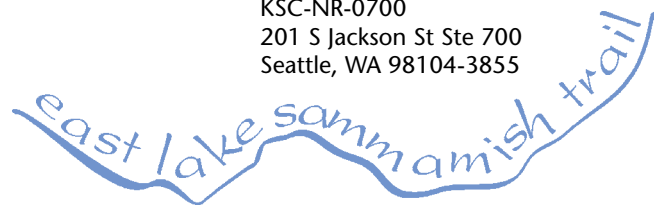


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South Sammamish

# Project Newsletter

October 2014



Community members enjoying the completed East Lake Sammamish Trail segment in Issaquah.

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### Shoreline permit submitted

King County’s application for a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for South Sammamish Segment A was submitted on July 31, 2014 and determined complete on September 2, 2014. The Department of Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER) will issue a recommendation to the City of Sammamish on the application following a 30-day public comment period that ends on October 29. Written comments can be submitted to DPER at the following address: **Department of Permitting and Environmental Review 35030 SE Douglas St, Suite 210, Snoqualmie, WA 98065**

### Utilities notification

If you’re a South Sammamish trailside property owner, please let us know if you have any information about utilities on your property.

- For questions or more information, call the 24/7 project hotline: **1-888-668-4886**. Outreach staff can be reached directly on the hotline Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Or you can e-mail **ELST@kingcounty.gov**. King County will respond within one business day.
- Visit the website: **www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail** for project information and weekly construction updates.
- Look for upcoming project newsletters to stay informed of current construction activity.

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## King County hosts trail meetings

Design of the South Sammamish segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST) is advancing. The 60 percent design plans for Segment A, from SE 33rd St. to SE 43rd Way, are now available on the project website. Through July and August, King County hosted five neighborhood trail meetings for South Sammamish Segment A. These meetings brought together trail neighbors, community members, ELST project staff, and City of Sammamish staff. ELST project staff reviewed and shared the design plans with attendees, answered questions, and collected feedback.

Over 50 trail neighbors joined King County staff in walking the trail and sharing their comments and concerns. There were questions about trail safety improvements, landscaping and trees, proposed trail amenities including new parking lots and restrooms, and anticipated timelines for construction. King County will consider all of the comments received as design moves forward. Meeting summaries, including all questions and the County’s responses, can be reviewed on the project website at **www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail**.

Couldn’t attend a meeting? Contact us to schedule a time that works best for you or send us your comments. You can also reach us by calling the project hotline: **1-888-668-4886** or emailing **ELST@kingcounty.gov**.



King County’s Monica Leers shared photos of the completed Issaquah segment to illustrate how the upgraded trail will look.



King County’s Frank Overton explained to neighbors why King County is developing the ELST. Over 50 trail neighbors and community members attended the meetings.



### What’s next?

Design of South Sammamish Segment B, SE 33rd St. to NE Inglewood Hill Rd., is progressing and King County anticipates preliminary design plans will be available in late 2014. Neighborhood meetings will be scheduled for early 2015.

## How to find the proposed trail centerline

As trail design advances and additional data is obtained, the trail alignment may shift from the existing interim gravel trail to protect environmentally sensitive areas, to meet regional trail safety guidelines, or to preserve landscaping and trees.

In an effort to assist adjacent homeowners in identifying the proposed trail alignment in South Sammamish Segment A, King County has surveyed and marked the trail's proposed centerline with bright pink caps approximately every 50 feet.

The pink caps are hammered flat into the trail surface for trail users' safety. Understanding they may get covered with dirt or gravel, King County installed wooden stakes near these pink caps and outside of the existing trail to further assist property owners in identifying the proposed centerline.

Each stake has two lines of numbers for navigation. The number circled at the top of the stake identifies the distance, in feet, between that stake and the trail centerline marked with a pink cap.

Below the circled distance number is the stake's station number which corresponds with project design documents. The station number is especially helpful when communicating to project staff about location-specific design concerns.

For example, the stake pictured below tells us that the trail centerline (pink cap) is 5 feet from the stake. If you walk 5 feet from the stake toward the trail, you will find the trail centerline, marked with a pink cap.



Silver tree tags are used by the arborist to inventory and evaluate trees along the trail.

## Tree preservation plans available soon

King County is dedicated to improving the natural environment along the trail by preserving existing plant life, restoring open ground areas to prevent erosion, and landscaping the corridor to ensure the trail feels and looks like a park.

During the design phase, King County's arborist assesses the overall health of each tree along the trail corridor and its proximity to the construction zone to determine if the tree must be removed. The design team is preparing tree preservation plans for South Sammamish A based on the arborist's recommendations. These plans will be posted in late October to the project website at [www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail](http://www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail).

The tree preservation plans show significant trees and proposed trail improvements. The plans include an identification number and a disposition label for each significant tree that could be affected by construction. Adjacent property owners can compare the identification number on the plans with the metal tag attached to the tree. The disposition labels on the plans indicate if a tree is to be removed, retained, or monitored.

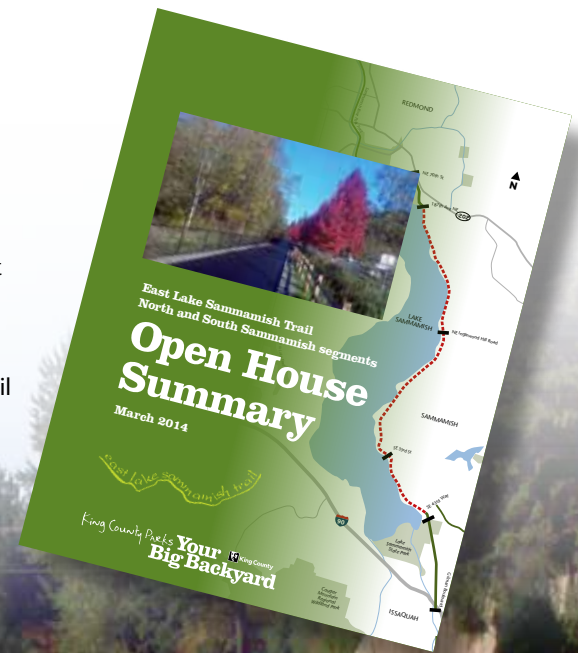


Neighbors review project design documents with King County project staff.

## Open house summary available

In March 2014, King County hosted four neighborhood open houses for community members to learn more about the East Lake Sammamish Trail project, ask questions, and provide input on trail design and construction. Following the open houses, King County reviewed all comments and prepared individual responses. A full open house summary report, including public comments and responses, is available on the project website at [www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail](http://www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail).

King County appreciates everyone who took the time to share their comments and concerns. The project team will review and consider all comments and concerns as trail design and construction progresses.

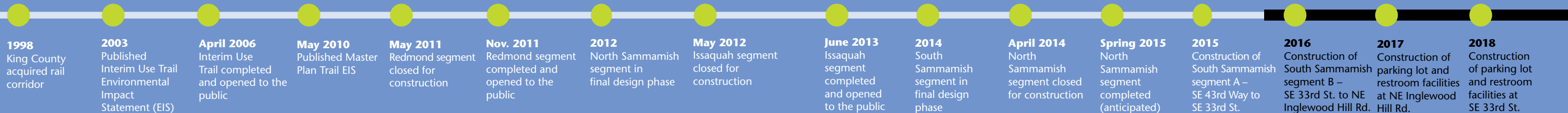


A project stake at station 279+00 to flag the location of a centerline cap.



These pink caps placed every 50 feet along the trail represent the proposed centerline.

## Trail Timeline



## Future Phases (pending funding availability)