

Project Newsletter

May 2015

95 percent design plans for South Sammamish Segment A now available

Design for South Sammamish Segment A (Phase 2A) of the East Lake Sammamish Trail is nearing completion. The 95 percent design plans are now available for review on the project website: www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail. The 95 percent plans reflect comments received from the City of Sammamish, adjacent homeowners, and the King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review. This 1.2 mile trail segment stretches from SE 43rd Way to SE 33rd St. Trail construction is anticipated to begin this fall.

Understanding the design plans

The trail design plans are developed using industry standards and are intended for construction experts. King County understands trail neighbors and project stakeholders would like to be informed how the new trail relates to the surrounding environment. King County developed a **Readers Guide to Understanding the Design Plans** and posted it to the project website in April 2014: www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail. Project staff are also available by phone or email to answer questions about the plans. Call the project hotline to schedule a time that works for you.



King County met with neighbors and community members on the trail last summer to review preliminary design plans of Phase 2A.

City and homeowner comments incorporated into trail design

King County modified the trail design criteria and incorporated changes to trail design along the North and South segments of the trail based upon comments from the city and adjacent homeowners. For example, King County is:

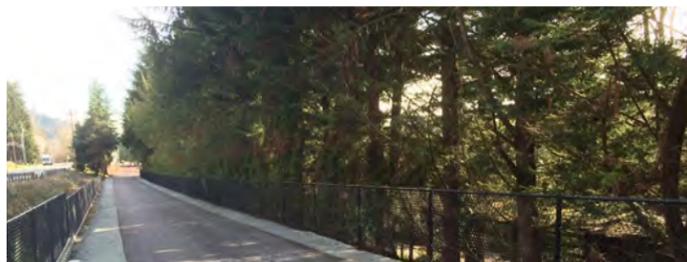
- Constructing retaining walls to minimize the trail footprint
- Revising tiered retaining walls to single retaining walls to maximize planting area
- Limbing trees near intersections, preserving vegetation by reducing sight distance triangles
- Shifting the trail alignment within wetland buffers and mitigating these impacts to avoid tree removal
- Increasing landscaping along the trail corridor

Tree preservation plans available

Updated tree preservation plans, reflecting the changes in the 95 percent design, will be posted to the project website by the end of April. Building a wider trail that is safer and more accessible to people of all ages and abilities will require the removal of some trees. King County Parks' goal is to preserve significant trees whenever possible. During the design phase, the design team makes every effort to avoid the removal of significant trees by reducing the trail footprint with retaining walls and moving the trail alignment. King County understands the importance of trees providing natural habitat for wildlife, shade, and screening for trail users and neighbors.



Trail construction includes planting thousands of new trees and shrubs along the corridor.



Paved segment in North Sammamish preserved mature trees along the trail.

Proposed trail centerline and King County right-of-way identified

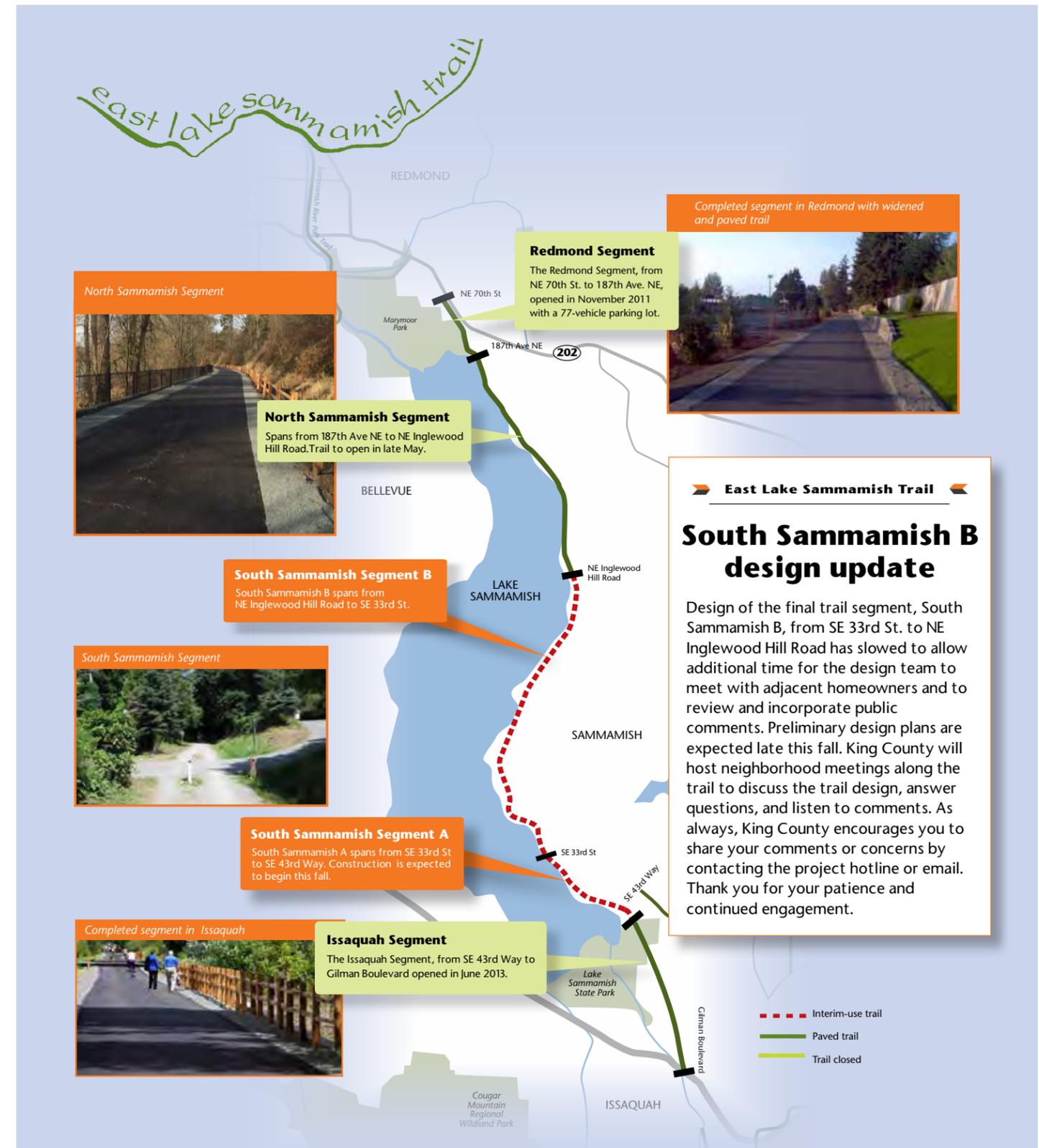
In January 2015 crews surveyed and staked the King County right-of-way along the South Sammamish A segment, from SE 43rd Way to SE 33rd St. The purpose of this survey is to provide King County and adjacent property owners a clear understanding of the property boundaries. Additionally, survey crews staked the updated centerline of the trail, based on the 95 percent plans, to provide adjacent homeowners a clear understanding of the proposed trail alignment.



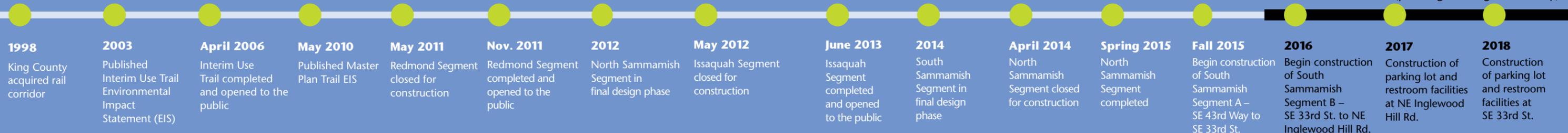
A project survey stake flags the location of a centerline marker. The number in the circle reflects the number of feet to the centerline marker.

Informing trail neighbors of upcoming construction activity

Recently, King County mailed letters to property owners adjacent to the South Sammamish A trail segment that provided information about the timeline of upcoming construction activities. The letter identified specific items within the county right-of-way that will be impacted by trail construction. All landscaping and other items located within the county right-of-way that conflict with trail construction will need to be removed prior to construction. King County encourages anyone with questions or concerns to call the project hotline at **1-888-668-4886** or email **ELST@kingcounty.gov**.



Trail Timeline



Future Phases (pending funding availability)

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Public Outreach Representative, Steve Peer, meeting with a trail neighbor.

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North Sammamish Segment to open soon

Construction of the North Sammamish trail is near completion. In the upcoming weeks, crews will be completing the landscaping, intersections, and installing the trail safety features, such as fencing, gates, bollards and signage. The trail is expected to re-open in late May. Stay tuned for more information on an upcoming ceremony this summer. This is another major milestone in completing the 11-mile East Lake Sammamish Trail.



Community Outreach

- 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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