

**COMMENCEMENT BAY NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE
LONG TERM SITE STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – APRIL 8, 2011

As required under Task 2 of the Commencement Bay Natural Resource Trustee Long Term Site Stewardship Project, this memorandum reports on the progress of the project for the previous month. This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for violations of CERCLA.

I. GENERAL SITE OBSERVATIONS

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT EACH SITE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

Per the scope of work, the City coordinated work with both the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) and Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB). In accordance with the project schedule, site monitoring visits were not performed during the month of March. The next required bi-monthly site monitoring visits will be performed in April by CHB. Specific observations or other actions taken at each site during the reporting period are noted below.

Yowkwala:

- No required site monitoring visit or other activities were performed during the reporting period.

Skookum Wulge:

- No required site monitoring visit or other activities were performed during the reporting period.

Squally Beach:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC harvested some willow stakes for planting at the Hylebos Creek mitigation site.

Mowitch:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed an invasive and trash sweep at the site and also cut back some of the exposed netting.

Jordan/Lower Hylebos Marsh:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed an invasive and trash sweep at the site.

Middle Waterway – City of Tacoma:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed an invasive and trash sweep at the site

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Middle Waterway – Simpson:

- No required site monitoring visit or other activities were performed during the reporting period.

Olympic View – City of Tacoma and DNR Triangle:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed targeted invasive removal of tansy, poison hemlock and pepperweed, and also did a garbage sweep at the site.

Tahoma Salt Marsh:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC did a garbage sweep at the site.

Swan Creek:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC removed ivy at the north end of the site and did an overall invasive and trash sweep.

II. ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES

DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- Specific site work activities are described above in Section I.
- An ESP Coordination Meeting with CHB was held on March 1, to discuss work performed during the reporting period and that planned for the next two months.
- CHB staff, stewards and volunteers performed native plant salvage at a site in Gig Harbor on March 17. Approximately 100-125 plants were salvaged including Douglas fir, alder, rose, snowberry, Indian plum, sword fern, black cap raspberry, salmon berry, and others.
- On March 26, CHB staff, stewards and volunteers picked up 2 cubic yards of topsoil and potted the salvaged native plants. The plants are currently being stored in a greenhouse at the Meadow Park Golf Course until it is determined where they will be planted.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD

- ESP Coordination Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month.
- The City will continue to work with CHB on development and implementation of their 2011 work plan and schedule for community involvement activities. The draft 2011 CHB work plan was developed based on the City's Task List which was included in the Annual Report submitted for Trustee review and approval in October. The CHB work plan will be finalized upon Trustee approval of the City's Task List.

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- The City will continue to coordinate WCC work to complete Priority 1 tasks as identified in the proposed 2011 work plan and address Priority 2 tasks as time permits.
- The City will request reimbursement from the escrow account pending Trustee and EPA approval of the Year 2 Annual Accounting.
- The City and CHB will perform bi-monthly monitoring at the sites in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

DESCRIPTION OF DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- There were no deliverables during the reporting period.

DESCRIPTION OF DELIVERABLES PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD

- The Year 3 Second Quarter Report is due on April 26.

PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- The City will continue to work with the Trustees to resolve issues associated with the alder thinning at the Jordan site (discussed in previous monthly reports). NOAA and EarthCorps representatives met on site to discuss a planting plan for the cleared areas in front of the viewing platforms. The City will continue to work with NOAA to finalize the restoration plans.

Copies submitted as follows:

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