



Technical Advisory Group

Healthy River/ Healthy Communities Fact Sheet #1

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Duwamish River Opportunity Fund Awards Announced!

In November 2014, the City of Seattle announced the awards for the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund, a fund established to help mitigate adverse effects caused by ongoing pollution and cleanup of the Duwamish River.

In May 2014, a diverse group of community members went through prioritization workshops with DRCC/TAG and presented a list of projects to the City of Seattle that they recommended to be funded through the Opportunity Fund. This summer, the City of Seattle opened the application process, establishing a different community review team.

With funding from an EPA Urban Waters Grant, DRCC/TAG worked with the community to identify fiscal sponsors and submit four project proposals from the original list of recommendations.

All the community's projects were awarded with partial funding! Check out what these projects below.

Currently, DRCC/TAG is coordinating with the fiscal sponsors while these projects are being implemented. We will continue to work to fully fund these projects. Stay tuned!



Community Action Team working together at the prioritization workshops



Tree-giving event in South Park

Project	Fiscal Sponsor	Amount Requested	Amount Funded
Tree Canopy Enhancement	WA Veterans Conservation Corps	\$75,000	\$61,500
8 th Ave Trail Improvements	Seattle Parks Foundation	\$50,000	\$40,000
Community Garden/Food Forest	Georgetown Community Council	\$25,000	\$22,000
Traditional Foods Program	Duwamish Tribe	\$50,000	\$21,000
TOTAL		\$200,000	\$144,500

Duwamish Valley Youth Corps is a hit!

Due to limited youth programming in South Park and Georgetown, our Community Action Team identified this gap and prioritized the need to fill it. Through funding from the U.S. Forest Service, the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps was established to support and train a new generation of community leaders in response to the community's interest in improving youth programming, employment, and engagement.

Since its launching in mid-October 2014, the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps was out in full force, working on rain gardens, community gardens, Marra Farms, the River City Skate Park, and more! Two of the Youth Corps members even presented to Governor Jay Inslee, advocating for their neighborhoods, the river, and better air quality.

The current Youth Corps graduated in mid-December 2014; DRCC/TAG is working now to secure funding for future teams.



The Youth Corps cleaning up the river during Duwamish Alive!

About Healthy Rivers / Healthy Communities

The Healthy Rivers / Healthy Communities Project (HR/HC) aims to address environmental and health threats to communities impacted by continued pollution and the cleanup. The Health Impact Assessment, the Cumulative Health Impact Analysis, and the Duwamish Valley Vision Plan and Map provide the basis for the work.

A community-based action team made up of diverse members will prioritize, refine, and help implement recommendations in these documents, including:

- Creating green space and public access at riverfront cleanup areas
- Training and hiring local residents for cleanup jobs
- Providing healthy alternatives to contaminated fish
- Protecting residents from gentrification exacerbated by the cleanup

City Council resolution

Excellent news!

After working with DRCC/TAG, the Seattle City Council recently passed a resolution 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 work together and with the community, enabling closer coordination on projects regarding affordable housing, transit, access to healthy food, jobs creations, and more.

Revitalization Roundtable

Coming soon!

Underway is the development of a multi-sector "revitalization roundtable" to instigate the formation of a multi-sector "task force". The roundtable aims to bring together different stakeholders that would coordinate efforts to create a healthy community for all – residents, businesses, industries, fisherman, Native American tribes, and more.

Thank you to our project partners!

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