

S.O.S. Save Our Substations

From being sold to developers. It's public land.

From 'clean-up methods' that endanger trees and vegetation

Seattle City Light wants to sell 35 surplus substations to the highest bidder. They say they can't give them to Seattle Parks or private greenspace foundations. They say they must sell because of property laws and must clean-up contaminated soil before the fate of the land has been determined. They have cut and cleared the trees and vegetation from 2 of the West Seattle substations, and have routinely done so in the past.

But must they?

MUST THEY SELL TO DEVELOPERS?

The SOS Position Paper outlines several ways that the substations could be legally kept as green spaces, for free, by the City. And it lists ways to preserve them as part of the Urban Forest if they are sold. There are 35 substations, but there is \$40 million worth of excess properties that could be repurposed as Tree Banks. We say, 'Save it, don't sell it!'

MUST THEY EXCAVATE THE SOIL?

From the New Scientist:

Finding a practical way to clean up contaminated land is tricky. Digging up soil and moving it elsewhere is no longer acceptable, sealing it in a landfill site is now illegal in the US, and heating it in massive kilns to burn off offending pesticides is expensive.

Several innovative clean-up methods (in situ bioremediation) could potentially save *all* the vegetation *and* clean-up the soil. Grants are available to use the sites for pilot studies--saving trees, soils, and money. But Seattle City Light wants no part of it, or the public's input on these clean-up options.

Ask the City Council to Save Our Substations!

Please sign our petition. Or send a direct, prewritten, no hassle email to the City Council by going to **TreePAC.org** and clicking on TAKE ACTION. No ecospam will result. For more information go to TreePAC.org, SOS, or call Cass Turnbull 206-783-9093.