

Bellingham Bay Cleanup



Bellingham Waterfront

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2022 Cleanup Update

Cleanup work at 12 contaminated sites located on the Bellingham waterfront (see page 2) is happening at the direction of the Department of Ecology under authority of the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

This fact sheet:

- Reports the progress made in 2021.
- Provides the current status.
- Describes work planned in 2022.

In addition to regulatory requirements, the cleanup work is guided by the Bellingham Bay Comprehensive Strategy completed in 2000 by the multi-agency Bellingham Bay Action Team. The Comprehensive Strategy integrates cleanup of contamination, controlling sources of sediment contamination, habitat restoration and land use on a bay-wide scale. The Action Team is co-managed by Ecology and the Port of Bellingham.

The state has partially funded the cleanup work conducted to date. The Port of Bellingham and the City of Bellingham are the main entities responsible for addressing contamination. As public entities, up to half of their costs may be reimbursed through a state remedial action grant program that helps pay for cleanup work at publicly-owned sites. The Legislature funds the grant program with revenues from a tax on hazardous substances.

2021 Progress

In 2021 a number of important cleanup documents and pre-engineering design investigations were completed to prepare for construction in 2023.



1 Legal Agreement amended.



2 Cleanup Action Plans completed.

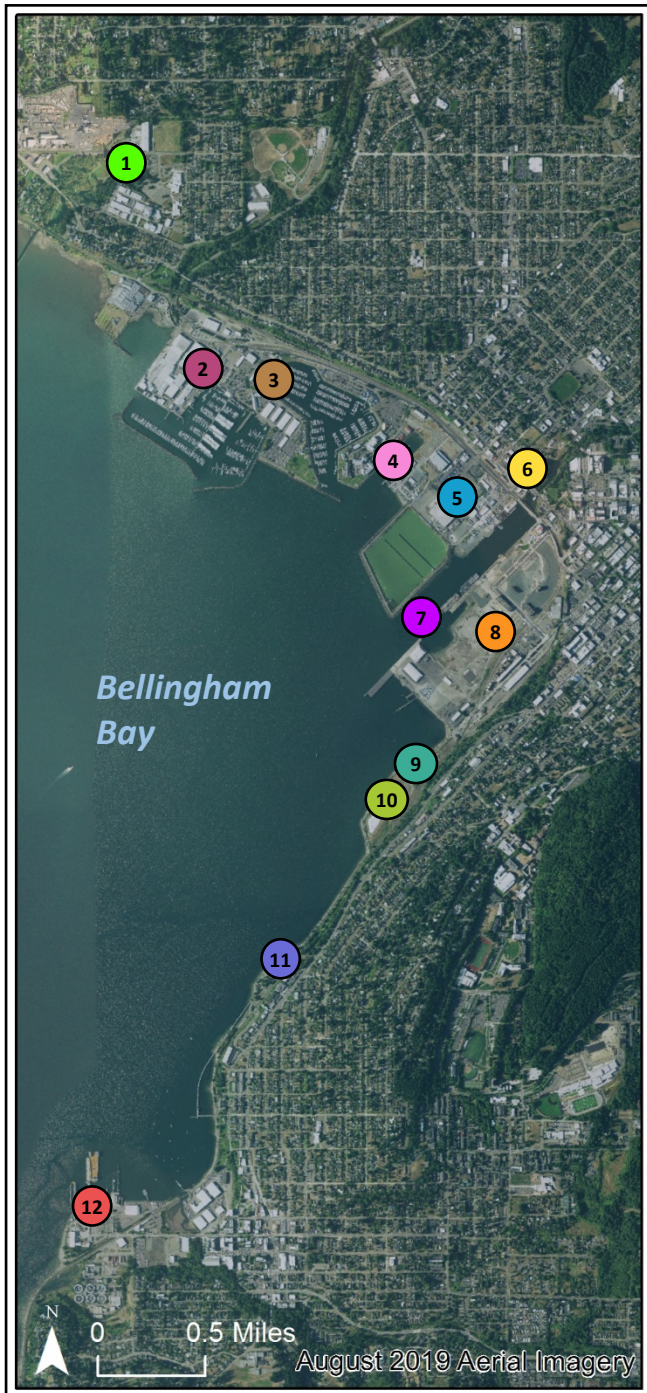


3 Pre-Engineering Design Investigations conducted.

Cleanup Status and Planned Work in 2022

The 12 Bellingham Bay cleanup sites are in various stages of the cleanup process as shown on Page 3. For detailed information about each cleanup site, visit Ecology’s webpage for individual weblinks:

<http://www.ecology.wa.gov/BellinghamBayCleanup>



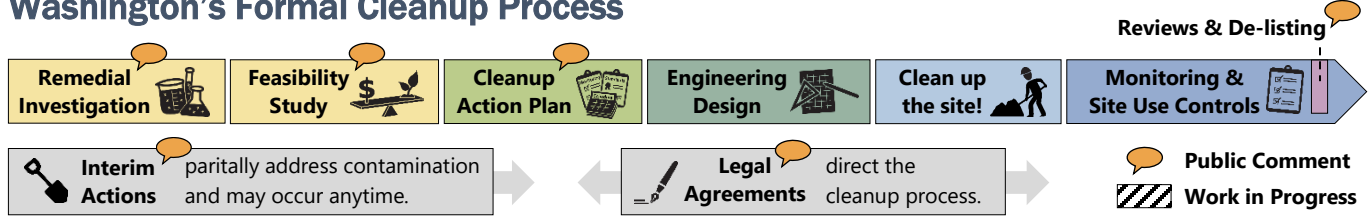
Bellingham Bay cleanup sites, 2019 aerial image

Cleanup Site Information

1	Eldridge Municipal Landfill Contaminated soil due to former municipal landfilling activities.
2	Weldcraft Steel & Marine Contaminated soil, sediment, and groundwater associated with former shipyard practices.
3	Marine Services NW Contaminated sediment associated with past boatyard practices.
4	I & J Waterway Contaminated sediment associated with former industrial practices.
5	Central Waterfront Contaminated soil and groundwater associated with former municipal landfilling and industrial activities.
6	Holly Street Landfill Contaminated soil due to former municipal landfilling activities.
7	Whatcom Waterway Contaminated sediment associated with past pulping operations.
8	Georgia-Pacific West Contaminated soil and groundwater associated with former industrial operations.
9	RG Haley Contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediment associated with former wood treatment facility.
10	Cornwall Avenue Landfill Contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediment associated with past municipal landfilling activities.
11	South State St. Manufactured Gas Plant Contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediment associated with a former gas manufacturing facility.
12	Harris Avenue Shipyard Contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediment associated with former industrial activities.

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Washington's Formal Cleanup Process



Cleanup Sites	Current Status	Planned Work in 2022
1 Eldridge Municipal Landfill	Cleanup action complete; Site Use Controls under development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Site Use Controls: legal controls to ensure the cleanup is not compromised
2 Weldcraft Steel & Marine	Cleanup Action Plan under development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Cleanup Action Plan Begin Engineering Design
3 Marine Services NW	Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending
4 I & J Waterway	Engineering Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Engineering Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sediment Cleanup Unit 1: Sediment Cleanup Unit 2: 	Engineering Design pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending
5 Central Waterfront	Engineering Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Engineering Design
6 Holly Street Landfill	Cleanup action complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review cleanup action to ensure it still protects human health and the environment
7 Whatcom Waterway	Cleanup action complete; Site Use Controls under development; Monitoring underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Site Use Controls: legal controls to ensure the cleanup is not compromised
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 Areas: Phase 2 Areas: 	Engineering Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Engineering Design
8 Georgia-Pacific West	Cleanup action complete; Monitoring underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Area: Southern Area: 	Engineering Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Engineering Design Complete cleanup of Lignin Parcel
9 RG Haley	Engineering Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Engineering Design in coordination with Cornwall Ave. Landfill Engineering Design
10 Cornwall Avenue Landfill	Engineering Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Engineering Design in coordination with RG Haley Engineering Design
11 South State Street Manufactured Gas Plant	Engineering Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Engineering Design
12 Harris Avenue Shipyard	Engineering Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Engineering Design

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