

**Lindsey Ozbolt**

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**From:** Hanne Thiede <hanne.thiede@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Lindsey Ozbolt; Melonie Anderson  
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Dear Lindsey Ozbolt,

I am writing to provide comments on the East Lake Sammamish Trail Segment 2B Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP2016-00415). I have been a resident of Sammamish since 1982 and have followed the planning, development and construction of the East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST) since King County purchased the trail corridor from the Land Conservancy in 1998. I am a frequent user of the ELST and access it from the interim Inglewood Hill Parking lot which is close to my home. King County has done an excellent job on completion of the northern part of the trail with regard to safety (trail width, visibility and stop signs) and environmental improvements (benches, native plantings and removal of non-native species). I look forward to completion of Segment 2B and the remainder of the ELST so that residents of Sammamish and the larger region can enjoy this wonderful trail.

I fully support King County's SSDP2016-00415 application which is consistent with the State Shoreline Management Act and the Sammamish Shoreline Master Plan which emphasize increasing public access to publicly owned areas of shoreline and increasing recreational opportunities for Sammamish residents and the general public to shoreline areas.

The City of Sammamish approved King County's SSDP2016-00415 application with certain conditions. Condition 3 ("The County shall identify all structures...") is irrelevant and falls outside the City's legal jurisdiction and should be deleted. Regarding Conditions 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 which refer to moving or narrowing the trail, tree removal, and grading, it is essential that the trail remains in its original location and is not narrowed to ensure safety. Any impacts can be readily mitigated by replacing non-native trees and plants in other parts of the trail corridor and by removal of structures that encroach on the easement.

It has been almost 20 years since King County purchased the trail corridor and I strongly encourage the City to collaborate with the County to resolve any remaining issues and provide a final approval of the County's SSDP2016-00415 permit application so that the work can be completed and residents of Sammamish and the larger region can enjoy this wonderful trail without any further delays.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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