



Kitsap Environmental Coalition – Annual Report for 2018

KEC has been very busy this year: moving forward with our legal campaign, visiting elected officials and representatives of public agencies responsible for the safety of our water, attending local candidate debates, and organizing an upcoming Gala Auction fundraiser at Kingston Village Green on November 17th. We're expanding KEC to include Jefferson County residents who were sprayed in August (most recently) by air and backpack and have asked to join KEC's fight against environmental poisoning. On November 7th, we will have a big, joint community meeting with citizens from Jefferson County AND others from Pope's current clear-cut area of 467 acres near Kingston-Indianola-Suquamish. Please donate today! We need your support to move our legal battle and public education campaign forward. Thank you for standing with us and Mother Nature!



September 8, 2018 Update

Great news! Pope agreed to a voluntary stay on spraying until the decision of the hearing board! And not only have they canceled plans for north Kitsap County, but they've halted actual spraying in Jefferson County too! Thank you for everyone's hard work and financial contributions which made this possible.

Now, on to preparatory work for February's hearing - no small task, but easier with this wind in our sails!



September 7, 2018 Update

Dear donors and supporters, we eagerly await news this afternoon from Pope Resources on a voluntary stay to their plans for aeriually spraying Hansville with glyphosate until after the Pollution Control Board Hearing of our appeal (February 25-27, 2019). Pope has confirmed their plans for a community meeting, Monday, 9/10/18, 6:30pm, at Hansville Community Center.

In the meantime, our lawyer, Piper Thornburgh, filed our appeal and continues to research and provide the legal footwork necessary for our appeal hearing. ALL funds donated here are going SOLELY to Piper Thornburgh for her invaluable work. We are now in the process of filing for 501C3 status so donors may receive a tax deduction and we will open an official bank account for deposits as well. Again, ALL monies raised are used solely for our defense fund. Any incidental expenses (e.g. flyer printing, copying, sign boards) are being covered by volunteers' personal contributions.

We can't thank you enough for standing with Kitsap Environmental Coalition against the potential spraying of 330 acres with glyphosate and several other toxic chemicals. Just this week alone 700 new lawsuits have been added to the 8,000 already in the pipeline against Monsanto. It's our deepest hopes that folks in Kitsap will never have to add to those numbers.



September 1, 2018 Update

Dear donors, thank you for sticking with us in our quest to protect north Kitsap's precious environment. One week ago, Kitsap Environmental Coalition's attorney filed an appeal against Pope's plan to spray lethal toxins and we've now entered the next chapter of this battle. The appeal to the Washington State Pollution Control Board is a process that can take several months, and we are also requesting a "stay", that is, a temporary hold on any spraying, until the appeal is decided. This next phase requires more (expensive) legal footwork. On September 10th Pope Resources will hold a community meeting and we plan to meet them with hundreds of citizens determined to make Pope hear our voice. They have, however, made it clear they intend to vigorously fight any efforts to block their plans to spray. Please continue to stand with us. We need you and we need to raise the next \$5,000. All contributions are used solely to pay our legal fees. PLEASE share this GoFundMe with friends, family, and others who want to protect our health and the environment! Thank you again.



August 26, 2018 Update

Thank you, awesome donors! In one week, you stepped up with the funds needed to retain Piper Thornberg's law firm and an appeal was filed with the state of Washington, contesting Pope Resources' permit to spray Hansville with glyphosate. We have a good case for appealing the permit, but there are more legal maneuvers ahead and we will keep you posted as things unfold in the days ahead. Our Facebook page has 537 members, and our petition (online and paper) has 1750 signatures! We've mobilized the local community and are keeping political pressure on Pope through flyers and info tables at community events and peaceful picketing at their company headquarters on weekdays. Our community meetings are well-attended, with new members joining each week. New lawsuits against Monsanto and its corporate customers pepper the media on nearly a daily basis, as well as new scientific reports on the profoundly horrible effects of glyphosate on humans and the environment. We will not let up!