

# 10 Broad Street-Seattle Art Museum Olympic Sculpture Park



## Dismissal of Consent Decree proposed

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to dismiss the Consent Decree for the 10 Broad Street property site (a portion of the Seattle Art Museum Olympic Sculpture Park). This site now meets cleanup requirements. You are welcome and encouraged to comment on this proposal through October 20, 2005.

### Site Location

This site is located at 10 Broad Street in Seattle. It is on the northern end of the Seattle waterfront between Pier 70 and Myrtle Edwards Park. This is intended to be part of the future Seattle Art Museum Olympic Sculpture Park.

### Site Background

This was a residential area until 1916. From 1916-1975 welding and automotive services were located on this site. In 1975 the property was sold and a building was constructed which housed Shakey's Pizza until the mid-1990's. RC's Billiards operated on this site from the mid-1990's until the property was purchased by the City of Seattle. The City conveyed the property to the Museum Development Authority for use in the Seattle Art Museum Olympic Sculpture Park in 2002.

### Contamination

Soil and groundwater was contaminated with an assortment of petroleum hydrocarbon products, as a result of the welding and

automotive service activities on this site.

In 1998 the owners entered an agreement with Ecology under the Voluntary Cleanup Program.

In 2001 Ecology entered a legal agreement with the Seattle Art Museum, the City of Seattle, and the Museum Development Authority called a **prospective purchaser consent decree**. The decree is a legal agreement designed to settle environmental liability for cleanup after the property is purchased. In exchange, the parties agree to contribute substantial new resources to the cleanup and expedite the cleanup in conjunction with redevelopment or reusing the property.

### Cleanup Work at this Site

The building was demolished in 2001. Soil exceeding cleanup levels was excavated and disposed of at an off-site facility. Groundwater was tested and disposed of properly depending on amount of contamination present.

### Why Dismiss the Consent Decree?

The parties to the consent decree agreed that the court would have authority to oversee the parties' agreement until the cleanup work at the site was finished. The cleanup work at the site is now complete. Therefore the court's oversight of the consent decree is no longer required. The dismissal of the consent decree will end the court's jurisdiction over

## September 2005

**Public Comment Period:  
September 21-October 20**

### Documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

WA Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
3190 160th Avenue SE  
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(425) 649-7190  
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### Technical questions and written comments:

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the parties' agreement.

### **Future Developments**

The Seattle Art Museum (SAM) purchased this site and plans to redevelop this area into The Olympic Sculpture Park (OSP). The OSP will be a public park containing landscaped open space dedicated to exhibition of outdoor sculpture. This property will provide safe pedestrian access between the Olympic Sculpture Park and the waterfront.

### **Ecology Seeks Your Input**

Ecology proposes to dismiss the Consent Decree for the 10 Broad Street –Seattle Art Museum Olympic Sculpture Park property. This is open for public comment from September 21 through October 20, 2005. Please send your written comments before October 20<sup>th</sup> to Brian Sato, Site Manager at the address

listed on the first page of this fact sheet. Ecology will review all comments received after the comment period ends and will either dismiss the consent decree or propose an alternative action based upon the comments received.

A public meeting is not planned for this comment period. However, one will be held if 10 or more people so request.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>. To learn more about the public comment process read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting*.



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