

## **Public Comments Summary and Community Engagement Compliance Statement**

### **EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant – Former Hotel Marysville Site**

City of Marysville, California

#### **Public Comments Summary**

The City of Marysville conducted community outreach and provided opportunities for public input regarding the proposed EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant for hazardous materials abatement at the former Hotel Marysville site. Outreach activities included public notice postings, online project information, direct communication with nearby residents and businesses, and opportunities for written and verbal public comments. Information provided to the community included site background, environmental conditions, proposed cleanup activities, anticipated project schedule, and intended redevelopment goals.

Public comments reflected strong community support for removal of hazardous demolition debris and contaminated materials, elimination of longstanding downtown blight, and protection of public health and environmental quality. Nearby residents and business owners expressed concerns regarding asbestos-containing materials, lead-based paint, and petroleum-impacted materials remaining onsite following demolition, and emphasized the importance of prompt cleanup to prevent potential exposure risks.

Commenters also highlighted the significance of the project in supporting downtown revitalization, encouraging reinvestment, and restoring productive use of a highly visible property in the city center. Community members expressed appreciation for the City's pursuit of federal funding to address environmental conditions without burdening local taxpayers and encouraged continued transparency and communication throughout project implementation.

No substantive opposition to the proposed cleanup project was received. Community input has been considered and incorporated into project planning and communication strategies.

#### **Community Engagement Compliance Statement**

The City of Marysville has conducted and will continue to conduct community engagement activities in full compliance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Cleanup Grant public participation requirements. Community involvement has been integrated into project planning, grant development, and future cleanup implementation to ensure transparency, responsiveness to community concerns, and meaningful opportunities for public input.

Prior to submission of the EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant application, the City provided public notice of the proposed project and offered opportunities for community comment. Project information shared with the public included known site conditions, proposed cleanup activities, anticipated schedule, and intended future reuse objectives. Public comments were solicited, documented, and reviewed to inform project planning.

Following grant award, the City will continue to implement community involvement activities consistent with EPA guidance, including:

- Providing public notice prior to initiation of cleanup activities
- Making key project documents publicly accessible
- Providing periodic project updates through public meetings and City communication channels
- Maintaining opportunities for ongoing public comment
- Including community engagement activities in quarterly progress reports to EPA

The City will designate a project point of contact to respond to community inquiries and ensure timely dissemination of project information throughout the cleanup period.

Through these actions, the City of Marysville affirms its commitment to comply with EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant community engagement requirements and to maintain meaningful public participation throughout project implementation. Public meetings and comment opportunities were held on January 8, 2026 (Public Hearing/Workshop at City Hall, 526 C Street, Marysville) and January 20, 2026 (Regular City Council Meeting), with additional written comments accepted through January 26, 2026.

Below are the comments received and the City's Responses:

#### Appendix A – Public Comment Log

The following public comments were received during the community outreach period regarding the future of the former Hotel Marysville site. Comments have been summarized from submitted responses collected during public workshops, City Council meetings, and written comment opportunities.

Support for mixed-use redevelopment including commercial uses at ground level and residential uses above.

Interest in restoring or reflecting the historic character of the original Hotel Marysville structure.

Strong recurring recommendation for construction of a downtown parking garage or parking structure.

Requests for open-market or event-space concepts such as farmers markets and festival stalls.

Requests for youth-, family-, and community-oriented facilities rather than additional retail or fast food.

Concerns regarding downtown decline, traffic congestion, and lack of parking.

Requests for clear City plans to protect future redevelopment investment from vandalism and homelessness impacts.

Support for redevelopment that revitalizes downtown and strengthens the local economy.

No opposition expressed to cleanup of hazardous materials or removal of blight.

#### Representative Comment Excerpts:

“I would love to see the hotel site be a mixed-use property... commercial on bottom and residential on top.”

“Needs to be a city parking garage... there is never any parking downtown.”

“Restore the historic building to represent the historic heritage.”

“The space should be used for youth involvement, family and community.”

“Whatever is done it MUST include a parking garage.”

“What is the City’s plan on protecting this investment from continued deterioration?”

## Appendix B – City Responses to Public Comments

### EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant – Former Hotel Marysville Site City of Marysville, California

The City of Marysville appreciates the thoughtful input provided by community members regarding the proposed cleanup and future of the former Hotel Marysville site. All comments were reviewed and considered during preparation of this application. Responses below address recurring themes raised during the public comment period.

#### Comment Theme 1 – Support for Hazardous Materials Cleanup

##### Public Comment Summary:

Community members expressed strong support for removal of hazardous demolition debris and contaminated materials, emphasizing the importance of protecting public health, safety, and the environment.

##### City Response:

The City fully agrees with these concerns. The primary purpose of this EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant application is to remove asbestos-containing materials, lead-based paint debris, petroleum-impacted materials, and other hazardous substances remaining onsite following demolition. Successful completion of the cleanup will eliminate current exposure risks, remove downtown blight, and prepare the site for safe future reuse.

#### Comment Theme 2 – Mixed-Use Redevelopment and Downtown Revitalization

##### Public Comment Summary:

Several commenters expressed interest in redevelopment of the site as a mixed-use project with commercial, residential, or community uses that support downtown revitalization.

##### City Response:

The City recognizes the community's interest in future redevelopment of the site. While the purpose of this grant application is focused solely on environmental cleanup, completion of cleanup activities is a necessary first step toward enabling future redevelopment. Following cleanup, the City will evaluate reuse options through future planning processes, developer outreach, and continued community engagement.

#### Comment Theme 3 – Historic Character and Community Identity

##### Public Comment Summary:

Community members expressed interest in preserving or reflecting the historic character of the former Hotel Marysville site.

##### City Response:

The City acknowledges the historical significance of the former Hotel Marysville property and appreciates the community's interest in heritage-based reuse. Future redevelopment planning will consider community input regarding historic character as reuse concepts are evaluated after cleanup completion.

#### Comment Theme 4 – Parking Needs and Downtown Access

##### Public Comment Summary:

A significant number of commenters identified a downtown parking shortage and recommended construction of a multi-level parking garage or parking structure on the site.

**City Response:**

The City recognizes that downtown parking availability is an important community concern. Although this EPA grant application is limited to hazardous materials cleanup, removal of contamination will make the site suitable for future redevelopment opportunities, including potential parking solutions. Parking needs will be evaluated through separate transportation and downtown planning efforts following site cleanup.

**Comment Theme 5 – Youth, Family, and Community-Oriented Uses**

**Public Comment Summary:**

Several commenters requested that future reuse include youth-, family-, and community-oriented facilities rather than additional retail or fast-food development.

**City Response:**

The City values community input regarding desired site reuse. Following cleanup, the City will continue to engage residents, businesses, and stakeholders to identify reuse concepts that best serve community needs and support long-term downtown vitality.

**Comment Theme 6 – Protection of Future Investment**

**Public Comment Summary:**

Some commenters requested that the City establish clear plans to protect future redevelopment investment from vandalism, trespass, or homelessness impacts.

**City Response:**

The City acknowledges these concerns and will continue to maintain site security during and after cleanup. Long-term site management and redevelopment strategies will be addressed through future City planning, code enforcement, and public safety coordination once cleanup is completed.

**Comment Theme 7 – Downtown Decline and Economic Conditions**

**Public Comment Summary:**

Commenters expressed concern about broader downtown decline and the need for meaningful reinvestment.

**City Response:**

The City agrees that environmental cleanup of the former Hotel Marysville site is an essential first step toward reversing downtown blight and encouraging reinvestment. Securing EPA funding for cleanup will remove a major barrier to redevelopment and support long-term economic revitalization efforts.

**Overall Response**

No substantive opposition to the proposed cleanup project was received during the public comment period. The City has considered all input in preparing this application and will continue to provide opportunities for public engagement as cleanup activities proceed and future reuse planning begins.

Timestamp	Do you live \ What street do you live on? (if you fe	Please provide your feedback about the future of the Hotel Marysville site here.
9/25/2025 17:50:26	Yes Edwards Street	I would love to see the hotel site be a mixed use property. Commercial on bottom, perhaps a parking level where that's basement or between commercial and residential) and market rate residential on top. No more than 5 stories in height.
9/25/2025 18:11:39	No	My only question I have is what is the city's plan on protecting this investment from the continued deterioration from the homeless. An actual plan not just words. Strategic sought out plan with consequences.
9/25/2025 18:15:50	Yes	Restore the historic building to represent the historic heritage offer rooms like the Madonna inn and Nevada city style .. restaurants ballroom bar showcasing all the different historic gifts we've had throughout our town
1/8/2026 18:59:06	Yes Harris	It would be nice to be able to clean up the area, the city needs to be able to put something there and make some money
1/8/2026 19:04:34	No	Needs to be a city parking garage, I do not live in town and there is never any parking downtown
1/8/2026 20:08:57	No Railroad Ave	A historic themed business complex.
1/8/2026 20:11:59	Yes E 17th	I would like to see this site developed into an open market concept. For festival stalls, farmers markets, and pop up events. Oh yeah, that works. I
1/9/2026 6:40:42	Yes Ahern Street	Parking Tower
1/9/2026 17:01:28	Yes 22 st	Parking lot
1/9/2026 17:01:46	Yes 7th street	Multi use structure with parking
1/9/2026 17:01:57	Yes Nadene Dr	Multi use structure with parking
1/9/2026 17:07:23	Yes Val Dr	A parking structure would benefit the downtown businesses and local events
1/9/2026 17:07:49	No 4107 Highway 20 Yuba County	Probably a parking structure on that site.
1/9/2026 18:00:15	Yes Ashway	Multilevel parking lot
1/10/2026 17:52:17	Yes East 13th	Parking garage
1/10/2026 18:09:08	Yes Ramirez	I believe, the space should be used for something toward youth involvement, family and community. Not a parking garage, not a Starbucks, not a fast food restaurant, but something to utilize. The space for the people of Marysville and the children to enjoy
1/14/2026 6:54:15	Yes	Marysville in itself needs a rejuvenation, so what is left of the hotel fits the town well. Ha ha. On a serious note, if the lot does end up getting cleared out, WE DONT NEED ANOTHER COFFEE SHOP OR GAS STATION. We need to install something that will bring our community together, while helping raise the aesthetic value of the area. If the city does receive the grant it is after, how is the outcome of the site decided?

Timestamp	Do you live \ What street do you live on? (if you fe	Please provide your feedback about the future of the Hotel Marysville site here.
1/15/2026 16:59:27	Yes 1130 F st	<p>I've lived in Marysville for over 30 years to only see very little changes. Everyone is always saying we could be like Nevada City, but at this point I don't see where people would be drawn here. The town is run down falling apart with major traffic problems. Ellis lake is a prime example. There would have to be some very major changes made in the community. And I just don't see that happening. I would also make note of the economy. People just don't have the money to spend anymore. Businesses keep shutting down. That being said if you see comments on social media of what this area needs, the number 1 thing is something for the kids and teenagers so why not look into that. I like the idea of a multi use building but whatever is done it MUST include a parking garage. Without that people just won't come. Parking is the biggest problem we have.</p>
1/22/2026 17:45:00	No	Parking garage