



Technical Advisory Group

# Duwamish Valley Healthy Communities Project: Fact Sheet 3

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## Duwamish neighbors work together to build a HEALTHY COMMUNITY

In 2013, South Park and Georgetown residents were convened by the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/TAG (DRCC) and selected five projects to be funded and implemented through the Duwamish Valley Healthy Communities Project, coordinated by DRCC and funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's CARE (Community Action for a Renewed

Environment) Program.

DRCC also awarded three additional mini-grants for self-selected initiatives by Latino youth, Vietnamese residents, and a local homeless encampment.

**Check out how much these amazing projects accomplished with this funding in just one year!**



South Park cleanup day

### >> REDUCING POLLUTION

Neighbors removed more than one ton of trash from local streets and parks in family-friendly cleanup events organized by **Puget Soundkeeper Alliance**

Volunteers joined the **South Park Area Redevelopment Committee** to plant 20 new street trees in and around South Park's Rose Street rain gardens



Rain garden tree planting

Duwamish valley residents *take action* to build a healthy community...

>> **PROVIDING HEALTHY FOOD FOR OUR FAMILIES**



Concord school students prepare a community dinner

Over 300 residents were served healthy meals through hands-on, student-led “community kitchens” coordinated by **Solid Ground** Lettuce Link and youth leadership programs at Concord International School, and...



a new community chicken co-op is now up and running at South Park’s Marra Farm

>> **CREATING GREEN SPACE**



Neighborhood volunteers helped **Forterra** restore 3 acres of urban forest with 1,000 new native plants in the Duwamish Valley’s Westcrest Park

Protein supplements were provided to 540 families and 30 homebound seniors by the **Providence–Regina House Food Bank**, and local residents received 300 plant starts to begin home gardens



Peter Quenguyen worked with his neighbors to create **Friends of Desimone Park**

AND a very special shout out to **Nickelsville** for their food safety project and the **StreetBeat** youth for designing a youth play area for Duwamish Waterway Park

**WHAT’S NEXT?**

The work is not over, but we are on to yet bigger and better things. South Park, Georgetown and DRCC/TAG have partnered with Public Health of Seattle & King County, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, WA Lung Association and others to craft a plan to reduce exposure to air pollution in the Duwamish Valley neighborhoods.

We have applied for a grant from EPA and hope to get started by this summer – adding new air monitoring stations, mapping air pollution sources, providing indoor air cleaning kits and filtering devices, and piloting large scale air pollution reduction projects along our local highways and industrial fencelines... Stay tuned!