

# Duwamish Waterway Park: Agreed Order Between Seattle Parks and Recreation & Washington State Department of Ecology

City Council Public Assets and Homelessness Committee

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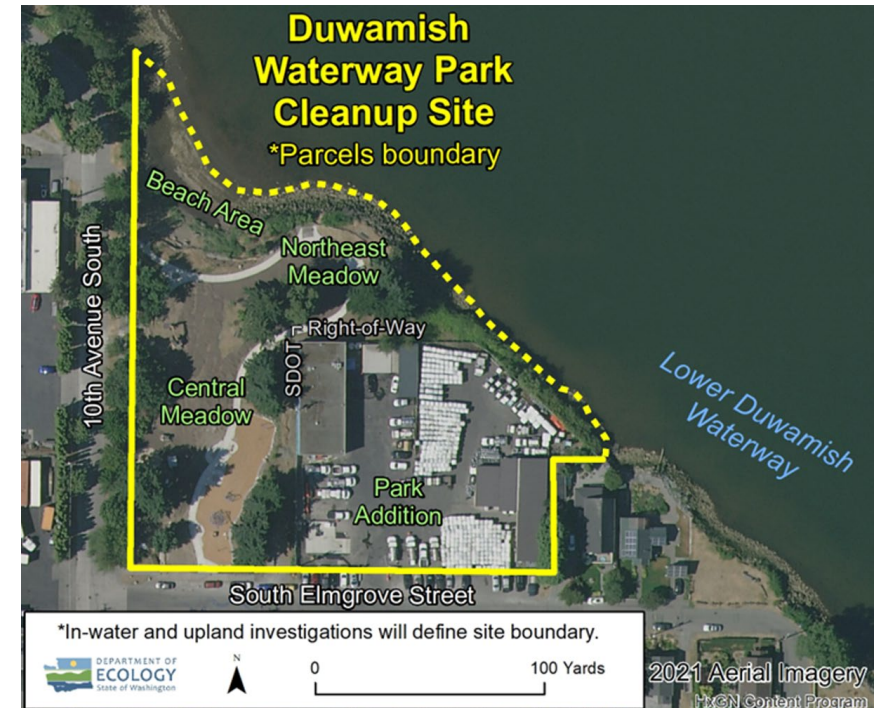
# Proposed Legislation and Agreed Order

## Legislation

- Authorizes Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to sign Agreed Order with State Dept. of Ecology (DOE)
- This legislation commits SPR to certain remedial environmental investigations and actions and makes SPR eligible to apply for grants to support this work (up to 50% reimbursement)

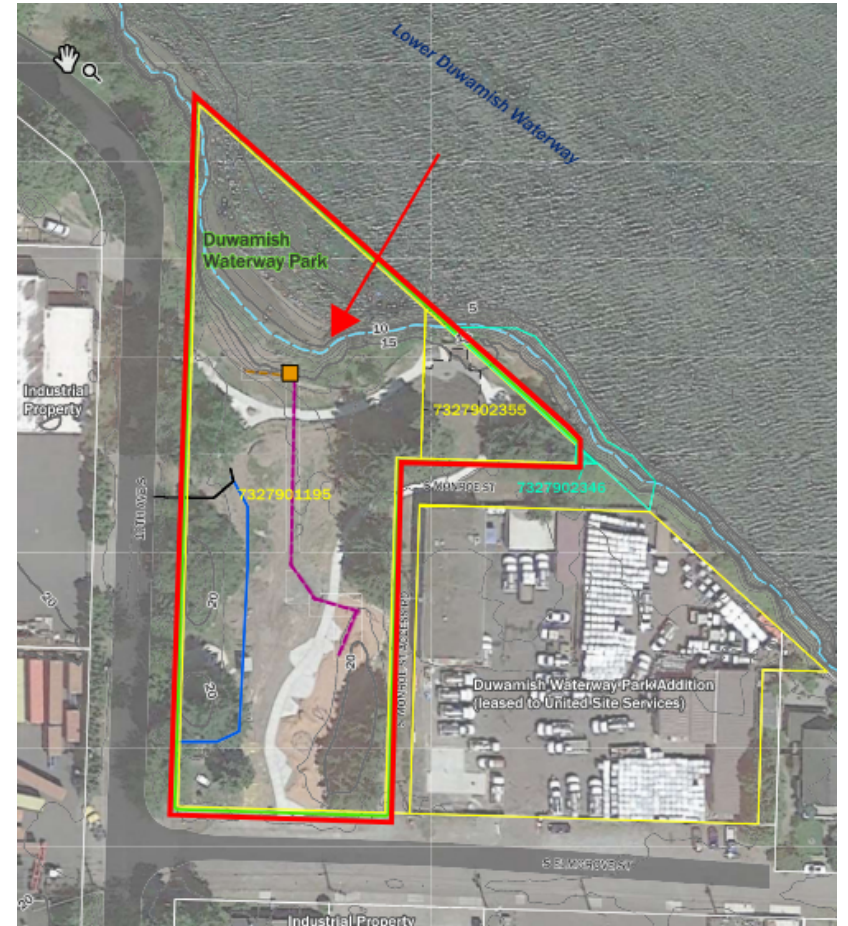
### Agreed Order Area Includes:

- Current Duwamish Waterway Park (including adjacent Seattle Dept. of Transportation Right of Way and Port property)
- Park “addition” property still operated under commercial lease



# History of Duwamish Waterway Park

- Located at 7900 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S in the South Park neighborhood along the Lower Duwamish Waterway
- Seattle Parks and Recreation has been operating the park on King County property since 1975
- Based on significant community interest in retaining this greenspace and access to the waterway for recreation, this property was purchased from King County in 2019



# 2020: Park Renovation and Initial Cleanup Work Begins

## 2020: Park Renovation Began

Primarily supported by funds raised by the Seattle Parks Foundation and Friends of Duwamish Waterway Park.

- Park improvements
- Interim environmental remedial actions

**2022:** Ecology moved site from Voluntary Cleanup Program to formal program



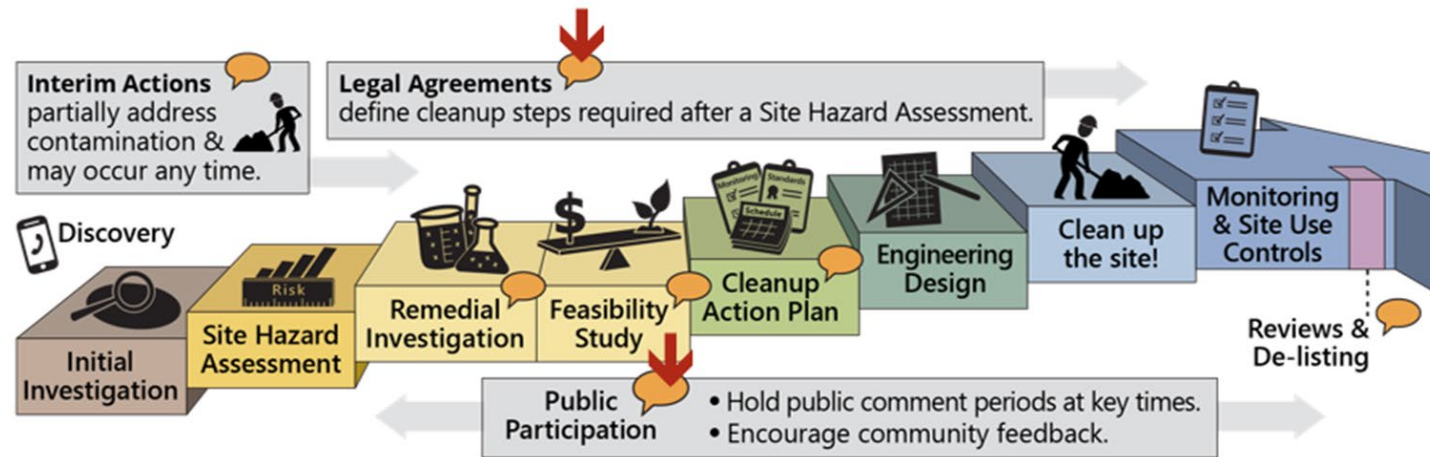
# 2021 Park Addition Acquired

- Priority site identified by community
- 0.99 acre property adjacent to Duwamish Waterway Park
- Leased to United Services until at least 2027
- Historically was occupied by commercial business with various industrial activities
- SPR reserving revenues for future site expenses



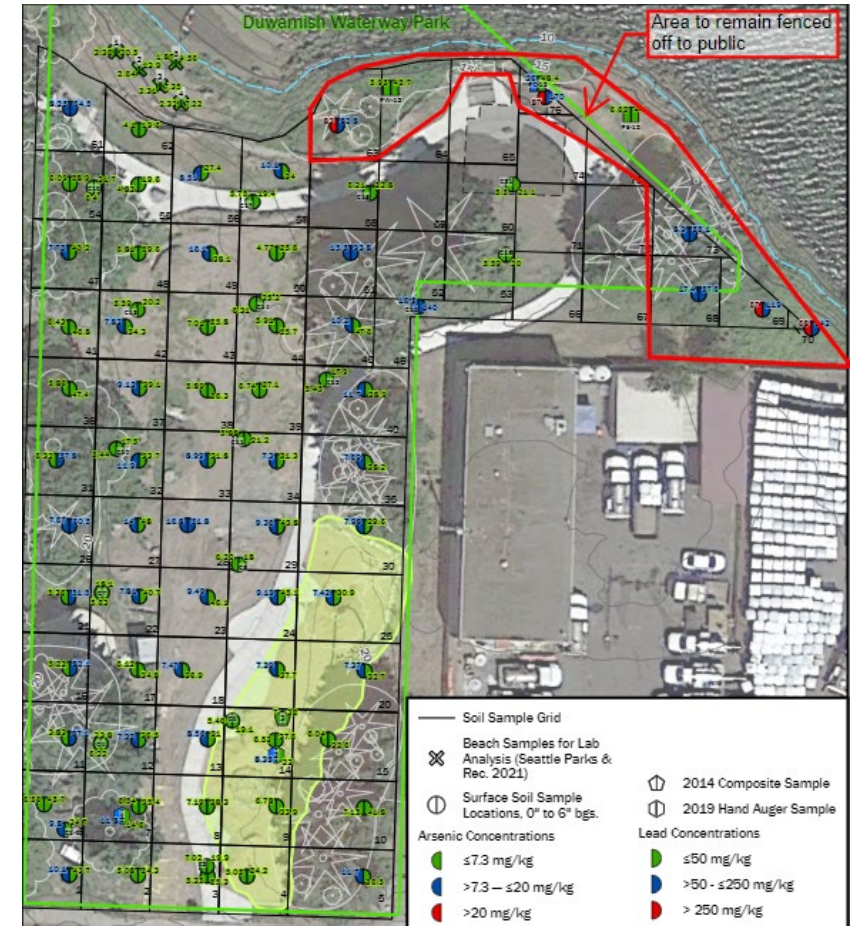
# Agreed Order and Next Steps

- Agreed Order requires the City to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study, develop draft Cleanup Action Plan.
  - SPR's current estimate for cleanup is \$1.2M with ~\$500k existing budget identified in the 2023-2028 CIP. SPR will also apply for state grants for up to 50% of cleanup costs
- Once legislation approved, SPR signs Agreed Order and proceeds to the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study phases (~18 months)
  - Ecology will manage public engagement for all phases with SPR involvement



# Current Use and Safety

- The park is currently open for use following the park renovations and capping techniques
- A portion of the site will remain fenced until the Cleanup Action Plan is implemented including:
  - Port of Seattle property
  - Waterfront slope area
- Washington State Department of Health confirmed beachfront safe for public use in 2023



# Questions?

