



EAST LAKE SAMMAMISH TRAIL
Segment B

FEB 2017

Centerline staking

In December, crews completed staking the centerline of the trail as well as the 100-ft trail corridor. The centerline stake (flush with the ground and painted pink) marks the center of the proposed trail and are placed approximately every 50-feet. The finished trail will be nine feet on either side of the stake. The construction footprint can be up to 20 feet on either side of the stake. The laths (taller markers with pink flagging tape on top) along the corridor indicate there is a centerline stake within a certain number of feet. The number of feet to the centerline stake is circled at the top of the lath.

The outer limits of the trail corridor are designated approximately every 100-feet and are indicated with laths tied with orange flagging tape.

Design of final trail segment underway

Design is moving forward on the final segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST). This will complete the missing link in the 44-mile regional trail extending from Puget Sound to the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. South Sammamish Segment B extends from SE 33rd Street to NE Inglewood Hill Road. King County expects the design to be complete later this year and construction to begin in 2018.

The final ELST corridor will provide a safe and accessible 11-mile trail corridor that Puget Sound residents and visitors will enjoy for generations to come. This 3.6 mile section is the longest and most complex to design and build – with steep slopes, limited access, close proximity to trail neighbors, and many wetlands and streams.

What's next for Segment B?

All public comments submitted to the City of Sammamish are now under review by city staff. When transmitted to King County, Parks will begin the process of addressing the City's concerns and questions pertaining to the various public comments. Once comment review is complete, the County will continue to advance the design of Segment B to 100%.

Thank you for your patience. Please sign up for the project email list on the project site to receive future updates.

The ELST project is moving forward!

For more information about recent court rulings, visit the project website: kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail.



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A trail nearly 45 years in the making

Nearly two decades ago, King County began a robust, region-wide community engagement effort to guide the Master Plan Trail. King County is committed to honoring the agreements forged with the residents of King County to deliver a safe, multi-use regional trail for bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers, skaters, strollers, wheelchairs, and users of all ages and abilities. Thank you for your patience and continued engagement as we complete this final link!

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Permit applications submitted!

The County submitted the 60% design plans and associated documents with the permit application for the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) to the City of Sammamish on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. The permit application was deemed complete, King County posted the 60% design plans to the project website for review.

The County notified everyone on the mailing list of the plans' availability through email and/or gov alert. The comment period for the SSDP was open from Dec. 28, 2016 to Jan. 27, 2017 and is now closed.



Field work helps advance trail design

You may have seen King County crews along the trail corridor collecting data about trees to assist in trail design.

King County is committed to preserving significant trees along the trail whenever possible. Trees provide natural habitat for birds and wildlife, and shade and screening for trail users and neighbors. Building a wider trail that is safe for all users does require removing some amount of trees.

All significant trees within 40 feet of the centerline of the trail are tagged with a number for identification purposes only (significant trees are defined as coniferous trees greater than eight inches in diameter and deciduous trees greater than 12 inches in diameter).

Some trees will be monitored due to poor health and proximity to trail construction. If the Arborist has concerns about the longterm health of the tree and recommends removal, King County will notify the City of Sammamish and trail neighbors prior to tree removal.

The City of Sammamish recently adopted ordinance 0215 395 to help protect trees throughout the city. Learn more at sammamish.us/regulations/ordinances

Lake Sammamish Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership

The Lake Sammamish Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership is one of eight national programs designated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to engage community partners in wildlife conservation. The partnership builds on KWG's efforts by engaging area residents, businesses, and visitors on watershed ecosystem and conserving native species, including Kokanee Salmon. The partnership's goal is to build a conservation network in the Seattle area that engages in outdoor experiences and helps conserve fish and wildlife in the Lake Sammamish Watershed for future generations. Learn more about the partnership at: govlink.org/sammamish-urban-wildlife-refuge

Improving Kokanee Salmon habitat

Kokanee Salmon are a land-locked form of salmon that are native to the Lake Sammamish watershed and on the verge of extinction. The Lake Sammamish Kokanee Work Group (KWG) is a collaborative group formed in 2007 to identify causes for the decline and promote recovery. The KWG supports public and private actions that contribute to kokanee recovery through habitat protection and restoration, hatchery production, and public education and involvement.

The design team has been working closely with the Kokanee Work Group since 2007, looking for opportunities to improve fish habitat along the East Lake Sammamish Trail. The ELST project team works closely with the KWG to identify opportunities for stream improvements and fish passable culverts. King County installed five fish passable culverts on the North Sammamish Segment and eight fish passable culverts are planned for South Sammamish Segment B. Learn more about the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Work Group at: kingcounty.gov/environment/animals-and-plants/salmon-and-trout/kokanee/kokanee-workgroup



“THIS IS THE BEST SECTION OF TRAIL IN THE WHOLE KING COUNTY PARKS TRAIL SYSTEM. I CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL THE LAST TWO SECTIONS ARE PAVED. THIS TRAIL HAS BEEN A LONG TIME IN THE MAKING AND YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS LEGACY.”

— Kit Ledbetter, Former Director of Parks and Recreation, City of SeaTac

Community outreach

If you have questions about or would like more information, contact the community outreach team. Our outreach staff work closely with the design team to ensure the public receives accurate and timely information.

- Call the project hotline 1-888-668-4886 to speak with a community outreach team member Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Email ELST@kingcounty.gov. King County will respond within one business day.
- Visit kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail for more information and frequent updates.
- Look for upcoming project newsletters to stay informed of current design and construction activity.
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