

## *Living With Water Final Report*

### *Appendix 4: Community Interview Questions*

#### **General Information**

1. Could you please share your name and age?
2. Where did you grow up?
3. What is your connection to rivers and the environment? (Icebreaker, if needed)
  - a. Are there any cultural or traditional practices that shaped this connection?
    - i. If this doesn't apply, how else do you think your upbringing shaped your view of the environment?

#### **Experiences with Flooding and Environmental Risks**

4. Do you know if you live in the flood zone? *Were you affected?*
5. If the 2022 flooding affected you, would you be willing to describe what that was like?
6. What kinds of impacts did the flooding have for you—on your property, health, or employment, for example?
7. Did the flooding lead you to move elsewhere?
  - a. If so, could you tell me a bit about that transition?
  - b. Where are you currently living? Are you considering a move back to South Park?
8. If you've lived in other flood-prone areas, how do those experiences compare to what you've encountered here?
  - a. Did those experiences change how you think about flood risks or prepare for them?

#### **Values and Perceptions of the Duwamish River**

9. What does the Duwamish River mean to you personally?
  - a. Are there specific memories, feelings, or associations that come to mind?
  - b. What role does the river play in your daily life?
  - c. How do you think your personal or family history affects your attachment to the river?
  - d. How does the river influence your sense of belonging in this community?
    - i. Probe: For instance, through shared activities, traditions, or a sense of pride in the area.
  - e. In what other ways, if at all, do you or your family make use of the river?
10. What does the Duwamish River mean to your community?
  - a. Could you describe what 'community' means to you in this context? Who or what groups do you think of?
  - b. Are there any activities or traditions that help you feel connected to the river and community? Could you share some examples?
  - c. In what ways has the river affected the life of your community?

11. In your lifetime, how do you think the river and its surroundings have changed over time, if at all?
  - a. How have these changes affected your personal and community life?
12. Do you have any concerns about the future of the Duwamish River?
  - a. How do you think these concerns could be addressed?
  - b. Are there solutions or actions you feel would make a difference?

### **Perceptions of Flood Adaptation (Control) Plans**

13. How would you describe your knowledge or familiarity with different types of flood adaptation approaches?
  - a. Are you familiar with efforts to reduce flooding, like barriers, green infrastructure, or other methods?
  - b. If yes, how so?
  - c. If not, how so?
  - d. *Talk through some of the efforts. (show the slides, if necessary)*

### **Values and Priorities for Adaptation Efforts**

14. Thinking about flood adaptation, what aspects do you believe should be prioritized? Why?
  - a. For you personally, what are the most important aspects of flood adaptation to consider?
  - b. Thinking of your community, what do you believe should be prioritized in flood adaptation?
  - c. In what ways, if at all, do you think flood adaptation should consider or impact local industries?
15. What or who do you think is most important to protect during flood adaptation efforts?
  - a. If you were helping to design a flood adaptation plan, what would you want decision-makers to focus on? Why do you think that focus is important?
  - b. How do these priorities reflect your personal or cultural values?  
*For instance, equity, community well-being, or preserving the environment.*
16. Are there any values you feel have been overlooked in how flooding and adaptation are currently addressed in your area?
17. What do you think will be the most difficult parts of adapting the river area for flood adaptation? Are there any specific risks or impacts you worry about?
18. How important is it to you that flood adaptation efforts consider the needs and well-being of future generations? In what ways do you think this should be factored into planning?
19. Are there opportunities or strengths in your community that you think could be better leveraged for adaptation efforts?
20. How, if at all, do you think your connection to the river would change if it were significantly altered by flood adaptation projects?

- a. If flood adaptation projects changed the river, how might that affect your personal or community relationship with it?

### **Additional Considerations**

21. Do you have any concerns about how flood adaptation plans could impact the socio-economic conditions in the area?
  - a. What specific changes or challenges do you anticipate?
  - b. What specific groups or industries do you think might be most affected?
22. Are there other environmental or social issues related to the river that you feel should be taken into account during flood adaptation planning?
  - a. How do these issues connect to your views on the river and the community?

### **Closing Reflections**

23. What are your hopes for the future of the Duwamish River?
  - a. What would you like to see change or stay the same?
24. How would you like future generations—like your children or grandchildren—to see, experience, or use the river? What kind of relationship would you hope they have with it?
25. Is there anything else you'd like to share about your hopes, concerns, or vision for the future of the Duwamish River and its surrounding areas?