

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
PUBLIC AGENCY AND UTILITY EXCEPTION – SEPA NOTIFICATION
PAUE2025-00278 EVANS CREEK PRESERVE + ADJACENT PARK PARCEL TRAILS

Date of Complete Application: 04/04/2025

Date of Completeness Determination: 05/12/2025

Date of Notice: 05/29/2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Sammamish Department of Community Development received a Public Agency/Utility Exception (PAUE) application from City of Sammamish Parks to proposing trail improvements between Evans Creek Preserve (ECP) and two adjacent City-owned parcels. This PAUE is associated with Clearing and Grading Permit Application CG2025-02061.

The City of Sammamish Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department (PRF) is proposing trail improvements between Evans Creek Preserve (ECP) and two adjacent City-owned parcels. This project aims to improve connectivity, address maintenance challenges, and enrich the recreational experience for the community. The proposed trail work will be the first significant addition to the Preserve trail system since 2014. The project focuses on creating a new trail that will connect the southeast portion of the Preserve to the adjacent upper plateau neighborhoods. The project consists of three work areas. Trail improvements on the two City of Sammamish Park parcels will fall under the City of Sammamish jurisdiction (Work Area 3). The ECP parcels are within King County jurisdiction, as they are outside the City limits. While King County will conduct the Clearing and Grading Review for Work Areas 1 and 2, King County will allow the City to conduct SEPA for the entire project. All maintained, re-aligned, and new trails will adhere to a 3-foot width, constructed from on-site mineral soils to ensure pervious surfaces that do not alter existing drainage patterns. These efforts will comply with United States Forest Service standard trail specifications.

Link to Online Application Documents: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/Nh80VGbFOx>

Project Location: Parcels 681780-1450, 681781-0400, 212506-9003, 212506-9037, and 212506-9005

Applicant: Michelle Arab, (P) 206-595-1556, marab@sammamish.us

Public Comment Period: 05/29/2025 through 06/19/2025 at 5 p.m.

City Project Manager: Quin L. Williamson, (P) (206)-677-0043, (E) QWilliamson@sammamish.us

During the public comment period, comments may be sent to the City Project Manager in writing or via email. Inquiries regarding the application, comment period, decision, and appeal process, as well as requests to view documents pertinent to the proposal, may be made at Sammamish City Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

City of Sammamish City Hall, Permit Center
801 228th Avenue SE
Sammamish, Washington 98075

Note: Mediation of disputes is available pursuant to SMC 21.09.040. Requests for mediation should be made as soon as it is determined the disputed issue(s) cannot be resolved by direct negotiation. Please contact the Department of Community Development for additional information on the Land Use Mediation Program.

Existing Environmental Documents Available for Review: Criteria Compliance Narrative, SEPA Checklist, and Critical Areas Report

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review: A SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is anticipated for this project using the SEPA Optional DNS Process established under WAC 197-11-355. Consequently, this may be the only opportunity to comment on the environment impacts of this proposal. This proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent SEPA threshold determination for the proposal may be obtained upon request.