



South Lake Union Cleanup

2026 Cleanup Update

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Read more about:

- 2025 progress
- Cleanup site information
- [Cleanup site process](#)² and planned work in 2026

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>

2024-2025 Progress

Between 2024-2025 we've made significant progress in South Lake Union.

- 1 Legal Agreement**
- 1 Interim Action**
(early partial cleanup)
- 4 Remedial Investigations**
(site studies)
- 1 Feasibility Study**
(options to consider)
- 1 Cleanup Action Plan**
(cleanup plans)
- 2 Sites removed from Contaminated Sites List**

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Cleanup Sites

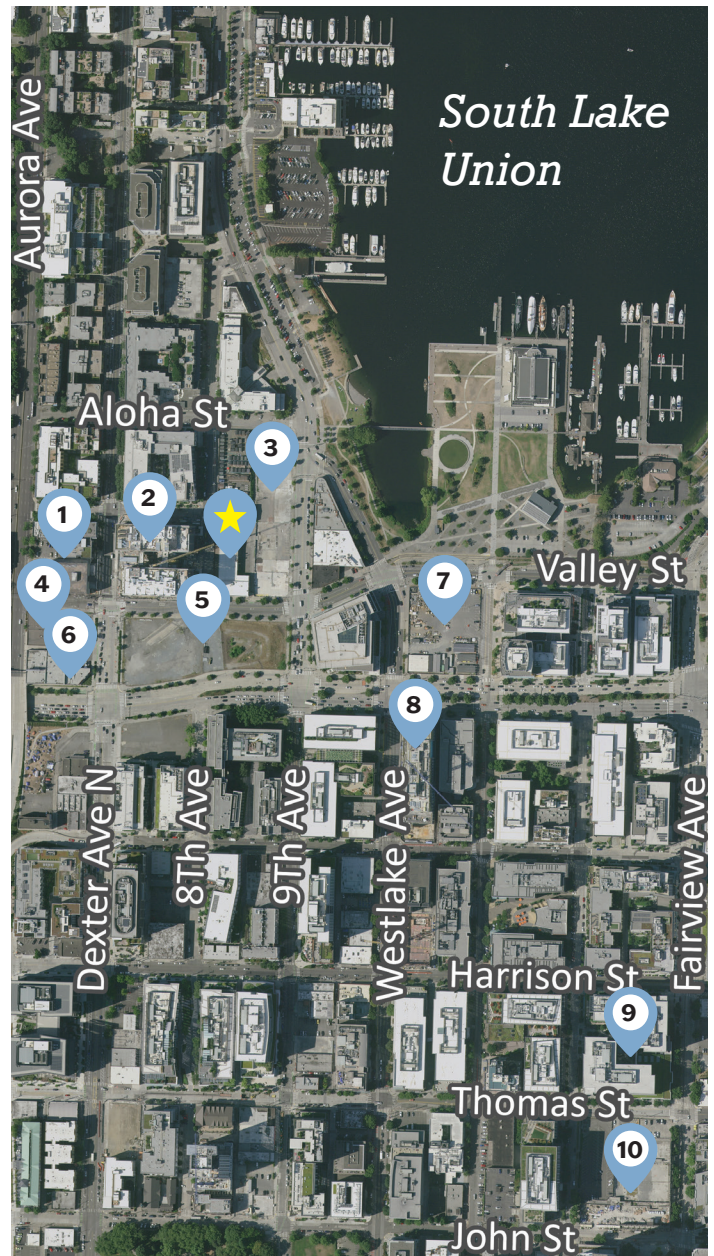
Webpage

[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 or clicking each link below.

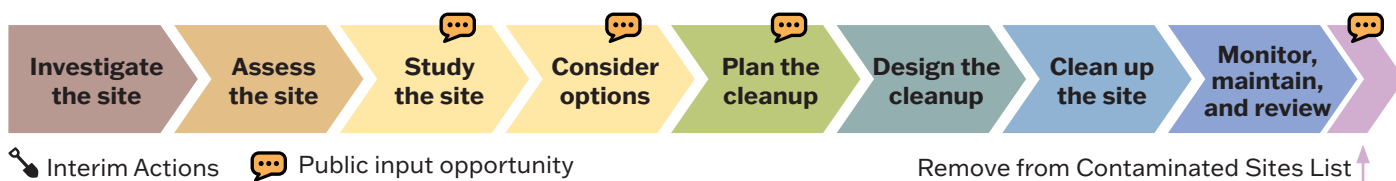
- 1** [701 Dexter](#)
Contaminated soil vapor, investigations completed, site to be removed from the Contaminated Sites List
 - 2** [American Linen Supply Co Dexter Ave](#)
Contaminated soil and groundwater from historical laundry facility
 - 3** [Block 79 East](#)
Contaminated soil and groundwater from 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
- ★** [Seattle Roy Aloha Shops](#)
Ecology plans to negotiate a legal agreement for this site in 2026. Stay tuned!



South Lake Union cleanup sites, 2024 aerial image

Cleanup Site Process & Planned Work in 2026

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 2026
1 701 Dexter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove site from Contaminated Sites List
2 American Linen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish studying the site Expand scope of Interim Action
3 Block 79 East		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish studying the site Finish considering options
4 Seattle DOT Dexter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially amend cleanup plan Potentially amend legal agreement Finish designing the cleanup
5 Seattle DOT Mercer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleanup of the site to begin with property redevelopment
6 601 Dexter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue studying the site Begin considering options
7 Block 37		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue studying the site Begin considering cleanup options
8 Block 38 West		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin monitoring and maintenance of the site cleanup Remove site from Contaminated Sites List
9 Troy Laundry		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish studying the site, considering options, and planning the cleanup Finalize a new legal agreement
10 Seattle Times		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm that the site has been cleaned up
★ Seattle Roy Aloha Shops		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiate a new legal agreement

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South Lake Union Neighborhood
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