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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:
MAURY ISLAND SITE PLANNING AND CLEANUP
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INTRODUCTION

Maury Island Open Space Site is a 250-acre open space area under the stewardship of King County Parks. Prior to County ownership, the site was managed by CalPortland (formerly Northwest Aggregates) as a gravel mine; King County purchased the land in December 2010.

The site contains pure Madrone forests and habitat that supports endangered species such as chinook salmon, bull trout and orca. The site's nearly one mile of shoreline is one of the longest undeveloped stretches of Puget Sound shoreline in King County. When combined with the County's nearby 320-acre Maury Island Marine Park, the two sites represent the largest public holding of protected marine shoreline in Puget Sound.

The site features panoramic vistas of Puget Sound, Mt. Rainier and mainland King County plus access to the shoreline from the nearly five miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. These trails connect to an additional three miles of trails on the adjacent King County Dockton Forest.

Future management of the site will involve reclamation of the former mined areas and cleanup of soils contaminated with arsenic and lead as a result of the site's location within the Tacoma Smelter Plume, an area impacted from operations of the former Asarco Smelter. In addition, a portion of the site was historically used as a skeet range, resulting in additional lead contamination. Plans for land reclamation and soil remediation will be an integral part of the site management planning process.

SITE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

King County Parks will begin working with the public, neighbors, recreation user groups, as well as local and regional stakeholders to develop a Site Management Plan to guide stewardship of the site for the next 10 years. The plan will identify needs for site restoration, reclamation, soil cleanup and development of amenities that facilitate enjoyable and safe low impact recreation while protecting natural resources, water quality, and fish and wildlife habitats.

Public involvement is key to this planning effort; King County Parks will depend on both science and public input to make future management decisions.

What is contained in a Site Management Plan?

- General Property Information
- Acquisition Information,
- Description of Ecological Resources
- Site Use/Infrastructure
- Analysis of Collected Data
- Management Goals, Objectives and Recommendations

Thus, planning efforts will identify appropriate and priority site improvements and habitat restoration in conjunction with remediation and reclamation requirements. Improvements might include such things as trail enhancements, water access, restroom facilities, picnic areas and parking.

What are some planning goals to be addressed in the Site Management Plan?

- Resource conservation and protection
- Quality user experience
- Public safety
- Compatibility with purpose of acquisition, funding source restrictions and park policies
- Partnerships in site stewardship
- Public engagement in decision-making
- Potential revenue generating opportunities

When does King County expect to have the site management plan completed?

Timing will depend on public involvement and coordination with other agencies on remediation and reclamation requirements. We are striving to have a draft plan completed by Fall of 2012, and the final plan by February 2013.

How can I keep informed about and involved in the development of the Site Management Plan?

All parks, trails, natural areas and forests within King County Parks' open space inventory belong to the citizens of King County; we are committed to involving the public in planning for the future of this spectacular site. Grassroots efforts involving citizen activists and key environmental groups supported by elected officials made acquisition of the site possible. We want to continue that valuable and effective partnership.

There are a number of ways to be involved in planning for the future of Maury Island Open Space Site. You can attend future public meetings, serve on the Planning Advisory Group (the body helping to direct the development of the Site Management Plan) and/or sign up for

updates by subscribing via the Email newsletter link at: mauryislandsite-subscribe-request@lists.kingcounty.gov or by sending an email to: connie.blumen@kingcounty.gov. In addition, King County will hold a public meeting and comment period to allow citizens the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Plan.

PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

What is the role of the Planning Advisory Group (PAG)?

Public involvement is critical to a successful planning process. The PAG is one way King County Parks will rely on citizens to help formulate decisions about future management of the site. The PAG will be charged with helping guide the development of both the Draft and Final Site Management Plans for Maury Island Open Space Site.

How will the Planning Advisory Group be formed and managed?

The Planning Advisory Group will consist of approximately 15 members, representing a broad range of backgrounds, interests and knowledge of the site. Members will be selected for their special expertise or interest in the site or because they represent key stakeholder groups, some will serve as members at large. King County Parks staff will facilitate the meetings. The PAG will likely hold monthly meetings until approximately February 2013; the first meeting will likely be held in May 2012.

How can I apply to serve on the Maury Island Site Planning Advisory Group?

Submit an application by April 20, 2012. You may obtain an application in one of the following ways:

- Downloading the application from the Maury Island web site at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/naturalresources/naturallands/mauryislandsite.aspx>
- Contacting Connie Blumen, King County Natural Lands Program Manager, via email at: connie.blumen@kingcounty.gov or by phone at: 206.263.6371,
- Pick up an application in person at the April 3rd public meeting (6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at McMurray Middle School, Vashon.

What if I have additional questions about the site, the planning process or want to be added to a list for future updates and meeting notifications?

For specific questions about the site management planning process for Maury Island Open Space Site, please contact Connie Blumen, Natural Resource Program Manager, King County

Parks and Recreation Division, 201 S. Jackson St., Suite 701, Seattle, WA 98104-3855; 206-263-6371; connie.blumen@kingcounty.gov.

You may subscribe to the ENewsletter to receive updates about Maury Island Open Space site, by emailing: mauryislandsite-subscribe-request@lists.kingcounty.gov

King County web info about Maury Island Site may be found at:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/naturalareas/mauryislandsite.aspx>

REMEDATION (SOIL CLEANUP)

What is known about contamination at Maury Island Site? What testing has been done to date?

As a result of the Tacoma Smelter Plume fallout, several environmental soil studies related to metals impacts have been conducted on the property by various consultants since about 1998. The previous site owner (Glacier/CalPortland) conducted soil testing in areas slated for future mining and along roadways. Prior to purchasing the property, the county conducted further background review (known as a Phase I Environmental Assessment) that also identified the existence of a former skeet shooting range. Following acquisition, the county hired a consultant to conduct additional soil testing for contaminants associated with the smelter plume and skeet range. The data collected from these various studies indicates that elevated levels of arsenic and lead exist in near-surface soils throughout the property, except for recently mined areas.

Is the site open to the public and is it safe to recreate there?

Currently the site is open for non-motorized recreational trail use. The main risk from contaminated soils comes from eating them, not from touching them. At the arsenic and lead levels found on this site, there is no immediate health risk, but may be a long-term concern. Over a long period of time, regular exposure to arsenic and lead can contribute to health problems. Young children are most at risk because they play on the ground and put dirty hands and toys in their mouths.

You can take these simple steps to greatly reduce your exposure to any contamination that might be in the site's soils:

- Watch young children to make sure they aren't eating dirt
- Stay on the trails

- Thoroughly wash any plants or berries before eating
- After visiting the site:
 - wash your hands and face before eating
 - clean any toys brought to the site with soap and water
 - wipe or remove shoes before entering your home
 - wash soil laden clothes separately

Should I worry about walking my dog at the park?

Dogs and other animals are less sensitive to arsenic than humans. Still, we recommend wiping off dirty paws and brushing off dirt so they don't bring contamination into your home. Pets must be leashed.

Will King County be responsible for addressing soil remediation (cleanup)?

Yes. In February 2011, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) identified King County as a "potentially liable person" (PLP). This means that under the States' Model Toxics Control Act, King County is liable for site cleanup. King County Parks is working with Ecology to begin planning for an investigation and cleanup of the site's contamination. Funding from Ecology allowed the County to hire a consultant to develop a remedial investigation report. King County and Ecology have negotiated an Agreed Order to guide further site assessment and move toward a final cleanup plan.

What is the relationship between the site management planning and the soil cleanup processes?

The Feasibility Study, which examines possible cleanup options, cannot be developed until the Site Management Plan is developed to identify proposed site uses, alterations and development.

Why is Ecology requiring cleanup of the Maury Island Site, but not other public open space sites in the same vicinity?

Ecology has expanded the Soil Safety Program to include remediation of soils within parks, day camps and multifamily play areas; remediation of contaminated soils at King County's Dockton Park will begin later this year. In addition, Maury Island Open Space is receiving more stringent oversight because Ecology had previously initiated cleanup discussions with the former owner of the land and helped fund acquisition of the site (through ASARCO settlement funds). Lastly,

the site has multiple sources of contamination—Tacoma Smelter Plume, the skeet range and former mining activities. Ecology has determined that it is appropriate to require cleanup at Maury Island Open Space Site to serve as a model for cleanup efforts on other open space sites.

What is included in an Agreed Order (Order) and what does it require?

The Agreed Order is a legally binding administrative order that outlines actions King County must undertake to avoid potential enforcement action by Ecology. It does not identify specific cleanup actions at this time, but rather includes a scope of work, required deliverables and schedule for implementation of the required Order elements which are:

- A remedial investigation report (defines the extent of contamination),
- a feasibility study (develops and evaluates clean up options) and
- a cleanup action plan (explains which cleanup alternatives will be used).

Will additional testing be required? How will it be determined that sufficient testing has been completed?

Yes, based upon results from previous investigations there are areas that will need further testing to better define the extent of contamination. It is important to understand the full extent of contamination because applicable remediation technologies and cost estimates in the feasibility study will be based upon this data.

What are some of the potential actions for cleanup that are available to cleanup at Maury Island Open Space Site?

Specific strategies and technologies for cleanup of the site have not been identified. But common methods that have been used for other cleanups include one or more of the following: capping, removing soil off site, storing soils on site, as well as institutional controls such as fencing, signage, etc. It not certain at this time which, or if any of these technologies will be employed.

When will cleanup efforts begin?

The timing of clean up cannot be specifically identified at this time as it requires a multiple step and complex process. In addition, full information about both the level of contamination and

plans for park development are not yet known. Therefore, it is unlikely that actual cleanup actions will not begin until 2014 at the earliest.

Will the Agreed Order be available for public review?

Yes. The Model Control Toxic Control Act provisions require that the draft Agreed Order be made available for a 30 day public comment period. Ecology's comment period will begin after King County signs the Order in Spring 2012. King County Council will act on an Ordinance authorizing the County's Executive Office to sign the Agreed Order. That Ordinance is expected to be before the Council by late April 2012.

What if I have additional questions about the soil cleanup at Maury Island Open Space Site or want to be added to a list for future updates and meeting notifications?

For specific questions about the soil remediation process on Maury Island Site, please contact Ron Timm, DOE Site Manager, at rtim461@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at: 425-649-7185.

To receive updates about site cleanup, including notification public meetings and public review/comment periods, please contact Meg Bommarito, Public Involvement Coordinator, at mbom461@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at: 425-649-7256

Information about cleanup efforts at Maury Island Open Space Site is available at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=1532>

For more general information about the Tacoma Smelter Plume, see Ecology's web site at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/tacoma-smelter.html> or contact Hannah Aoyagi, Education and Outreach at hannah.aoyagi@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at: (360) 407-6790