

Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program

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Equity in Communities Valued at the Port

- Century Agenda
- Commission priority
- Energy & Sustainability Committee
- “Social license” to operate
- Reduces project costs and inefficiencies
- Equity Office



Understanding Equity in Communities

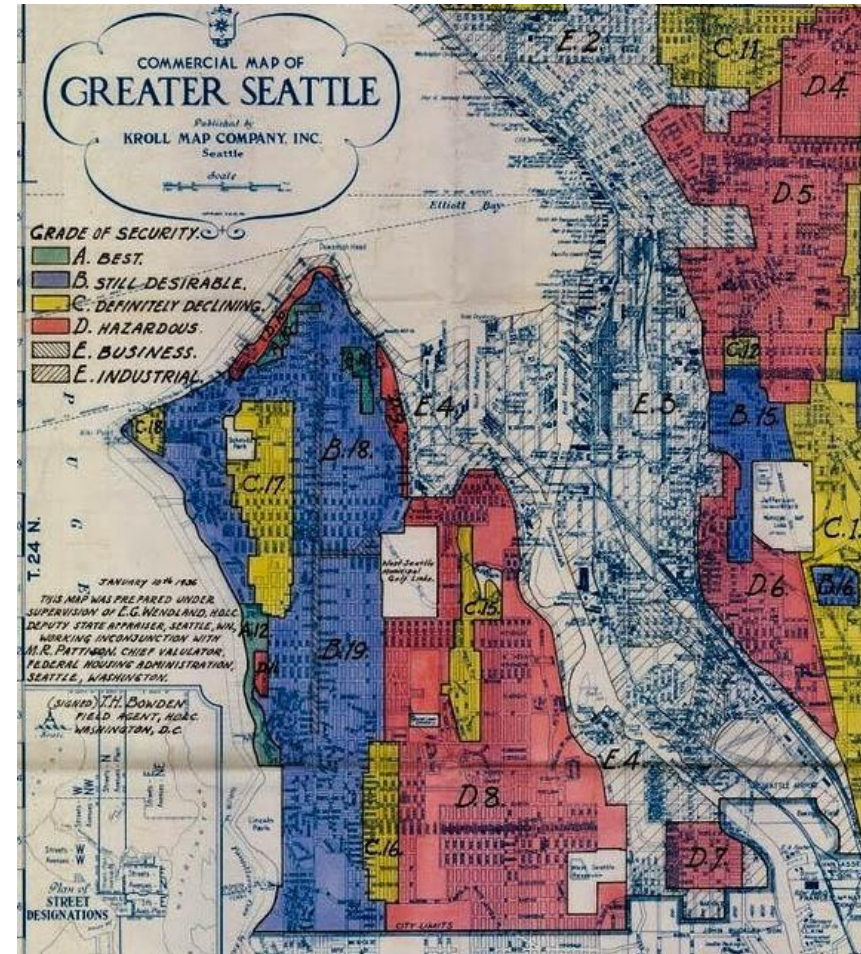


Our work started with an environmental focus, but soon shifted into a broader equity conversation.

Why Duwamish Valley?

Our community experiences historic inequities and discriminatory practices:

- Redlining
- Industrial zoning
- Income suppression



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

Inequitable Environmental Burdens

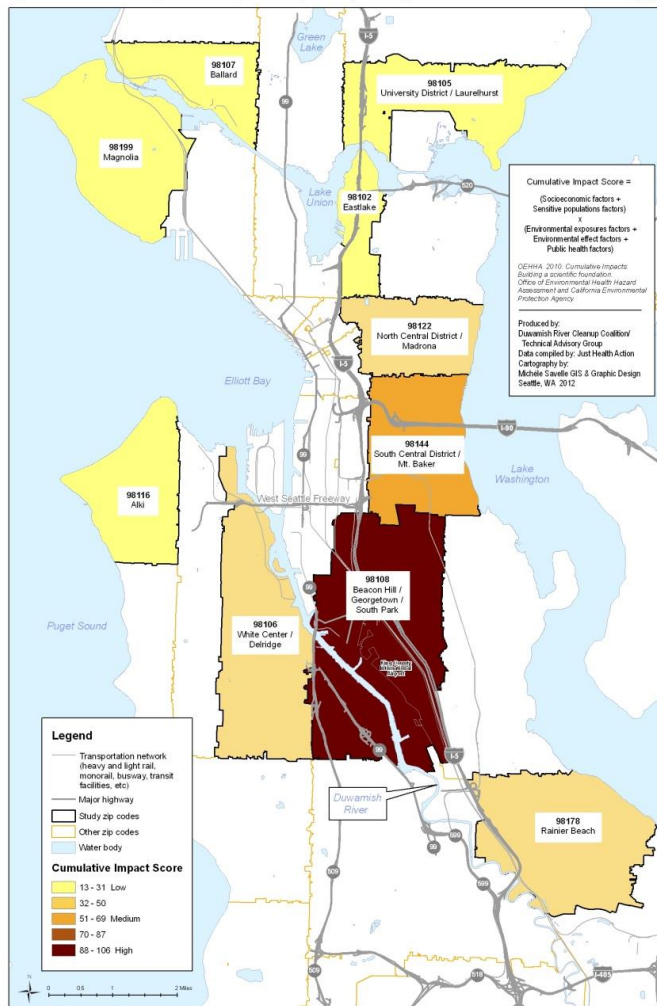
- Our community experiences a disproportionate burden of environmental impacts:
 - Highway and freight traffic
 - Historic and current contamination
 - Railway and airplane noise
 - Private industry pollution
 - Lack of safe mobility options



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

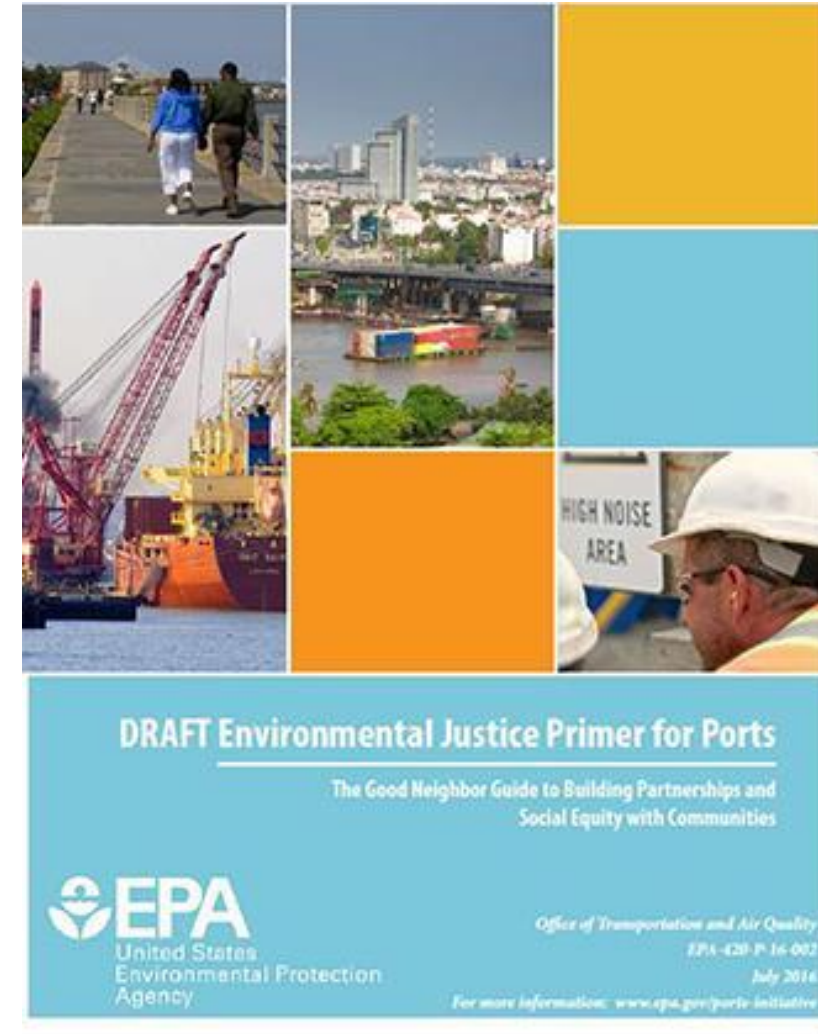
*Source: Public Health Seattle & King County *p=0.05 from both KC and Seattle average #p= 0.05 for KC average only*



When added together, multiple factors cause a “cumulative health impact” with significant health outcomes.

Launch of the Pilot Project

- EPA technical assistance grant
- 1 of 3 Ports selected in nation
- April 2017 kickoff
- Pilot project goals:
 - improve environmental health outcomes for communities affected by ports and associated goods movement facilities, and,
 - improve environmental performance at ports.



To address these disparities, the pilot project followed best practices in equitable community engagement.

1. Investing in capacity building Port Community Action Team (PCAT)



By launching the PCAT, the Port leveled the playing field for our community's ability to participate.

2. Two-way community engagement

- Learning how to work together
 - Trained on equity, collaborative problem solving
 - Identified shared goals



PCAT-Port Shared Goals

- ❖ Community and Port Capacity Building for Collaboration
- ❖ Healthy Environment and Communities
- ❖ Economic Prosperity in Place



3. Building Trust through Action



Community and Port Capacity Building for Collaboration

- ❖ Collaborate on decision making that impacts the Duwamish Valley
- ❖ Gain skills and resources to participate in civic processes
- ❖ Align communication methods to foster relationship building

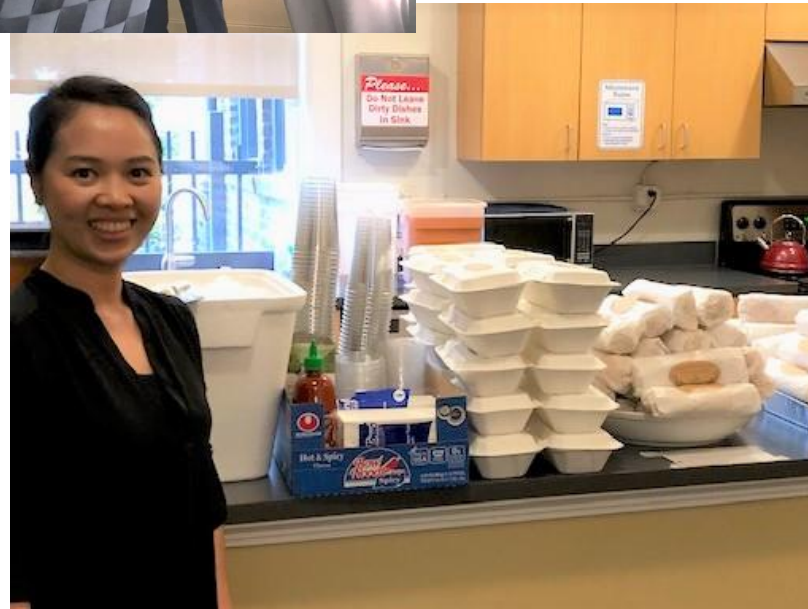
Healthy Environment and Communities

- ❖ Develop a shared understanding of “the environment”
- ❖ Match community expertise with Port environment and sustainability commitments
- ❖ Build an inclusive green economy for all



The pilot project opened up opportunities to build on each other's environmental efforts along the river.

Economic Prosperity in Place



- ❖ Target economic development programs to benefit near-Port communities
- ❖ Convene Port-related industries to support anti-displacement solutions
- ❖ Innovate career pathways that provide living wage jobs and training

4. Sustaining the Commitment

- Motion
 - Establish an interdepartmental team
 - Formalize PCAT
 - Build Community Benefits Commitment
 - Leverage external partners
 - Identify funding for projects
 - Create annual evaluation process



Next Steps - December 2019



- Resolution with Community Benefits Commitment
 - Strategic roadmap
 - Shared definitions
 - Sustainable funding opportunities
 - Reporting structure to measure success
 - Collaborative action projects
 - PCAT-IDT work plans

Our Port, Our Community

