

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

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – AUGUST 10, 2012

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, monitoring visits were not required in July.

The City requested a modification to the monitoring schedule in the Year 3 Annual Report and this request was approved by the Trustees in July. The next monitoring event, including photo documentation, will be performed in August by the City. Monitoring will then be performed on a quarterly basis for the remainder of the project (February, May, August, and November).

Specific observations or other actions taken at each site during the reporting period are noted below.

Yowkwala:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- CHB conducted a volunteer invasive removal event on July 14. Eleven volunteers and an EarthCorps crew assisted two CHB staff members in removing invasive plants in the middle portion of the site. Approximately 3 cubic yards of plant material were removed along with grasses from around the base of previously installed plants.
- CHB hosted a shoreline clean up event on July 21. Thirty-seven volunteers and five CHB staff members worked removing trash from the shoreline beginning at Yowkwala and travelling down to the Squally Beach site. The WCC performed an invasive sweep.

Skookum Wulge:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- This site was included in the shoreline clean up event conducted by CHB on July 21 as described above.
- The WCC performed an invasive sweep and sprayed herbicide on the ivy.

Squally Beach:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- This site was included in the shoreline clean up event conducted by CHB on July 21 as described above.
- The WCC performed a pepperweed sweep and sprayed herbicide on the knotweed.

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Mowitch:

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

Jordan/Lower Hylebos Marsh:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC sprayed herbicide on the knotweed.

Middle Waterway – City of Tacoma:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed an invasive sweep with a focus on white sweet clover.

Middle Waterway – Simpson:

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

Olympic View:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- CHB conducted an invasive removal event on July 12. Six volunteers assisted one CHB staff member in removing invasive species and clearing the recently planted area in front of Olympic View as well as in the triangle area. Approximately 1 cubic yard of material was removed.

Tahoma Salt Marsh:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed an invasive sweep with a focus on pepperweed.

Swan Creek:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC applied herbicide and sprayed knotweed along the roadside and creek.
- The WCC watered trees on site.

Hauff:

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

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II. ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES

DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- Specific site work activities are described above in Section I.
- Due to the holiday, no ESP Coordination Meeting with CHB was held during July.
- The City met with Trustee representatives on July 12 to discuss the upcoming transition of long-term stewardship responsibilities to EarthCorps. Another meeting is scheduled in August to continue this coordination effort.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD

- ESP Coordination Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month.
- Continue to coordinate WCC work to complete routine maintenance at all of the sites and implementation of the 2012 Task List.
- Continue to work with CHB on implementation of their 2012 Work Plan and schedule for community involvement activities.
- The City will be performing bi-annual monitoring with photo documentation in August. Representatives from CHB and EarthCorps will accompany the City at the Trustees request to begin work toward transition of stewardship responsibilities to EarthCorps.

DESCRIPTION OF DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- The Year 4 Third Quarter Report was submitted on July 31.

DESCRIPTION OF DELIVERABLES PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD

- There are no deliverables planned for the upcoming reporting period.

PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- There were no new problems identified during the reporting period.

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