

Downtown Camas Association Camas Farmer's Market - Event Summary



Event overview

On June 17, members of the Downtown Camas Association's Community Advisory Group (CAG) attended the Camas Farmer's Market. The event draws vendors from across the community to sell locally-grown produce, handmade goods, and other products to attendees. The CAG attended to answer any questions that community members may have related to the ongoing cleanup at the Georgia Pacific Mill in Camas.

Date: June 17, 2026
Time: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: In person, downtown Camas

Participation and staffing

CAG members Caroline Mercury and Steve Young participated. Alan Hughes, Principal Geologist, participated from Maul Foster & Alongi (MFA).

CAG and MFA members worked in shifts, so there were always two to three people with diverse knowledge of the site, environmental investigation, and cleanup process staffing the booth and talking with community members. Throughout the event, they spoke to at least 75 people.



Alan Hughes talks with members of the public at the CAG's information booth at the Camas Farmer's Market.

Community questions and interests

CAG members and MFA staff responded to questions and received a variety of input from booth visitors. A summary of these questions, comments, and interests is captured below:

- Many community members were aware of recent demolition and interested in what else was set to be demolished.
- Some community members were newer to the area and were previously unaware of the investigation.
- There were several questions from attendees on the timing of the investigation and when results of it would be available, along with what happens after the results from the investigation are understood.
- There were several questions about the mill potentially shutting down or selling its property.
- Multiple community members wanted to discuss the project and schedule because they believed they may have received inaccurate information from somewhere else.

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In addition to the interests and inquiries outlined above, booth attendees picked up several of the informational cards and handouts that were available. The MTCA cleanup process and timeline handout, in particular, was one of the most frequently taken. The board on the history of the mill received a lot of attention and was a major draw to the booth. Booth attendees also signed up for the DCA's newsletter that is released via email regarding updates on the Mill.



Caroline Mercury speaks with a community member outside the CAG's information booth at the Camas Farmer's Market.

Outcomes

Interactions	Newsletter signups	Project web page data (June 17 – 29, 2026)
Approx. 75	3	Views: 57 Users: 49 Users increased by 36% and views by 19% after the event compared to June 3-15, 2026.

Resources

Sign up for email updates and learn more at: www.downtowncamas.com/camaswamillinfo

Email questions and comments to Caroline Mercury, CAG Chair:
camaswamillinfo@downtowncamas.com

Read more about the Georgia Pacific Mill Cleanup site on Ecology's website:
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/15156>

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