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While members of the Edmonds community are grateful that Chevron did not abandon its Edmonds site and has pursued remediation of the harms affecting the site due to the Corporation's former activities on the site, I stand with the majority of community members in insisting that Chevron perform all steps necessary to return the site to the unpolluted condition in which the Corporation found it upon initial occupation of the land. The Corporation's currently favored path of remediation completion [Option 6] does not substantially address the 3-dimensional reality of Chevron's petrol-driven soil contamination on the site - as their contamination followed gravity's pull over many years of operation and has polluted the subsurface earth/wetlands well below the top 3 feet of subsoil that has recently been cleaned up. Simply "Capping" the site following this recent surface-soil remediation is not sufficient, and will allow Chevron's harms to continue (and spread) when the land is returned to its original functionality as a tidal wetlands. On the handful of locations at which Chevron's own maps/surveys indicate the presence of continuing subsoil pollutants, I am advocating that Chevron be required to perform full subsurface remediation as deeply as is required to clean the land - with no "capping" to be performed anywhere.

In all analysis of the site, the 2-dimensional nature of survey maps & site plans betrays the reality of the 3-dimensional actuality of the site's petrol contamination. To complete all remaining remediation on the site and track it transparently in a way that all interest groups can easily perceive, I recommend that all surveys going forward be represented in an axonometric/3-dimensional method which will track & illustrate the degrees to which Chevron's remediation has accomplished community goals within the subsurface depths of the site.