

# Everett Smelter Cleanup Update: Spring 2020



East Marine View Drive Intersection Cleanup

## CONTACTS & INFORMATION

### Cleanup website:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites/Toxic-cleanup-sites/Everett-Smelter>

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### Site info:

Facility Site ID #2744

Site Cleanup ID#4298

## New Funding Secured for Cleanup in North Everett

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received funding from the state legislator to continue cleanup in North Everett. In 2019, preparation to continue cleanup activities resumed.

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### Site background

**1990:** Ecology discovered arsenic, lead, cadmium and other metals in soil around North Everett. This contamination came from the Everett Smelter, which operated from 1894 to 1912.

**1999-2007:** Ecology managed cleanup of the most highly contaminated areas around the former smelter.

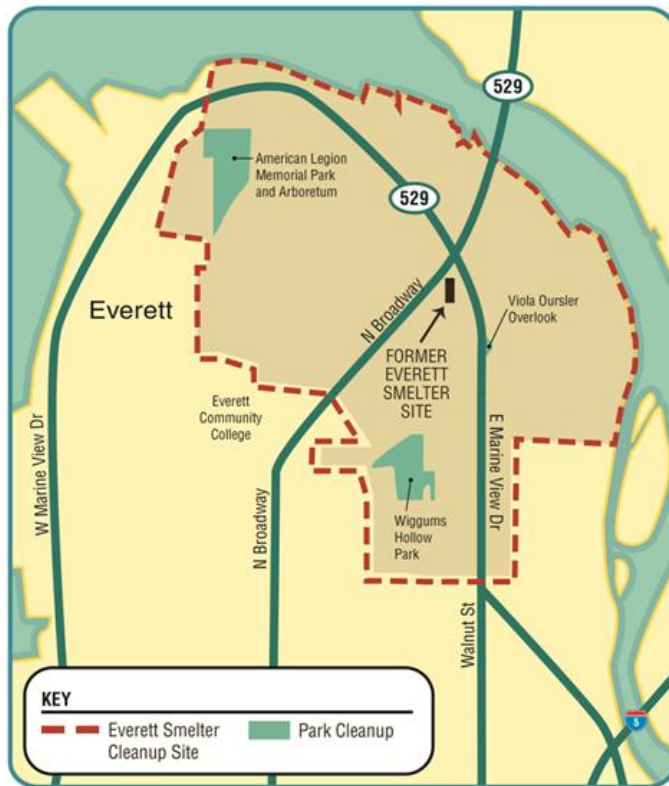
**2009-2019:** Ecology received a bankruptcy settlement from Asarco, the owner of the smelter, to develop a plan to clean up the remaining contaminated areas in both the lowlands and uplands area.

**2019-Present:** Ecology obtained additional state funds to continue cleanup of the Everett Smelter site, including homes, parks, and industrial areas.





# Toxics Cleanup Program

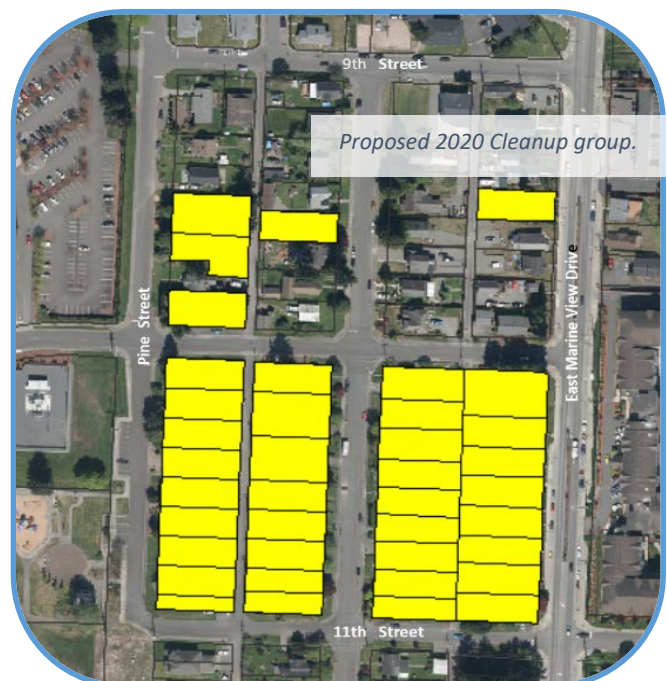


## Work completed in 2019

- Ecology completed soil testing on 30 properties. Property owners received soil test results in Fall 2019.
- Cleanup is complete at Viola Oursler Park and Wiggums Hollow Park.
- Cleanup of the contaminated soil below East Marine View Drive is complete.

## What to expect in 2020

- Ecology is offering soil sampling to the remaining properties in the cleanup site that have not responded in the past.
- Yard cleanup construction for the 2019 Cleanup Group will begin in Fall 2020.
- Planning the cleanup for the 2020 Cleanup Group will begin in the second half of 2020.
- Planning will begin for the cleanup at the American Legion Park Overlook.



# Toxics Cleanup Program

## Free soil sampling of all remaining properties in the cleanup area

Ecology is offering **free** soil sampling to properties within the cleanup site in summer 2020.

### Sign access agreement and return it to Ecology

Owners of properties that have not been sampled were sent mailers in late February 2020 with instructions on how to sign-up to participate in the soil sampling program. Signing the access agreement and returning it to Ecology will assure that you are added to the sampling list.

### Other ways to sign-up for soil sampling and get information

If you live within the Everett Smelter cleanup site or own a property within the site **other ways to sign-up for soil sampling and get information are:**

- **Call the Everett Smelter hotline at (425) 446-1024** to update your mailing address and receive information by mail.
- **Attend a Delta Neighborhood Association** meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm to talk to your community about the soil sampling program. Meetings are at the Baker Community Center (1401 Poplar Street).



If you do not know if your property has been sampled, checkout our interactive **Dirt Alert** map for the Everett Smelter Cleanup Programs. Type your address into the search box to learn more about the soil on your property.

[\(https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/dirtalert/\)](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/dirtalert/)

**Remember this program is voluntary and free.**

## Cleanup planning and construction

Ecology began working with the 2019 Cleanup Group property owners in 2018 to develop cleanup plans for their properties. Work was delayed due to lack of staff and funding. In late 2019, work started again. The design plan phase for the 2019 Cleanup Group is close to completion.

**Ecology will contact you when it is time for construction to begin on your yard.**

We will begin to work with the 2020 Cleanup Group to develop their cleanup plans in the second half of this year.

**Ecology will contact you with an invite to an orientation meeting when it is time to start working on your cleanup plans.**





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## Everett Smelter Cleanup Update: February 2020

Take these steps to protect your family from contaminated soil!



Wash your hands well before eating and after working or playing in the soil. Use a scrub brush to clean dirt from under your nails.



Mop, damp dust and vacuum often to remove dirt tracked in from outside.



Wash fruits and vegetables grown at home before eating them to remove soil that may be on the surface. Grow vegetables in raised beds.



Take your shoes off in the house so you don't track dirt in from outside.



Use caution if working with soil. Wear gloves and wash dirty clothes separately.



Keep pets clean. Wipe off excess dirt and mud before your pet comes inside. Brush and bathe your pet often. Give pets their own beds.

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