

Duwamish Basin Steward Interlocal Agreement

Request for approval to execute
Interlocal Agreement between
King County, City of Seattle, City
of Tukwila, and Port of Seattle



Request

Request Commission authorization for the Executive Director to execute an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with King County, City of Seattle, and City of Tukwila for a new Duwamish Basin Steward position.

This request furthers a Commission priority related to stewardship capacity in the Duwamish Service area.

Justification

- Aligned with the Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program which was adopted by the Port Commission in 2019. The Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program aims to harnesses the Port's economic development mission to promote community partnerships, healthy environments and communities, and economic prosperity.
- Aligned with the Port's Century Agenda goal to "restore, create, and enhance 40 additional acres of habitat in the Green/Duwamish Watershed."

Duwamish Basin Service Area



Key Priorities for Basin Steward

- Increase stewardship capacity for Duwamish Service Area focused on:
 - Salmon recovery
 - Shoreline habitat restoration
 - Community engagement
 - Partnership and funding coordination
 - Creative stormwater management
 - Climate adaptation and resilience
 - Land conservation
 - Community-based science
 - Other stewardship activities within the service area

Outcomes of the Interlocal Agreement

- The Duwamish Basin Steward position will:
 - Increase collaboration with landowners, businesses, communities, agencies and tribes in the Duwamish Service Area.
 - Secure technical assistance and funding from federal and state agencies and other sources.
 - Participate in landscape-level stewardship and restoration planning with key partners in the Duwamish Service Area.
 - Assist the Port in optimizing its Sustainable Shorelines Program, Multi-Site Mitigation Bank, Stormwater Utility, and climate resilience programs.



Cost Share

Estimated Annual Cost Share (2022-2023)		
King County	37.5%	\$ 78,000
City of Seattle	37.5%	\$ 78,000
City of Tukwila	12.5%	\$ 26,000
Port of Seattle	12.5%	\$ 26,000

Next steps

- Spring 2022: Finalize and execute the Interlocal Agreement
- Summer/Fall 2022: Recruit and hire the Duwamish Basin Steward position (led by King County) with support from the Duwamish Basin Management Team
- Fall 2022: Port staff request funds for Port share for 2023