



# McCormick and Baxter

## Community Information Meeting

### DEQ Cleanup Program

Feb. 25, 2025

# Agenda

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## What we'll discuss

Introductions

Background

PPA Process

Portland Botanical PPA Proposal

Outreach Timeline

Questions and Feedback



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# BACKGROUND



# Wood treating: 1944 – 1991



**McCORMICK  
& BAXTER**  
CREOSOTING CO.

**PRESERVATIVES:**

**PENTA IN OIL**  
A frequently used treatment for utility poles, crossarms and timbers.

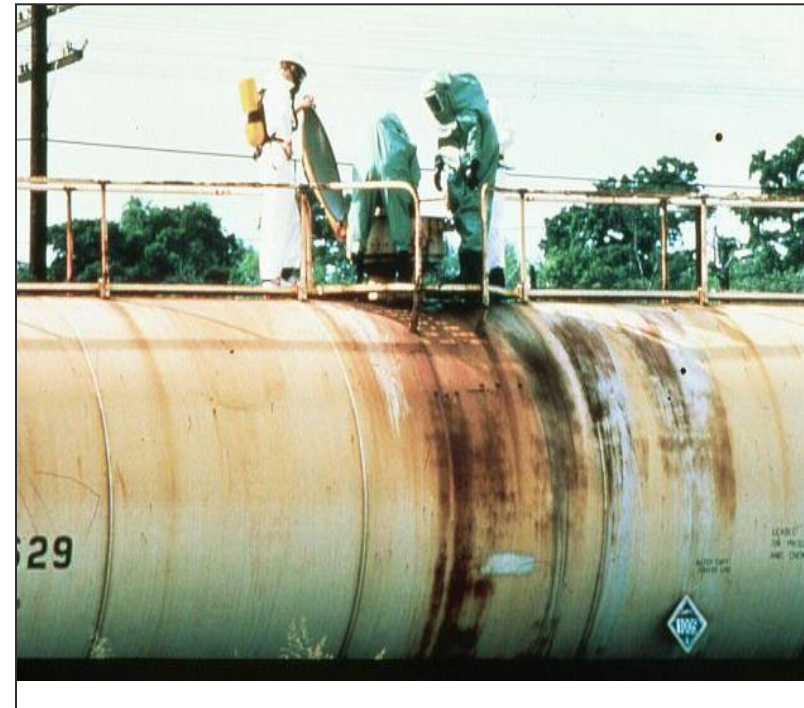
**CELLON®**  
Penta in liquified petroleum gas for maximum penetration in woods with hard heartwood.

**CREOSOTE**  
Excellent treatment for poles subject to environmental extremes.

**CHEMONITE®**  
A copper-based treatment excellent for extreme conditions. Penetrates deeply into hard-to-treat woods such as Douglas Fir.



# Cleanup actions: 1991 – 2005





# Ready for reuse:

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## 2005 and Counting





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# Prospective Purchaser Agreement

# PPA program

ORS 465.327(1): In order to facilitate cleanup and reuse of contaminated property, the Department of Environmental Quality may... provide a party with a release of liability..." (emphasis added)

**Liability  
Protection**

In Exchange for

**Substantial  
Public Benefit**





# PPA process

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1. Initial Applicant Meeting
2. DEQ Due Diligence (ongoing process)
  - a) Develop Term Sheet, etc.
3. Tribal Engagement
4. Community Engagement
5. Synthesize Tribal and Community Input
  - a) Inform Tribal and Community Members of DEQs evaluation of public engagement input
6. Negotiate Terms of PPA with Applicant
7. **If DEQ is able to negotiate a PPA, go out for public comment**
  - a) Consider and respond to comments received
8. If comments have not altered DEQ's analysis of the project, finalize and issue PPA



# Why are we here?

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- More than \$70M spent by DEQ and EPA on Cleanup
- A Prospective Purchaser Agreement is required by DEQ
- Reuse must produce “Substantial Public Benefit”
- DEQ is seeking Tribal and community input as we begin discussions





# Prospective purchaser: June 2024



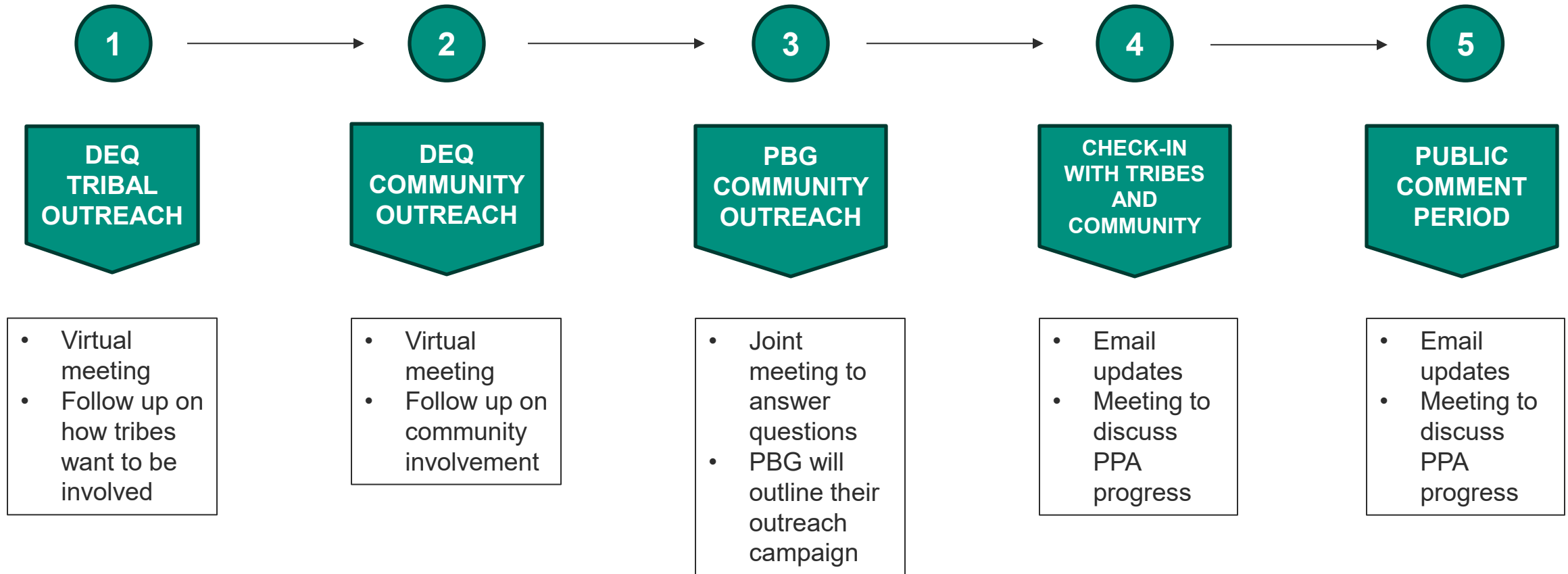
## *Vision for the Garden*

*PBG envisions a centrally located garden with pathways, pavilions, and greenhouses, highlighting Northwest plant diversity and educational opportunities for research and vocational training.*





# Tribal and community input



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# QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK



# Wrap up

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- Please reach out to let us know if/how your community organization would like to provide input on this PPA proposal and future use of this site
- Please reach out if you would like progress updates
- Please attend the DEQ-PBG meeting if you would like to ask PBG specific questions about their program

# Thank you!

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