

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

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – DECEMBER 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 required during the month of November. The next required bi-monthly site monitoring visits will be performed in December by CHB. The City requested a modification to the monitoring schedule in the Year 3 Annual Report and is currently awaiting response.

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 planting event on November 12. Nineteen volunteers and an EarthCorps crew worked with CHB staff to plant approximately 180 trees and shrubs mid-site and along the trail head.
- The WCC performed an invasive and garbage sweep, dismantled the goose exclusion at the planting nodes, and tore down the party house.

Skookum Wulge:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC spread grass seed on the newly planted/mulched area and planted 30 coastal strawberry plants.

Squally Beach:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC grubbed blackberry 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.

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- CHB conducted a volunteer planting event on November 5. Four volunteers and an EarthCorps crew worked with CHB staff to plant 98 trees and shrubs and placed mulch rings around the plants.
- The WCC brushcut blackberry on the south end of the trail, conducted an invasive sweep, and transplanted natives out of the mower turn-around area

Middle Waterway – City of Tacoma:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC mulched 6 trees along 11th Street, transplanted a large shore pine, and performed an invasive sweep.

Middle Waterway – Simpson:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed an invasive and garbage sweep 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 an invasive sweep at the site with a focus on St. John's wort.

Tahoma Salt Marsh:

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

Swan Creek:

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed blackberry grubbing and ivy pulling at the north end an invasive and garbage sweep

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 November 1.

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 and schedule for community involvement activities.
- CHB is planning a community involvement planting event on December 3 at Olympic View.

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- Discuss any proposed modifications to the Year 4 work plan pending Trustee review.
- Continue to coordinate WCC work to complete routine maintenance at all of the sites and implementation of the 2011 Task List.

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

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

PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

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

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