2023 Gratitude Report





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We've rebranded: new look, new name, same Friends!



Festival Xopantla Tianguiztli at Pier 62. SUNNY MARTINI

Audacious.

More than 25 years ago, a vision took root in our citya vision of what was possible if we replaced the old double-decker highway on the waterfront with a new park. As we anticipate Waterfront Park's grand opening, this vision is in our sightlines, a testament to the audacity, innovation, passion, and dedication it took to reach this point. This world-class, 20-acre public space will seamlessly reconnect Pike Place Market, the Seattle Aquarium, downtown, and the surrounding neighborhoods after more than 65 years. Waterfront Park will be a place to honor the stories of the First Peoples of this land. It will provide breathtaking views of the Salish Sea, foster connections to nature amidst 250,000 plants and 1,000 trees, and provide space for quiet reflection, joyful play, and being in community.

Reflecting on the past year, we are filled with pride providing organizational leadership to raise essential at what we have achieved together. We raised over philanthropic resources to manage, program, and \$42 million in 2023 for the Campaign for Waterfront steward this new public space for generations to come. Park, bringing us to 83.5% of our \$170 million target. Building on more than a decade of groundwork, 2023 We forged a new partnership with Seattle Center, offered just a glimpse of what's to come as Waterfront solidified through a joint operating agreement, that will Park moves from one acre on Pier 62 to a full 20 acres, be instrumental in ensuring a positive park experience. welcoming an estimated 15 million visitors annually. The agreement calls for us to invest over \$5 million in our humane public safety approach, underscoring Here's to continuing to do audacious things together. our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all visitors. After three years of In gratitude, piloting free community-centric public programs, we welcomed our 1 millionth visitor to the new Pier 62 since it opened in 2020. Furthermore, we have strategically reorganized and established a five-year financial model to ensure the long-term sustainability of our organization to support our park now and into the future.

On top of all that, with the park's grand opening less than a year away, we have embraced a new name—Friends of Waterfront Park—and new

branding to reflect the exciting new phase we have entered.

Our collaboration with neighbors and community partners culminated in the finalization of our Cultural Masterplan, a guiding document for a vibrant,

- inclusive, and cherished public space for all Seattle residents. All of these accomplishments and more were achieved through our partnership with the City
- of Seattle, community organizations, donors, our board of directors, residents, institutions, volunteers, and businesses. To all of you, we extend our deepest gratitude.

Friends of Waterfront Park is advancing a new model of nonprofit leadership in our city. Through a dynamic public-private partnership, we are



Joy Shigaki President & CEO Friends of Waterfront Park

2023



Ren Xue Qigong class with instructor Heru TchaasAmen. JO COSME



Hip-Hop 50 celebration of the 50th anniversary of the birth of hip-hop. CHLOE COLLYER



The 2023 Waterfront Block Party was the first parkwide event. Mark your calendars for even more fun at the 2024 Waterfront Block Party on August 30th! ADAM LU



The 31st Annual Salmon Homecoming at Pier 62. JO COSME



We had a record number of furry friends at the park last year, including this good boy dressed to impress at the Lunar New Year celebration. ADAM LU

Pier 62 at Waterfront Park

Visitors in 2023, totaling 1.3 million visitors since 2020.

2023 Guest Experience Survey

satisfaction

Free events, programs, and activations



Park visitor



satisfaction

People of

53% 29%

Speak a language other than English

69,819

Attendees at events, programs, and park activations

15%

People with disabilities

Fundraising



Raised for the Campaign for Waterfront Park (83.5% complete)

Increase in donors since 2022

Audience and Reach

Social media follower growth since 2022

Email subscriber

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In partnership with Seattle Historic Waterfront Association, Friends relaunched the free downtown Waterfront Shuttle, providing over 14,000 free rides last year. RITA SABBACK

growth since 2022

Public Safety

Invested in Evergreen Treatment Services' REACH program

Invested in our joint operating partnership with Seattle Center to support 24/7/365 public safety efforts along the waterfront

Waterfront Parce A New Chapter for seattle

After over 25 years of effort by the City of Seattle and a coalition of countless individuals and organizations, 2025 will be the year to experience Waterfront Park's full 20 acres—connecting downtown's shoreline to nature, to the city, and to one another.



"With the removal of the viaduct, we had the opportunity to reclaim and reconnect downtown Seattle to our waterfront. What's resulted is a new, uniquely beautiful place for people of all walks of life to enjoy."



ANGELA BRADY, DIRECTOR OFFICE OF THE WATERFRONT AND CIVIC PROJECTS CITY OF SEATTLE



IMAGE BY FIELD OPERATIONS. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE

The Beginning

The Alaskan Way Viaduct, a double-decker highway, spanned our entire downtown shoreline for over 65 years, dividing our waterfront from downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods and cutting our city's connection to the Salish Sea. With its removal in 2019, the work of reconnecting our city to the water finally began.

VIEWS OF TRAFFIC AND THE CONCRETE VIADUCT HAVE GIVEN WAY TO INCREDIBLE SIGHTLINES TO THE SALISH SEA, THE PUGET SOUND, AND THE MOUNTAINS BEYOND.







"For Coast Salish people to be included in this new iteration of the waterfront is part of the healing story of Indigenous people here. The place where we used to have a highway buzzing overhead has been reclaimed through the connection of land and waterways."



VALERIE SEGREST TRIBAL CULTURAL PLANT CONSULTANT AND ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE MUCKLESHOOT TRIBE SET TO BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR. OVERLOOK WALK WILL BE A BRIDGE FROM PIKE PLACE MARKET TO THE WATERFRONT WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY OFFERING STUNNING VIEWS OF THE SALISH SEA AND PLACES TO REST. GATHER. AND PLAY.





WATERFRONT PARK WILL REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN WITH 150.000 PLANTS AND MORE THAN 1.000 NEW TREES. CREATING 4.2 ACRES OF PLANTINGS IN AN AREA FORMERLY DOMINATED BY CONCRETE.



An Extension of Our Natural World

What sets Seattle apart from so many other major cities is our connection to nature. We are a city of mountain views, lakes, rivers, coastlines, and forests, with wildlife of all kinds at our doorstep. Waterfront Park will become an extension of our natural world into our urban environment as we've never experienced before.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LAND MORPHOLOGY

B Promenade

From north to south, stretching from Overlook Walk to Railroad Way and the stadiums, the mile-long park promenade will serve as the backbone of Waterfront Park, connecting the large open spaces of Overlook

Walk, Pier 62, Pier 58, and Pioneer Square Habitat Beach. This new linear park will consist of a boardwalk and promenade, plantings and trees, and a winding, protected bike path-offering visitors, commuters, and families a safe and beautiful place to move, rest, and take in the views.

IMAGE BY FIELD OPERATIONS, COURTESY OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE

• A Sense of Place and Culture

Along the length of the park, visitors will find benches made from reclaimed old growth cedar, swings, and public artworks that tie Waterfront Park to nature, culture, and a sense of place.

PHOTO BY SUNNY MARTINI

An Opportunity to Connect

Overlook Walk, perhaps the park's most visible feature and most ambitious engineering feat, will serve as both events and daily activities. a pedestrian connector from Pike Place Market to the IMAGE BY FIELD OPERATIONS, waterfront and a beautiful green space. Connected to COURTESY OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE Overlook Walk, the Seattle Aquarium's new Ocean Pavilion will house over 3,500 plants and animals and 2025 and Beyond will be open to the public this summer.

The City of Seattle worked with food sovereignty advocate and traditional ecological knowledge keeper Valerie Segrest (Muckleshoot Indian Tribe) to design an ecosystem on Overlook Walk that will mimic natural ecosystems found throughout our region.

"The materials that are used on the waterfront are very authentic to Seattle. The exposed aggregate pavement underfoot calls back to Pacific Northwest shorelines, metal planters that naturally patina reflect the area's history as a working waterfront, and large cedar benches tie back to the timber's significant cultural importance."



ANDREW TENBRINK LEAD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT FOR WATERFRONT PARK AT FIELD OPERATIONS

Pier 62 and the newly rebuilt Pier 58 will provide large, flexible open spaces where visitors can enjoy the views, be with friends and family, and enjoy

Waterfront Park will be a celebration of the landscapes, natural beauty, and communities that make Seattle special. It will be a new kind of civic space that connects us more deeply to each other and to the Salish Sea. We can't wait to show it to you.

Introducing **Our Cultural** Masterplan

A Roadmap to a Culturally **Revitalized Waterfront**

Waba Korea Festival in 2023. JESSICA LEA

cultural vibrancy throughout our work.

The Cultural Masterplan is grounded in authentic commitment to racial equity and to ensuring that the park will reflect community values and ignite positive change for Seattle and the people who call it home. Perhaps just as important as the document itself is the process that was used to create it. Friends partnered with Third Way Creative to facilitate a series of conversations across the city, involving 142 people in 11 roundtable sessions that centered Indigenous perspectives and community voices. The process engaged a diverse group of individuals in their own neighborhoods to explore ideas for events, art, food, and vending.

When the full park opens in 2025, this framework will position Friends alongside the community and serve as a roadmap to a culturally revitalized waterfront for generations to come.

The Cultural Masterplan Pillars

Belonging	Waterf Seattle history
Land Stewardship	Conne charac land as
Healing and Sustenance	Waterf differe historio
Living Culturally	Waterf one tha world.
Neighborhood Reciprocity	Waterf an auth meanir throug



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Over the past three years, Friends has been working with hundreds of community partners to develop public programming on Pier 62, with the goal of ensuring that everyone who visits the park feels like they belong. Last year, those efforts coalesced around a co-created Cultural Masterplan-a guiding document that outlines our commitment to fostering inclusivity, equity, and

> front Park should reflect the full breadth and diversity of and its rich cultures, a place where stories are shared, is interrogated, and curiosity is explored.

ection to the land, water, and mountains is essential to the ter of Waterfront Park, which nurtures and sustains the s well as those who continue to care for it.

front Park is a space that can bring people together across nces to reflect on and address harms of both the recent and c past.

front Park should feel like an immersive cultural experience, at amplifies Seattle's authentic stories to the city and the

front Park should be a space that all Seattle residents feel hentic connection to; this means building and maintaining ngful relationships with communities and neighborhoods hout the city.

READ THE FULL CULTURAL MASTERPLAN →

Updates from the Campaign for Waterfront Park



83.5%

2023 \$142M

Campaign Progress by the Numbers

The \$170 million comprehensive Campaign for Waterfront Park is the largest fundraising effort for public space in Seattle's history. Friends ended the year with record numbers, raising \$42 million from 483 generous donors and bringing the campaign to 83.5% of its goal. We are humbled by the incredible outpouring of community support and are grateful to every single donor, partner, and volunteer whose name you see listed in this report.

The work of Friends is always done in partnership, and fundraising is no exception. We warmly invite everyone to be part of the Campaign for Waterfront Park. Philanthropic partners at all levels are helping to support the final year of park construction and ensure that this new civic space is welcoming, safe, and activated for the community well into the future.

To join our campaign, please contact:

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calendar year-end.





Jim and Gaye Pigott's Passion for Waterfront Park

The Campaign for Waterfront Park experienced a magical moment last December when donors Jim and Gaye Pigott stepped in to help with a generous second gift.

In late 2023, many early campaign donors were making second gifts to leverage a \$10 million matching challenge by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Friends board chair Maggie Walker checked in with Jim and Gaye to see if they might be willing to do the same. At this point, Friends had raised \$6.3 million toward the challenge goal and had a balance of \$3.7 million to raise by

Within minutes, Maggie received a brief, jaw-dropping reply, indicating that Jim and Gaye would send a check to close out the match. "Keep up the good work and Merry Christmas," Jim wrote.

The Pigotts are passionate supporters of Waterfront Park, making a generous personal gift in 2020 and encouraging significant investments from both the Norcliffe Foundation and the Moccasin Lake Foundation. "Waterfront Park is the most transformative project for our city since the 1962 World's Fair," Jim says. "The impact of this effort cannot be understated, and we are so pleased to be part of such a positive change for our city."

In 2023, we partnered with over 1,400 individuals, institutions, organizations, agencies, and businesses. From fundraising to programming, public safety to community engagement, partnerships are at the center of everything we do. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone on the following lists.

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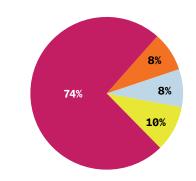
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