



# South Lake Union Cleanup

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### Read more about:

- 2023 progress
- Cleanup site information
- [Cleanup site process](#)<sup>2</sup> and planned work in 2024

The South Lake Union neighborhood is located next to downtown Seattle and bordered on the north by Lake Union. This area has a long history of industrial and commercial activities which caused contamination of the soil and groundwater. Currently, this area is undergoing extensive redevelopment as new buildings are constructed for commercial and residential use. Ecology is working with property owners to clean up contamination at these sites to reduce impacts to human health and the environment.

1 <https://ecology.wa.gov/MTCA>  
 2 <https://ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process>

## 2022-2023 Progress

Between 2022–2023 we’ve made significant progress in South Lake Union.

- 4 Legal Agreements**
- 1 Interim action**  
(early partial cleanup)
- 3 Remedial Investigations**  
(site studies)
- 2 Feasibility Studies**  
(options to consider)
- 2 Cleanup Action Plans**  
(cleanup plans)

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**Cleanup Sites**

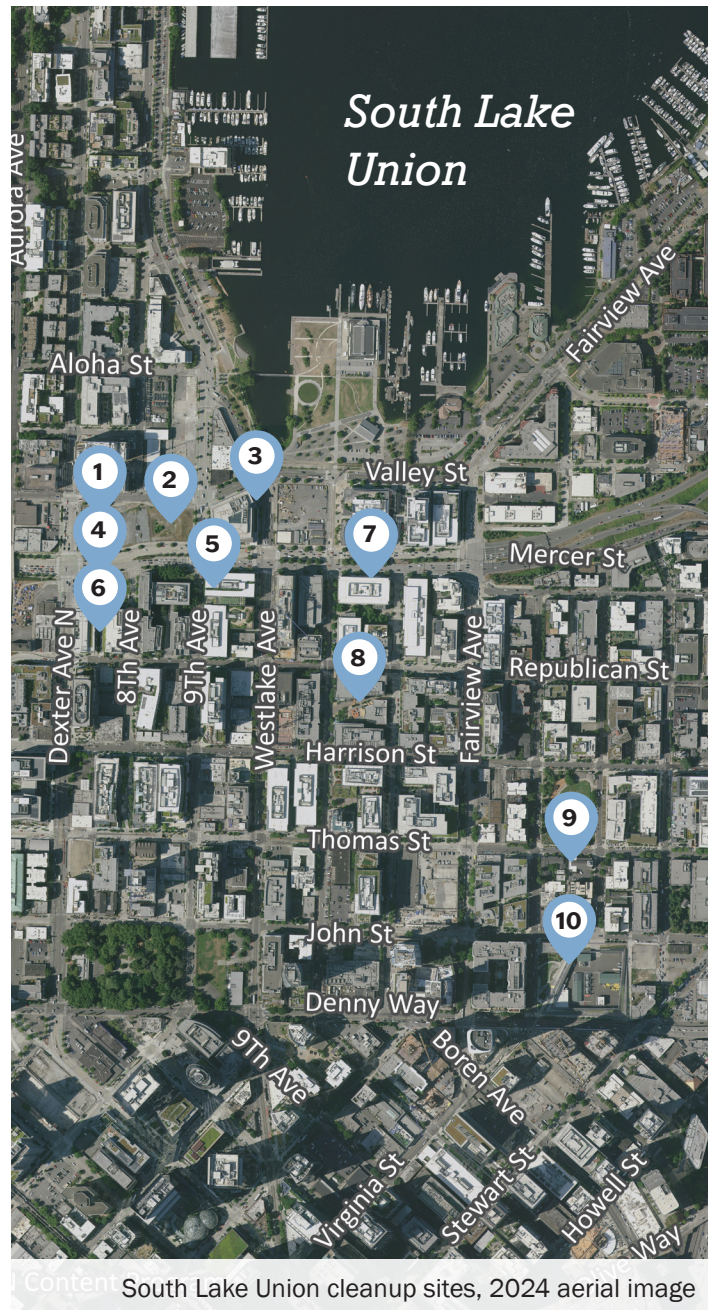
Webpage

[www.ecology.wa.gov/  
SouthLakeUnion](http://www.ecology.wa.gov/SouthLakeUnion)

## Cleanup Site Information

Learn more about each site by visiting [www.ecology.wa.gov/SouthLakeUnion](http://www.ecology.wa.gov/SouthLakeUnion) or clicking each link below.

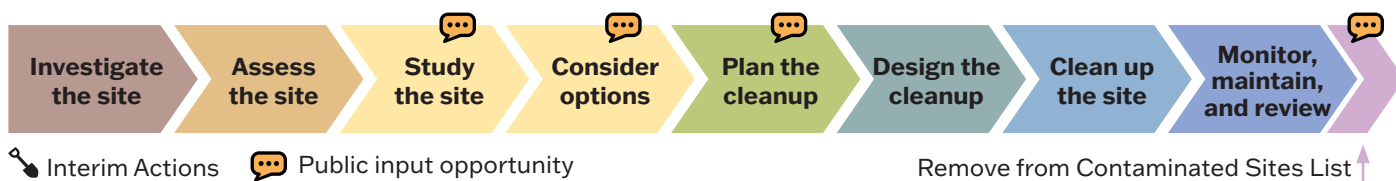
- 1 701 Dexter**  
Contaminated soil vapor, investigations ongoing to discover the source(s)
- 2 American Linen Supply Co Dexter Ave**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from historical laundry facility
- 3 Block 79 East**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from former auto shops and fueling operations
- 4 Seattle DOT Dexter Parcel**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from historical gas station
- 5 Seattle DOT Mercer Parcels**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from historical gas station
- 6 601 Dexter**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from historical gas station and former industrial operations
- 7 Block 37**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from historical gas station and auto maintenance operations
- 8 Block 38 West**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from historical industrial activities
- 9 Troy Laundry Seattle**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from historical laundry facility
- 10 Seattle Times**  
Contaminated soil and groundwater from paper treating operations





# Cleanup Site Process & Planned Work in 2024

The cleanup of contaminated sites follows the steps of Washington’s cleanup process outlined below. Ecology oversees the cleanup process through legal agreements.



CLEANUP SITES	CURRENT STEP	PLANNED WORK IN 2024
1 701 Dexter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish studying the site</li> <li>• Potentially amend a legal agreement</li> <li>• Potentially remove site from Contaminated Sites List</li> </ul>
2 American Linen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish studying the site</li> <li>• Expand scope of Interim Action</li> </ul>
3 Block 79 East		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish studying the site</li> </ul>
4 Seattle DOT Dexter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish designing the cleanup</li> </ul>
5 Seattle DOT Mercer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish designing the cleanup</li> <li>• Begin cleaning up the site</li> </ul>
6 601 Dexter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue studying the site</li> </ul>
7 Block 37		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue studying the site</li> </ul>
8 Block 38 West		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish studying the site, considering options, and planning the cleanup</li> <li>• Finalize a new legal agreement</li> </ul>
9 Troy Laundry		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish studying the site, considering options, and planning the cleanup</li> <li>• Finalize a new legal agreement</li> </ul>
10 Seattle Times		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish planning the cleanup</li> </ul>

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### Learn More

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South Lake Union Neighborhood  
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