



King County

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Seattle, WA 98104

Project hotline: 1-888-668-4886

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February 10, 2015

RE: East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail
South Sammamish Segment A
Encroachments in Trail Corridor

Dear East Lake Sammamish Trail neighbor:

King County is moving forward with design and construction of the East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST) project. This spring, the newly developed North Sammamish segment, from 187th Ave NE to NE Inglewood Hill Road, will open to the public. The trail features a wider paved surface that is safer and more accessible to trail users of all ages and abilities. Once complete, the 11-mile ELST will connect Seattle to the Eastside with a continuous 44-mile regional trail network.

We are sending this letter to inform trail neighbors of the anticipated construction schedule for the next phase and to explain when landscaping and other items that encroach onto King County's right-of-way need to be removed. The 90 percent design plans for South Sammamish Segment A are available to view and download on the project website: www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail. This 1.2 mile trail segment stretches from SE 43rd Way to SE 33rd St in Sammamish. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2015.

For your information, only those encroachments that interfere with trail construction need to be removed by May 31, 2015. All landscaping and other items that conflict with trail construction and remain within the County right-of-way after May 31, 2015 will be considered abandoned and subject to removal, impound, and disposal by the County or its contractor.

ENCROACHMENTS IN CONFLICT WITH CONSTRUCTION OF TRAIL:

At this time, the following items have been identified as encroachments within the segment of the trail adjacent to your property that conflict with trail construction. If you wish to salvage any of these items, please remove them prior to May 31, 2015. If you have any questions about this process please call the project hotline at

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1-888-668-4886 or email ELST@kingcounty.gov. Our public outreach representatives are available to meet with you onsite to answer your questions.

- [insert specific encroachments from mail merge]

Construction Scope - The project includes construction of a 12 foot wide paved trail with two foot wide gravel shoulders and a one foot clear zone on either side of the trail. Crews will install retaining walls, fish passable culverts, a stormwater system, improved intersections, bollards, and other trail amenities. The trail will close for approximately one year for construction. The construction schedule could vary depending on site and weather conditions.

Access – Safety is King County’s top priority. During construction, the trail will be closed to ensure safety of the public and construction crews. Trail construction may be disruptive at times, but will not block access to neighboring homes and waterfront property. Occasional, temporary delays may occur—for example, during equipment movements or material deliveries. The County and its contractor will make every effort to ensure the safety of homeowners and construction crews.

Questions - King County offers several options to keep up to date on the East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail project, including the project website:
www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail.

Construction and project related questions should be directed to our project hotline at 1-888-668-4886 or project email at ELST@kingcounty.gov.

You can find us on Facebook, too! “Like” King County Parks at www.facebook.com/iheartkcparks.

You may provide comments at www.parksfeedback.com.

Or, you may follow our blog (<http://kingcountyparks.wordpress.com/>) for frequent updates about the East Lake Sammamish Trail and other King County Parks projects.

While this construction project presents a significant, temporary inconvenience, please understand that the improvements will benefit trail users for decades to come. Thank you for your support and patience during construction.

Sincerely,



Gina Auld
Capital Project Manager