



CESAR CHAVEZ PARK

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

SEA-MAR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER



Located in the heart of South Park, a predominately Hispanic neighborhood, Cesar Chavez Park is dedicated to its namesake—a champion of human rights and environmental justice.

Jones & Jones developed a place for human interaction and community building. The landscape design makes symbolic reference to Mayan and Mexican cultures of water, maize and sun with abstract representations of terraced farming, water movement and furrows. Paths and seat walls ring a theater space for impromptu performances and public gatherings. An adjacent highway embankment is terraced with coniferous trees, buffering the park from road noise and dust. Highway runoff is diverted, slowed and cleansed with a vegetated swale. Community members were engaged in sculpting art pieces.

FACTS

- Theater space for public gatherings and performances
- Interactive musical art pieces
- Fundraising with local community health center

BENEFITS

- Transformation of derelict property
- Improved public safety
- Community pride and identity

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“The park is physically small—less than a quarter of an acre. But its psychological effect on Seattle’s South Park neighborhood is big.”

—Landscape Architecture Magazine