

## Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

The Department of Ecology proposes taking Downtown Safeway off the Hazardous Sites List. You may comment on this decision from **March 28 - April 28, 2014**. The box to the right shows where to find:

- A draft letter to the City of Olympia (city), which owns the site, approving the cleanup.
- The cleanup action plan, which describes how the city cleaned up the site, and why we believe cleanup is complete.
- Final groundwater monitoring reports.

### Background

Beginning in the early 1900s, the site housed stores; automobile manufacturing, repair, and painting shops; and a gas station. The city bought the site in 2007. Investigations found pollutants in soil and groundwater including petroleum hydrocarbons, carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), trichloroethylene, and benzene.

### Site Cleanup

While developing the new Olympia city hall from 2008 - 2009, the city:

- Removed debris, free-floating contaminants, and 39,742 tons of contaminated soil.
- Placed a liner to prevent off-site contamination entering the site.

During 2013, the city monitored groundwater for one year to make sure no contamination remains above state cleanup levels. An environmental covenant now prohibits activities that would disturb the liner or contaminated soil in the Chestnut Street right-of-way.

### What Happens Next

After the comment period, we will respond to comments in a responsiveness summary. We will send this to those who commented and post it on our website. We will also finalize the cleanup approval letter. The last step is to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.



#### What is the Hazardous Sites List?

The Hazardous Sites List includes sites that Ecology has assessed for their risk to human health and the environment. Sites must go through cleanup and meet state standards before Ecology can remove them from the list.

### Comments Accepted

**March 28—April 28, 2014**

#### Send Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Ecology's Cleanup Website

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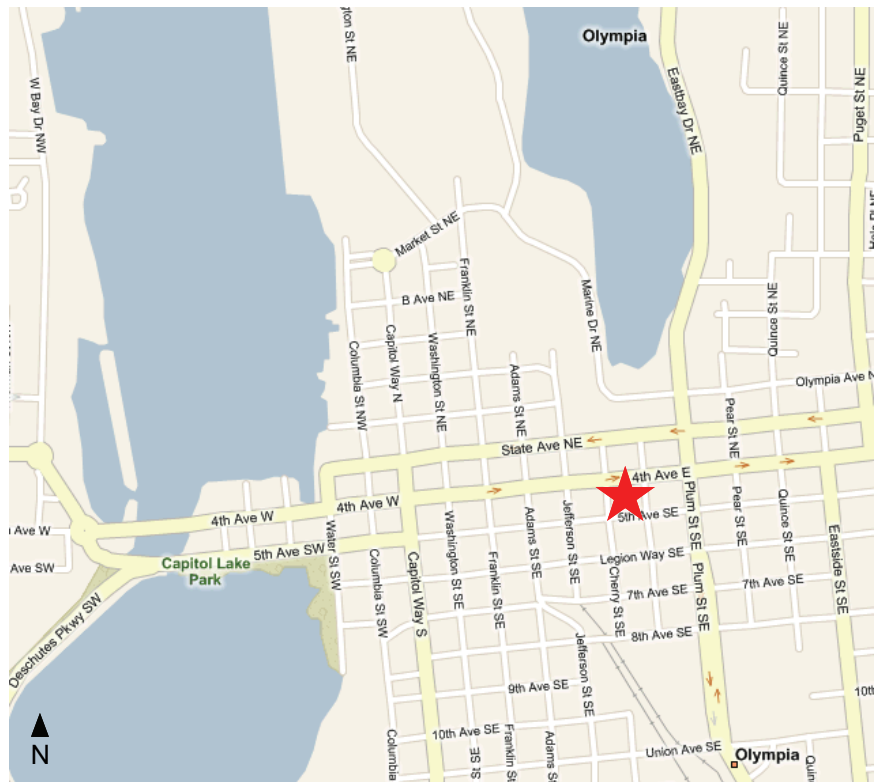
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