

Utility Squared Community

The parcels included in WA Dept. of Ecology's represent both historic, and present/ongoing sources of pollution to the South Park neighborhood. Additionally, the parcels contain little to no canopy cover, a critical, under-addressed issue facing Seattle. At minimum, site improvements should be made to reduce the adverse impact from the present land use, such as additional tree canopy, green barriers to reduce migratory air pollutants, and bioretention cells for site drainage. The parcels also present geographic and logistical significance to the ongoing Reconnect South Park initiative to transform this section of Hwy-99 to better serve the communities it has divided. We encourage the Ecology project team to work with the RSP Coalition through any proposed changes in land use, future development, or visioning to create greater neighborhood connectivity.
<https://reconnectsouthpark.org/>

We appreciate the attention given to this site, and hopeful the outcomes will provide environmental justice to residents of the Duwamish Valley.