



DUWAMISH TRIBE

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Department of Ecology State of Washington (Ecology)
Maury Island Open Space Site

Dear Ian Fawley,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Maury Island Open Space Site toxic clean up program located on the southeast side of Maury Island at the site of the former CalPortland gravel mine. For the Duwamish Tribe's purpose of commenting, the nearest address is 25998 79th Ave SW, Vashon, WA 98070. We understand that the cleanup site is approximately 266 acres and falls within the plume fallout of the former ASARCO Tacoma Smelter. The Tribe also notes that Ecology has chosen Alternative 5 from the feasibility study (FS) performed by Parametrix and that Phase 2 of the cleanup out of 5 phases has been completed.

Based on the information provided and our understanding of the project and its APE, the Duwamish Tribe would request that an inadvertent discovery plan (IDP) or unanticipated discovery protocol (UDP) be put in place for encountering cultural resources. Maury and Vashon Island were home to the Homamish people. These locations were also the usual and accustomed places of the Suquamish, Duwamish, Puyallup and other tribes for engaging in traditional life pathways. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The DAHP WISAARD predictive model indicates that an archaeological survey ranges from highly advised to contingent upon project parameters with a very high risk to moderately low risk of encountering cultural resources. If any archaeological work or monitoring is performed, we would like notification. Cultural and archaeological resources are non-renewable and are best discovered prior to ground disturbance. The Tribe would also like the opportunity to be present if or when an archaeologist is on site.

The Duwamish Tribe supports the removal of the noxious weeds and invasive plant species. We also support the planting of only native plants for the cleanup to encourage a habitat which supports native fish and wildlife as well as native pollinators and avian species. In addition, the Tribe strongly recommends that blackberry bushes not be used as a deterrent for human encroachment. Rather, we recommend Nootka Rose or Tall Oregon Grape.



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The Duwamish Tribe sincerely hopes that the cleanup is a success and supports your efforts.

Thank you,

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