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## Blue Mountain Station Site Plans-in-Progress Unveiled

DAYTON, WASH – the public is invited to a presentation on site plans-in-progress for Blue Mountain Station, the natural and organic eco-food processing park to be located on newly acquired Port of Columbia property at the west end of Dayton.

The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Seneca Activity Center.

While public approval is not required at this point in the planning process, the Port wishes to provide a project update to interested businesses and citizens. In addition to site planning progress, a marketing and business development progress report will also be shared.

The presentation will include feedback from the recently attended Fancy Food Show, drawings for the business development/market center, LEED certification considerations, architecture and engineering ideas, and building and infrastructure placement.

The Port, working with local architecture and engineering firm USKH, has been refining the site plan in order to gain development approval and complete construction plans and bid documents for the first phase of infrastructure.

“It doesn’t make sense to install infrastructure until we have a solid site plan,” stated Jennie Dickinson, Manager of the Port of Columbia. “We have found, especially when striving for LEED certification, that significant planning must be done before any ground is disturbed in order to make sensible building placement, road placement, and storm water management decisions.”

Site plans are still in the development stage.

“This is the perfect time to share them with the public. They are far enough along that we can reasonably share our vision, but not too far along to make changes to the plan to incorporate new ideas,” stated Dickinson.

Contact the Port of Columbia or visit [www.bluemountainstation.com](http://www.bluemountainstation.com) for more information.



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