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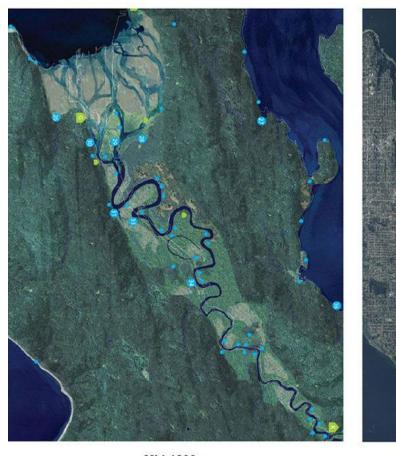


## The Duwamish River ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RENEWAL

The Duwamish River and the land around it has a rich history. It has been a central part of what is now South Seattle's ecosystem for thousands of years, present and future.









Mid-1800s Today

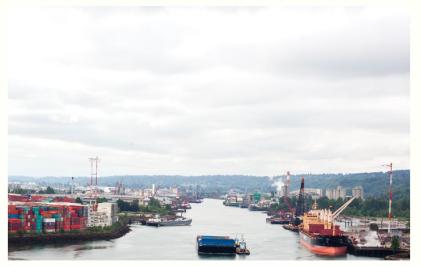
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# The Duwamish Valley, a Resilient Community



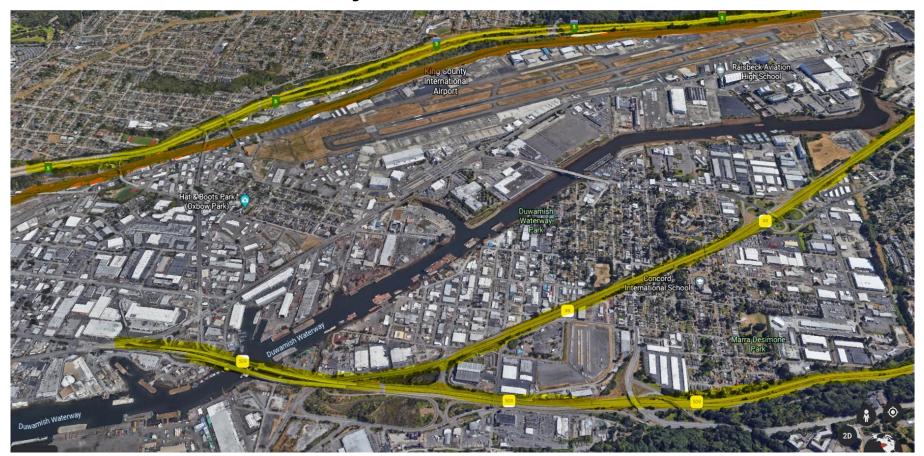
Top Photo: The River, Kramer Janders

Bottom Photo: The Duwamish Valley, Paul Joseph Brown





## The Duwamish Valley, Seattle WA





PERSONS OF COLOR

FIRST LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

PEOPLE UNDER 18 OF AGE

**SOUTH PARK** 

38%

54.1%

31.4%

**CITYWIDE** 

33%

22%

15%



#### One River, One Community, One Home

Established in 2001, the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/TAG (DRCC/TAG) , also doing business as Duwamish River Community Coalition provides resources, knowledge, and action to build more just environmental futures.

#### **Our Mission:**

Elevate the voice of those impacted by the Duwamish River pollution and other environmental injustices for a clean, healthy, equitable environment for people and wildlife. We promote place-keeping and prioritize community capacity and resilience.



## **Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition**







Protecting the Environment

Empowering. Community

Promoting Place-Keeping



COMMUNITY COALITION

#### Un río, una comunidad, una casa

Establecida en 2001, la Coalición Comunitaria del Río Duwamish (DRCC) proporciona recursos, conocimiento y acción para construir un futuro ambiental más justo y equitativo.

#### **Nuestra Plataforma**

#### Ambiente seguro

Eliminar la exposición de la comunidad a los peligros ambientales.

#### Centrarse en el mantenimiento de lugares

El aumento de puestos de trabajo, la capacidad para hacer frente y adaptarse a la comunidad puede permanecer arraigado en su lugar.

#### Incrementar la participación significativa

Continúe creciendo y sea guiado por la capacidad y el desarrollo de la comunidad, ¡incluida la juventud!

#### Elevar la toma de decisiones de la comunidad

Apoye a la comunidad, el gobierno y todos los tomadores de decisiones para que tomen decisiones juntos.

#### Nuestra misión

DRCC eleva la voz de aquellos afectados por la contaminación del río Duwamish y otras injusticias ambientales para un medio ambiente limpio, saludable y equitativo para las personas y la vida silvestre.

Promovemos el mantenimiento del lugar y priorizamos la capacidad y la resiliencia de la comunidad.



#### **Nuestros valores**

Lugar basado / mantenimiento de lugar

El poder de la gente Centrado en la comunidad

Justicia / Verdad al poder Adaptado

Transformación

Servicio / Reciprocidad Responsabilidad







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#### One River, One Community, One Home

Established in 2001, the Duwamish River Community Coalition (DRCC) provides resources, knowledge, and action to build more just and equitable environmental future.

#### **Our Platform**

#### Safe Environment

Eliminate community exposure to environmental hazards

#### Focus on Placekeeping

Increase jobs, capacity to cope and adapt to the community can remain rooted in place.

#### **Grow Meaningful Involvement**

Continue to grow and be led by community capacity and development- including the Youth!

#### **Elevate Community Decision Making**

Support community, government and all decision makers to make decisions together.

#### **Our Mission**

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#### **Our Values**

Place based/ Place-keeping People power Community Centered Transformation Justice/ Truth to Power Adaptive Service /Reciprocity Accountability







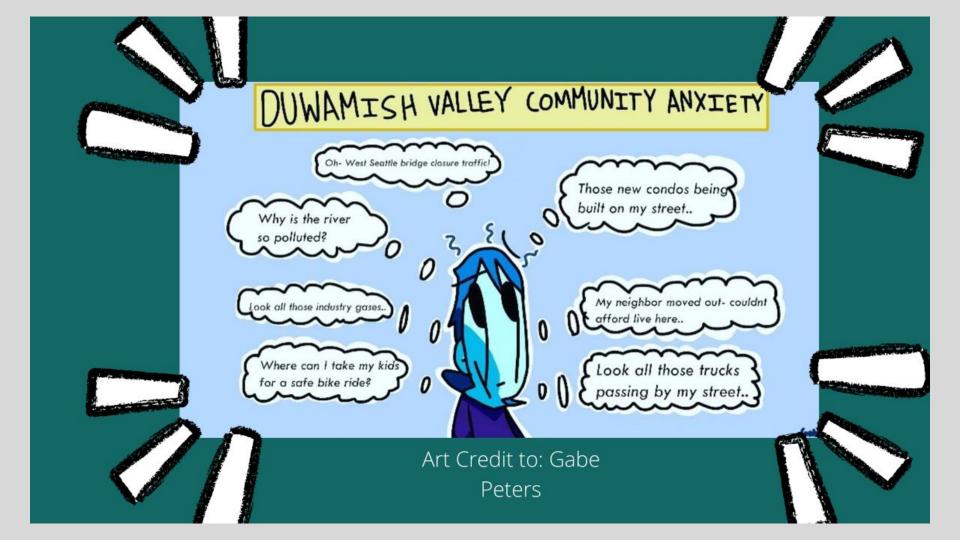
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# ONE RIVER, One Community, One Home

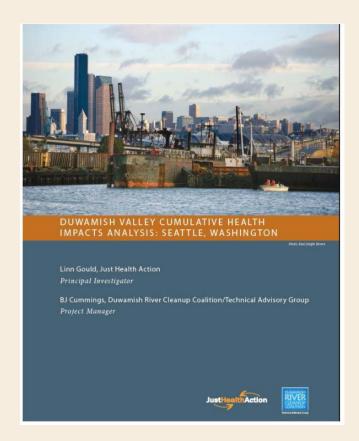
An empowered Duwamish Valley community thriving in a healthy and just environment





### Cumulative Health Impact Assessment

In the report, a total of 15 indicators were input into a formula to calculate cumulative health. impact scores for ten representative zip codes in Seattle. The highest cumulative impact score was the Beacon Hill/Georgetown/South Park neighborhood zip code 98108. With the support of this data, the Duwamish Valley can firmly be characterized as an area with disproportionate health impacts and environmental injustices where more actions, projects, and investment is needed to address health inequities.



LAURELHURST, NE SEATTLE

LIFE EXPECTANCY IN LAURELHURST

86 YEARS

LIFE EXPECTANCY IN SOUTH PARK

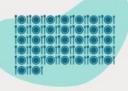
73 YEARS 10 MILES

SOUTH PARK, GEORGETOWN

#### 450 Houses Reached

Door-by-Door Knocking done by community organizers reaching out to community members in the Duwamish Valley to bring equal access to information.





#### 4,600 Food Boxes Delivered

DRCC & DVYC have been delivering 20 months of food boxes to families within the Duwamish Valley



12,070 views

Through Facebook Lives reaching people



#### \$55,000 In Rental Assistance

Joining the \$300,000 of PTA efforts for Covid-19 Rental assitance.

#### \$5,000 Duwamish Dollars

A program designed to support the community while providing educational support.



## Why is our work important?



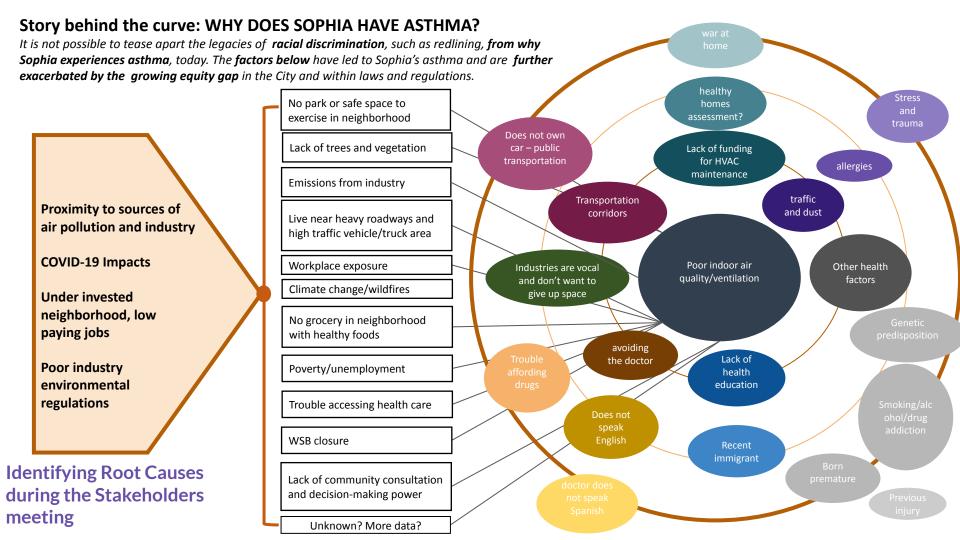




## We continue to work together to face systemic inequities.

We continue to prioritize community in our work-education, advocacy, youth empowerment--and making connections with neighbors. We have also been prioritizing local voices in discussions of the disproportionate impacts of toxic pollution in our river and air, together with all the environmental burdens that create even more health disparities.





#### **CALLING OUT FOR SPECIFIC ACTIONS:**

New Narratives for WATER and ALL intersections incorporating Health EQUITY Public investments in water infrastructure must explicitly engage low-income communities and people of color

#### Support policies and system changes-

Strengthening regulatory oversight over polluted discharges to groundwater, including monitoring and reporting as well as enforcement of penalties for legal violations;

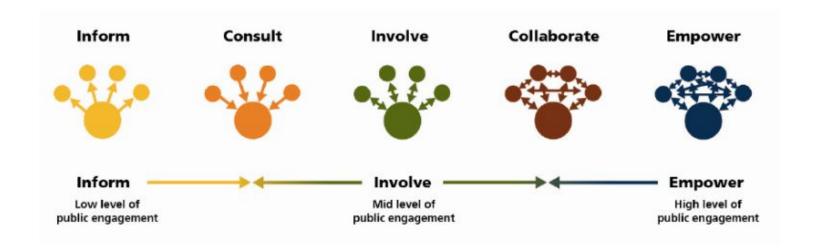
#### **CALLING OUT FOR SPECIFIC ACTIONS:**

Invest in community capacity and participatory process

A new way of workin WITH community FOR community



## Community Engagement Continuum



## INVEST PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE **YOUR** MOUTH IS

#### **CREATING NEW INTERNAL STRUCTURES -**

- Is there a commitment and plan that includes budget?
- Do you have an impact plan? and how are you designing this with community?

- Are communities included in the impact and implementation plan?





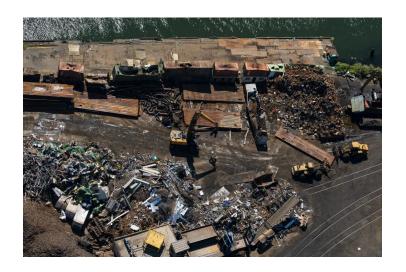
"Environmental justice isn't just a slang term for these people, it's real. If a community is located on the wrong side of the tracks, it's going to get a larger amount of pollution."

Dr. Robert Bullard – Environmental Justice Founding Leader



It took a biblical flood to get environmental groups...to come together with groups of the environmental justice, groups of faith-based groups, groups working on transportation and food security, etc. to come together. And we say it should not take a disaster for us to come together.

Robert Bullard, EJ Founding Leader



The Duwamish River is a lifeline, representing change, survival, and community. We want a clean-up that includes all of Seattle's beautiful and diverse communities. We depend on this river for food, work, and connection to nature. We deserve a clean up plan that will serve our communities for generations to come.



## Clean Air Strategies

IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN THE DUWAMISH VALLEY.

MEJORAR LA CALIDAD DEL AIRE INTERIOR EN VIVIENDAS MULTIFAMILIARES EN EL DUWAMISH VALLEY. IMPROVE OUTDOOR AIR QUALITY THROUGH PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES.

MEJORAR LA CALIDAD DEL AIRE EXTERIOR A TRAVÉS DE CAMBIOS AMBIENTALES FÍSICOS... REDUCE TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS IN THE DUWAMISH VALLEY.

REDUCIR LAS EMISIONES DEL TRANSPORTE EN EL VALLE DE DUWAMISH. REDUCE INDUSTRY
EMISSIONS AND
POLLUTION THROUGH
EXISTING LEGAL
MEANS.

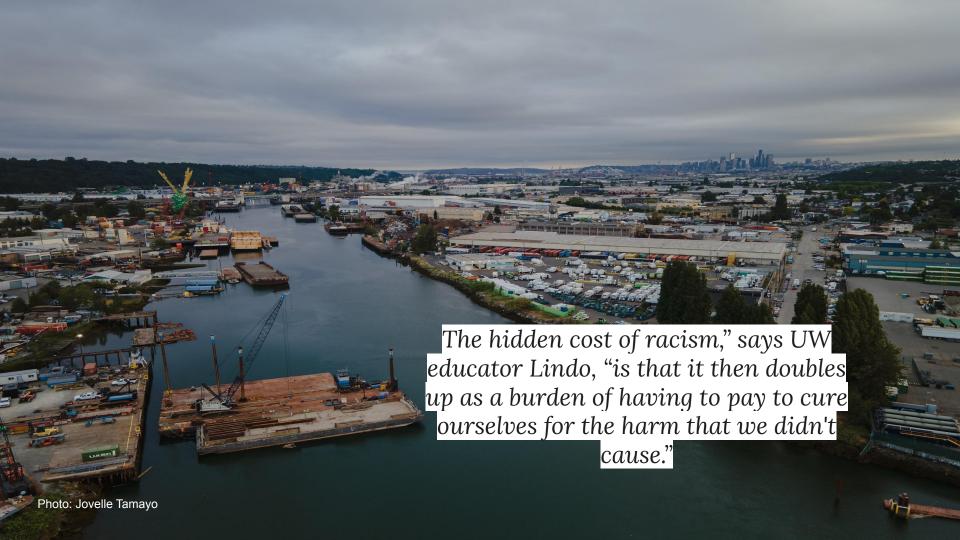
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## DUWAMISH VALLEY YOUTH CORPS







## **THANK YOU! Any Questions?**For more information

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