



## 2024 Cleanup Update

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

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.

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

## 2023 Progress

In 2023 we've made significant progress in Bellingham Bay.

### 3 Completed Legal Agreements

- I & J Waterway Sediment Cleanup Units 1 and 2 (SCU-1 and 2)
- Whatcom Waterway

### 3 Completed Cleanup Plans

- I & J Waterway SCU-1 and 2
- Whatcom Waterway

### 8 Advanced Cleanup Designs

- I & J Waterway SCU-1
- Central Waterfront
- Whatcom Waterway
- GP West, Southern Area
- RG Haley
- Cornwall Avenue Landfill
- South State Street  
Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP)
- Harris Avenue Shipyard

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### Cleanup Sites

Webpage

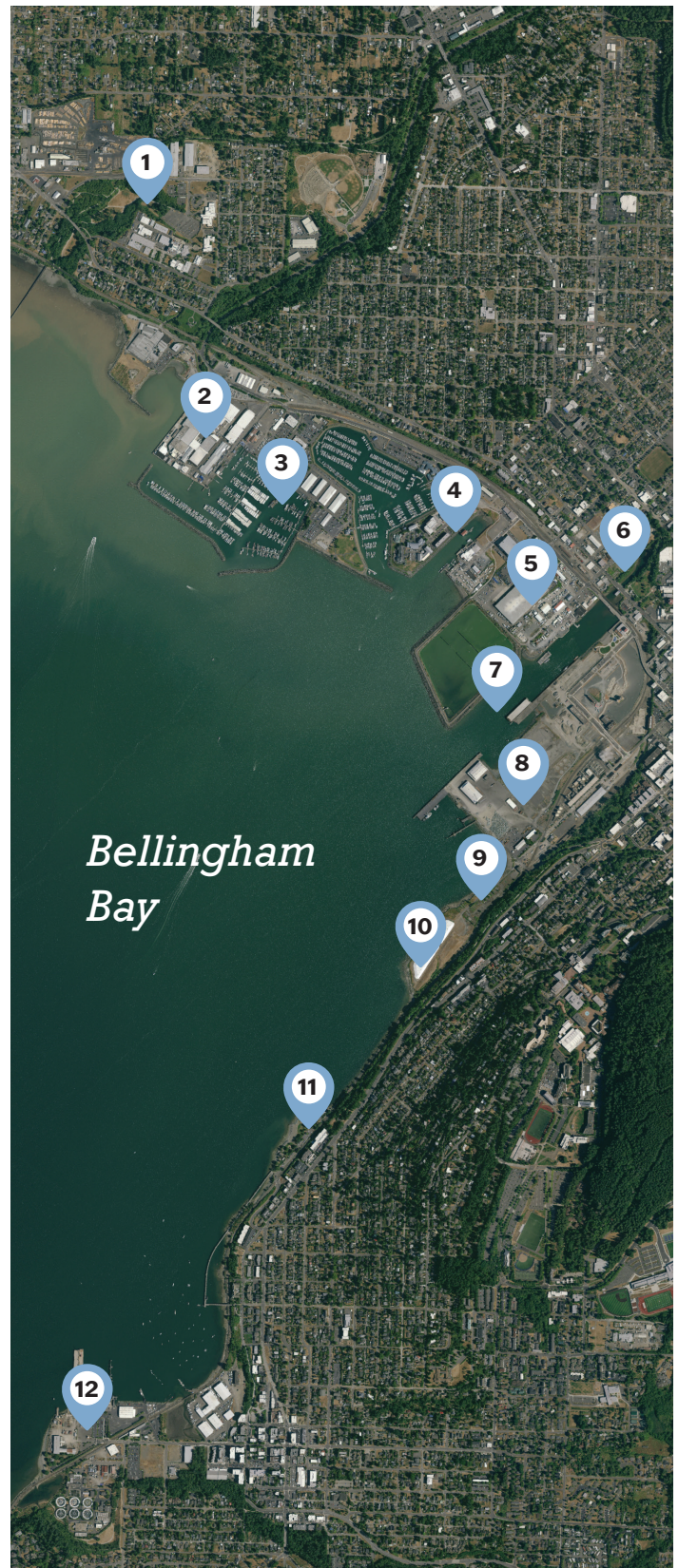
[www.ecology.wa.gov/  
BellinghamBayCleanup](http://www.ecology.wa.gov/BellinghamBayCleanup)



## Cleanup Site Information

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

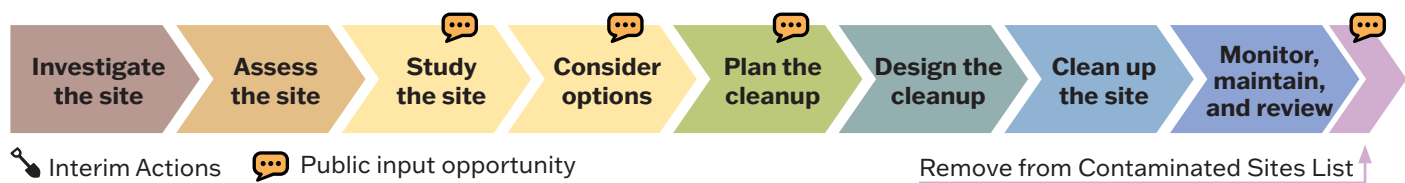
- 1 [Eldridge Municipal Landfill](#)**  
Contaminated soil due to former municipal landfilling activities.
- 2 [Weldcraft Steel & Marine](#)**  
Contaminated soil, sediment, and groundwater associated with former shipyard practices.
- 3 [Marine Services NW](#)**  
Contaminated sediment associated with 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 Street MGP](#)**  
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.



Bellingham Bay cleanup sites, 2019 aerial image

## 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
<b>1</b> Eldridge Municipal Landfill		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No activities planned</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> Weldcraft Steel & Marine		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finish planning the cleanup</li> <li>Begin designing the cleanup</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> Marine Services NW		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No activities planned</li> </ul>
<b>4</b> I & J Waterway SCU-1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up the site</li> </ul>
I & J Waterway SCU-2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin designing the cleanup</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> Central Waterfront		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue designing the cleanup</li> </ul>
<b>6</b> Holly Street Landfill		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize review to ensure the completed cleanup remains protective</li> </ul>
<b>7</b> Whatcom Waterway Phase 1 Areas		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue monitoring and place legal requirements to ensure the completed cleanup is not disturbed</li> </ul>
Whatcom Waterway Phase 2 Areas		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue designing the cleanup</li> <li>Clean up a portion of the site</li> </ul>
<b>8</b> Georgia-Pacific West Northern Area		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue monitoring the completed cleanup</li> </ul>
Georgia-Pacific West Southern Area		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue designing the cleanup</li> </ul>
<b>9</b> RG Haley		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finish designing the cleanup</li> <li>Begin cleaning up the site</li> </ul>
<b>10</b> Cornwall Avenue Landfill		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finish designing the cleanup</li> <li>Begin cleaning up the site</li> </ul>
<b>11</b> South State Street MGP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue designing the cleanup</li> </ul>
<b>12</b> Harris Avenue Shipyard Upland Area		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue designing the cleanup</li> </ul>
Harris Avenue Shipyard In-water Area		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue designing the cleanup</li> </ul>

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### Learn More

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Bellingham Waterfront, December 2014.  
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