



Safe Outdoor Program

Mission

The city of Bellingham uses its resources to ensure safe outdoor spaces for all.

Objective

By combining the efforts of Police, Public Works, Parks and the Opportunity Council, we will work to reduce the illegal camp sites in the city to make our outdoor spaces safe for everyone

Tasks

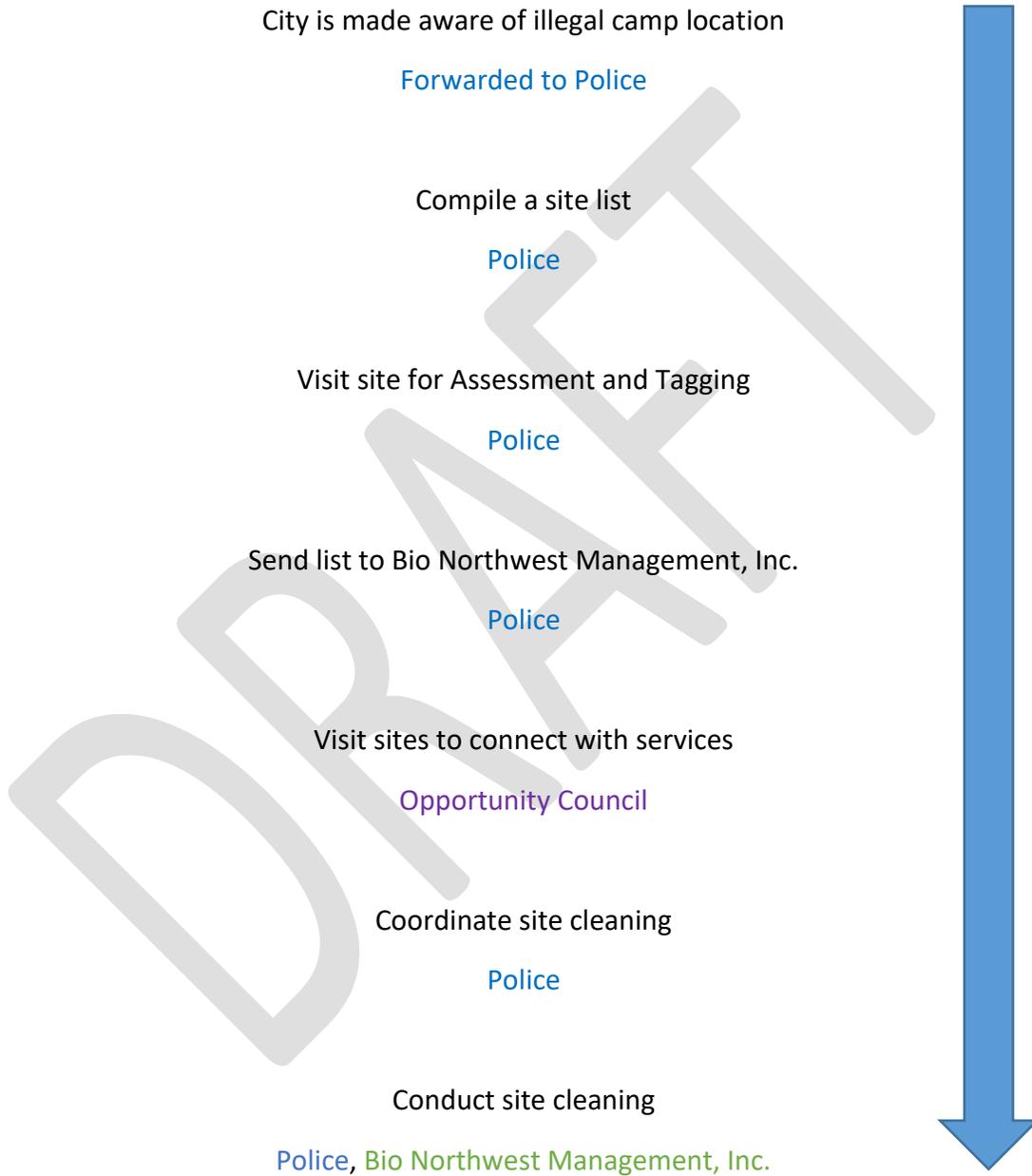
Police, Public Works, Parks and Opportunity Council will develop a committee to share the responsibility of reducing illegal camp sites within the city.

The illegal sites will be cleaned every Wednesday. The week prior on Tuesdays sites will be assessed and tagged with the five day notice to vacate.

The Police will be responsible for maintaining the illegal camp list, visiting the illegal camps for assessment and tagging, forwarding the camp list to Bio Management Northwest, Inc. , providing security during the cleaning, and sending letters to private land owners for illegal camps on their properties.

The Opportunity Council's Homeless Outreach Team will be provided the site list and will conduct site visits in an attempt to connect the occupants with resources.

What does this look like?



Illegal Campsite Assessment

Date	Location
Officer	
Site Size <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Small (1-10 Trash Bags worth)<input type="radio"/> Medium (11-20 Trash Bags worth)<input type="radio"/> Large (21 + Trash Bags worth)	
Safety and Health Concerns (Check all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Site Occupant has Known Violent History _____<input type="radio"/> Edged Weapons (Knives, axes, machetes) _____<input type="radio"/> Firearms _____<input type="radio"/> Other Weapons _____<input type="radio"/> Aggressive Dog(s) _____<input type="radio"/> Presence of Needles _____<input type="radio"/> Exposed human feces and/or blood _____<input type="radio"/> Presence of Threatening Messages _____<input type="radio"/> Other Safety Concerns _____ <input type="radio"/> Within 10 feet of body of water (Creek, River, Lake or Drainage)<input type="radio"/> Within 50 feet of body of water<input type="radio"/> Near School, bus stop or other area where children are present (School & Distance in blocks) _____<input type="radio"/> Other _____ _____	