

ʔaʔaʔucid Village Park and Shoreline Habitat

ʔaʔaʔucid is when there this is something overhead on a path; a place of tree trunks and dead timber

ʔaʔaʔucid Park and Shoreline Habitat (t-ahth-t-ahth-oots-eed), formerly known as 8th Ave South Street End, is situated on an ancestral Indigenous water site, once part of a meandering river channel. It holds significance as Coast Salish land where sustainable resource management and cultural activities occurred, including canoe travel, storytelling, and gathering. In 1851, European immigrants established the first non-native settlement in the Duwamish Valley. As the city grew, the Duwamish River was altered to support the maritime industry. A wooden swing bridge connecting South Park and Georgetown was established in 1915, enabling transportation of farm produce to Pike Place Market. The swing bridge was later replaced by the South Park Bridge.

Between the 1940s and 1970s, the area underwent industrial and residential expansion due to Boeing's presence and other riverfront industries. Coupled with discriminatory practices such as redlining and the displacement of Japanese Americans, South Park and Georgetown were transformed into nearly unrecognizable urban neighborhoods with ongoing environmental and cultural impacts. In 1985, the Port created a **Comprehensive Public Access Plan**, identifying opportunities for public shoreline access and environmental restoration alongside new marine cargo terminal development. Selected for this development, ʔaʔaʔucid Park was completed in 2007 with stabilized banks, native vegetation, and habitat features to support migratory animals.

In recent years, Port of Seattle interns and the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps have practiced environmental stewardship in the park, planting trees, identifying plants, and removing invasive species. Additionally, the historic Georgetown Steam Plant Pump House across the river gained landmark status in December 2019 following community advocacy. The diversity and richness of this land will continue to be appreciated by those a part of the **Duwamish River** community.