



Resources for Enhanced Collaboration

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ECOSS

- 501(c)(3) Non-profit Environmental
- Neutral, 3rd Party
- Technical Assistance, Education
- No policy / advocacy / litigation



Setting

- Duwamish Valley
 - Mixed residential / commercial / industrial
 - Environmental justice communities

- ~5,000 residents
 - Highly diverse
 - Multiple languages, cultures
 - Different access points, priorities



Issues / Opportunities

- ❑ Superfund Cleanup Sites
- ❑ Air / Water Quality
- ❑ Contaminated Soil
- ❑ Food Access
- ❑ Public Transportation
- ❑ Parks / Open Spaces



Microcosm of Experimentation!

- Overlapping interventions
- Community capacity to fully participate?
- Taxing? Burden, stress?
- Meeting fatigue
- Lack of resources



Are We Getting it Right?

- Community priorities same as ours?
- What if the community is split?
- Is there consensus around issue(s)?
 - ▣ How do you know?

- Winners, losers



What Have We Learned?

- It's a marathon, not a sprint
- Don't assume your issues are priorities
- Be aware of your own assumptions
 - ▣ They will likely change

- If you're bringing a new problem, be prepared to do something about it!

