

T-117 Neighborhood Cleanup Update (Yards, Planting Strips and Alleyway)

What's new?

- Cleanup of yards, planting strips and southern alleyway to begin in late November
- Additional yard scheduled for cleanup
- Design underway for 2014 streets and stormwater work
- T-117 Hotline 1-877-999-T117 (8117) available during construction

Yard cleanups schedule

After many months of planning and design, the cleanup of yards, planting strips and the southern alleyway will begin in late November and continue through the spring of 2013. A total of eight yards near T-117 (S Dallas St. to S Donovan St. – 14th Ave. S to 16th Ave. S) will have soil removed, replaced and then replanted. The T-117 team has been working closely with each property owner to make sure we keep the inconvenience of the yard work to a minimum and their yards are restored.

The exact sequencing of the yard removal work is not final; however, the general schedule calls for the following:

- Construction crews will work in each yard for 3 to 5 days and then move to the next yard. In order to limit the amount of time we inconvenience property owners and their neighbors, work crews may overlap such that excavation proceeds to other yards at the same time yard restoration is being performed.
- Yard cleanup will start on the west end of S Cloverdale St., proceed to S Donovan St. following the S Cloverdale properties, and then finish with the Dallas Ave. S property.
- The planting strips along both sides of S Cloverdale St. will be cleaned up concurrent with the front yards along S Cloverdale St. Approximately 20 new trees will be provided as part of the planting strip restoration.
- The southern alleyway between S Cloverdale St. and S Donovan St. (between 14th Ave. S and 16th Ave. S) will be cleaned up concurrent with the back yards along S Cloverdale St. Once cleanup and restoration begins on the alleyway it will take about two weeks to complete.
- Parking in front of properties being cleaned up will be restricted while cleanup and restoration is in progress. Similarly, access to the southern alley will be blocked while the alleyway is being cleaned up. Notices of any known traffic or parking limitations will be sent out 72 hours in advance to nearby businesses and property owners.

NRC Environmental Services selected as contractor for cleanup

The City of Seattle has selected NRC Environmental Services (NRC) to conduct the yard, planting strip and alleyway cleanup. NRC – a south Seattle company – has more than 30 years of experience in environmental cleanup and has worked for the City on many other projects. A total of 8 to 10 NRC employees will be working onsite during construction hours. They have certified experience in hazardous waste management and extensive safety training. NRC workers will follow strict rules to ensure public health and safety and will be closely supervised by the City throughout the project. NRC crews will not take up resident or business parking spaces and will be encouraged to eat and shop in the South Park neighborhood when off duty. You will see NRC construction trailers and equipment parked along City rights-of-way on S Dallas and S Donovan streets. Construction workers will be courteous and treat property owners and residents with respect at all times. Neighbors are encouraged to contact the construction hotline at 1-877-999-T117(8117) rather than approach the construction zones to ask questions.

Additional Yard Scheduled for Cleanup

The T-117 cleanup is focused on PCBs; however, during the PCB cleanup investigation, other chemicals called dioxin/furans were also measured. Recently, EPA adopted a new federal non-cancer cleanup concentration limit for dioxin/furans of 50 parts per trillion (50 ppt) and has directed the City of Seattle to clean up the one additional front yard of in the Study Area that exceeds this criteria. The City is planning to complete this removal during the upcoming cleanup activities.

2014 Adjacent Streets and Stormwater Work

Dallas Ave. S, 17th Ave. S, parts of 16th Ave. S and the divider between upper and lower S Donovan St. will be replaced in 2014. At the same time, a stormwater system will be installed to provide drainage in the vicinity of 17th Avenue S along Dallas and Donovan and collect and treat runoff. Design work on both the streets and the stormwater system are underway. Several City of Seattle departments (Department of Transportation, Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Lights) are working together to make sure the street reconstruction project goes smoothly and includes public outreach opportunities when the initial surveying and sampling results are completed.

As part of the ongoing design work, preliminary testing will be completed in late 2012 and early 2013. Test pits will be dug in the surface of Dallas Avenue S and boreholes drilled in S Donovan Street to test physical properties of the subsurface soils. The pits will be open for only as long as it takes to measure water infiltration rate, generally less than 24 hours, and then be filled to street grade as soon as possible. During the testing – traffic will be briefly rerouted and traffic cones, barriers and temporary fencing will ensure safety near the test pits. Contaminated material will be removed and disposed, and will be replaced with imported fill.

T-117 Construction Hotline

A special telephone hotline has been established for use during construction periods at T-117. Calls to 1-877-999-T117 (8117) will be answered during construction hours (generally 7a.m. to 7 p.m.) Refrigerator magnets with the hotline number will be mailed or hand delivered to residents in the nearby neighborhood before cleanup begins. They will also be available at the South Park Neighborhood Center. The hotline is designed to answer questions specifically about the construction or report any problems with noise, dust or other inconveniences. Residents should call 911 to report any safety or health emergency.

Website available for more information

The Community Involvement Plan for Adjacent Streets and Residential Yards Area Cleanup and the Community Health and Safety Plan are available for review on the T-117 website (www.t117.com). The website also contains more information about the entire T-117 project as well as technical documents, maps and answers to frequently asked questions.

Questions? Call us!

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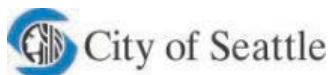
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The City of Seattle (City) and Port of Seattle (Port), under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are leading the cleanup of Terminal 117 (T-117). The T-117 cleanup is a part of the overall Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site. Under EPA's direction, the Port is leading the cleanup work that includes the riverbank and sediments and land next to the river. The City is leading the excavation, soil removal and replacement of residential yards and the cleanup of adjacent public streets and the installation of a new stormwater treatment system.



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— T-117 EAA Boundary
 — Alleyway and Landscape Strip Excavation Areas
 — Residential Yard Excavation Area
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 2574 Buildings with addresses

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Figure 1-2.
Soil Excavation Boundaries for Residential Yards
Lower Duwamish Superfund Site - Terminal 117 Early Action Area