

Healthy River/ Healthy Communities

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Implementing projects with funding from the City of Seattle

In 2014, as a result of community activism and the publication of several public health reports, the City of Seattle created the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund (DROF), allocating \$250,000 to fund community-driven projects in the Duwamish Valley. With funding support from an EPA Urban Waters Grant, DRCC/TAG was able to support the community's ability to access these funds. Our staff worked with a diverse group of community members (Community Action Team - CAT) to prioritize projects, identify fiscal sponsors, and prepare and submit proposals. Four projects were partially funded in 2014, ranging from tree planting in South Park and Georgetown to a traditional foods program for the Duwamish Tribe. For more information about these projects, please visit www.duwamishcleanup.org/healthy-river.



Community Action Team members prioritizing projects

This year, the City again allocated \$250,000 to the DROF. DRCC/TAG worked with a CAT from South Park and with interested community members from Georgetown to access these funds. In total, we assisted the community in writing and submitting six project proposals. The official funding announcement was recently done - five out of the six proposals were partially funded! Learn more about these projects below.



Corn being grown at the Georgetown Urban Farm and Food Forest, a project prioritized by the community in 2014

Currently, there is no funding allocated for the DROF for 2016. DRCC/TAG is currently working with City staff and council members to ensure funding is secured for next year. Stay tuned for more information – we will need your help in making it happen!

Project (Neighborhood)	Fiscal Sponsor (Implementing Organization/Individual)	Funds requested	Award
Urban Farm and Food Forest (Georgetown)	Georgetown Community Council (Anieliena Vital-Chamberlain)	\$33,100	\$20,000
Graffiti Removal (Georgetown)	Georgetown Community Council (Sheila Fisher)	\$28,624	\$10,000
Hey Duwamish! Project (Georgetown and South Park)	Georgetown Community Council (SmarterCleanup Project)	\$43,000	\$20,000
Healthy Living (South Park)	South Park Action and Redevelopment Committee (South Park Information and Resource Center)	\$46,000	\$15,000
Business Vitality and Economic Development (South Park)	Latino Community Fund (South Park Retail Merchants Association)	\$51,720	\$12,000
TOTAL		\$202,444	\$77,000



Duwamish Valley Youth Corps members and artist, Sarah Kavage, removing graffiti from the 8th Ave. S Trail in South Park

King County Council motion

Excellent news!

After working with DRCC/TAG, King County Council passed a motion in May that is a strong, positive step in protecting the community's health and well-being. Among its attributes, it proposes the development of an Interdepartmental Team to coordinate efforts and work with the community - as well as potentially other agencies - on projects related to affordable housing, transit, access to healthy food, jobs creations, and more.

Interdepartmental Team

City of Seattle

The interdepartmental team (IDT) is in the works! This IDT was called for in the Seattle City Council resolution passed in February. Different City departments are currently coordinating efforts in order to work with community members and groups in promoting health and well-being in the Duwamish Valley. Stay tuned as this continues to develop!

Revitalization Roundtable

Postponed

Due to recent changes in funding and the ongoing work of the Green/Duwamish Strategy and the City's IDT, we have decided to postpone the multi-sector roundtable until further notice.

More Community Priorities

- *Youth Programming.* With limited youth programming available in South Park and Georgetown, our 2014 Community Action Team identified and prioritized the need to fill this gap. Through multiple sources of funding, DRCC/TAG and partners are currently hosting the fourth cohort of the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps. The Youth Corps engages, trains, and empowers a new generation of community leaders with a focus on community and environmental health. Funding for the Youth Corps has been secured through 2016!
- *Home Environmental Assessments.* In order to promote community and family health, DRCC/TAG partnered with the American Lung Association to perform Healthy Home Assessments. Each participant gets an individualized home action plan and free, non-toxic cleaning supplies. Families with members suffering from asthma get additional supplies. Home assessments are offered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- *Green Open Spaces.* As part of the South Park Green Spaces Steering Committee, DRCC/TAG, Seattle Parks Foundation, & other committee members recently secured a \$25,000 grant focused on schematic designs and construction drawings for Duwamish Waterway Park improvements in South Park.
- *Other.* DRCC/TAG and partners have worked with community members on other priorities, including: pest/vermin control, air quality, and climate change adaptability. We will continue working with project partners, the CAT, and other community members in addressing these and other priorities. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have ideas on ways to address these!

About Healthy Rivers / Healthy Communities

The Healthy Rivers / Healthy Communities project (HR/HC) aims to work with the community to address environmental and health threats to communities impacted by continued pollution and the cleanup. The Health Impact Assessment, the Cumulative Health Impact Analysis, the Duwamish Valley Vision Plan and Map and other community-based participatory research (CBPR) provide the basis for the work.

Thank you to our project partners!

Bainbridge Graduate Institute, Pinchot University | Duwamish Tribe | Georgetown Community Council
Public Health Seattle & King County | Seattle Parks Foundation | Seattle Public Utilities
South Park Neighborhood Association | U.S. Forest Service | UW School of Public Health

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