

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

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – OCTOBER 10, 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 required during the month of September. The next required bi-monthly site monitoring visits will be performed in October by CHB. 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.
- The WCC performed an invasive sweep in the planting nodes and a pepperweed sweep of the site.

Skookum Wulge:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed an invasive sweep and spot spraying of English ivy and everlasting peavine.

Squally Beach:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC sprayed and injected knotweed at the site.

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.
- CHB conducted a volunteer invasive removal event on September 10. Volunteers worked with CHB staff and an EarthCorps crew to remove blackberry and purple loosestrife.
- The WCC sprayed and injected knotweed at the site.

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Middle Waterway – City of Tacoma:

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

Middle Waterway – Simpson:

- No required monitoring visit was performed at the site during the reporting period.
- The WCC removed goose exclusion nodes at the site.

Olympic View – City of Tacoma and DNR Triangle:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed a pepperweed sweep and trash removal at the site.

Tahoma Salt Marsh:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed blackberry grubbing on the rocks and a pepperweed sweep at the site.

Swan Creek:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed blackberry grubbing at the north end and on the island and also sprayed and injected knotweed at the site.

II. ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES

DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- Specific site work activities are described above in Section I.
- The ESP Coordination Meeting with CHB was held on September 6.
- The City conducted a site visit with NOAA's Project Representative on September 27. The purpose of the site visit was to review current site conditions and to evaluate the need for changes in the current program. The City will propose the changes that were discussed in the 2012 Proposed Task List to be included in the Year 3 Annual Report.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD

- ESP Coordination Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month.
- Continue to work with CHB on implementation of their work plan.
- Continue to coordinate WCC work to complete routine maintenance at all of the sites and implementation of the 2011 Task List.

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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 Annual Report, including the 2011 annual accounting and reimbursement request and the proposed 2012 Task List, will be submitted on or before October 25.

PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

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

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