

*Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood*

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### Neighbors Coalition Appeal Environmental Impact Statement for Seward Park's Combined Sewer Overflow Tank

For over forty years, the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) has provided procedural framework to assure the integration of environmental values and consequences in the decision-making of all levels of the government. Key to SEPA's procedural requirements is the need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) when it has been determined that a proposed development will have probable and significant adverse environmental impacts. Seattle Public Utilities determined that its proposed 2.4 million gallon combined sewer overflow (CSO) storage tank would adversely impact the environment in and around historic Seward Park. Therefore, an EIS was mandated.

Since SEPA ultimately strives to avoid environmental degradation, governmental agencies need to make decisions based on sufficient environmental information. This is where an EIS comes into play – it is the document providing the required information. Sufficient environmental information is vital because SEPA does not compel environmentally wise choices. SEPA does not rule on the wisdom of a proposed development rather, its goal is to make sure the decision-maker knows the consequences of the action before approving the action. It is with the EIS's information that the ultimate decision-maker for a project is able to make an informed, reasoned decision between alternatives, hopefully selecting the alternative that results in the lowest amount of environmental harm.

After participating in the public comment process and reviewing the EIS prepared for the Seward Park CSO project, the Seward Park Neighbors Coalition (Coalition) believed that the EIS prepared by Seattle Public Utilities for its CSO project within Seward Park failed to adequately provide the decision maker with

enough information to make a reasoned choice. As provided by the City of Seattle's municipal code, the Coalition filed an appeal, at their own time and expense, with the City of Seattle's Hearing Examiner. For SEPA appeals, like the one filed by the Coalition, the question is the adequacy of the EIS - not an appeal of the proposed CSO tank location recommendation. During the review process, the Hearing Examiner must keep in mind SEPA's basic purpose -- to require local government agencies, including public utilities agencies, to fully consider a project's total environmental impacts before selecting a course of action.

An appeal of an EIS is no easy task. The Coalition has the burden of proof to show that the EIS contained errors and omissions. The Hearing Examiner must give "substantial weight" to Seattle Public Utilities' determination that the EIS was adequate. The Hearing Examiner has 15 days to make a written decision as to whether to uphold Seattle Public Utilities' EIS (find the EIS adequate) or to uphold the Coalition's appeal (find the EIS inadequate). If inadequate, the Hearing Examiner will send the EIS back to Seattle Public Utilities so that it can prepare the needed information and re-evaluate the project based on this supplemental information. The Hearing Examiner would not review any supplemental information prepared by Seattle Public Utilities unless an appeal is filed.

The hearing is over and it is now in the hands of the Hearing Examiner to ensure Seattle Public Utilities does the job correctly the first time. This is one of the largest CSO tank installations in the city. We are neighbors and users of Seward Park, and will be required to live with this disruptive project for 2 ½ years. If Seattle Public Utilities does it wrong, we will be required to live with the mistakes and the cost to correct those mistakes for years to follow.

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## Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness

In February of 2011, JoAnn Jordan with the Seattle Office of Emergency Management (OEM) gave a fantastic presentation at our community meeting that focused on neighborhood disaster preparedness. She covered a wide range of topics including the small steps that households and neighborhoods can take to prepare for natural and manmade emergencies such as earthquakes, tsunamis, or terror attacks.

The presentation was funded through the Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP) program and contained information much more useful than the sensational bunker-building antics of “doomsday preppers”. Practical advice such as keeping a pair of sturdy shoes under your bed, keeping at least a three day supply of food and water, and making sure to have a crescent wrench handy to close the valve on your natural gas meter was the focus of this short seminar, and she encouraged those in attendance to take part in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training that OEM provides twice per year.

This free, FEMA sponsored six-week training course was developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985 after a major fire proved that following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Since its inception, the CERT course has been adopted as a national standard for training community first responders in emergency neighborhood organization, light search and rescue, disaster psychology and utility management. Locally, the course is conducted at the Seattle OEM Headquarters at 5th and Yesler.

LSPCC treasurer Aaron Evanson took the CERT course

and says it was a great experience. “The instructors are incredibly knowledgeable and provide a very hands-on approach to developing the skills necessary for keeping our community safe in the event of a disaster. Fellow students are from all over the city and offer great insight into how their individual communities are organized and what has worked to keep communication open in their neighborhoods.”

Seattle OEM also offers assistance in creating and supplying Community Emergency Hubs, which are pre-determined locations to meet after an emergency to share information, resources, solve problems, and assist neighbors. The LSPCC Board of Directors is currently working with OEM to designate LSPCC as a Community Emergency Hub, which would make it the only one between Beacon Hill and South Seattle.

For more information on this and other programs offered by OEM, please visit their website: [www.seattle.gov/emergency](http://www.seattle.gov/emergency).

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# Seattle Parks Moorage Request for Proposal

## Facility Location and Description

Lakewood and Leschi Moorages are located on the western shore of Lake Washington. Lakewood is approximately 1.5 miles south of the I-90 bridge. Leschi is approximately 1 mile north of the I-90 bridge. The moorage facilities are currently managed by a private operator through a concessionaire agreement that, with interim extensions, will terminate on May 8, 2013. The moorages are popular facilities with waiting lists for the most popular size slips of approximately 1-2 years. The majority of the moorage tenants are from Seattle, but the service area includes King and Pierce counties.

The land and water area of the moorages is located in the Conservancy Management zone of the City of Seattle's Shoreline Master Program. All facility uses and improvements must comply with this zoning.

## Background

Lakewood Moorage was developed in 1952 in response to community needs and replaced a public boathouse built in 1910. Lakewood has 138 wet moorage slips and no dry slips. Since 1975, capital improvements have included re-decking of the pier docks, construction of a security gate, installation of a water/electrical/lighting system, provision of a retail/food/office store, renovations of Ohler's Island, and parking lot improvements.

Leschi Moorage was developed between 1949 and 1962. The South moorage was built in 1949 and improvements were made in the 1970s. The North moorage was built in 1962 and has a small office located on the water side of the pier with a viewing deck above it.

## Current Status

The current moorage facilities and their structures are near the end of their life and there are unfunded needs of about \$5 million for the South Leschi Moorage and \$3 million for Lakewood Moorage, including total replacement of the pilings, the docks and decking, wake resistant breakwaters, new water and electrical lines, and other current building and permitting code improvements. In order to meet the needs of the moorages and to ensure continued hours of operations, Parks is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) asking for proposals for a new Design Build Operate (DBO) model of management and the ability to fund the required improvements to the moorages. The current concessionaire is encouraged to submit themselves as a candidate for consideration in the RFP process.

## Parks Contacts

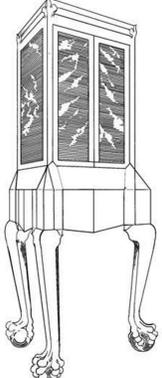
If you have any questions, please contact Rita Hollomon, Parks Concessions Coordinator at 206-684-8008 or Charles Ng, Manager, Contracts Administration and Support Office at 206-684-8001.

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# If Only Keys Could Talk



Could the clubhouse piano be the original purchased by the membership in 1914? The question came up after some much needed restoration work and tuning was done to the

old piano. We asked the tuner if he could date the piano for us, and he located the serial number identifying the manufacturing date of 1910. S. W. Miller Piano Company made pianos from 1896-1930, which fits in our timeline. The club's historic records point to the first president of the Women's Lakewood Civic Improvement Club, Henrietta McCloy, raising money for a piano, furniture, and fireplace. A piano was played in accompanying the

opening and closing songs at the first years' bi-monthly meetings. Is it possible the upright piano sitting on the stage today is the one played at the clubhouse grand opening almost 100 years ago? I'd like to think so and of all the thousands of people the piano has entertained since then. I imagine the piano has been used at dances, card parties, recitals, lessons, plays, ballet classes, concerts, preschool, birthdays, and weddings. I also imagine for as many times the piano was played, there were equal times it sat. For a history buff like me, there is comfort knowing the piano was there at my parents' wedding reception, high school parties, family reunions, and my 50th birthday party. If only keys could talk.

Next time you're in the clubhouse, come take a look at the piano, or better yet, play it. With some tender care, this piano is ready for the next 100 years.

*Karen O'Brien*



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**Health Expo**, June 18, Tuesday, 6-8 pm

**Beer Tasting!** Date TBD

**Garage Sale**, June/July

**Oktoberfest**, October 5th

**Halloween Ice Cream Social**, October 27th

**Holiday Bazaar**, December 7th

**Annual Meeting**, December 10th