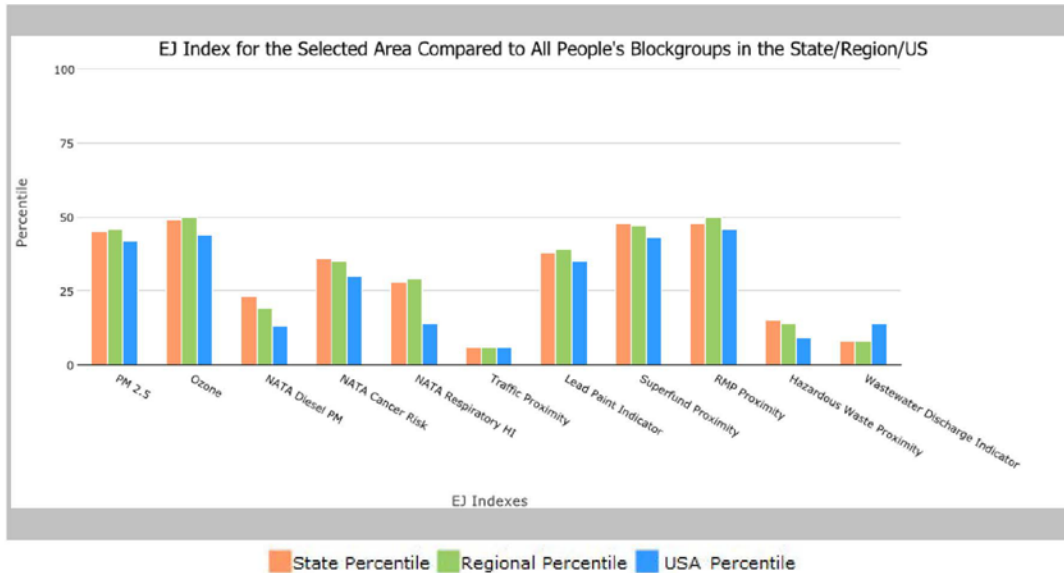
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Selected Variables	State Percentile	EPA Region Percentile	USA Percentile
<b>EJ Indexes</b>			
EJ Index for PM2.5	45	46	42
EJ Index for Ozone	49	50	44
EJ Index for NATA* Diesel PM	23	19	13
EJ Index for NATA* Air Toxics Cancer Risk	36	35	30
EJ Index for NATA* Respiratory Hazard Index	28	29	14
EJ Index for Traffic Proximity and Volume	6	6	6
EJ Index for Lead Paint Indicator	38	39	35
EJ Index for Superfund Proximity	48	47	43
EJ Index for RMP Proximity	48	50	46
EJ Index for Hazardous Waste Proximity	15	14	9
EJ Index for Wastewater Discharge Indicator	8	8	14



This report shows the values for environmental and demographic indicators and EJSCREEN indexes. It shows environmental and demographic raw data (e.g., the estimated concentration of ozone in the air), and also shows what percentile each raw data value represents. These percentiles provide perspective on how the selected block group or buffer area compares to the entire state, EPA region, or nation. For example, if a given location is at the 95th percentile nationwide, this means that only 5 percent of the US population has a higher block group value than the average person in the location being analyzed. The years for which the data are available, and the methods used, vary across these indicators. Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators. Please see EJSCREEN documentation for discussion of these issues before using reports.

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Selected Variables	Value	State Avg.	%ile in State	EPA Region Avg.	%ile in EPA Region	USA Avg.	%ile in USA
<b>Environmental Indicators</b>							
Particulate Matter (PM 2.5 in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	7.27	7.23	65	7.54	47	9.53	12
Ozone (ppb)	30.5	33.9	25	36.1	14	42.5	3
NATA* Diesel PM ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	1.81	1.4	77	1.06	80-90th	0.938	90-95th
NATA* Cancer Risk (lifetime risk per million)	48	40	73	39	70-80th	40	70-80th
NATA* Respiratory Hazard Index	3.7	2.8	77	2.8	70-80th	1.8	95-100th
Traffic Proximity and Volume (daily traffic count/distance to road)	910	450	87	380	89	600	86
Lead Paint Indicator (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.11	0.23	44	0.23	45	0.29	39
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	0.021	0.17	30	0.12	36	0.12	24
RMP Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.064	0.61	29	0.63	26	0.72	14
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	2.7	1.9	80	1.5	84	4.3	82
Wastewater Discharge Indicator (toxicity-weighted concentration/m distance)	0.0037	0.062	86	0.038	86	30	75
<b>Demographic Indicators</b>							
Demographic Index	25%	29%	50	29%	49	36%	41
Minority Population	28%	30%	57	27%	63	38%	49
Low Income Population	22%	29%	41	32%	34	34%	35
Linguistically Isolated Population	3%	4%	65	3%	70	4%	65
Population With Less Than High School Education	5%	9%	38	10%	35	13%	28
Population Under 5 years of age	6%	6%	49	6%	48	6%	50
Population over 64 years of age	17%	14%	70	14%	69	14%	69

\* The National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) is EPA's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. EPA developed the NATA to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that NATA provides broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals or locations. More information on the NATA analysis can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/national-air-toxics-assessment>.

For additional information, see: [www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice](http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice)

EJSCREEN is a screening tool for pre-decisional use only. It can help identify areas that may warrant additional consideration, analysis, or outreach. It does not provide a basis for decision-making, but it may help identify potential areas of EJ concern. Users should keep in mind that screening tools are subject to substantial uncertainty in their demographic and environmental data, particularly when looking at small geographic areas. Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators. Please see EJSCREEN documentation for discussion of these issues before using reports. This screening tool does not provide data on every environmental impact and demographic factor that may be relevant to a particular location. EJSCREEN outputs should be supplemented with additional information and local knowledge before taking any action to address potential EJ concerns.

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EISCREEN ACS Summary Report



Location: User-specified point center at 47.758888, -122.206751  
 Ring (buffer): 1-mile radius  
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Summary of ACS Estimates	2012 - 2016
Population	10,607
Population Density (per sq. mile)	3,627
Minority Population	3,020
% Minority	28%
Households	4,375
Housing Units	4,596
Housing Units Built Before 1950	175
Per Capita Income	42,864
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)	2.92
% Land Area	100%
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)	0.00
% Water Area	0%

	2012 - 2016 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Race</b>			
Total	10,607	100%	429
Population Reporting One Race	9,738	92%	1,067
White	7,883	74%	345
Black	391	4%	131
American Indian	36	0%	34
Asian	946	9%	350
Pacific Islander	0	0%	12
Some Other Race	482	5%	195
Population Reporting Two or More Races	868	8%	221
Total Hispanic Population	965	9%	199
Total Non-Hispanic Population	9,642		
White Alone	7,587	72%	351
Black Alone	358	3%	131
American Indian Alone	36	0%	34
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone	935	9%	350
Pacific Islander Alone	0	0%	12
Other Race Alone	53	1%	65
Two or More Races Alone	672	6%	220
<b>Population by Sex</b>			
Male	5,095	48%	317
Female	5,511	52%	217
<b>Population by Age</b>			
Age 0-4	618	6%	154
Age 0-17	2,209	21%	221
Age 18+	8,397	79%	317
Age 65+	1,828	17%	203

Data Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race. N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2012 - 2016.



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	2012 - 2016 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population 25+ by Educational Attainment</b>			
Total	7,445	100%	267
Less than 9th Grade	106	1%	49
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	272	4%	61
High School Graduate	1,139	15%	121
Some College, No Degree	2,474	33%	162
Associate Degree	680	9%	92
Bachelor's Degree or more	3,454	46%	236
<b>Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English</b>			
Total	9,988	100%	365
Speak only English	8,167	82%	313
Non-English at Home <sup>1+2+3+4</sup>	1,821	18%	250
<sup>1</sup> Speak English "very well"	1,121	11%	227
<sup>2</sup> Speak English "well"	486	5%	120
<sup>3</sup> Speak English "not well"	176	2%	60
<sup>4</sup> Speak English "not at all"	39	0%	42
<sup>3+4</sup> Speak English "less than well"	214	2%	60
<sup>2+3+4</sup> Speak English "less than very well"	701	7%	128
<b>Linguistically Isolated Households*</b>			
Total	150	100%	56
Speak Spanish	29	19%	38
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	30	20%	36
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	66	44%	40
Speak Other Languages	26	17%	22
<b>Households by Household Income</b>			
Household Income Base	4,375	100%	129
< \$15,000	376	9%	78
\$15,000 - \$25,000	352	8%	92
\$25,000 - \$50,000	807	18%	132
\$50,000 - \$75,000	733	17%	112
\$75,000 +	2,107	48%	168
<b>Occupied Housing Units by Tenure</b>			
Total	4,375	100%	129
Owner Occupied	2,540	58%	123
Renter Occupied	1,835	42%	124
<b>Employed Population Age 16+ Years</b>			
Total	8,706	100%	306
In Labor Force	5,576	64%	232
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	324	4%	88
Not In Labor Force	3,130	36%	207

**Data Note:** Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race.  
 N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS)  
 \*Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English "very well" or speaks English only.





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<b>Population by Language Spoken at Home*</b>			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	11,464	100%	346
English	9,392	82%	360
Spanish	646	6%	212
French	55	0%	158
French Creole	N/A	N/A	N/A
Italian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portuguese	N/A	N/A	N/A
German	14	0%	21
Yiddish	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other West Germanic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Scandinavian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greek	N/A	N/A	N/A
Russian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Polish	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serbo-Croatian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Slavic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armenian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gujarathi	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hindi	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urdu	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Indic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Indo-European	319	3%	196
Chinese	276	2%	138
Japanese	N/A	N/A	N/A
Korean	108	1%	68
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hmong	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thai	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laotian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vietnamese	31	0%	24
Other Asian	246	2%	145
Tagalog	127	1%	94
Other Pacific Island	N/A	N/A	N/A
Navajo	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Native American	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hungarian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arabic	21	0%	37
Hebrew	N/A	N/A	N/A
African	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other and non-specified	96	1%	71
Total Non-English	2,072	18%	499

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 N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2012 - 2016.  
 \*Population by Language Spoken at Home is available at the census tract summary level and up.

## **Public Participation Activities**

Members of the public may ask questions, submit informal comments, or share site information at any time. Interested parties do not need to wait for a formal public comment period to contact Ecology.

However, to be included in the formal site record, comments about the site investigation, cleanup alternatives, or cleanups must be submitted during formal comment periods. In addition, the public is invited to review site documents before they become final. This is the most direct and influential way to learn more about the site and be involved in the cleanup's decision-making.

## **How we share information with the community**

During specific stages of the cleanup, Ecology will mail notices about public comment periods to addresses surrounding the site. The mailing list area will vary depending on the type of contamination and where it's located, but the list will at least include addresses within a 1/4-mile radius of the site and other interested organizations and individuals. These notices will provide general information about the site, contact information for submitting comments, and times and locations of public meetings or hearings or how to request one if not yet scheduled.

Ecology may also develop documents outside of comment periods to keep the community updated on the site's status. These informational documents will be available online and at document repositories. Print copies may be mailed to the nearby community if we feel the message warrants the associated cost and resources.

Comment period notices and other site announcements may also be posted in various locations throughout the community (for example, local businesses, schools, libraries).

### **Postal mailing list**

Ecology maintains a mailing list that includes addresses within the neighborhoods of Seattle, relevant local, state, and federal government contacts, and other interested parties.

These people receive public comment notices when draft documents are available.

We will add additional individuals, organizations, and other interested parties to the mailing list as requested. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this site, please contact Brad Petrovich at 425-649-4486 or [brad.petrovich@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:brad.petrovich@ecy.wa.gov).

## Site Register

Public comment periods, events, and other cleanup notices are published in Ecology's [Site Register](#).<sup>4</sup> To receive the *Site Register* by email, please contact Cheryl Ann Bishop at 360-407-6848 or [cherylann.bishop@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:cherylann.bishop@ecy.wa.gov), or [subscribe online](#).<sup>5</sup>

## Newspaper display ads or legal notices

We announce public comment periods and events in ads or notices published in *The Seattle Times*. We will also publish notice on our [Public Input & Events Listing](#).<sup>6</sup>

## Email lists

Ecology maintains an email list to update interested persons about this site. If you would like to be added to the email list for this site, please email Brad Petrovich at [brad.petrovich@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:brad.petrovich@ecy.wa.gov).

## Ecology's website and social media platforms

We maintain a website for the Bothell Riverside Cleanup Sites.<sup>7</sup> The website provides site information, and you may download cleanup documents.

We may also share information about cleanup sites through [news releases, our ECOconnect blog, and social media](#).<sup>8</sup>

## Document repositories

During public comment periods, you can find print documents at the following locations:

Bothell Public Library  
18215 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Bothell, WA 98011  
Phone: 425-486-7811

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<sup>4</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data](http://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data)

<sup>5</sup> <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=siteregister&A=1>

<sup>6</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing](http://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing)

<sup>7</sup> <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6240>

<sup>8</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/News](http://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/News)

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To schedule an appointment, please contact Sally Perkins at 425-649-7190 or [nwro\\_public\\_request@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nwro_public_request@ecy.wa.gov).

## **Signs around the cleanup site**

We may also install signs displaying information about project status, traffic impacts, and health risks around the cleanup site.

## **How to share information with us**

At minimum, MTCA requires 30-day public comment periods for certain draft cleanup documents and 14-day comment periods SEPA documents. SEPA documents are often made available for review with other cleanup documents. We may hold comment periods longer than 30 days.

We may also identify public concerns and cleanup goals by meeting with and soliciting information from interested community members and organizations. To collaborate with us about this site, please contact Sunny Becker at 425-649-7187 or [sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov).

## **Public comment periods**

Formal 30-day comment periods allow interested members of the public to comment on draft documents, legal agreements, and proposed cleanup actions. If there is significant interest, Ecology may extend the public comment period. When Ecology oversees SEPA determinations, we hold comment periods for at least two weeks.

Following a comment period, we publish all the input we received and respond to significant comments and questions. If the comments result in significant changes to the cleanup documents, then the documents will be revised and re-issued for public review. If the comments do not result in significant changes, then they become final.

## **Public events**

We hold public meetings, workshops, open houses, and public hearings based on community interest. If we have not scheduled a meeting during a public comment period, we will hold one if 10 people request it, and this may cause us to extend a public comment period so the meeting occurs during it.

Events are held at locations close to the site that meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Public meetings, workshops, open houses, and hearings are always announced in advance using a variety of methods.

## **Plan Amendments**

Ecology developed this plan following MTCA regulations (WAC 173-340-600). We review it as the cleanup progresses and amend it as necessary. You may suggest amendments to Brad Petrovich at 425-649-4486 or [brad.petrovich@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:brad.petrovich@ecy.wa.gov).

This plan includes information for the public regarding opportunities for public involvement and comment. The outreach activities discussed in this section reflect Ecology's current plans for keeping the public informed and providing ways for those interested in the site to communicate their concerns and questions to us.

If you feel the planned outreach activities and mechanisms described in this plan are insufficient, or should otherwise be modified, we will work to find solutions. New outreach activities or outreach tools established as a result can be implemented right away, with or without amending this plan.