



WASHINGTON

FISH MARKET

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The Washington Fish Market is part of the rebirth of the Southwest waterfront into an active and contemporary neighborhood called “The Wharf”. This 2-acre site at the north end of the development included six buildings with different configurations, construction types, and uses. Building A is a historic brick masonry “Lunchroom” and adjacent steel and wood-framed oyster shack constructed about 1916. Building B is a three-story distillery with a simulated smoke stack. Buildings C and E are one-story retail buildings, Building D is a three-story restaurant and Building F is a one-story service building.

The project had numerous structural challenges including:

- 1) Foundation settlement and other structural issues in the historic lunchroom and oyster shed requiring building repair, building leveling, and micropile installation.
- 2) Construction of three buildings over a timber-framed, pile-supported relieving platform. Foundations for Building B had to be constructed while monitoring river tides as grade beams were below river level
- 3) Construction of Building F around and over the existing Federal Highway bridge pier footing. Large upturned pile-supported grade beams were incorporated into the design.
- 4) Five of the buildings required flood-proofing that included concrete walls, Presway logs at openings, and Aquafence tilt-up fences.

