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Hello,

I am the SW Seattle Community Organizer for the Seattle Parks Department. I just started outreach into the South Park Neighborhood in the fall of 2019. I did some work with the Concord School students and the South Park library. When I saw a map of tree cover in the SP neighborhood I went to the South Park Senior Center and planned to bring them to various Seattle Parks – Camp Long, Schmitz Park, Seward Park, etc. But my programming stopped due to Covid – 19. I am still in touch with my partners in order to continue programming when social distancing is not required.

South Park is on the Duwamish River which is a Superfund site and one of the most toxic superfund sites in the nation. They don't have access to parks and greenspaces, they have very little tree cover, they are exposed to industrial contaminants, the population is mostly lower -income.

If there is any money to be granted for Environmental Justice, South Park in Seattle would be the neighborhood to do it.

Thank you,

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