

# INCREDIBLE PARKS WANT INCREDIBLE NAMES

The history of Seattle's waterfront parks is closely tied to the city's development. Since its establishment in 1911, the Port of Seattle has played a vital role in shaping the maritime and economic growth of King County. Along with this, the Port has been committed to environmental sustainability and engagement with its near-port communities, recognizing the importance of providing public access to the Duwamish River.

After years of community participation, the Port learned that the existing names of most Port-owned shoreline parks did not capture the profound ecological or cultural significance they held for the surrounding communities. To address this, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in 2020, the Port of Seattle initiated the "Incredible Parks Want Incredible Names" campaign.

The project aimed to enhance the connection between the parks and the people by renaming them to better align with the community, whose vital involvement had contributed significantly to the successful restoration efforts of these green spaces. The nomination period for the new names ran for numerous weeks, during which the Port received over 4,000 public comments.

The park names underwent rigorous evaluation, with several rounds of scoring and assessments conducted by a dedicated review committee designed to equitably center and give leadership to Tribal and community perspectives. After seven months of diverse and inclusive community engagement strategies, the committee announced the selected names that would be the parks' new identities, symbolizing their renewed ties with the surrounding neighborhoods.

These new names are more than just labels; they represent the shared values, unique ecology, and cultural significance of the Duwamish River community and its history. With these names, the parks exist as living symbols of unity and pride, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the rich history of Seattle's remarkable waterfront.

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## Updated Park Names

### **ʔuʔəlaltx<sup>w</sup> Village Park and Shoreline Habitat**

(t-oo-ah-lal-too-wx)

*Formerly Terminal 105 Park*

'Herring's House' or a description of where herring live and spawn. It is also the name of an old village site on the west bank of the Duwamish River.

### **həʔapus Village Park & Shoreline Habitat**

(ha-ah-poos)

*Formerly Terminal 107 Park*

The name of a small stream draining across a flat on the west side of Duwamish River.

### **sbəq<sup>w</sup>aʔ Park and Shoreline Habitat Park**

(s-bah-qwah)

*Formerly Terminal 108 Park/Diagonal Park*

The Great Blue Heron.

### **ʔaʔtaʔucid Park and Shoreline Habitat**

(t-ahth-t-ahth-oots-eed)

*Formerly 8th Ave South Street End*

A description of logs or branches located above a path or trail.

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## Review Committee

### **Magdalena Angel-Cano**

*The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition*

Magdalena Angel-Cano has a personal connection to the Duwamish River, as she grew up in South Park, and her family moved there 20 years ago. Currently, she works for the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, where she actively contributes to the efforts in cleaning up and protecting the river. As part of the organization, Magdalena has been involved in restoring the river's ecology and participating in educational events. Additionally, the coalition advocates on behalf of marginalized communities in the Duwamish Valley that are affected by industrial pollution. Their mission focuses on environmental conservation and restoration to improve the overall health of the Duwamish River in Washington State.

### **Rosario-Maria Medina**

*Friends of Georgetown History*

A passionate community activist and a true Georgetown local. Her family has lived here for four generations, and she is deeply connected to the neighborhood's history. Rosario's mission is to shed light on the often-overlooked narratives of BIPOC individuals in our past, which are equally important to preserve for future generations.

### **Warren KingGeorge**

*Muckleshoot Tribe*

An esteemed member of the Muckleshoot Tribe and a dedicated oral historian for their preservation department. With a strong sense of cultural pride and commitment, Warren is tirelessly working to safeguard the rich heritage and traditions of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for generations to come.

### **Dennis Lewarch**

*Suquamish Tribe*

A dedicated ally who has been working with the Squamish Tribe of Washington State since the 1990s. He is a consulting archaeologist and their first Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). Through his efforts, Dennis has been documenting the tribe's heritage and preserving their cultural landscapes, supporting their journey towards self-determination.

### **Sharon Leishman**

*Duwamish Alive Coalition*

Executive Director of Duwamish Alive Coalition is passionately committed to revitalizing the natural habitat with native plants and enhancing the river's health through habitat restoration. Her dedicated efforts focus on improving water quality and promoting environmental education within the watershed.

### **BJ Cummings**

*University of Washington*

Working for the University of Washington's Superfund program has been actively involved in advocating for better environmental health in the Duwamish River Valley. In 2001, she founded the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, a community-driven initiative aimed at fostering active community engagement for environmental improvement.

### **George Blomberg**

*Port of Seattle Maritime Environmental*

a Senior Environmental Program Manager in the Maritime Environment and Sustainability department since 1985, has a deep passion for his work. He is dedicated to working on large-scale marine industrial redevelopment, ensuring efficient cargo facilities operations, and making sure everyone can enjoy our shorelines. His commitment to driving meaningful improvements in fish and wildlife habitat reflects his love for the environment and the community he serves. George's journey exemplifies the positive impact one person can make on our precious ecosystems.

### **Al Grant**

*Port of Seattle Marine Maintenance*