

## Public Participation Georgia-Pacific Mill Site Clean Up Project

**Meeting minutes: Community Advisory Group Meeting, January 8, 2026, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

### **Meeting Attendees**

#### Community Advisory Group (CAG):

- Caroline Mercury, Chair
- April Berlin
- Randal Friedman
- Trang Lam, Port of Camas-Washougal
- Elena Ramirez Groszowski, Yakama Nation
- Jennifer Senescu, City of Camas
- Marty Snell
- Steve Young

#### Downtown Camas Association (DCA):

- Carrie Schulstad, Executive Director

#### Maul Foster & Alongi (MFA):

- Alan Hughes
- Colleen Newell

Number of observers: 5

*Meeting called to order 4:00 p.m.*

- Colleen Newell and Alan Hughes from Maul Foster & Alongi (MFA) introduced themselves to the CAG. MFA will provide outreach and technical support under the 2025–2027 Public Participation Grant.
- Caroline Mercury reviewed previous questions from the public and online participants, and shared responses to those questions.
  - **Question:** Why doesn't Georgia-Pacific (GP) sell the open lot between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and Adams and Birch Street?
    - **Response:** GP is able to sell if they would like. However, GP has not indicated any intent to sell.
  - **Question:** Who is doing the testing for the remedial investigation?
    - **Response:** A third party will be doing the testing, paid for by GP and submitted to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for input and vetting.
- Alan provided an overview of Ecology's Site Hazard and Ranking Process (SHARP):
  - SHARP is used by Ecology to evaluate and rank contaminated sites based on potential risks to human health and the environment.
  - The GP Mill site currently has a low rating because there is no known exposure because no data has been gathered yet.
  - Any updates to the rating are determined by Ecology's project manager.
  - Ecology is working to rate all sites; ratings do not necessarily affect cleanup timelines.
- Caroline shared that the fourth draft of GP's Remedial Investigation Workplan has received conditional approval from Ecology. It has not yet been posted.
  - GP has received all comments, including those from the Yakama Nation, and has 60 days to finalize the plan.
  - Caroline will share the finalized plan via email at a later date.

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- Alan provided an overview of the project sequencing for the GP Mill site, noting that sampling process is iterative and it will take many years to fully understand the impacts at the site.
  - Randal Friedman asked whether the site qualifies for interim action due to potential groundwater contamination.
  - Alan explained the grading scale and noted that a potential sale of the property would likely trigger interim action. The property, in particular, would be a good candidate if a buyer were interested. He will look into examples of other situations that have prompted interim actions in the past.
  - Randal will draft a brief explanation of how interim action could be used as a potential tool and share it with the group for consideration.
- Colleen walked the CAG through the updated Public Involvement Plan (PIP), which included revised goals, key messages, and outreach events.
  - **Planned outreach events include:**
    - April 3, 2026 – DCA First Fridays
    - May 9, 2026 – DCA Plant Fair
    - June 17, 2026 – Camas Farmers' Market
    - July 24 – 25, 2026 – Camas-Washougal Chamber Camas Days
    - May 2027 – DCA Plant Fair
    - June 16, 2027 – Camas Farmers' Market
  - CAG members are encouraged to review and provide any comments and edits to the (PIP). This plan will be sent to Ecology for their review before it is finalized.
  - Caroline will create a signup sheet for the First Friday event in April.
  - April Berlin noted it would be helpful to review the FAQ document prior to the first outreach event, and noted the FAQs may require updating.

### ***Action items***

- CAG members will review FAQs prior to first outreach event.
- Alan Hughes will provide examples of what has prompted other interim actions in the past.
- Randal will draft a brief explanation of how interim action could be used as a potential tool and share it with the group for consideration
- MFA will review current FAQ document and provide suggested updates or additions.
- Caroline Mercury will create a sign up sheet for the First Friday event in April.