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Georgetown Steam Plant Flume Project

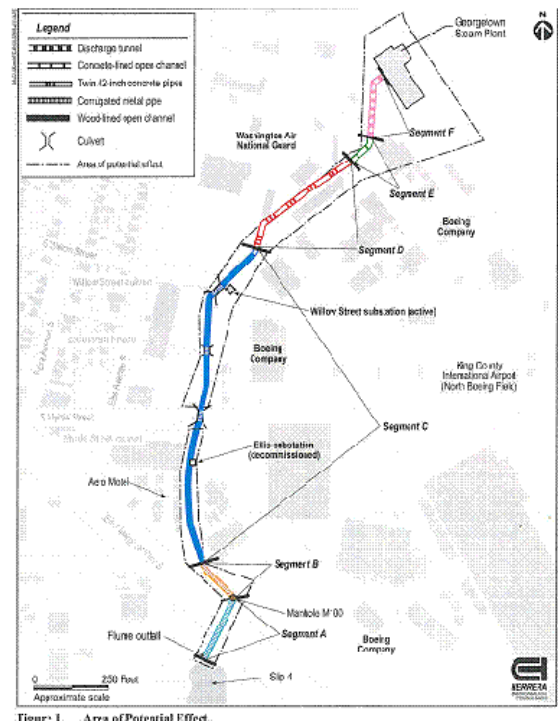
Seattle's Georgetown Steam Plant at 6605 13th Avenue South was built in 1906 for the Seattle Electric Company. Puget Sound Traction and Lighting Company (now Puget Power) bought the Seattle Electric Company in 1912. The plant supplied power to the Seattle-to-Tacoma Interurban and Seattle streetcars, as well as residential and industrial power to Georgetown. The site is a National Historic Landmark and a designated City of Seattle landmark.



The Georgetown Steam Plant Flume is a 2,500 foot long system of wood or concrete-lined open ditches and buried pipes that run from the Plant to the Duwamish Waterway at Slip 4. The flume is part of both historic designations for the Plant. Built in the early 1900s to discharge cooling water from the Plant to the Duwamish after the river was straightened, the

discharge stopped when the Plant closed in the 1960s. The flume continued to be used for storm water, surface runoff, and adjacent business property discharge. The flume contains PCB and other contaminants and must be cleaned prior to the planned cleanup of Slip 4. This is part of the larger effort to clean up the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site by agreement with the City of Seattle and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Because the flume is badly degraded, the wood lining portions must be removed. A new storm water pipe will be installed throughout the length of the flume corridor. Under the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, this is a federal undertaking with an impact to a designated historic property. Consequently, the EPA has prepared a report which includes a survey and effects analysis on the Plant, flume and associated resources. If you would like to receive a copy of the report, please contact Karen Keeley at keeley.karen@epa.gov.



"Double Exposures" Now and then—Photos from the Rainier Valley Historical Society

An exhibit of now and then photographs of the Rainier Valley is on display through mid-January 2009 at the Southeast Senior Center at the corner of Rainier Avenue and Holly Street. RVHS Executive Director Mikala Woodward will give a presentation about the photos on Monday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please call 206-723-1663.

Change Starts Here - Preservation Priorities for the New Administration

After two years of campaigning, the election of 2008 is finally history. Now the work of preservationists really begins. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has a sixty year history of working with the President and Congress to safeguard America's heritage. If we've learned anything in that time it is that transitions between administrations are critical times for the issues that we as preservationists care about. The last months of 2008 will be no different. Already, we have heard about plans to rush through sales of oil and gas leases before the end of the year. This is a critical time to begin to educate incoming Administration and Congressional officials about the benefits that historic preservation can bring to our economy, to efforts to save energy and to our quality of life.

We have prepared a short policy agenda for 2009, when several major pieces of legislation affecting historic places will be hotly debated. Please take a moment to review the list and let us know what you think about the priorities we've outlined.

Preservation and the Economy: Main Streets across the country – both urban commercial centers and rural downtowns – are struggling. President-Elect Obama should propose preservation-based economic development incentives, such as expanding the historic rehabilitation tax credit that created 40,000 new jobs last year and has, to date, leveraged over \$45 billion in private investment and returned over 34,800 buildings to productive reuse.

Historic Preservation and Sustainability: As opposed to new construction, preservation responsibly conserves the built environment, which is an effective tool for reducing carbon emissions, combating climate change, and saving money on energy bills. President-Elect Obama should support measures that provide strong incentives to reuse and retrofit existing homes and buildings, recycle materials, increase building efficiency and maximize inherent environmental benefits.

Historic Preservation and Natural Disaster Relief and Preparedness: Devastating natural disasters have damaged historic structures and communities in the Gulf Coast and the Midwest. Because natural disasters have an immediate and widespread effect on historic properties, President-Elect Obama should develop a preparedness plan including a proactive, comprehensive survey of disaster-prone historic resources as well as addressing urgent response and recovery.

Historic Preservation and Transportation Policies: Transportation and preservation share a common goal to create better lives for Americans. As Congress prepares to reauthorize our nation's transportation programs, President-Elect Obama should continue to fund transportation enhancements and propose policies that support preservation-based approaches to strengthening our nation's transportation resources, such as the reuse of existing infrastructure in older and historic communities.

Historic Preservation and Public Land: A variety of threats, including insufficient historic and archeological survey information, expose millions of acres of public land to vandalism, destruction and neglect. President-Elect Obama should provide agency-wide leadership to responsibly manage historic and cultural resources on public lands.

Historic Preservation and Federal Stewardship: The federal government funds the national historic preservation program and provides critical leadership among its agencies to care for historic resources. President-Elect Obama should propose full funding to protect our heritage, and ensure that preservation reviews take place in the earliest phases of project development, not as an afterthought.

Share your ideas at: <http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/advocacy-center/action-alerts/priorities-for-president.html#Issue-info>

Nov. 6 Viaduct Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting postponed

In 2012, Governor Chris Gregoire, King County Executive Ron Sims and Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels plan to begin taking down the Alaskan Way Viaduct from S. King Street to the Battery Street Tunnel. The agencies continue to work towards a solution for this central waterfront section of the viaduct.

At the Sept. 25 Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting, project staff presented initial evaluation results for eight central waterfront scenarios. These eight system scenarios cover a range of options, from a smaller road along the central waterfront and significant investments in transit and surface streets, to roadways that bypass downtown with fewer transit and surface street investments. Initial evaluation results included information on seismic performance, shadowing and view blocking, stormwater management, and potential impacts to historic structures.

The Nov. 6 Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting has been postponed, as the transportation analysis for the eight scenarios is taking longer than anticipated. The next Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting will be Nov. 13, 4:30-8 p.m. at Town Hall. The dates and locations of upcoming meetings are available on our Web site at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/Calendar.htm

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee, which provides input on potential solutions, will hold several additional meetings in November and December to review the evaluation results. While these meetings do not provide a forum for verbal public comment, the public is welcome to attend, learn more about the options under consideration and provide written comments.

Over the next month, the agencies will release results on travel times, cost and other evaluation measures. Based on what we learn, the scenarios will be recombined into two or three potential solutions. At the end of the year, WSDOT, King County, and the City of Seattle will make a recommendation from this evaluation.

You can view the evaluations and other information presented at the Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting on our Web site at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/library-meetingmaterials.htm. More information about the scenarios is available on our Web site at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/viaduct/solution.htm

Later this year, additional outreach will be conducted in order to collect feedback on potential solutions. More information will be sent out in the next email update.

You can also provide comments at anytime online via email at viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov, or via our hotline at 1-888-AWV-LINE.

Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission nomination

The Landmarks Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda for November 12, 2008 is available for viewing online at <http://www.tacomaculture.org/historic/resources.asp>.

Scheduled business items include a public hearing for a nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places for the Blue Mouse Theater at 2611 Proctor. For more information, contact: Reuben M McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, City of Tacoma, 253.591.5220

Queen Anne Historical Society meeting

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

McClure Library, 1st Ave W & Crockett Sts. 7:30 p.m.

Free

Program: Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard, two well-known local historians, will share stories about their recent book, *Washington, Then and Now*.

West Seattle's Log House Museum fundraising gala

Preserving Heritage Dinner and Silent Auction

Date: Nov 22, 2008

Time: 5pm to 9pm

Location: South Seattle Community College in the Jerry Brockey Conference Center

- Jazz trio
- Jewelry Appraisal
- Bring a piece of jewelry for an on-spot appraisal
- Antiques Auction
- Genealogy Consult
- Gourmet Dinner

Tickets \$75 each

RSVP by November 15

206--938--5293 or email the staff at loghousemuseum@yahoo.com

Evening Events

Antiques Road Show's Rhinestone Rosie will appraise a piece of your treasured jewelry

Wine and Auction preview fabulous Auction items while sipping Ste. Michelle wine

Live Jazz ~ Joe Doria Trio during the evening

Gourmet Dinner with choice of Confetti Ravioli (vegetarian option) or Strip Loin Steak and Northwest Salmon

Dessert Auction with special family recipes from our executive board and museum volunteers

A Grand Auction - featuring items aimed at preserving our heritage i.e. Family tree services, photo restoration services, etc.

The Log House Museum preserves our community's piece of Seattle's history. As a non-profit, it relies on donations from members, the business community and museum enthusiasts to keep the doors open.

Aurora Ave Urban Design Community Meeting #1:

Monday, November 10 from 6:30 - 8:00

Greenwood Senior Center, 525 N. 85th St

The purpose of the meeting is for our Urban Design Team to hear your thoughts about what the current conditions are of the Aurora corridor from N 72nd St to 90th St., what is working well and what isn't working well, and to discuss your vision for the future of the corridor. For more info, contact: Paul Fischburg (206) 684-8395, paul.fischburg@seattle.gov

South Lake Union Urban Form Study Scoping Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

South Lake Union Armory

The Department of Planning and Development invites you to attend an EIS Scoping meeting as part of the South Lake Union Urban Form Study. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the Study and the EIS process, and to take public comment on identifying areas of potential impact that should be analyzed in the EIS and on the rezone alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS. Following a brief presentation that begins at 6:00 p.m., public comment will be taken beginning at 6:45 p.m. This venue is accessible, please contact us for special accommodations.

The Department of Planning and Development will be issuing a formal Determination of Significance/Notice of Scoping shortly before the meeting and this information will be available on the South Lake Union website in

advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call Jim Holmes at 684-8372 or by email at jim.holmes@seattle.gov.

University District Museum Without Walls project

November 18 Community Meeting from 7:00-9:00 pm for updates on the upcoming exhibit, Open to Question, A History of Social, Political and Community Activism in Seattle's University District, and related programs. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Deca, located at 4507 Brooklyn Ave, NE. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your friends and spread the word to find out more about a new U District oral histories initiative, design proposals for the outdoor exhibit, youth poster contest partners, and what 2009 will bring.

Contact: Layla Taylor, Exhibit and Programs Project Manager at laylastaylor@gmail.com. Visit the University District Museum Without Walls website at <http://udistrictmuseumwithoutwalls.org>.

HistoryLink introduces HistoryBytes

HistoryBytes will be a column of items about current events that either clearly do, or later may, have some historical significance. HistoryBytes will be updated each Thursday in synch with HistoryLink.org's "This Week Then" feature on our home page (and during the week when events warrant). Some items will deal with matters that obviously will become part of our history; this week, we begin by looking at some of Tuesday's election results. We also will include such things as museum exhibits (see the item on Lucy's Legacy below), and places to visit that offer something of historical interest. In short, we'll be shooting for an eclectic collection of items each week. This column will be edited by Tom Brown, HistoryLink.org associate director, with contributions from HistoryLink staff historians. We welcome suggestions, which should be emailed to admin@historylink.org

Historic Schooner *Wawona* Ready for Its Last Voyage

The *Wawona*, built in 1897, carried lumber from the forests of Washington to California, and later fished cod in the Bering Sea. Soon the vessel will be moved from South Lake Union, where it has been berthed for the last quarter-century, to a dry dock to be documented and dismantled, as deterioration has progressed to the point that restoration is impractical. In preparation for the move, workers have sheathed the vessel's waterline and its deteriorating bow with foam and plywood sheets, so it can be towed to a dry dock without taking on excessive water.

Northwest Seaport Maritime Heritage Center, the *Wawona*'s owner, says parts of the vessel will be incorporated into a full-sized "memorial" to the ship that will sit ashore in Lake Union Park. "The memorial will retain the size and key dimensions of the *Wawona* incorporating significant pieces of the original vessel in the structure. The memorial's open framework will show how the *Wawona* and her sister ships were built and the unique challenges of large wooden ship construction. The project is expected to cost around \$2 million and Northwest Seaport is organizing a fundraising drive. The City of Seattle is expected to announce a winning bidder for the contract to tow the vessel this fall.

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