

Camp Bonneville Urban Fringe Site

Domain name: PNW NEON – Domain 16

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Web page: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/campbonn/index.html>

Location: 45.666 N; -122.417 W

Ecological Themes: Climate; Land Use (urbanization, land use change); Pollution; Invasives (plant, animal); Aquatic (stream, lake).

Site History and Characteristics. Encompasses a 1550 ha area located 20 km northeast of downtown Vancouver. The site was established in 1909 as a drill field and rifle range for Vancouver Barracks and was used primarily as a training camp for various branches of the military until its closure in 1995. Over half of the area is forested and the elevation ranges from 30 to 200 m msl. Camp Bonneville is in the Lacamas Creek drainage and has a number of low order streams. The site includes hazardous waste contamination and unexploded military ordnance. Recently, in October 2006, after ten years of negotiation with the Army and the state Department of Ecology, the Board of Clark County Commissioners accepted transfer of property ownership from the Army to the county. Clark County, among others, have worked to develop a Reuse Plan (see final plan map in the figure above) for Camp Bonneville that would include maintenance of natural areas and cleanup contaminated sites. For more information: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/public>