



MEMORANDUM

April 8, 2025

TO: Whatcom County Council

Through: Executive Satpal Sidhu
Aly Pennucci, Deputy Executive
Jill Boudreau, Senior Policy & Project Manager

From: Bennett Knox, Director, Parks & Recreation Department

RE: Plantation Rifle Range

The County has leased a property in southwest Whatcom County to operate the Plantation Rifle Range for over 50 years. Up until the closure of the indoor range in 2021, and subsequently the closure of the outdoor range in 2022, the facility provided the public and law enforcement personnel a facility for shooting and training in greater Whatcom and Skagit counties. The current lease expires January 1, 2030; closer to that time the County will need to make decisions about if there is an ongoing County need for the property.

The issues that must be addressed before the County can even contemplate reopening of the outdoor range are entirely separate from the indoor range. For the outdoor range, the County must get further along in the process to address the environmental contamination that led to the closure of the outdoor range before making policy decisions about future uses. In the meantime, it is in the County's interest to complete the repairs to the indoor range so that, at least through the end of the current lease, the County can provide the public and law enforcement access for shooting and training purposes, and can generate some revenue to cover the costs of the lease and operating the facility.

In an effort to capture the entirety of work related to the Plantation Rifle Range, this memo provides background separately on both the indoor and outdoor range.

Upcoming Council decisions will include requests for supplemental budget authority and approval of a contract amendment to complete remediation work required by a Washington State Department of Ecology Agreed Order and the Indoor Range HVAC system project.

Background: ¹

Plantation facility:

Whatcom County entered into a lease agreement and opened the Plantation Rifle Range in 1971.

Initially, the facility included a 300-yard large-bore rifle range (also called the high-power range) and a trap range. In the mid-1970s, the indoor and outdoor small-bore ranges were added. The range sits on lands leased by Whatcom County from a private company, Bertch Timberlands, LLC. The property was historically used as a tree plantation, which is how the site got its name. The Plantation Range serves public and law enforcement shooting and training needs in greater Whatcom and Skagit counties.

Prior to closure, the range offered:

- High power rifle/trap outdoor range: 15 firing points up to 300 yards, one trap station.
- Small bore outdoor range: 12 covered firing points with a maximum distance of 100 yards.
- Indoor Pistol and Small-Bore Rifle Range: 12 firing points with electric target carriers up to 25 yards.
- Equipment rentals including firearms, ammunition, earplugs, targets, and spotting scopes.
- Annual revenue – from 2018 through 2024, highest year was 2018 with \$260,000 in revenue
- Outdoor ranges closed November 1, 2022, as part of the Expedited Settlement Agreement # 21317, due to lead contamination and the pending Agreed Order No. DE 21650. Indoor ranges closed June 2021 for HVAC and Roof replacement.

Site Description:

The Plantation Range is located in southwest Whatcom County within the Lake Samish Watershed, about seven miles from Bellingham, at an elevation of 760 feet. The site is surrounded by industrial forest lands with rural residential lands to the west and southwest. The terrain features Squalicum Gravelly Loam soils with slopes ranging from 5 to 15 percent. Ruby Creek, a perennial stream flows along the eastern boundary of the High-Power Range, with runoff managed through natural drainage, culverts, and ditch lines. The site includes wetlands and is primarily covered with maintained turf and native vegetation, except for developed areas which includes structures and parking lots.

Environmental Remediation – Outdoor Ranges:

Timeline:

On November 13, 2017, Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) compliance inspectors conducted a dangerous waste compliance evaluation inspection at the Facility. During that inspection, DOE determined that Whatcom County Parks and Recreation (Parks) did not manage wastes from the indoor or outdoor ranges in a manner that was protective of human health and the environment.

On December 11, 2017, Whatcom County (the County) was issued a Notice to Comply with Dangerous Waste regulations.

¹ Department of Ecology website – [Plantation Range documents](#)

In 2018, the County developed an outdoor range management plan to help stabilize the lead in the environment and minimize the ability of lead to migrate off site.

On January 9, 2020, the DOE returned and inspected the indoor and outdoor range. Inspectors reviewed the "Plantation Range Lead Management Plan for Outdoor Ranges," dated March 2018. They found the County partially compliant.²

Parks was monitoring the soil pH annually and applying lime as needed, maintaining vegetative cover per stipulations in the plan. A surface water monitoring plan was developed to monitor lead levels in the stream that flows through the berm at the back of the high-power range and into associated wetlands adjacent to the high-power range. The air handling system (HVAC) has not been repaired. Pressure gauges were not operating at the time of the last inspection in 2017 and have not been replaced.

Parks had not implemented parts of the plan including:

- Tracking rounds fired (they do track number of people using the ranges)
- Conducting an initial assessment to determine the amount and distribution of lead in range soils, lanes, trap fields, or backstops
- Conducting reclamation of lead in the outdoor ranges

In 2021, the DOE conducted another inspection and found lead in the soil at the range.

On September 27, 2022, the County entered into a Dangerous Waste and Water Pollution Control Act Violations Expedited Settlement Agreement #21317 with the DOE.

- County was ordered to conduct closure³ of the Dangerous Waste Management Units (DWMUs) at Plantation Range, designated as DWMU-1 (an area encompassing the outdoor small-bore rifle and pistol range) and DWMU-2 (the area encompassing the outdoor high-power rifle range). See attached Surface Soil Lead Contamination Diagram.
- This agreement allowed the County to receive \$700,000 in Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) funding to complete:
 - Preliminary site characterization such as mapping, gridlines,
 - 2 rounds of sampling to depths of three feet,
 - excavation and waste hauling.

The high-power range closed on November 1, 2022.

On May 31, 2023, the County and DOE signed the Corrective Action Agreed Order No. DE 21650.⁴ This order outlines a plan to complete the evaluation and address site contamination and was informed by the preliminary work completed through the expedited settlement agreement. The County entered a DOE cleanup process as defined by law. An Agreed Order is a legally binding administrative order issued by DOE and agreed to by the potentially liable person. The order prevents DOE from taking

² Dangerous Waste and Water Pollution Control Act Violations Expedited [Settlement Agreement](#) No. 21317

³ Closure: Refers to the proper cleaning up and/or decontaminating of a dangerous waste management unit or a recycling unit and any areas affected by releases from the unit, undertaken in whole or in part to fulfill the requirements of [WAC 173-303-610](#).

⁴ Whatcom County and [Washington State Department of Ecology Agreed Order link](#)

enforcement actions as long as the County keeps moving through the cleanup process. A few of the crucial highlights are listed below:

- VIII. WORK TO BE PERFORMED – CORRECTIVE ACTION. Section H. If DOE determines that the County has failed to make sufficient progress or failed to implement the remedial action, in whole or in part, DOE may, after notice to the County, perform any or all portions of the remedial action... The County shall reimburse DOE for the costs of doing such work in accordance with Section VIII.A (Remedial Action Costs).
- IX. TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Section A. The County shall pay to DOE costs incurred by DOE pursuant to this Order and consistent with WAC 173-340-550(2).
- XI. ENFORCEMENT. Section C. A liable party who refuses, without sufficient cause, to comply with any term of the Order will be liable for: Up to three times the amount of any costs incurred by the State of Washington as a result of its refusal to comply; and civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each day it refuses to comply.
- Exhibit B: Whatcom County Closure Plan, required as adopted as part of the order and approved by DOE.
- Exhibit B. Section 5.2. Financial assurance – promises that the County has the ability to fund cleanup.

Community Engagement and Concerns:

As part of the Agreed Order, a public participation plan was written and adopted in February 2023.⁵ Public meetings and comment periods are scheduled at each milestone of the project, and documentation of comments and responses are published on the Department of Ecology website.

On February 13, 2024, Anne and Dan Cantrell and Matthew and Jill VonFeldt, neighboring property owners, presented a letter to Sheriff Donnell Tanksley, County Councilmembers, and Bertch Timberlands, LLC outlining their concerns about the Plantation Rifle Range. These property owners had experienced bullets hitting their house and allege they came from the Plantation Rifle Range.

County Council meetings:

Video recordings of past meetings of the County Council were reviewed by the Executive's Office. Councilmembers were briefed during committee meetings in April and October of 2022, 2023, 2024.

The Executive acknowledges that there was a lack of communication between the Parks Department and Executive's office from August of 2017 through January 2022. When the Executive's office became aware, they immediately engaged with the DOE to put the County on the path to clean up.

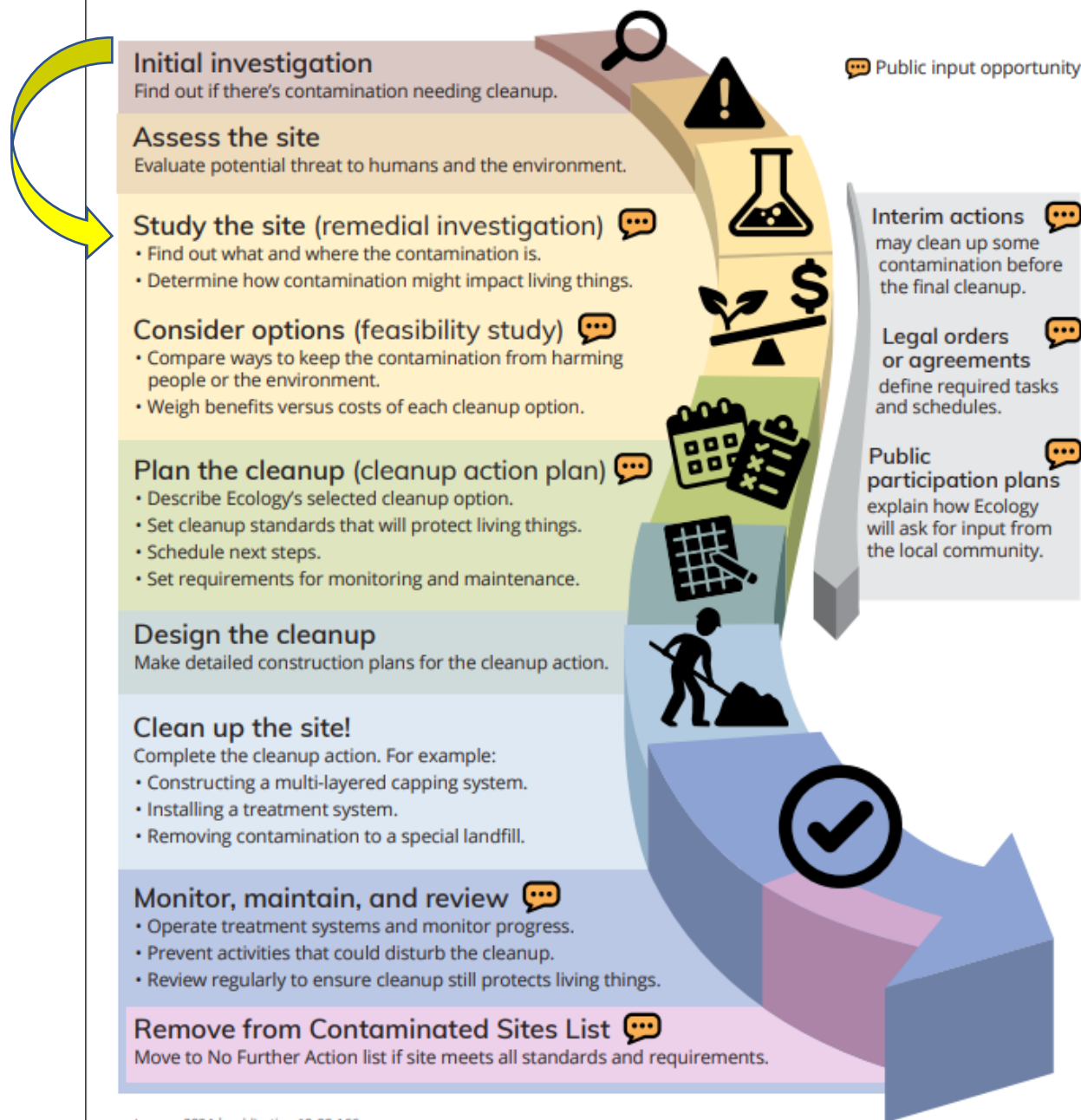
In January of 2025, the Executive's Office began additional oversight and support for Parks, and committed to regular updates to Council regarding the Plantation Range cleanup process moving forward. In addition, the Executive's Office will provide support for grant opportunities to maximize all outside funding for this project.

⁵ Public [Participation](#) Plan: Plantation Rifle Range

Whatcom County is currently in the “Study the Site” phase.

Washington's Cleanup Process

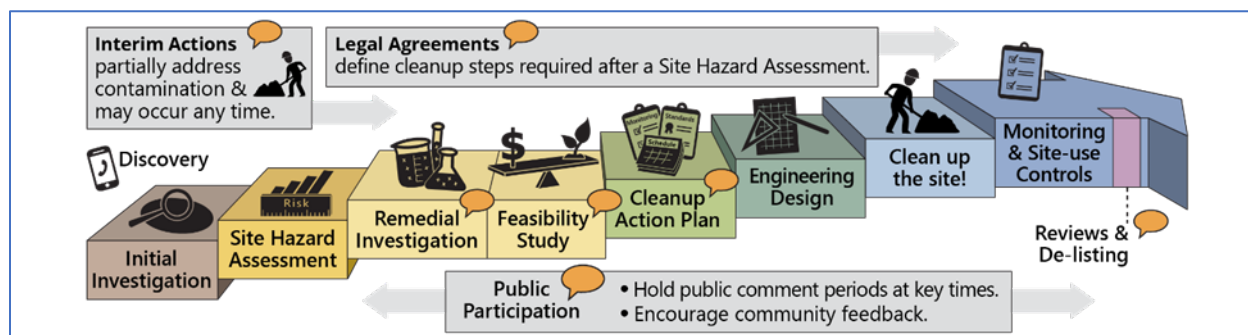
Public participation plans and comment periods are only required for cleanups under a legal agreement with Ecology. Otherwise, all cleanups follow the same steps. The steps are defined by Washington's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.



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Where are we in the Department of Ecology cleanup process?

Today, after nearly 2 years of field testing, mapping, and consultation with DOE, the current estimate of the cleanup is **\$13.5 million based on study and data to date**. The anticipated costs could be higher, and we will not know until we reach the legal agreement with DOE "Cleanup action plan."



June 2023 - present

WE ARE HERE: until DOE is satisfied with the site assessment and remedial investigation (the final report documenting the type and extent of contamination), we cannot move forward to the next step of determining the amount of clean up that is feasible and acceptable to DOE.

Costs:

Total budget authority, to date, related to the environmental remediation project is \$1,513,753.

Total expenditures and encumbrances, to date, are \$1,217,136.

Remaining budget authority, to date, is \$296,617.

Plantation Rifle Range Environmental Remediation Project Budget Report											
Account	Budget Authority*					Expenditures/Encumbrances					Remaining
	Original Budget	1st Budget Suppl	Budget Transfer	2nd Budget Suppl	Total Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual (thru Feb)	Total Actual	Current Encumbered	Remaining Budget
Direct Billing	\$ 97,000		\$ (3,171)	\$ 70,000	\$ 163,829	\$ 4,368	\$ 792	\$ 1,612	\$ 6,772		\$ 157,057
Office Supplies			\$ 1,171		\$ 1,171	\$ 2,742	\$ 3,302		\$ 6,044		\$ (4,873)
Books, publications, & Subs					\$ -		\$ 321		\$ 321		\$ (321)
Contractual Services					\$ -		\$ 96	\$ 725	\$ 821		\$ (821)
Tools & Equip					\$ -	\$ 4,616			\$ 4,616		\$ (4,616)
Professional Svc		\$ 700,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 88,753	\$ 790,753	\$ 645,720	\$ 290,027		\$ 935,747	\$ 168,181	\$ (313,175)
Intergovernmental Prof Svc					\$ -		\$ 94,634	\$ -	\$ 94,634		\$ (94,634)
Other Improvements	\$ 558,000				\$ 558,000	\$ -			\$ -		\$ 558,000
Total	\$ 655,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 158,753	\$ 1,513,753	\$ 657,446	\$ 389,172	\$ 2,337	\$ 1,048,955	\$ 168,181	\$ 296,617
Summary											
* Fund Sources									Total Budget Authority		\$ 1,513,753
REET I	\$ 1,035,971								Total Expenditures/Encumbrances		\$ 1,217,136
WA DOE Grant	\$ 477,782								Remaining Budget		\$ 296,617

Detailed expense worksheet include expenditures from the table above:

KANE Environmental Contract - Range Lead Remediation - Agreed Order No. DE 21650					
Date	Contract No.	Document	Amount	Fund Source	Scope
5/1/2023	202305003	Site Characterization and Reporting	\$ 381,112	REET I	Grid the site, conduct XRF sampling, send 15% of samples to the lab, analyze results, plan and conduct a second sampling round per MTCA method B lead cleanup, arrange excavation equipment, prepare contamination report with diagrams, and hold public meetings.
6/1/2023	202305003-1	Change order 1	\$ 321,296	REET I	Conduct additional soil and groundwater sampling with temporary wells to assess metal contamination. Perform five more days of auger drilling. Survey the built environment at Plantation Range and map Critical Areas, including nearby streams and wetlands.
7/28/2023	202305003-2	Change order 2			Extends performance period to October 2023
9/28/2023	202305003-3	Change order 3	\$ 416,412	REET I	Extends the deadline to December 31, 2024, and adds drinking water well sampling, site characterization, and a remedial investigation report to the Scope of Work.
10/20/2023	202305003-4	Change order 4	\$ (14,892)	REET I	Corrected error in change order 3 calculations
12/31/2023	202305003-5	Change order 5			Extends performance period to December 2025
Total			\$ 1,103,928		
		Proposed change order Scope	Estimate		
9/17/2024		Preparation of Feasibility Study Report, Cleanup Action Plan, and Engineering Design Report	\$ 162,050		
12/13/2024		Supplemental site characterization for remedial investigation report response to Ecology comments	\$ 107,610		Additional request from Ecology for additional documentation of potential of polyaromatic hydrocarbons, and total organic carbon and metals, additional soil sampling.
12/13/2024		Pilot test - bench scale test for soil stabilization	\$ 38,830		Testing out a product that can be used for soil stabilization of contaminated soil.
		Total	\$ 308,490		

		Total			
		KANE Environmental Total Contracts and current proposals:	\$ 1,412,418		

Expenses paid to Department of Ecology to date:

DOE Cost Recovery - Agreed Order No. DE 21650				
Invoice Date	Performance Period	Amount	Fund Source	Scope
2/14/2025	May 2023 - December 2024	\$94,634	REET 1	Costs including personnel, travel, supplies, contracted services, other
	Ecology TO DATE:	\$94,634		

Financial exposure:

Upcoming phases of the clean up process are shown below. We do not yet know the costs of each phase, but have identified REET 1 and the General Fund as the eligible County fund sources to cover these anticipated expenses and we will continue to look for all opportunities to secure other outside fund sources to aid in the cleanup effort (more details in the next section).

Future Work Activities	Cost	Fund Source	Potential Fund Sources
Feasibility Study	\$ 162,050	REET I	
Cleanup Action Plan		REET I	REET I, Grants (reimbursable), General Fund, Other
Engineering Design Report		REET I	REET I, Grants (reimbursable), General Fund, Other
SEPA		REET I	REET I, Grants (reimbursable), General Fund, Other
Permit application process		REET I	REET I, Grants (reimbursable), General Fund, Other
Construction			REET I, Grants (reimbursable), General Fund, Other

The Parks consultant, Kane Environmental, completed a Feasibility Level Remedial Cost Estimate in 2023, based on the know contamination of the site at that time combined with their experience of what the Department of Ecology could require. This estimate was used for a (unsuccessful) grant application. The 2023 cost estimate for cleanup construction was \$13.5M. The estimate considered the following:

- We must adhere to the ground water, surface water, sediment, and soil cleanup standards.
- Excavation of soil will be required. The estimate is 18,700 tons of soil must be removed, and disposed of at a hazardous waste disposal site. This is equal to 1,264 dump trucks.
- Clean backfill soil must be brought in.
- The wetlands must be restored and DOE may require mitigation of up to 10x the acreage of the original contamination.

- Whatcom County will have ongoing monitoring and compliance costs.
- The stream may have required restoration work.
- Cleanup cannot be phased. It must take place immediately after the final plan and permitting are complete.
- Grant cycle is coming up for 2026-2028 biennium.
- Capital Improvement Program is to reflect full project funding needs.

Are there grants, loans, or insurance to help us?

Yes. Parks and the Executive's Office applied to the Washington State Department of Ecology Remedial Action Grants and Loan⁶ program in 2024, and is prepared to submit again for the next funding cycle. Applications will be due the first quarter of 2026 for potential funding in the 2027–29 Biennium. Parks and the Executive's office will solicit advice and assistance from the Port of Bellingham, who have received millions from these grant opportunities for cleanup projects in the past.

Example funding cycle

- Amount of funding available: Established with each enacted capital budget
- Grant award limit: None
- Amount of matching funds required: 10–50 percent

DOE also offers a loan program with reduced interest rates for clean ups like the anticipated work on the Plantation Range. The County is prepared to explore all avenues to fully fund the cleanup project.

Restorical Research, LLC, is an insurance archeologist company that specializes in transforming old and often overlooked insurance policies into financial assets for their clients to cover the cost of unanticipated environmental liabilities. Parks plans to engage Restorical Research, LLC for a fee of \$100. A clause in the contract states that if any money is recovered, they have a claim to a 10% contingency fee portion of whatever funding the Parks Department collects.

2.b.i. The parties understand and agree that a material inducement for Restorical to enter into this Agreement and perform the Task 1 services is the opportunity to pursue the Task 2 services. If the Client elects not to pursue the Task 2 services the Client agrees (i) it will not on its own, directly or indirectly, at any time pursue any cost recovery contribution against any of the insurance identified by Restorical in providing the Task 1 services and (ii) that if the Client pursues and recovers any funds from the insurance identified by Restorical in providing the Task 1 services the Client will be obligated to pay Restorical the Task 2 fee.

Additionally, we will continue to look for other opportunities to secure other outside fund sources to aid in the cleanup effort.

When will we know more?

DOE is the authority in this process. Until the mandated public comment periods pass and they have accepted each report, we cannot move to the next phase.

⁶ [Washington State Department of Ecology Remedial Action Grants webpage](#)

County Council can expect regular updates about this project from Parks, which may be in person or in the form of a written memo.

Internal Work Underway:

- Managing evaluation of site through Kane Environmental to complete Remedial Investigation Report and Feasibility Study
- Working with DOE: monthly check in meetings
- Developing Financial Plan to cover potential/estimated costs of \$13.5 million, including advocating with DOE to move to more phases in time for the next Washington State Department of Ecology Remedial Action Grants and Loan⁷ program application cycle

Questions to be answered in the cleanup process	PHASE of cleanup process
What is the extent of cleanup needed and what cleanup options are available?	Feasibility Study
Will the cleanup costs lead the County to purchase the property? The current lease expires January 1, 2030. Can we bifurcate site cleanup? One for small bore, one for high power? Will there be any usable land after cleanup is achieved?	Cleanup Action Plan/Engineering Design Report
When will we have the final cost estimate for cleanup construction?	Engineering Design Report
Will the County plans be successful in the SEPA process? Or will we have to revise our actions?	SEPA Determination
When will we apply for permits?	Cleanup Action Plan/Engineering Design Report
How long will it take for actual cleanup/construction activities?	Cleanup Action Plan/Engineering Design Report
What permits are needed for the project?	Cleanup Action Plan/Engineering Design Report

Property Lease:

Expires January 1, 2030

Cost: \$4,000 per year

Discussion of property acquisition would be premature. Whatcom County must get to phase of clean up and ongoing encumbrances prior to any negotiation of purchase. Simply put, we must know what we condition we would purchase to proceed.

Future use is not directly determined by the remediation requirements from Department of Ecology. However, remediation work can be influenced by anticipated future use; i.e. cleanup levels may be at a lower level if we plan on ongoing range operations at the site, or higher level if we plan for other uses. Allowed future uses will be determined by application of county code, state and local environmental

⁷ [Washington State Department of Ecology Remedial Action Grants webpage](#)

regulations, community needs, etc. We need to get to the cleanup phase and a better understanding of ongoing encumbrances prior to any negotiation of purchase.

Indoor Range HVAC and Roof replacement project

Background:

The indoor range was closed in 2021 for replacement of the HVAC and roofing systems. The HVAC system was original to the building. Replacement was required because the original system was well past its serviceable life expectancy, was not performing to current indoor air-quality requirements, and was experiencing frequent break-downs. The new HVAC system was designed to comply with modern health and safety standards for indoor shooting ranges as well as current energy codes. The roof was also well past its service life expectancy and, suffering several unrepairable leaks and other issues, required replacement prior to installation of the new HVAC system.

Process to date:

July 7, 2020: Bid for HVAC and Roof replacement prepared by Sazan Group

April 2021: Bid released

June 3, 2021: Tiger Construction awarded bid, REET and RCO funding used

From the second half 2021 and most of 2022 the project experience significant delay and cost increases primarily due to pandemic-related supply chain issues. Additionally, the Parks Department capacity was strained due to a vacancy in the Design & Development Supervisor position (July 2021), the November 2021 storm and flooding event, and the retirement of the former Parks Director (June 2022).

June 30, 2022: Contract with Tiger Construction expires and was not renewed by the County, **without** completion of the project. Project sat dormant.

December 2023: Contract restarted with Tiger Construction. Because the project sat dormant for so long, there is remedial installation of insulation, reengaging the commissioning agents, and more work required by the building inspector.

Current activities:

- Final hookups of HVAC units
- Commissioning of HVAC units – turned on by 3rd party and tested to ensure installation and operations are to plans
- Final inspections and closeout of construction project
- Re-opening plan: Staff working on staffing, pricing, hours of operation, anticipated revenues to sustain indoor range operations
- Ensuring that DOE does not have concern or jurisdiction over indoor range operations given Agreed Order and remediation activities.
- Additional funds needed for startup: **\$373,375, Reallocate REET**
 - Commissioning agent
 - Startup costs

- Industrial Hygienist, minor repairs, labor, etc.
- Direct Billing

Costs:

Total expenditures and encumbrances, to date, are \$1,310,205.

Proposed Supplemental Budget Request is \$373,375.

Total Project Cost is \$1,683,580.

Expenditures and Encumbrances	
Account	Project Cost
Direct Billing	\$ 15,464
Office Supplies	\$ 5,180
Printing	\$ 272
Contractual Services	\$ 16
Advertising	\$ 555
Professional Svc	\$ 6,832
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 258,683
Other Miscellaneous	\$ 11,988
Buildings & Structures	\$ 22,230
Other Improvements	\$ 988,985
Total	\$ 1,310,205
Summary	
Total Expenditures/Encumbrances	1,310,205
Proposed Supplemental Budget Request	\$ 373,375
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,683,580
Fund Sources	
RCO Grant	\$ 170,000
REET I	\$ 1,513,580

Detailed Contracts Costs:

Tiger Construction Contract - HVAC and Roof Replacement						
Date	Contract No.	Document	Amount	Source of funds	Expiration	Scope
6/28/2021	202106034	Contract	\$ 1,032,353	REET 1, RCO	30-Nov-21	Original contract
2/4/2022	202106034-1	Contract amendment	\$ -		30-Jun-22	Amend for time due to supply chain for air handling unit and other materials
12/22/2023	202106034-2	Contract amendment	\$ 58,666	REET I	30-Jun-24	Contract expired on June 30, 2022 and this action restarts the contract after a 17-month lapse
6/10/2024	202106034-3	Contract amendment	\$ -		31-Dec-24	Amend for time, adding 6 months
12/17/2024	202106034-4	Contract amendment	\$ -		30-Jun-25	Amend for time, adding 6 months
12/18/2024	202106034-5	Contract amendment	\$ 76,466	REET I	30-Jun-25	Change order, incorporating changes from 2022
		CURRENT BUDGET AUTHORITY	\$ 1,167,484			
2/25/2025		Pending change order	\$ 200,000	REET I		Tiger Construction needed to get to finish. \$171k + funds for door relocation
		Total	\$ 1,367,484			

SAZAN Group, Inc. - HVAC and Roof Replacement – Design/Engineering					
Date	Contract No.	Document	Amount	Source of funds	Scope
7/28/2016	201607017	Original A&E Design Services Contract	\$ 64,993	REET 1, RCO	Design and engineering contract
2/28/2017	201607017-1	Contract amendment	\$ -		Contract extension
9/30/2018	201909020	Contract amendment	\$ 53,650	REET 1	Contract extension
12/31/2019	201909020-1	Contract amendment	\$ -		Contract extension
9/30/2020	201909020-2	Contract amendment	\$ -		contract extension

12/31/2021	201909020-3	Contract amendment	\$ -		Contract extension
9/11/2023	201909020-4	Contract amendment	\$ 13,022	REET 1	Additional services & contract extension
9/11/2023	201909020-5	Contract amendment	\$ 15,962	REET 1	PO exception payments made to contractor while contract was expired
3/29/2024	201909020-6	Contract amendment	\$ -		Contract extension
9/30/2024	201909020-7	Contract amendment	\$ -		Contract extension
3/28/2025	201909020-8	Contract amendment	\$ -		Contract extension
		Total	\$147,627		

Recreational use of the indoor range:

The Plantation Range, indoor range has historically been used by the public and law enforcement agencies. Hours of operation were generally 4 days per week for the public, and other services included with the indoor range included equipment rental (firearms, chronograph, spotting scopes) and concessions that include ammunition, safety glasses, earplugs, and targets.

The following table shows revenue from 2018 to present.

Plantation Range Revenue 2018 through 2024							
Account Description	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Current Yr. Refund of Expenditure	\$ -	\$ 1,449	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 11	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Revenue-Tax Exempt	\$ (15,964)	\$ (10,411)	\$ (10,330)	\$ (10,209)	\$ (3,169)	\$ -	\$ -
Overages & Shortages	\$ (18)	\$ (8)	\$ (39)	\$ (22)	\$ (7)	\$ -	\$ -
Range Fee Tax Exempt	\$ (9,167)	\$ (11,969)	\$ (9,167)	\$ (8,607)	\$ (7,981)	\$ (196)	\$ -
Range Fee-Contract No.	\$ (93,950)	\$ (89,008)	\$ (88,470)	\$ (68,581)	\$ (41,232)	\$ (116)	\$ -
Rifle Range Fees	\$ (140,834)	\$ (135,971)	\$ (87,450)	\$ (62,505)	\$ (49,342)	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ (259,932)	\$ (245,918)	\$ (195,455)	\$ (149,924)	\$ (101,718)	\$ (312)	\$ -

Law Enforcement needs:

At minimum, Washington State law enforcement agencies must qualify once yearly on pistol and rifle, and most agencies require that agencies train multiple times per year. An officer must qualify on

moving targets and low light every 2 years. A range with 25 yards for pistol, and 50 yards for rifle qualifications is needed.

Agencies that contracted with the Plantation Range in the past:

- WHATCOM COUNTY: Bellingham PD, Lynden PD, Western Washington University Police
- SKAGIT: Skagit County Sheriff, Mount Vernon PD, Anacortes PD, Sedro Woolley PD, Skagit Valley College Park Ranger program
- SNOHOMISH: Marysville PD:
- FEDERAL: Department of Homeland Security. Customs and Border Protection

Historical revenues from law enforcement contracts:

Below are our revenues from LE contracts in 2017, 2018, and 2019. LE use was dramatically reduced in 2020 and the range has been closed to their use since then.

Year	Contract	Storage	Federal	Total
2017	\$ 74,022.26	\$ 560.00	\$ 6,926.76	\$ 81,509.02
2018	\$ 93,949.79	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 6,926.76	\$ 101,996.55
2019	\$ 89,008.32	\$ 560.00	\$ 6,926.76	\$ 96,495.08

Future Needs

It must be acknowledged that while the HVAC and Roof project will allow for reopening of the Range, as with any facility of similar age, **there are deferred maintenance activities that** will need to be addressed in the coming years (e.g., upkeep of external building envelope)

The operational model may need to be evaluated, with the public better served by a concessionaire running the operations. The outcome of the cleanup efforts for the outdoor ranges may impact future services overall.

We anticipate a briefing to County Council on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Prior to that, we will reach out to councilmembers for individual discussion sessions.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions regarding this memo.