

Georgetown Community Council

The Georgetown Community Council is a non-profit organization seeking to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and play in Georgetown. We believe that neighbors in Seattle deserve safe streets, social and economic opportunity, and clean air, soil and water regardless of race, income or background. The people who live, work and play in Georgetown are impacted more than any other Seattle neighbors by environmental pollution. We care about the recovery of our river and land from the impacts of industrial enterprise. We care about the health and wellbeing of the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present.

The GE Aviation site at 220 S. Dawson is about 6 blocks from the edge of the Duwamish River. Our Georgetown neighborhood residents and various community groups have made significant efforts to recover this river from past contamination and prevent future pollution.

Being part of a Superfund site and related clean-up efforts is significant: extensive time and resources are being spent to protect and improve the water quality of this river.

Please continue to use the most effective methods of containment and decontamination available. Changing clean-up methods to something less-effective is counterproductive and a waste of resources. The goal of the super-fund cleanup is to protect and recover, not to avoid and abandon.

As the ground water extraction process has proven to be more successful than past attempted clean-up methods, GEA should keep the extraction wells running until all of the harmful chemicals produced by their enterprise are removed. This clean up method should not be allowed to cease unless GEA can demonstrate with certainty that an alternative method is more effective.