



SPRING 2015 INTERESTED PARTIES MEETING AGENDA

Tukwila Community Center Banquet Hall
12424 42nd Ave South
Seattle, WA 98168

May 28, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Time	Agenda item	Who
10:00 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks: Highlighting the meeting objectives and role of feedback from interested parties	Josh Baldi, WA Dept. of Ecology and Dan Opalski, U.S. EPA
10:10 a.m.	Status of the Green-Duwamish Watershed: An overview on what we know about water and sediment quality, pollutant loading, and why it's a problem	Mahbub Alam, WA Dept. of Ecology
10:30 a.m.	Q&A: Attendees are invited to ask questions	All
10:45 a.m.	Restoring the Green-Duwamish: An overview of current efforts in the watershed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green-Duwamish Strategy Sarah Ogier, King County• Federal Urban Waters Initiative Tracy Stanton, Urban Waters Federal Partnership• WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum Elissa Ostergaard, King County• Lower Duwamish In-waterway Cleanup Elly Hale, U.S. EPA• Lower Duwamish Source Control Ron Timm, WA Dept. of Ecology	Panel
12:00 p.m.	Q&A: Attendees are invited to ask questions	All
12:30 p.m.	Lunch: Attendees are invited to network with project staff and other interested parties and/or review boards and materials	All
12:45 p.m.	An introduction to the Pollutant Loading Assessment (PLA): Background on the role of the PLA within the broader management strategy for the watershed, key policy questions being considered, the TAC process and its progress to date, and timeline for development	Rachel McCrea, WA Dept. of Ecology
1:15 p.m.	Q&A: Attendees are invited to ask questions	All
1:45 p.m.	Small group sessions: Table-top discussions led by project staff. Discussion topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLA use and development• Parameters selection and data collection• Future water quality management	All, with small group facilitators from the project team
2:30 p.m.	Small group report-out: Small group facilitators will share comments, questions, concerns with the broader group	Small group facilitators
2:45 p.m.	Next steps: An overview of what's next in the PLA development process and opportunities to stay informed and provide feedback	Joan Nolan, WA Dept. of Ecology
3:00 p.m.	Meeting adjourned	All

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Background

Ecology and EPA are developing a Pollutant Loading Assessment (PLA) modeling tool to help people understand what is polluting the Green-Duwamish River and where that pollution comes from. This tool, combined with future monitoring data, will provide information to support cleanup and water quality decision-making in the Green-Duwamish watershed.

Visit Ecology's website for more information about the project:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/geographic/GreenDuwamish/pla.html>

Meeting objectives

The objectives of this first Interested Parties meeting are to:

- Provide an overview of what we know about water and sediment quality in the Green-Duwamish watershed, pollutant loading, and why it is a problem
- Review current efforts underway in the watershed by a variety of organizations
- Introduce the Pollutant Loading Assessment (PLA) for the Green-Duwamish Watershed being developed by Ecology and EPA, including the Technical Advisory Committee PLA development process and progress to date
- Provide an opportunity for interested parties to share initial questions, comments, and input to Ecology and EPA that will help shape the Pollutant Loading Assessment and future water quality improvement actions in the watershed