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Dept of Ecology: I am submitting my brief comments today regarding the A Avenue Landfill/Toxic Dump here in Anacortes, Washington. My comments are as follows: (1) The City of Anacortes needs to restore this entire site including uplands and lowlands from this point source emanating its toxic chemicals. The site needs to be "Restored to Pre-Existing Conditions", period. (2) If the City does not pursue cleaning the area, they should be charged to hire a remediation team/s to conduct the necessary work for however long it takes to return this area to pre-existing conditions with safety precautions utilized during all work/remediation/restoration. (3) The work should be conducted during the low precipitation season of the year/s to avoid unnecessary leaching of chemicals to downstream/lowlands from which they emanate. (3) Contaminated soil/water should be contained in an offsite location for purification. (4) After removing all contaminants from the site, new soil (tested for any chemicals should be used) before covering the area in the amount deemed to meet pre-existing conditions) should be utilized. (5) All safety/health standards and methods should be used/realized in the cleanup at the site and both up/downstream of the site/dump to lessen any contaminants leaving the area. (6) Native plants/trees should be planted at the site and brought to pre-existing conditions to help recover/restore the area. (7) The site should be monitored during cleanup, remediation, full restoration, and frequently (Bimonthly) to determine contaminant containment and/or further leaching of chemicals into the wetlands, beaver ponds, Little Cranberry Lake, and surrounding area/s. (8) Native plants/trees also need to be monitored to ensure survival and if mortality, replaced with new native plants/trees/native grasses. Monitoring needs to be done biannually. (9) This area is a major problem and with it comes with leaching of toxic chemicals into our wetlands, beaver ponds, and streams flowing into the Salish Sea. This area needs to be entirely free of these chemicals and brought back to Pre-Existing Conditions! (10) Many species of wildlife utilize the forested area/wetlands/pond/lake including: beavers, trumpeter swans, geese, a host of songbirds, bald eagles, prairie falcons/hawks, owls, racoons, deer, opossum, rabbits, otters, and other native species both aquatic and terrestrial. They are truly affected by the toxic chemicals suspended in the water and latent in the soil (11). Please hold the City of Anacortes accountable for all remediation of this site = A Avenue Landfill/Toxic Dump to Pre-Existing Conditions. (12) Close the dump/landfill area completely for no more use! (13) This site is useless and is not necessary due to the fact that there is a Skagit County dump located in Mt. Vernon. (14) Human residents should no longer be made to be further affected by walking/hiking/playing in the forested area and wetlands with leaching toxic chemicals emanating from this toxic site!

Thank you for your serious and timely consideration and remediation by the City of Anacortes for this A Avenue Landfill/Toxic Dump site. There has been way too much time wasted in not fully cleaning up this site and doing so properly with the correct intentions! Bring the area back to Pre-Existing Conditions for the sake of this beautiful area, its wildlife, and its human inhabitants in the area.

Regards,
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