

# Duwamish Valley Community Benefits Commitment

## “Our Port, Our Community”

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# Port of Seattle – Economic Driver

over 200,000 local jobs/\$40B in maritime int'l trade



Homeport of the North Pacific Fishing Fleet



SEA International Airport



Largest Cruise Port on the U.S. West Coast



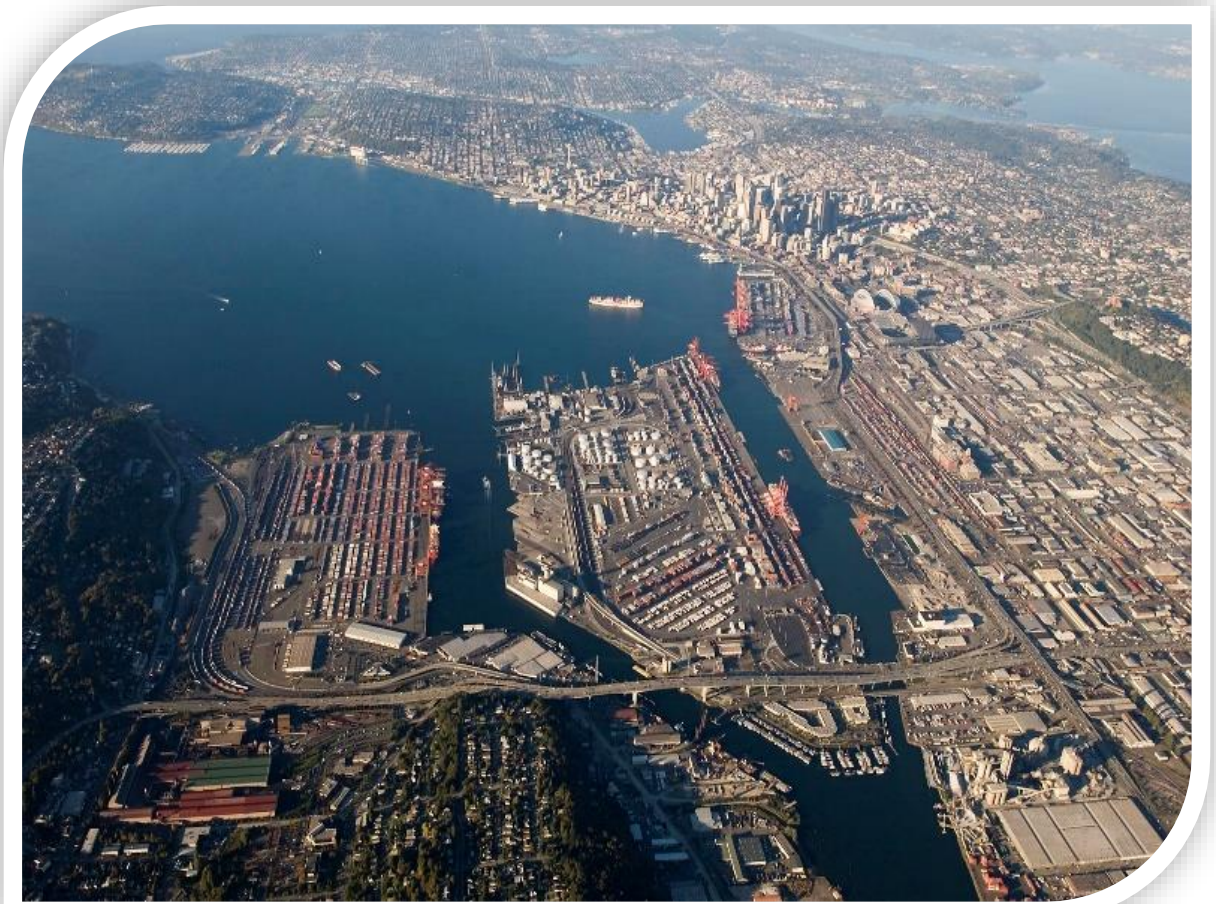
NW Seaport Alliance\* 4<sup>th</sup> largest in North America

\*The Northwest Seaport Alliance is a marine cargo operating partnership between the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Seattle est. 2015.



# Port as an Active Neighbor to Local Communities

- Seattle's seaport is surrounded by diverse communities and broad interests.
- Port has a role in working with communities and addressing inequities.
- Regulations, access to information, and transparency drives the importance of communities to Port's future success.



# Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program

- EPA Ports Initiative technical assistance grant and pilot project began in 2017.
- The Port Community Action Team (PCAT) established.

## **Pillars of Engagement:**

1. Invest in capacity building
2. Two-way community engagement
3. Build trust through action
4. Sustain the commitment

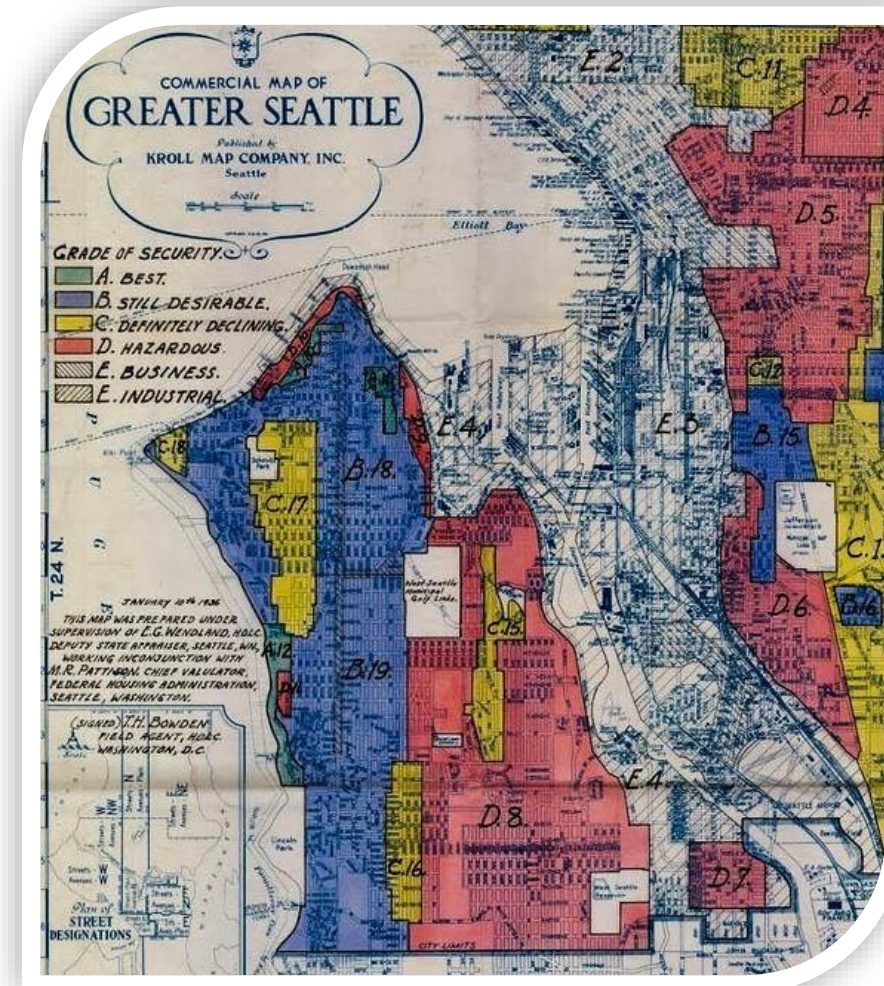




# Why Duwamish Valley?

Our community experiences historic inequities and discriminatory practices:

- Redlining
- Industrial zoning
- Income suppression
- Highway and freight traffic
- Historic and current contamination
- Railway and airplane noise
- Private industry pollution
- Lack of safe mobility options

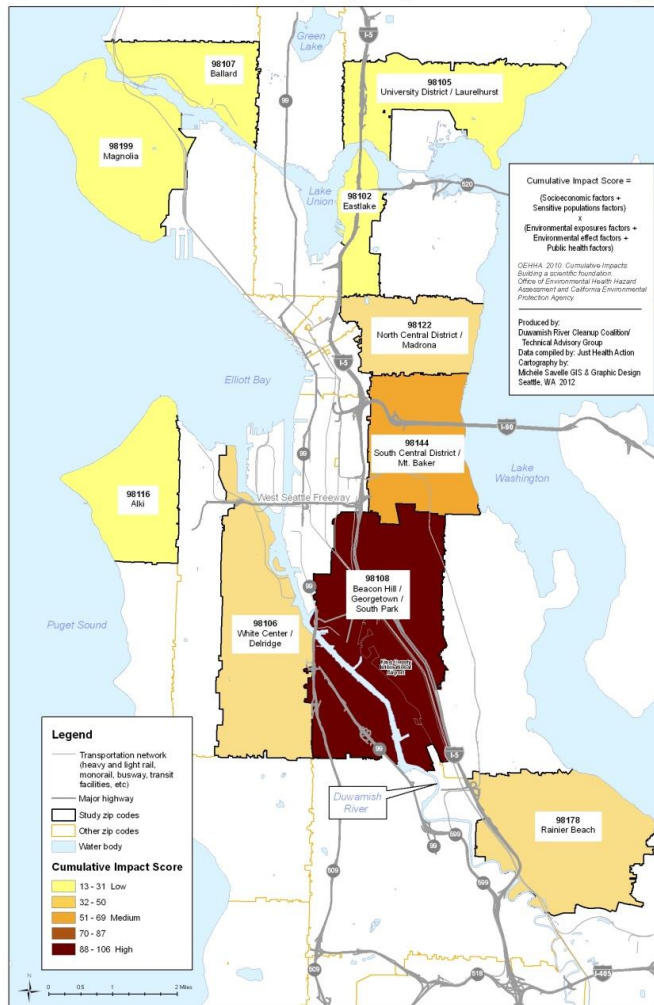


Map source: Robert Nelson, LaDale Winling, et al., "Mapping Inequality," *American Panorama*

# 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				

# Pillars of Engagement with Community



Community members gathered with Port staff in evenings over meals to build the program

1. Capacity building with Port Staff and Port Community Action Team (PCAT)
  - Trainings
  - Public tours and events
2. Ongoing, two-way community engagement
  - Evening meetings, childcare, meals provided
  - Shared decision making
3. Building trust through action
  - Youth Internships
  - Habitat Stewardship Job Training
4. Sustaining the commitment
  - Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program
  - Port Commission adoption of Resolution 3767



# Duwamish Valley Community Benefits Commitment

## Purpose

To guide the implementation of the Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program and other Port operations that impact the Duwamish Valley community.

This policy directive will ensure the Port's collaboration with the Duwamish Valley community to achieve three shared goals:

- 1. Capacity Building for Ongoing Port-Community Collaboration**
- 2. Healthy Environment and Communities**
- 3. Economic Prosperity in Place**



# Goal 1: Capacity Building for Ongoing Port-Community Collaboration

The Port's action areas:

- Inclusion
- Training and Education for the Port
- Training and Education for the Community
- Community Engagement
- Community Feedback
- Inter-agency Collaboration
- Data-Driven Results



Port Community Action Team members organized an educational boat tour for 300 multicultural residents

# Goal 2: Healthy Environment and Communities

The Port's action areas:

- Climate Change
- Air Quality
- Truck Traffic
- Noise Impacts
- Public Parks and Greenspace
- Water Quality



Job training for young adults to manage the Port's habitat mitigation sites along the Duwamish River



# Goal 3: Economic Prosperity in Place

The Port's action areas:

- Recruiting and Retention
- Youth and Adult Workforce Development
- Economic Development
- Support for an Equitable, Diverse, and Green Economy



Local recruitment for near-Port youth to enter construction trades careers in seaport industries

# The Future: Our Port, Our Community

Near-Port communities are diverse with broad interests.

Ports have a role in working with communities and addressing inequities.

Long-term sustainability of Ports requires long-term relationship building with communities.





# Questions?

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