

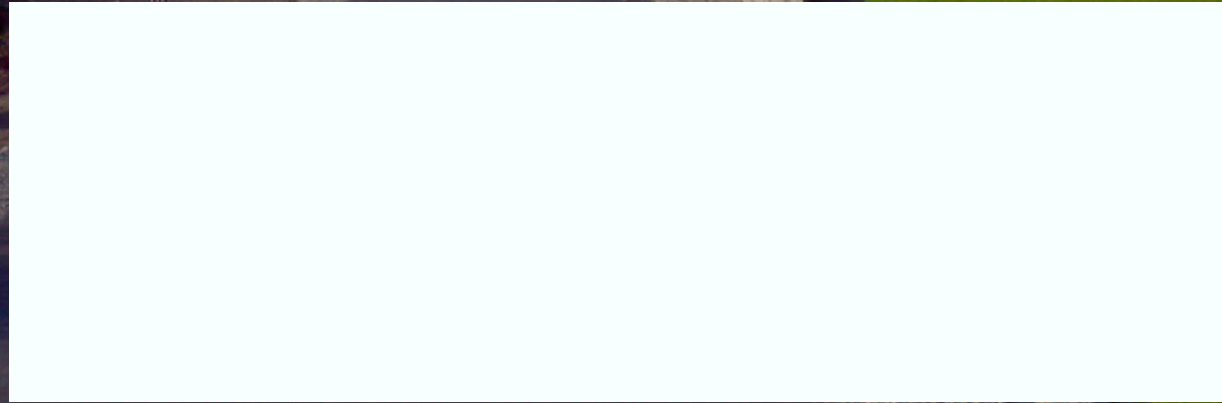
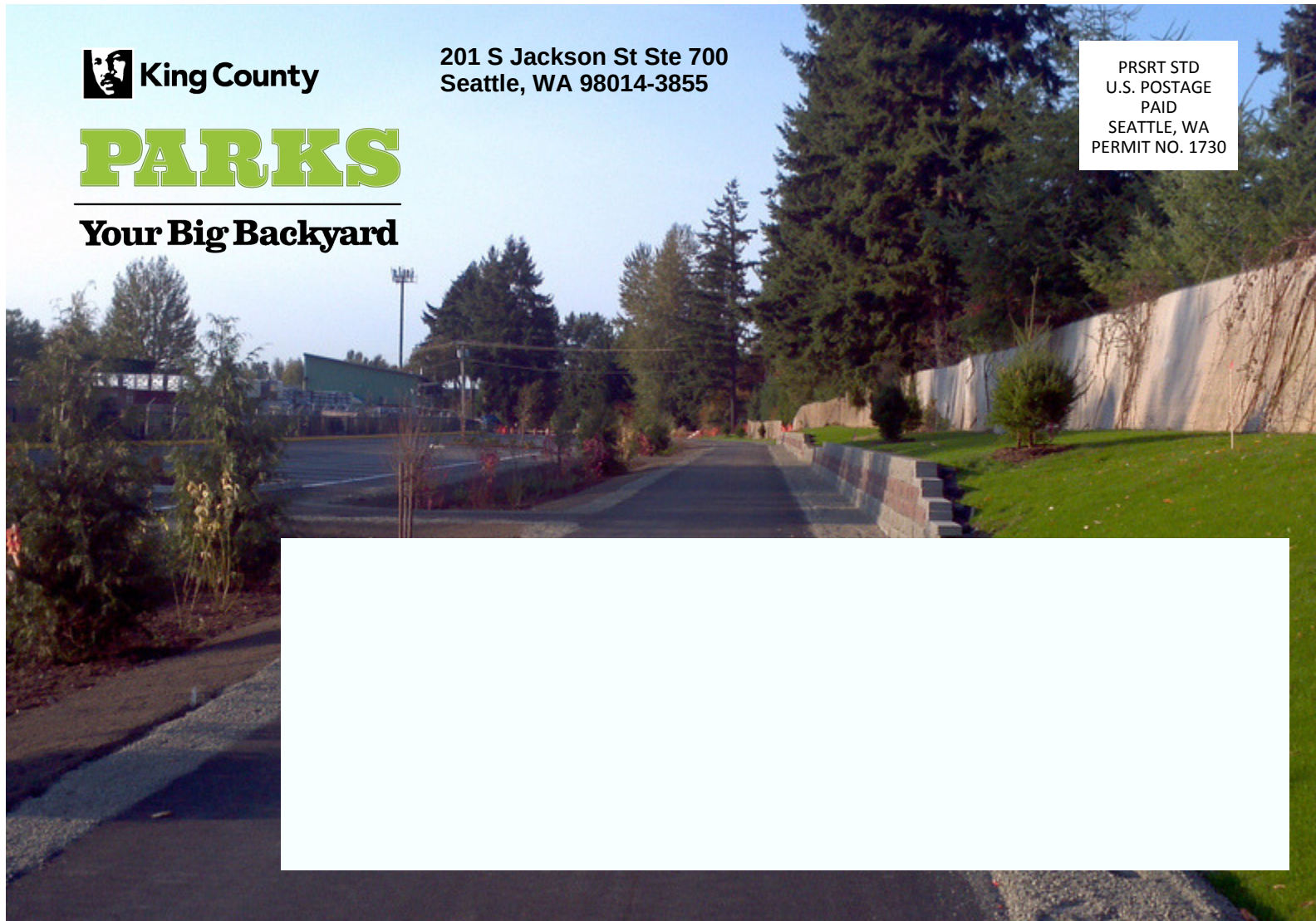


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East Lake Sammamish Trail

South Sammamish Segment B

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Coordination Efforts to Complete Zaccuse Creek Fish Culverts on Sammamish Parkway and East Lake Sammamish Trail

King County Parks is excited to partner with the City of Sammamish, local Kokanee advocate Wally Pereyra, neighboring residents, and the Kokanee Work Group to make improvements to Zaccuse Creek in anticipation of the 2018 kokanee run. Historically, Zaccuse Creek supported kokanee spawning, but due to modifications to the stream channel, kokanee access is now limited to the final 100 feet before it reaches the lake. Currently this portion of the stream contains little or no habitat suitable for kokanee spawning, however in the last several years hundreds of adult kokanee have been observed in this lower portion of the creek during the fall spawning run.

Planned improvements include upper stream restoration and constructing fish-passable culverts under East Lake Sammamish Parkway and the East Lake Sammamish Trail. King County's 60 percent design plans for the South Sammamish Segment B propose construction of eight fish-passable culverts, one of which is at Zaccuse Creek.



Community Outreach

If you have questions or would like more information, contact the community outreach team. Our outreach staff can ensure you receive accurate and timely information.

Email ELST@kingcounty.gov

King County will respond within one business day.

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Working together to address drainage issues from the Lake Sammamish Basin

This year, northwest Washington is making weather history with record rain fall. This increase in stormwater can be challenging for property owners, especially “downstream” and waterfront property owners.

Water from the Sammamish Plateau and the Lake Sammamish drainage basin flows naturally through the East Lake Sammamish Parkway, the King County trail corridor, and private property to the lake. King County Parks offers the following reminders regarding drainage:

- The law in Washington provides that downstream property owners have a duty to accommodate the natural flow of water onto their property. A natural drainage way must be kept open to carry water into streams and lakes, and cannot be obstructed by a downstream property owner.
- If a downstream property owner obstructs the flow of water through a natural drainway and floods or otherwise damages the upstream property, they may be held liable for the resulting property damage.
- While natural drainage structures may be replaced with a pipe or other artificial conveyance system, it must be sufficiently large to accommodate the natural flow of water. If the constructed drainage system fails to accommodate the amount of flow that occurs during ordinary high water, the property owner may be found liable for damage to the upland property owner whose land became flooded.
- Once artificial structures are constructed, property owners have a continuing obligation to maintain them in good working order to ensure proper functioning of the drainage system.
- When developing their property, landowners must accommodate the flow of surface water in order to avoid unnecessary damage to the property of others.

King County has conducted an extensive analysis of the drainage/stormwater patterns in the area of the corridor as part of the development of the South Sammamish B Segment. In the coming months, you may receive formal notification of these drainage reminders. The formal notifications will be sent when a drainage problem has been identified near your property. All drainage systems must be sized accordingly and in good working order prior to trail construction. Construction of this segment, the last 3.5 mile segment of the ELST, is expected to begin in fall 2018.

Update on the Sammamish Segment B and Inglewood Hill Parking Lot

Thank you to all who attended the presentation and open house at Sammamish City Hall on April 25th. It was a packed house with more than 200 people in attendance. At the request of the City, Kevin Brown, King County Parks Director, delivered a presentation that provided an update on the East Lake Sammamish Trail project in addition to information on the trail corridor outside the proposed trail footprint. At the meeting several participants requested an update on the comments submitted in January on the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for the South Sammamish Segment B and Inglewood Hill Parking Lot.

After responding to the City’s Shoreline Permit comments, we will then begin the task of responding to individual comments. We may also be reaching out to some individuals to get more information and clarification. Due to the large volume of comments, we cannot provide a date certain when you will receive a response to your comment. We are making every effort to respond as quickly as possible.

On December 28, 2016, King County Parks released the 60 percent design plans for Sammamish B to the public for review. The process for the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit included a 30-day comment period, from December 28, 2016 through January 27, 2017, in which the public had the opportunity to provide comments to the City of Sammamish with regard to the project plans. As requested, the County has provided the updated timeline below.

Any additional questions about the on-going permit process or timeline should be directed to Lindsey Ozbolt at the City of Sammamish.

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(425) 295-0527

SOUTH SAMMAMISH SEGMENT B

INGLEWOOD HILLS PARKING LOT

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King County has catalogued more than 1,200 comments from approximately 800 individuals; The City of Sammamish has requested responses to its 46 pages of comments by July 11.

King County has completed cataloging all the comments for the Inglewood Hill Parking lot.

Deadline for Parks to respond to the City of Sammamish's requests.



One step closer to completing the "missing link"

The final portion of the ELST that will be redeveloped from an interim soft-surface trail to a paved regional trail is a 3.5-mile-long stretch from Southeast 33rd Street to Inglewood Hill Road. This gravel path is the “missing link” in a 44-mile regional trail corridor that once complete, will connect downtown Seattle to the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

With the southern and northernmost sections already completed, this small gap is all that is left to unveiling a new and vital transportation route for many east side residents. While a commuting corridor that connects the cities of Issaquah, Sammamish, and Redmond will be welcomed by many, the trail will also provide users with access to public space along the lake.

This segment is currently in design, with construction expected to begin when permitting and design are complete.

Focus on trail safety

With warm weather and increased population comes an increased use of outdoor recreation facilities. That means many more users on our regional trails at the same time.

To avoid conflicts between bikers, runners, and walkers, Parks is reminding people to “Be safe. Have fun. Share the trail.” Here are a few good rules of thumb to remember when you’re out on the trail:

- 1 Stay right, pass left** – Be aware of your surroundings at all times and follow the rules of the trail to keep everyone safe.
- 2 Leave room for others to pass** – Whether walking or biking, always leave enough room for others to get around your group. Don't hog the trail!
- 3 Use your voice or bell to let others know you’re coming** – No one likes to be surprised by someone coming up behind them. Let others know you’re coming – before you arrive.
- 4 Go slow when passing, no sneaking!** – Reduce your speed when passing.
- 5 Be visible, wear reflective gear or lights in low light** – Make sure you're always easy to see from all sides.
- 6 Keep pets close for their safety and others** – Retractable leashes can easily become a hazard on busy trails. Keep animals safe when on leash.
- 7 Obey posted speed limits** – Reduce your speed in congested areas.