Duwamish Valley Program

Advancing Environmental Justice & Equitable Development

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Seattle

Lack of environmental benefits

Environmental hazards

Racial-socioeconomic conditions

Environmental hazards

WARNING
Communities thrive and can benefit from integrated investments that weave together to improve multiple social determinants of health and create a healthy place to live and work now and into the future.*

*Intersectional, collaborative approach that yields multiple benefits is imperative.
Why

1. Racial inequities
2. Health disparities
3. Community Prioritization
4. Projects underway

- 2014 5-STAR Rating
- 2015-2016 Equity & Environment Initiative
- Equitable Development Initiative
- Equitable Public Engagement
- 2016-onward Duwamish Valley Program
  - OSE, OPCD, DON, & SPU
  - DAT
  - Capital Cabinet
HOW WE GOT HERE:

1. Duwamish Valley Action Team

2. Programs and Projects Inventory

Duwamish Valley Program
Community Direction

Duwamish Valley Action Team

3. Community Priorities

4. Racial Equity Outcomes

5. Inclusive Community Engagement

Duwamish Valley Program Racial Equity Outcomes

- Healthy Communities
- Employment and Economic Opportunity
- Prosperity in Place
- Thriving Neighborhoods
- Equitable Access to City Resources, Accountability, and Decision-Making
- Community Capacity Building
Duwamish Valley Action Team

CORE TEAM
• Sustain momentum to achieve program objectives
• Set agendas
• Represent the DAT at briefings
• Bring policy, program and capital project perspectives to Core Team

Team Members
• Complete picture of Capital & Programmatic Investments
• Engage with Near-Term Actions to maximize alignment with objectives
• Contribute to Action Plan describing how future investments align
• Identify future resource needs
Per feedback from Capital Cabinet, we organized our work and recommendations in the following manner:

1. Near-term actions (0-1 years) - Staff

2. Mid-term recommendations (1-5 years) - Managers

3. Long-term recommendations (5+ years) - Directors
Near-Term (0-1 Years)

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Near-Term (0-1 Years)

THE 2018 PACKAGE: >$1.5 Million

OSE:
- Asthma Prevention

OH:
- Weatherization

DON:
- Community-Managed Assets
- Long-Term Community Engagement and Decision-Making
Near-Term (0-1 Years)

THE 2018 PACKAGE (continued):

PARKS:

South Park Community Center Site Plan

Georgetown Off-Leash Area

South Park Plaza (Capital Investment)

South Park Plaza (Early Activation)
## 40 OPPORTUNITIES:

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<th>Significant Opportunity</th>
<th>Additional Opportunity</th>
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2. Public Safety Coordinator  
3. SPU Pilot Program in South Park (litter and illegal dumping)  
4. Alley Lighting Improvements  
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6. Georgetown Task Force |
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| **Healthy Environment** | 1. Tree Planting and Maintenance in South Park and Georgetown* | 1. Asthma Prevention  
2. Healthy Homes resources  
3. Access to Healthy Food  
4. Regulation and Permitting Coordination  
5. Train Noise in Georgetown |
|                   | 2. Tree Planting and Maintenance in Georgetown |                        |
| **Parks & Open Spaces** | 1. South Park Community Center Site Plan*  
2. Georgetown Off-Leash Area* | 1. 12th & Elmgrove  
2. South Park Plaza (early activation)  
3. South Park Plaza (infrastructure improvements)  
4. The Flume  
5. Duwamish Waterway Park  
6. Taco Time Site |
|                   | 3. South Park Community Center Site Plan |                        |
|                   | 4. Georgetown Off-Leash Area |                        |
| **Community Capacity** | 1. Community-Controlled Spaces* | 1. Resilience Strategy  
2. Community Engagement Strategies and Shared Leadership Model  
3. Duwamish River Opportunity Fund  
4. Cultural Events |
|                   | 2. Community-Controlled Spaces |                        |
| **Mobility & Transportation** | 1. Georgetown-South Park Connection*  
2. Drainage & Street Improvements (South Park Industrial Area)* | 1. Georgetown Mobility Study implementation  
2. Improvements Along 14th Ave. S and S Cloverdale St. |
|                   | 3. Georgetown-South Park Connection |                        |
|                   | 4. Drainage & Street Improvements (South Park Industrial Area) |                        |
| **Economic Opportunity & Jobs** | 1. Lower Duwamish River Cleanup  
2. Duwamish Technical Training Center* | 1. Neighborhood business district support  
2. Training and Support for Local Residents and Business Owners  
3. Regional Arts Center in Georgetown |
|                   | 3. Lower Duwamish River Cleanup |                        |
|                   | 4. Duwamish Technical Training Center |                        |
| **Affordable Housing** | 1. Affordable Housing and Anti-Displacement Strategies | 1. Equitable Development Fund  
2. Affordable Housing and Anti-Displacement community coalition  
3. Preserve existing affordable housing  
4. Preserve affordability in market rate housing |
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2. RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIES

- Increase/improve tree canopy
- Increase/improve rain gardens, bioswales, and/or floodable open space
- Provide space for community members (including renters) to grow culturally-appropriate food
- Buy materials and supplies (e.g. food) at local businesses that serve as community anchors
- Reinforce local community character, cultural diversity, and values
- Hire/contract local people of color (including youth) for City jobs and for living-wage jobs.
Co-Creating Racial Equity Actions

3. RACIAL EQUITY ACTIONS

Racial Equity Actions

- Provide space for Duwamish Valley Youth Corps.
- Plant trees along WA-99.
- Contract with community-based organizations for outreach & engagement activities.
- Collaborate with S.P. Library to host STEM-related after school activities every month.
- Establish a plot for community members to grow "exotic" food.
- Hire Somali female community member to design & host culturally-appropriate programming.
- Include 3 youths of color in advisory group.
- Hire local construction company to make improvements.
### Co-Creating Racial Equity Actions

**EXAMPLE**

**Opportunity Details: South Park Community Center Site Plan and Implementation**

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<th>Budget</th>
<th>Timeframe</th>
<th>Metrics</th>
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<td>Provide regular meeting for the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps, a community-led effort that provides programming and training for local youth.</td>
<td>SPR*</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>1/2018</td>
<td>• Number and demographic of youths served&lt;br&gt;• 1 new program supported</td>
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<td>Plant evergreen trees along WA99.</td>
<td>SPR*, SDOT?</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>3/2018</td>
<td>• Number of trees&lt;br&gt;• Number of volunteers&lt;br&gt;• Volunteers’ demographic information</td>
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<td>Establish contracts with community-based organizations to design and conduct inclusive and multicultural outreach and engagement activities for all future improvements and site implementation activities.</td>
<td>SPR*, DON, OSE</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
<td>3/2018</td>
<td>• Community members hired&lt;br&gt;• Number of languages reached&lt;br&gt;• Number of in-language outreach/engagement events&lt;br&gt;• Number and demographics of attendees</td>
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<td>In partnership with the South Park Public Library, host STEM-related activities in a monthly basis as part of the after-school programming for the SPCC.</td>
<td>SPL*, SPR</td>
<td>$24,000</td>
<td>3/2018</td>
<td>• Number of events&lt;br&gt;• Number and demographic of attendees</td>
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<td>Establish a plot to be used exclusively to grow food that is representative of the diverse cultures in South Park.</td>
<td>SPR*, OSE?</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>12/2018</td>
<td>• Increased square footage of public food-growing space&lt;br&gt;• Number of plots&lt;br&gt;• Users’ demographic information&lt;br&gt;• Pounds of food harvested</td>
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<td>Hire/contract a staff member to design and host culturally-appropriate programming for Muslim women.</td>
<td>SPR*</td>
<td>$70,000</td>
<td>1/2019</td>
<td>• 1 new culturally-appropriate program created&lt;br&gt;• 1 new job created&lt;br&gt;• 1 local community member hired&lt;br&gt;• Number of community members participating in activity/program</td>
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Tree planting and maintenance in the Duwamish Valley

GOAL: Increase overall tree canopy coverage and maintain and improve the health of existing trees in South Park and Georgetown. By fall 2018, establish tree canopy goals specific to South Park and Georgetown.

STRATEGIES

• Tree planting and maintenance in City-owned ROW & residential properties. In partnership with community members, develop recommendations and actions specific to the Duwamish Valley to be included in the Urban Forestry Stewardship Plan.

• Tree planting and maintenance in industrial lands. Formalize partnerships with local businesses and industries to plant trees on their property in ways that allow for existing and planned economic activities; develop a benefits agreement that promotes local hiring and contracting.

• Increase, improve, and maintain tree canopy coverage in non-City-owned ROW and in agency-owned properties. Develop a “Green Infrastructure Apprenticeship Program” in partnership with South Seattle College, King County, Port of Seattle, WSDOT, and others.
Other Opportunities

- South Park Community Center Site Plan and Implementation
- Georgetown Off-Leash Area
- Georgetown-South Park Connection
- Drainage and Street Improvements (in industrial area of South Park)
- Duwamish Technical Training Center
- South Park Plaza
- Duwamish River Opportunity Fund
Long-term Opportunity Areas

Health

Anti-Displacement

Climate Change

Workforce Development

Parks & Open Space
City Leadership Direction

Priority

Collaboration

Innovation

Multiple Benefits

Sustained Focus

Prosperity in Place
Next Steps

DUWAMISH VALLEY ACTION PLAN
(early 2018)
Successful Collaboration

Trees + Youth Programming + Training + Economic Opportunity + Social Cohesion = Happy Community!
Successful Collaboration

Engagement

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