

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Schuster Slope (“project area”) is a 31 acre passive open space area under City of Tacoma (City) Environmental Services (ES) ownership and/or management located adjacent to Commencement Bay in Tacoma, Washington (Figure 1). The project area boundaries are North Schuster Parkway to the east; Stadium Way (North and South), Stadium High School and private residences to the west; Garfield Gulch to the north; and the Interstate 705 off-ramp to the south (Figures 2A-2C). This Schuster Slope Landscape Management Plan (“management plan”) was developed in collaboration between the City of Tacoma’s Environmental Services Department, Metro Parks Tacoma, GeoEngineers Inc., Landau Associates, and considerable public input through public meetings and a citizen steering committee. The management plan’s purpose is to provide responsible direction and transparent process to steward the project area while addressing the following management elements: stormwater benefit, slope stability and geologic hazard mitigation, forest health, public safety, and views from adjacent areas.