



DUWAMISH TRIBE

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WA State Department of Ecology
Site Cleanup ID 12408

Dear Zak Wall,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Morningside Acres to cleanup and redevelop the contaminated Site located at 5001, 5015 and 5021 Rainier Ave S in Seattle. Based on the information provided and our understanding of the project and its APE, the Duwamish Tribe would recommend an inadvertent discovery plan, especially if any groundbreaking activity occurs below fill, topsoil or other impervious surfaces into native soil. This is an area that the Duwamish Tribe considers culturally significant and has a Moderate probability to have unknown archaeological deposits. We note that there are 3 historical and ancestral Duwamish place names within about a mile of the project location. The DAHP WISAARD predictive model indicates that an archaeological survey is highly advised with a high risk for encountering cultural resources.

We request that 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.

In addition, the Tribe strongly recommends only native vegetation be used for any proposed landscaping to enhance habitat for fish and wildlife, and native avian life and native pollinators. The Tribe supports observing critical area tracts and stream buffers to preserve any remaining wetlands and stream buffers. Loss of wetland habitat is known to affect the viability of fish, water quality and increase the effects of seasonal urban flooding.

Finally we request that any lighting be [dark sky compliant](#) to reduce light pollution. Darkened skies were favorable conditions to practice traditional life pathways.

Thank you,

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