Port Projects in the Duwamish

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Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site Item No: 7a Meeting Date: April 10, 2018

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Georgetown

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South Park

Turning Basin #3

Habitat Recovery Projects in the Duwamish

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Lower Duwamish Waterway Cleanup

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Lower Duwamish Waterway







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Stormwater Management

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Community Engagement

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EPA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PILOT PROJECT: COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

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What is environmental justice?

- EPA identifies environmental justice to be achieved when everyone has:
 - the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards, and
 - equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.



Environmental Equity is a key Port strategy

- Century Agenda Commitments
- Energy & Sustainability Committee Recommendations
- Commission involvement
- Near-Port community engagement
- Port authority to manage impacts in community
- Equity Leader hiring process



Equity



Equality: sameness

Equity: equal access

Addressing cause of inequity

Duwamish Valley is a hub of industrial activity, resulting in overburdened communities.

Project elements

- EPA-funded technical assistance
- Local hire of community specialists
- Listening sessions, trainings, tours
- EPA Ports Initiative Toolkit
- Exploration of innovative solutions
 - Good Neighbor Strategic Plan
 - Community Benefits Agreement



Why Duwamish Valley?

- 2013 Cumulative Health Impact Analysis
- Multiple sources contribute to cumulative health impacts for Georgetown and South Park residents
 - Highway and freight traffic
 - Railways
 - Private industry
 - Legacy contamination
 - Present-day contamination
 - Historic inequities and discriminatory practices



Multiple sources cause Duwamish Valley residents to face cumulative health and environmental concerns.²⁰

Socio-economic factor component

Percent Below 200% Poverty Level by ZIP code

- 30%-40% of residents in Zip Code 98108 live below the poverty level.
- Seattle average: 25.5%
- King County average: 22.2%



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Environmental exposures

Annual Average Diesel Particulate Matter in human breathing zone (ug/m3), by ZIP code

- Zip Code 98108 has the some of the highest annual average exposures, 2.2 to 2.3 ug/m3.
- King County average: 1.1 ug/m3
- Lowest average (ie: Ballard/Magnolia): 0.7 to 0.9 ug/m3



Many sources contribute to some of the highest diesel particulate matter exposures in the city.

Public health factors

Childhood asthma hospitalization rate per 100,000 by ZIP code

- Zip Code 98108 has the some of the highest rates, 265.1 299.1.
- King County: 129.7



Cumulative Impacts



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				

When added together, these multiple factors cause a "cumulative health impact" with significant outcomes. 24

Pilot Project - Port Outcomes

The project has identified new avenues to:

- Integrate new engagement best practices Port-wide
- Expand cultural competencies
- Build stronger community relationships
- Develop shared solutions and actions



Pilot Project – Community Outcomes

The project has identified new avenues to:

- Broaden understanding in community
- Forge new partnerships to support community empowerment through the Port's mission



Equity as defined by the PCAT ...



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Community-Port collaboration

- Community list of opportunities and concerns
- Port response "Short, Medium, and Long term" actions
- Community Benefits Agreement



Opportunities identified

- **Community Capacity Building and Port Relationship Building** Support the community in overcoming historic and economic disparities to fully participate in Port benefits to the region.
- Environmental Health Reduce environmental harms that impact the health and livability of near-Port Duwamish Valley communities.
- Economic Development

Promote equitable development in the Duwamish Valley by providing economically disadvantaged near-Port community members with increased access to Port-related economic benefits.



Next steps - 2018 to 2020

- Continue working with Duwamish Valley residents to take action and improve access to Port benefits
- Memorialize our commitments in a Community Benefits Agreement
- Apply lessons-learned to other near-Port communities



Questions?

