

# Duwamish Valley Community Benefits Commitment

## “Our Port, Our Community”

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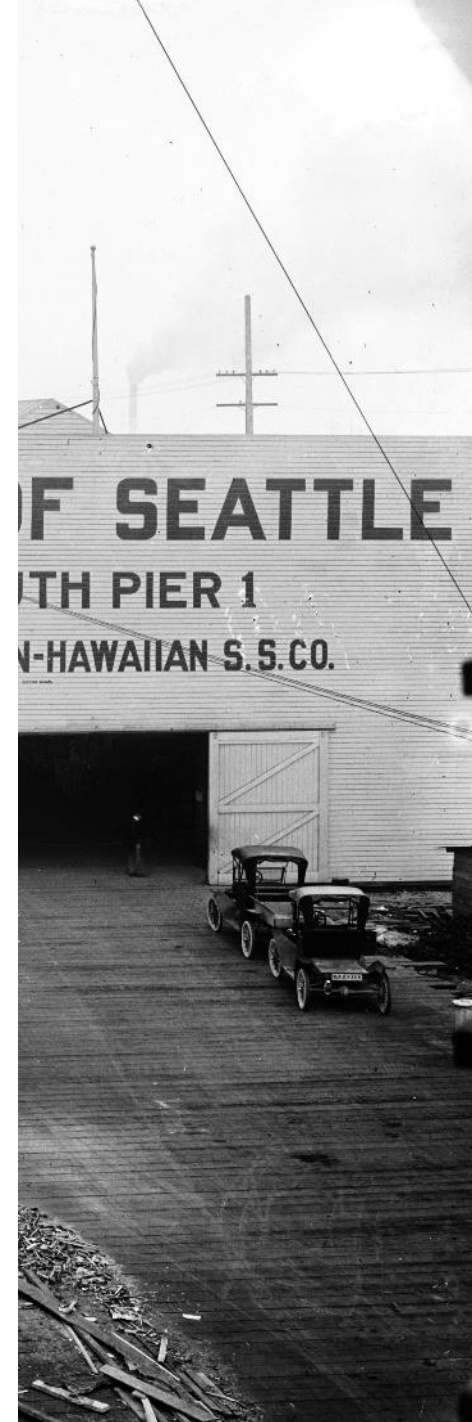
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Founded in 1911 by a vote of the people as a special purpose government, the Port of Seattle's mission is **to promote economic opportunities and quality of life in the region by advancing trade, travel, commerce and job creation** in an equitable, accountable and environmentally responsible manner.





# Port of Seattle – Economic Driver

over 200,000 local jobs/\$40B in maritime int'l trade



**Homeport of the North Pacific Fishing Fleet**



**Seattle-Tacoma International Airport**



**Largest Cruise Port on the U.S. West Coast**



**NW Seaport Alliance\* 4<sup>th</sup> largest in North America**

\*The Northwest Seaport Alliance is a marine cargo operating partnership between the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Seattle est. 2015.



The Port of Seattle exists on Indigenous land.

We acknowledge the ancestral homelands of those who walked here before us and those who still walk here, keeping in mind the integrity of this territory where Native peoples identify as the Duwamish, Suquamish, Snoqualmie, and Puyallup, as well as the tribes of the Muckleshoot, Tulalip, other Coast Salish peoples, and their descendants.

We are grateful to respectfully live and work as guests on these lands with the Coast Salish and Native people who call this home. This land acknowledgment is one small act in the ongoing process of working to be in good relationship with the land and the people of the land.



A tribal fisherman tends his nets on the Duwamish River, one of the usual and accustomed fishing areas for the Coast Salish Peoples.



# Duwamish Valley



Iconic Neighborhood Markers: South Park Bridge over the Duwamish River and Georgetown's Hat n Boots Park

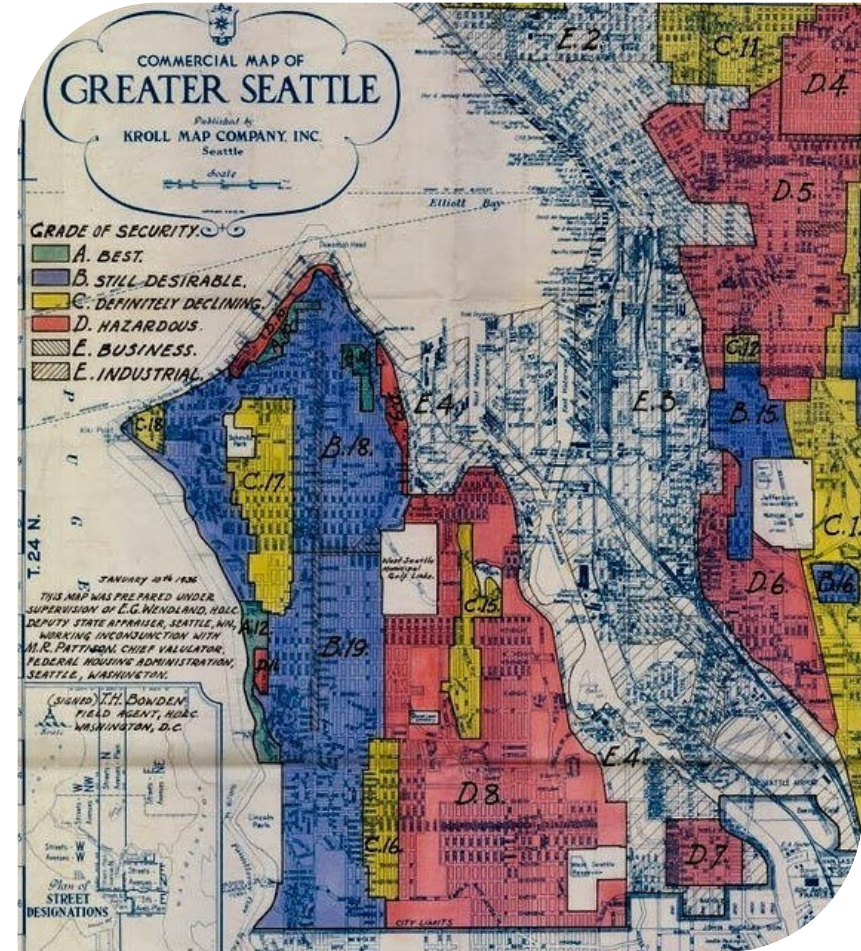




# Inequities in the Duwamish Valley

Our community experiences historic inequities and discriminatory practices:

- Redlining
- Industrial zoning
- Income suppression
- Highway and freight traffic
- Historic and current contamination
- Railway and airplane noise
- Private industry pollution
- Lack of safe mobility options



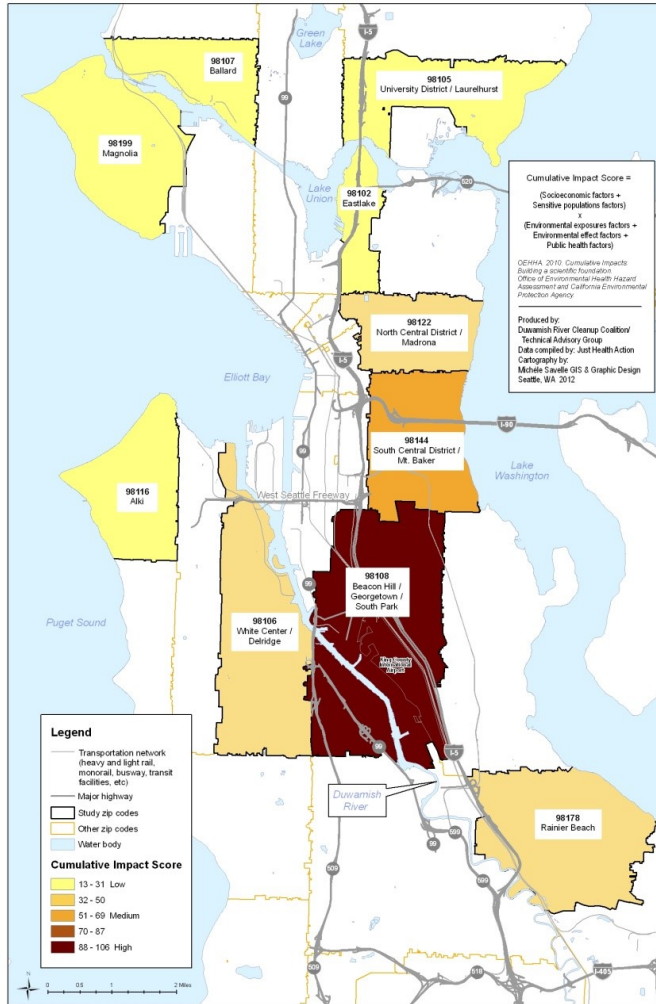
Map source: Robert Nelson, LaDale Winling, et al., "Mapping Inequality," *American Panorama*



# 2013 Cumulative Health Impact Analysis

Figure 17. Cumulative Impact Score by ZIP Code, Seattle, Washington

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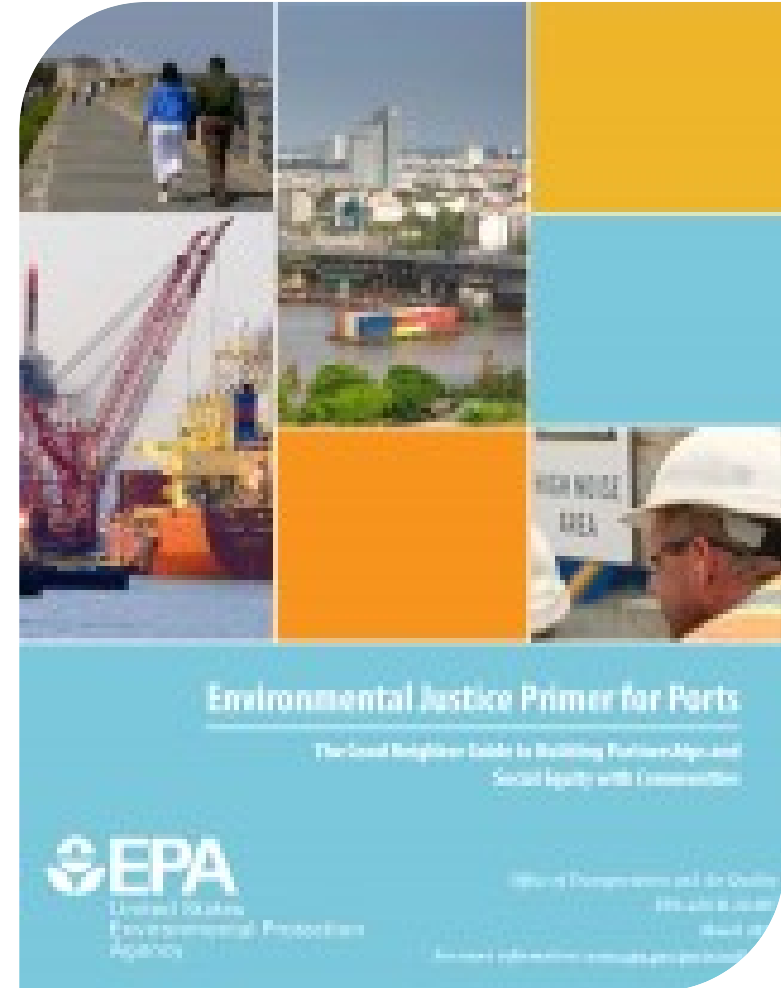


Indicator	Georgetown/ South Park Census tracts 109 and 112	Laurelhurst Census tracts 4100 and 4200	Seattle	King County
Life expectancy at birth (years)	73.3*	86.4*	81.5	81.5
Heart disease death rate per 100,000	202.9#	89.6*	138.4	137.8
Source: Public Health Seattle & King County *p=0.05 from both KC and Seattle average #p= 0.05 for KC average only				



# EPA Ports Initiative - Pilot Project

- Past Port of Seattle engagement in Duwamish Valley
  - Superfund cleanup
  - Habitat restoration
  - Community events
- EPA Ports Initiative technical assistance grant and pilot project began in 2017.
  - Community partnership
  - Port Community Action Team as compensated advisors





# Port Community Action Team

The Duwamish Valley PCAT is a group of neighbors from Georgetown and South Park who are collaborating with the Port of Seattle to remedy their historical and current disproportionate, cumulative impacts to the environment and its people.

To further our goals of a healthy, sustainable community, we are creating a Community Benefits Commitment with the Port based on the principles of equity, anti-displacement, and empowerment.

Our agreement will focus on principles of environmental justice by promoting a clean environment, increasing economic opportunities, and building community capacity.





# Pillars of Engagement with Community



Community members gathered with Port staff in evenings over meals to build the program

1. Capacity building with Port Staff and Port Community Action Team (PCAT)
  - Trainings
  - Public tours and events
2. Ongoing, two-way community engagement
  - Evening meetings, childcare, meals provided
  - Shared decision making
3. Building trust through action
  - Youth Internships
  - Habitat Stewardship Job Training
4. Sustaining the commitment
  - Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program
  - Port Commission adoption of Resolution 3767



# Duwamish Valley

## Community Benefits Commitment

### Purpose

To guide the implementation of the Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program and other Port operations that impact the Duwamish Valley community.

This policy directive will ensure the Port's collaboration with the Duwamish Valley community to achieve three shared goals:

- 1. Capacity Building for Ongoing Port-Community Collaboration**
- 2. Healthy Environment and Communities**
- 3. Economic Prosperity in Place**



# Goal 1: Capacity Building for Ongoing Port-Community Collaboration

The Port's action areas:

- Inclusion
- Training and Education for the Port
- Training and Education for the Community
- Community Engagement
- Community Feedback
- Inter-agency Collaboration
- Data-Driven Results



Port Community Action Team members organized an educational boat tour for 300 multicultural residents

# Capacity Building Projects



Community-based logo contest; youth tour of SEA airport  
WMBEs and small business owners





# Goal 2: Healthy Environment and Communities

The Port's action areas:

- Climate Change
- Air Quality
- Truck Traffic
- Noise Impacts
- Public Parks and Greenspace
- Water Quality



Job training for young adults to manage the Port's habitat mitigation sites along the Duwamish River



# Environmental Projects





# Goal 3: Economic Prosperity in Place

The Port's action areas:

- Recruiting and Retention
- Youth and Adult Workforce Development
- Economic Development
- Support for an Equitable, Diverse, and Green Economy



Local recruitment for near-Port youth to enter construction trades careers in seaport industries

# Economic Development Projects



Career fairs in construction trades; grand opening of the Port's pilot economic development center - the Duwamish River Community Hub!



# The Future: Our Port, Our Community







## Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program

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