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Bill and Jennifer Goebel of Leavenworth are in the process of purchasing from the Port of Chelan County the remaining 50 acres of former Peshastin Mill Site property along the Wenatchee River. The Goebels are buying the land for \$1.65 million.

A Leavenworth couple, Bill and Jennifer Goebel, have come forward with an interest in purchasing the upland portion of the Peshastin Mill Site property. The Port of Chelan County purchased the property in 2003, hoping it would become a site for light industrial, but nothing ever materialized.

Mostly recently, the Port agreed to sell 14 acres of Mill property along the Wenatchee River to the Complete the Loop Coalition, for purposes of preserving the waterfront for local access.

The Port was asking \$1.65 million for the remaining 50 acres, and that is what the Goebels have agreed to pay. "It happened very quickly. The buyers contacted us the middle of last week. We signed the deal on Friday. It was all really fast," said Craig Larsen, Port business development director.

To start, there is a 14-day feasibility period. At that point, the Goebels can walk away at any time and get their earnest money back. This is fairly standard, Larsen said, to give the buyer the chance to independently investigate the condition of the property. Then, there is a title review.

"The last one is wrapping up with WSDOE the limited soil removal we have ongoing on the property. Those are the three hurdles to get over. The first and second are pretty standard. The third is a little unusual," Larsen said. "The work is done. We just have to have that confirmed by the WSDOE. It just takes a while for the bureaucracy to spit out the magic piece of paper that says the site is clean."

Larsen said they expect the sale to close by the end of the year. He said they are very happy with the buyers and their plans for the property.