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Issaquah segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail

Look inside for a **Project Newsletter**

King County Parks – Your Big Backyard:
We're at work so you can play!

Upcoming Trail Activity
Field Work

Over the next couple of months, the design team will continue surveying the trail corridor to collect data on existing conditions to ensure accuracy of the design as it progresses. Some of

this work must be performed behind existing fences or shrubs on King County's right-of-way. King County will notify homeowners of planned work and to coordinate access.



Community outreach

- Share your comments 24/7 by calling the hotline: **1-888-668-4886** or e-mail **ELST@kingcounty.gov**. King County will respond within one business day.
- Please contact us to schedule a meeting. We are available to discuss the trail design, and construction activities, listen to your comments and answer your questions.
- Visit the website: **www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail** for design and construction updates, project information and trail design plans.
- Look for upcoming project newsletters to stay informed of current design and construction activities



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Project Newsletter

February 2014

East Lake Sammamish Trail - South Sammamish segment design underway

King County is moving forward with design of the South Sammamish segment of the East Lake Sammamish trail (ELST). This segment will be designed and constructed in two phases:

- Segment A – SE 43rd Way to SE 33rd St (approximately 1.2 miles)
- Segment B – SE 33rd St to Inglewood Hill Road (approximately 3.6 miles)

Construction of Segment A could begin as early as spring 2015 followed by construction of Segment B in 2016.

How will the trail be improved?

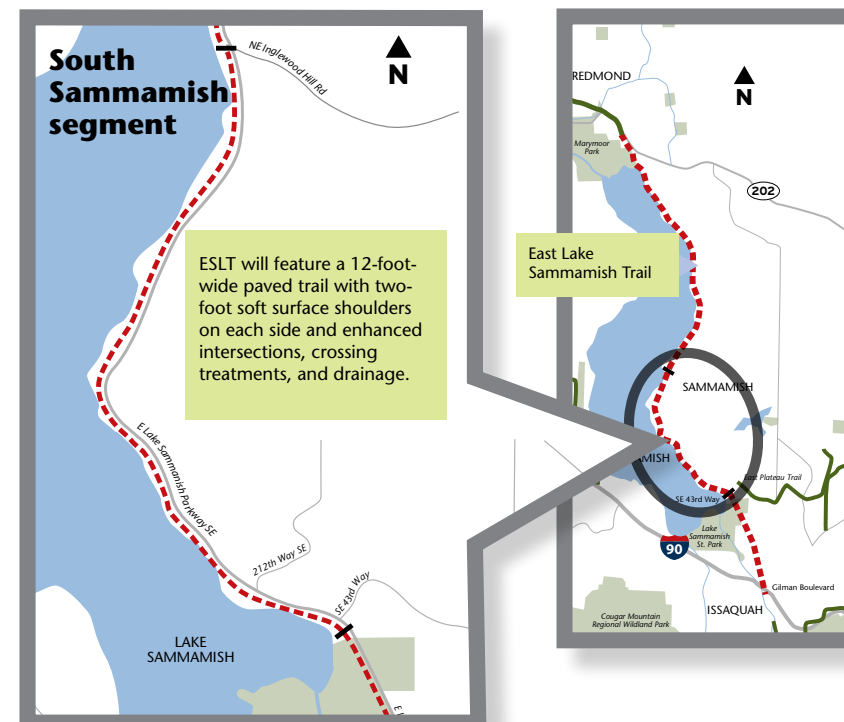
Safety and accessibility will be improved with a new 12-foot-wide paved trail with two-foot soft surface shoulders on each side and enhanced intersections, crossing treatments, and drainage.

and drainage. This spring, King County will begin construction on the North Sammamish segment, from NE 187th St to Inglewood Hill Road. The North Sammamish segment will be closed for approximately one year. Check out the completed segments in Redmond and Issaquah!

How is the trail alignment developed?

King County is designing the trail alignment based on the following considerations:

- Complying with local, state and federal environmental regulations to avoid and minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas
- Meeting regional trail standards and national safety guidelines, including maintaining clear sight distances
- Staying within King County right-of-way
- Building a safe trail through steep terrain and complicated intersections
- Minimizing costs where possible without impacting trail standards
- Minimizing impacts to adjacent homeowners whenever possible
- Preserving significant trees when possible



COMING SOON
North Sammamish Project Update



Landscaping before; South Sammamish segment



Landscaping after; Issaquah segment

Landscaping the trail corridor

King County will make every effort to minimize impacts to existing landscaping. However, the paved trail will be wider than the gravel trail and requires clearing beyond the edge of the existing trail to build retaining walls, environmental features, and drainage improvements. The project includes new plantings to restore the project area and achieve the following goals and objectives:

Open sightlines

- Open sightlines at road and driveway trail crossings to improve safety
- Site distance triangles will be restored with plants less than three feet high at full maturity

Permanent erosion control

- The most immediate function of trail landscaping is to restore open ground areas with landscape mulch and plantings or seeding to prevent erosion

Native plants

Native plants, shrubs, and groundcover plants offer many benefits; they:

- Are well adapted to thrive in local conditions of drought or excess moisture
- Require less maintenance, growing to natural sizes and forms
- Blend well into the natural surroundings along the trail corridor
- Contribute to a sense of visual continuity along the trail corridor and help make the trail feel like a park



Trees are planted at least 10 feet away from the trail to promote healthy growth and prevent roots from damaging new pavement.



Intersection before; South Sammamish segment



Intersection after; Issaquah segment

Intersections – designed to improve safety

Safety is a top priority for King County. The new trail includes enhanced intersections and crossing treatments that improve safety by:

- Providing open sightlines for trail users, motorists, and pedestrians crossing the trail
- Providing clear visual and textural difference from the asphalt trail with concrete treatment at intersections
- Warning trail users of approaching intersections with textured concrete warning bands 75 feet ahead of each crossing
- Identifying intersections clearly through consistent signage, striping, and bollards along the trail corridor



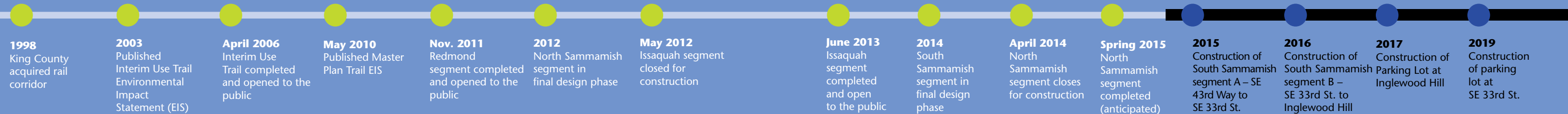
Environmental Improvements

Did you know?

Fish friendly culverts

The North Sammamish segment includes building four culverts to enhance fish passage and approximately one acre of habitat improvements. Design of similar enhancements is underway for the South Sammamish segment.

Trail Timeline



Future Phases (pending funding availability)



You're invited to an **Open House**

King County is moving forward with design of the **South Sammamish** segment of the **East Lake Sammamish Trail Project**. Attend a community open house to:

- Meet with project staff and share your comments on the South Sammamish trail segment early in the design process
- Learn more about the East Lake Sammamish Trail Project, including upcoming construction activity in North Sammamish

Each open house will focus on a specific neighborhood (*italicized below*), but the same materials will be shared at all meetings. All meetings will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.

March 12

**Pine Lake
Middle School
Commons
3200 228th Ave. SE**

*SE 43rd Way, Issaquah to
SE 33rd St., Sammamish*

March 13

**Rachel Carson
Elementary School
Commons
1035 244th Ave. NE**

*SE 33rd St. to 1200 East Lake
Sammamish Shore Lane SE*

March 18

**Margaret Mead
Elementary School
Gym
1725 216th Ave. NE**

*1200 East Lake Sammamish
Shore Lane SE to
130 East Lake Sammamish*

March 19

**Pine Lake
Middle School
Commons
3200 228th Ave. SE**

*130 East Lake Sammamish
Shore Lane NE to
NE Inglewood Hill Road*

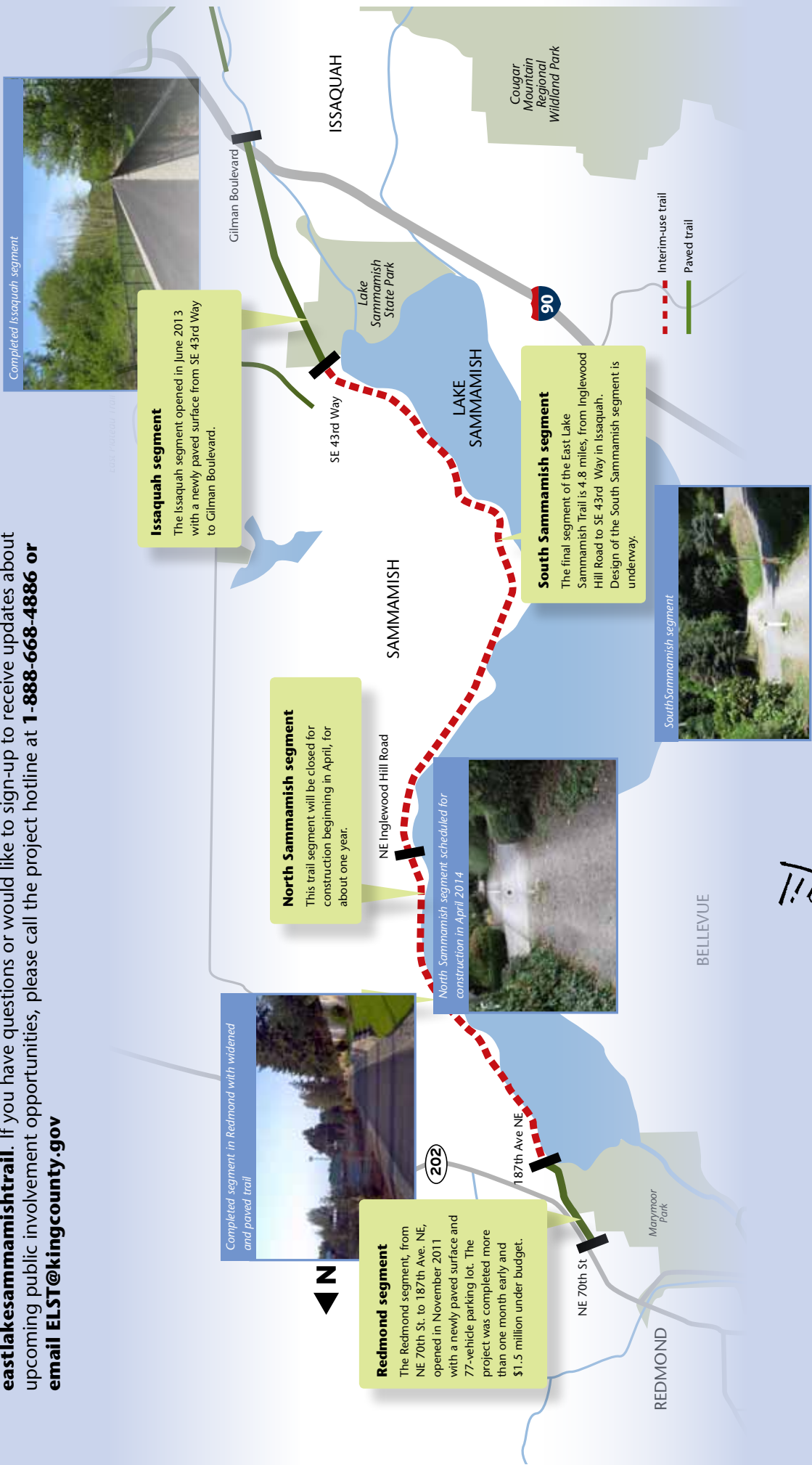
Can't attend an open house? View meeting materials online:

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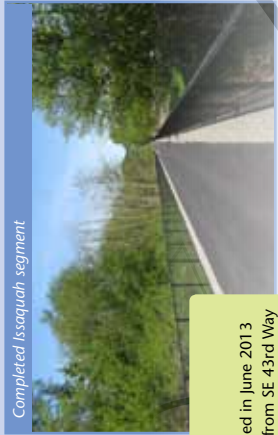
and contact us to share your comments: **ELST@kingcounty.gov** or **1-888-668-4886**.

Learn more!

Please visit the project website for updates on design progress: www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail. If you have questions or would like to sign-up to receive updates about upcoming public involvement opportunities, please call the project hotline at **1-888-668-4886** or email ELST@kingcounty.gov



Issaquah segment
The Issaquah segment opened in June 2013 with a newly paved surface from SE 43rd Way to Gilman Boulevard.



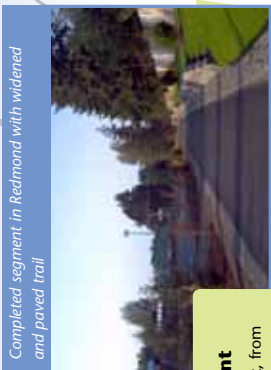
Completed Issaquah segment

North Sammamish segment
This trail segment will be closed for construction beginning in April, for about one year.



North Sammamish segment scheduled for construction in April 2014

Redmond segment
The Redmond segment, from NE 70th St. to 187th Ave. NE, opened in November 2011 with a newly paved surface and 77-vehicle parking lot. The project was completed more than one month early and \$1.5 million under budget.



Completed segment in Redmond with widened and paved trail

South Sammamish segment
The final segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail is 4.8 miles, from Ingleswood Hill Road to SE 43rd Way in Issaquah. Design of the South Sammamish segment is underway.



South Sammamish segment

Interim-use trail
Paved trail

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