

The background of the cover is a photograph of a lake. In the foreground, there is a dark, pebbly shoreline. In the middle ground, a wooden dock with a metal railing extends into the water. In the background, there are evergreen trees and some houses on a hillside.

# **Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan**

June 17, 2025







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# Introduction



# Purpose and Background

Basin planning was identified as a key priority in the City of Sammamish (City) 2016 Storm and Surface Water Comprehensive Plan (Windward, 2016). At that time, the City had already updated Inglewood and Thompson Basin Plans (2011) that were included in King County's original East Lake Sammamish Basin Plan and Nonpoint Action Plan (King County 1994). The Zackuse Basin Plan was completed in 2019 and Laughing Jacobs was completed in 2022. This plan, the Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan, is the fifth and one of the last large basins with a primary creek system in the city to be evaluated. The remaining basins to be updated include Beaver Lake (not included in Laughing Jacobs Basin Plan), and the Monohon and Panhandle basins, which both include multiple small tributaries that flow directly to Lake Sammamish from the plateau. Figure 1-1 shows the location of the basins and which ones have completed basin plans.

*2016 Storm & Surface Water Management Comprehensive Plan Goal G.2: Use drainage basin planning to allocate limited resources to address priority problems and opportunities.*

## *What is a basin plan?*

*A drainage basin (also referred to as a watershed or catchment) is a logical geographic area to assess surface and stormwater conditions because it defines the geographic limits of direct influence and impacts. This basin plan focuses on surface and stormwater related conditions and solutions specific to the Pine Lake Creek drainage basin.*

The basin plans thus far have been instrumental in helping the City allocate its resources to develop and prioritize policies, projects, and strategies that protect water quality and habitat within its watersheds. The Washington State Department of Ecology has also begun requiring permittees under its Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit to develop Stormwater Management Action Plans within priority watersheds. Basin Planning can be used to meet the requirements of the SMAP or to facilitate the process of identifying actionable projects and strategies within a smaller area of the watershed (or basin).



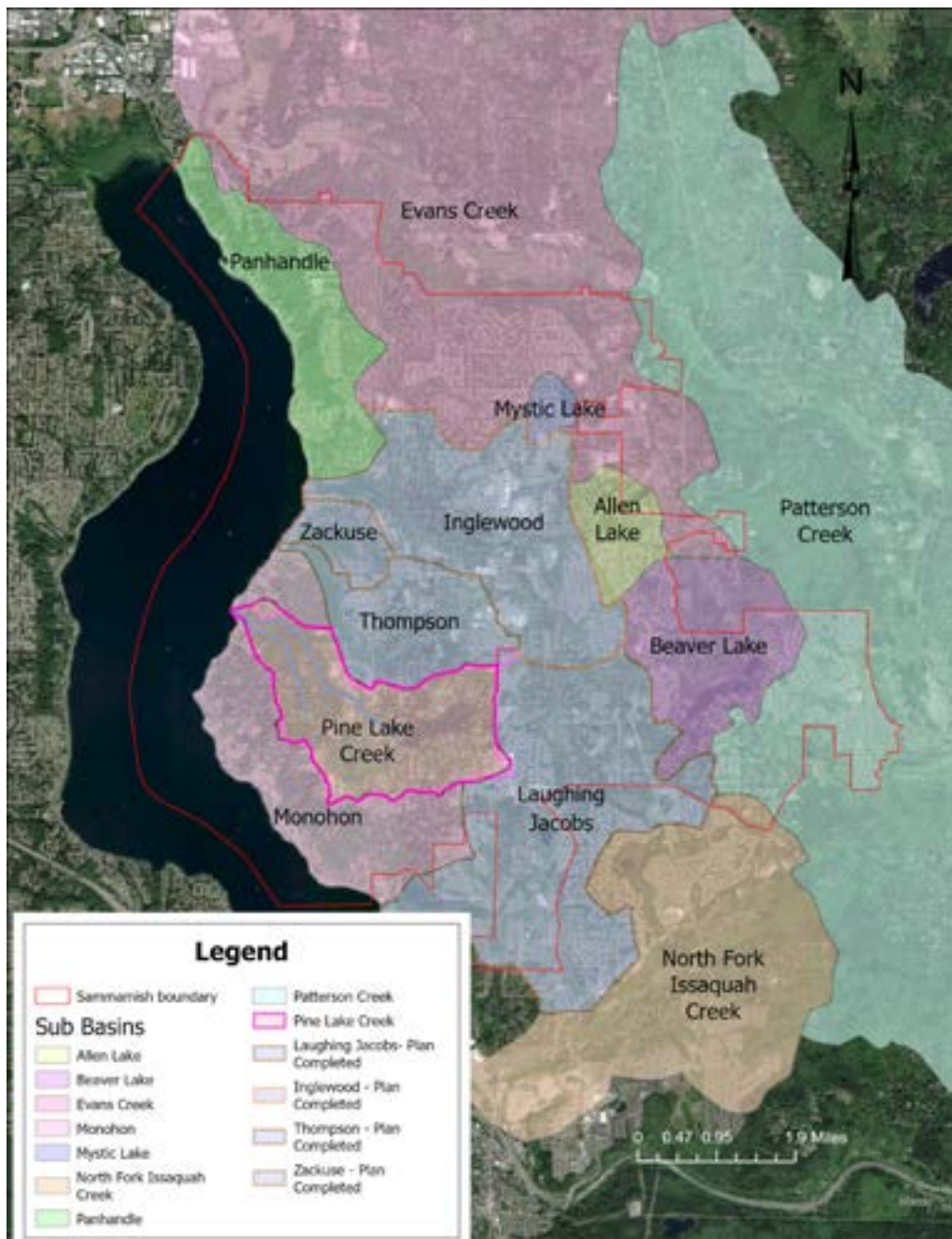


Figure 1-1. Vicinity Location



# Pine Lake Creek Basin Overview

The Pine Lake Creek basin is located in the southwest part of Sammamish in the East Lake Sammamish Basin, Watershed Resources Inventory Area (WRIA) 8. Pine Lake, located on the plateau, is its central hydrologic feature and the headwaters of Pine Lake Creek. The basin encompasses 1,200 acres, with the lake and adjacent Pine Lake Park covering 105 acres in the upland part of the basin. Pine Lake Creek (~ 1.86 miles), which flows out of Pine Lake, is the primary stream feature. Pine Lake Creek historically supported a substantial Lake Sammamish kokanee run and is one of four primary Lake Sammamish kokanee spawning streams within the city. A secondary stream, Kanim Creek (~1.31 miles) enters Pine Lake Creek from the south just east of East Lake Sammamish Parkway. There are multiple large mapped wetlands, including one sensitive sphagnum bog, in the basin, totaling approximately 155 acres. Additionally, there are areas that may be classified as wetlands that are not mapped and not included in the reported acreage. Land use in the Pine Lake Creek Basin is almost all residential.

*This plan identifies and prioritizes projects and actions to address surface water issues in the Pine Lake Creek Basin.*



**SE 24th St. and 212th Ave SE  
on a rainy day**



# Basin Plan Objectives

Past development has affected kokanee runs as well as reduced water quality, flooding and erosion in the Pine Lake Creek basin. This plan characterizes the existing conditions in the basin and identifies and prioritizes strategies, projects, and actions that address flooding, erosion, water quality, and ecological problems and that reflect the city and community's priorities.

The [Vision for Sammamish](#) is a vibrant community blessed with a well-preserved natural environment, a family-friendly culture, and unrivaled connectivity to everything northwest Washington has to offer. Additionally, the vision is to expand the city's possibilities to the fullest. To do so, we focus on the cornerstones of health communities; people, prosperity, and planet. We look to achieve an equitable social environment, viable economic development, and livable natural and built environments. These will help our city continue to grow and thrive.

This plan reflects a livable built and natural environment. Specific community interests and priorities were sought during plan development through engagement opportunities with interested residents and stakeholders in the community. Input received was incorporated into final projects and strategies.

The chapters in this plan include:

1. Introduction
2. Methodology
3. Stakeholder Involvement and Community Outreach
4. Existing Basin Conditions
5. Surface Water Issues
6. Basin Plan Actions
7. Implementation Strategies
8. References





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# Methodology



# Plan Development

The development of the Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan involved 1) reviewing previous documentation and data, 2) assessing existing conditions based on new and existing data, observations, and analysis, and 3) identifying and prioritizing strategies, projects and actions for the future considering existing conditions and observed or modeled trends.

## Data Review

Several documents and sources of data were reviewed to relate previously identified basin issues to existing observations. Projects and strategies recommended in previous reports — but not yet implemented — were also reviewed for continued relevance. Table 2-1 lists the existing sources that were used to support plan development.

**Table 2-1. Sources of information used in Basin Plan development**

| Data Source   | How was the information used?  |
|---|--|
| East Lake Sammamish Basin and Nonpoint Action Plan, December 1994, King County Surface Water Management                         | Background information and preliminary list of issues and recommended projects.  |
| Technical Memorandum, Kanim Creek Tributary Analysis, 12/31/2019, Altaterra Consulting  | Description of Kanim Creek tributary drainage, channel and slope conditions in vicinity of Loree Estates neighborhood. |
| Urban Forest Management Plan, Adopted November 4, 2019, City of Sammamish   | Background information on percent tree canopy and types of forest cover in Pine Lake Creek Basin.                      |
| Draft Ecological Survey of Lake Sammamish Kokanee, 2016, Lake Sammamish Kokanee Work Group Technical Workshop, 17 November 2016 | Background on Lake Sammamish Kokanee life-history, estimated habitat in Pine Lake Creek, and management priorities.    |



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| Lake Sammamish Kokanee-Supplementation Technical Working Group, June 15, 2016  | Background information on supplementation results in Lake Sammamish streams.  |
| City of Sammamish Public Works Stormwater CIP Priority Criteria, Presentation to City Council Study Session, June 12, 2018 | Summary of CIP prioritization methodology.  |
| City of Sammamish, Washington, Resolution NO. R2018-804  | Resolution and descriptive methodology for prioritizing stormwater capital improvement projects.  |
| King County Lake Stewardship Program: 2022 Monitoring Update, July 2023  | Pine Lake 2022 Water Quality Data summary and trends.   |
| City of Sammamish Retrofit Strategy and Guidance Manual, March 2021  | Identification of potential retrofit projects and strategies in the Pine Lake Creek Basin.  |
| Email correspondence from King County re. Lake Sammamish Kokanee Surveys   | Historical data on Kokanee redds and escapement in Pine Lake Creek.   |
| City of Sammamish Geographic Information System Data, various dates.   | Geospatial stormwater system data (infrastructure), critical areas data (wetlands, streams, steep slopes), etc. to inform analysis and use in maps. |



# Data Development

Several different types of data were collected over the course of the plan development. Site visits were conducted to observe stormwater outfalls, stream conditions, stormwater facility conditions, and the Pine Lake outfall/weir. Additionally, water quality samples were obtained at least three times from locations in upper and lower Pine Lake and Kanim creeks.

## Stream and Aquatic Habitat Conditions

Stream and aquatic habitat conditions were observed in Pine Lake and Kanim creeks by teams of stream professionals (i.e., geomorphologists, fish ecologists, and hydrologists) to assess existing physical and biological conditions for fish and other aquatic species. The stream report is provided in Appendix A, and a summary of conditions is provided in Chapter 4.

## Water Quality Sampling

Water quality sampling was conducted to update existing water quality conditions. Water quality samples were collected in spring and summer of 2023 at five locations in the Pine Lake Creek Basin:

- Pine Lake Creek Outlet
- Lower Pine Lake Creek
- Lower Kanim Creek
- Upper Pine Lake Creek
- Upper Kanim Creek

*Water quality data collected for this project provided an update of current conditions in Pine Lake and Kanim creeks.*

Water quality samples were submitted for laboratory analysis of the following parameters:

- Fecal coliform
- E. coli
- Total phosphorus
- Nitrate + nitrite



- Total Kjeldahl nitrogen
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS)

Additionally, in-situ (in-stream) water quality was tested for pH, conductivity, turbidity, and temperature using a water quality sonde (or meter). Flow measurements were also made during sampling visits if there was enough flow to do so. A full description of the methodology and results of water quality sampling is provided in Appendix B. Results of water quality sampling are described in Chapter 4.

## Hydrologic Modeling

Hydrologic modeling of the Pine Lake Creek Basin was conducted to assess and compare existing and potential future flow conditions in Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek, the two streams that receive flow from land surfaces in the basin. Future conditions considered potential development (according to parcel zoning, development regulations, critical areas, and other factors that determine allowable development) and projected changes in precipitation. Modeling was conducted using the Hydrologic Simulation Program – Fortran (HSPF) software. Modeling methodology is described in Appendix C. Results of the modeling are described in Chapter 4.



**Collecting data in Pine Lake Creek**



## Data Use

The data reviewed and collected were evaluated to identify current issues and predict future conditions (i.e., hydrologic modeling) to support identification of projects and strategies for long-term preservation and improvement of surface water conditions in the basin.

## Strategy Development

The planning team identified problems and issues to be considered in the Basin Plan through review of previous documentation, site visits and stream walks, data collection, and input from stakeholders and the community (Chapter 3).

Potential actions were classified as either capital or programmatic projects and initially prioritized using the city's adopted CIP prioritization methodology. Input from city staff and the community was considered in refinement of the final recommendations. Details on the prioritization methodology are provided in Chapter 8.



A photograph of a forest stream with a large blue number 3 overlaid on the left side. The stream flows through a wooded area with many bare trees and fallen leaves on the ground. The water is clear and reflects the surrounding environment. The number 3 is large, blue, and has a white outline, positioned on the left side of the image.

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# **Stakeholder Involvement and Community Outreach**



# Community Participation in the Planning Process

A variety of tools were used to inform and engage stakeholders and the broader community about the Pine Lake Creek basin planning effort and to solicit input on priorities and values that are important to the community. The city hosted a web page that provided an overview of the project, contact information and links to relevant documents and information (Figure 3-1 shows a screenshot of the project page on the city's website).

Two public stakeholder group meetings were held at City Hall in July and December

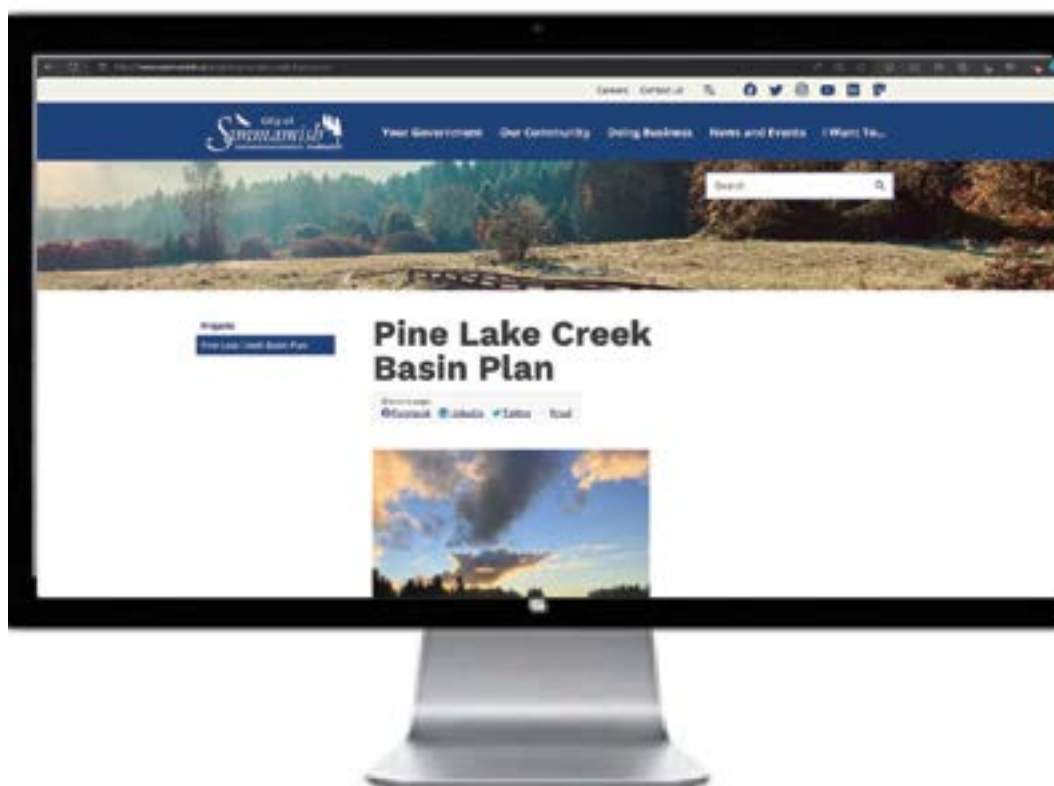
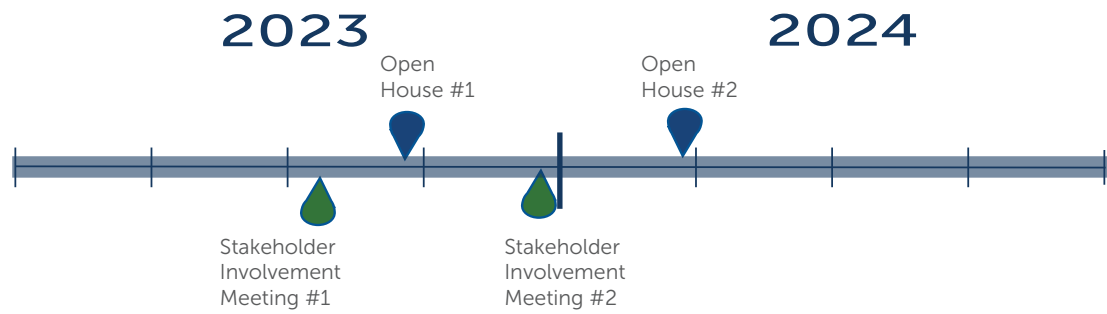


Figure 3-1. Screenshot of City Webpage

2023, to gather information and perspectives from participants with identified interest in Pine Lake and/or in the streams and overall basin. Community open houses were



held at City Hall in September 2023 and March 2024 (Figure 3-2). Summaries of the stakeholder and open house events are provided in Appendix D.



**Figure 3-2. Community Outreach Events and Timeline**

## Stakeholder Input

Stakeholder discussions were held to solicit feedback from individuals with specific interest and or knowledge of the Pine Lake Creek Basin. Four stakeholder discussions were held on two different days with two separate sessions occurring sequentially for participants to discuss Pine Lake or the overall basin. Attendees were invited to attend one or both sessions, depending on their interests.

*Eight people attended two different stakeholder groups to discuss basin/stream issues or lake issues in July and December 2023.*

Potential stakeholders were identified by the city and planning team by brainstorming specific interests and points of view that may be interested in the plan, including residents, property owners, non-profit groups, environmental interests, and groups working on similar issues in the area.



The first stakeholder event in July 2023 focused on identifying issues, concerns, and opportunities for improvement in the basin.

*Issues identified by the stakeholders included the following:*

- Less biodiversity in the streams (i.e., abundance and type of insects)
- Changing water flow rates, levels, and temperature
- Fewer salmon fry
- Lack of access to streams and creeks
- Occasional poor water quality in the lake (including high temperatures)
- Invasive species in the lake (plants and animals)
- Variable lake water levels
- Need to make some repairs on the lake weir

*Stakeholder suggestions included:*

- Education for lakefront homeowners for how to deal with invasives and protect water quality
- Enforcement of existing codes and policies
- Thoughtful regional detention plan versus lot-by-lot detention to manage flows
- Ensure access to streams for monitoring

The second stakeholder event in December 2023 was geared toward soliciting input on projects and strategies identified by the planning team.

*The key input provided by the stakeholders during the sessions included:*

- The basin plan should consider solutions that benefit multiple fish species that depend on Pine Lake Creek, not just kokanee salmon.
- Solutions should consider land use planning and how to balance continual growth and development with protecting the environment.
- The Basin Plan will need the collective efforts of all stakeholders and collaboration between city departments to be successful.
- There were mixed opinions on whether a lake management district



framework is a good fit for Pine Lake.

- Impacts of septic systems to Pine Lake water quality and the costs of connecting sewer for lakeside homeowners should be considered.
- Education programs for people who recreate or live on the lake could be a cost-effective strategy to implement while the city considers larger, more costly projects.

## Open House Input

The city hosted two in-person open houses in September 2023 and March 2024 to inform and gather input from the community on the Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan. Specific feedback is provided in Appendix D.

In the September 2023 Open House, the community corroborated much of what the planning team heard from the stakeholder sessions. Residents shared their knowledge of specific lake issues, including studies, vegetation management, algae blooms, weir maintenance, lake level fluctuations, and sediment buildup. Many in the community were seeking solutions for the on-going lake issues, including education for homeowners, and safe aquatic weed control options.

Preliminary projects and strategies were presented to the community at the March 2024 Open House. Strategies and Actions were grouped into the following categories:

- Protection-Oriented Strategies



Open House #1



- Education-Oriented Strategies
- Potential Stormwater Projects
  - Pine Lake (Upper Basin)
  - Pine Lake (Lower Basin)
  - Kanim Creek

The preliminary projects and strategies presented to the community are described in Chapter 8 and projects with strong community support are identified.



**Open House #1**





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# Existing Basin Conditions



# Land Surface Characteristics

The basin characteristics that have the greatest effect on surface water flow and quality are land cover (i.e., the type of natural or constructed material that makes up the land surface), topography (i.e., how flat or steep the land surface is), and geology (i.e., whether the rocks and soil can soak up water or if they erode easily). Climatic conditions, including when and how much rain falls on the basin, are the other big factor.

## Land Cover

The land cover in the basin consists of surfaces covered with vegetation that may or may not have been modified by people and the built landscape with roads and building structures.

### Forest cover

The City's Urban Forest Management Plan, adopted in November 2019, describes the forest composition and coverage of Sammamish's urban forest (City of Sammamish, 2019). The Pine Lake Creek Basin has one of the largest contiguous areas of tree canopy in Sammamish, with approximately 49% tree canopy, of which 50% is coniferous. One of the city's urban forest goal's is to maintain overall canopy cover (Urban Forest Goal #UA1). Figure 4-1 is a screenshot from the Urban Forest Management Plan (City of Sammamish, 2019) that shows the tree canopy in Pine Lake Creek Basin. Tree canopy helps keep water temperatures cooler, provides wood recruitment to channels, and promotes ecological activity good for fish and wildlife.



FIGURE 7: Map Illustration of Land Cover Distribution

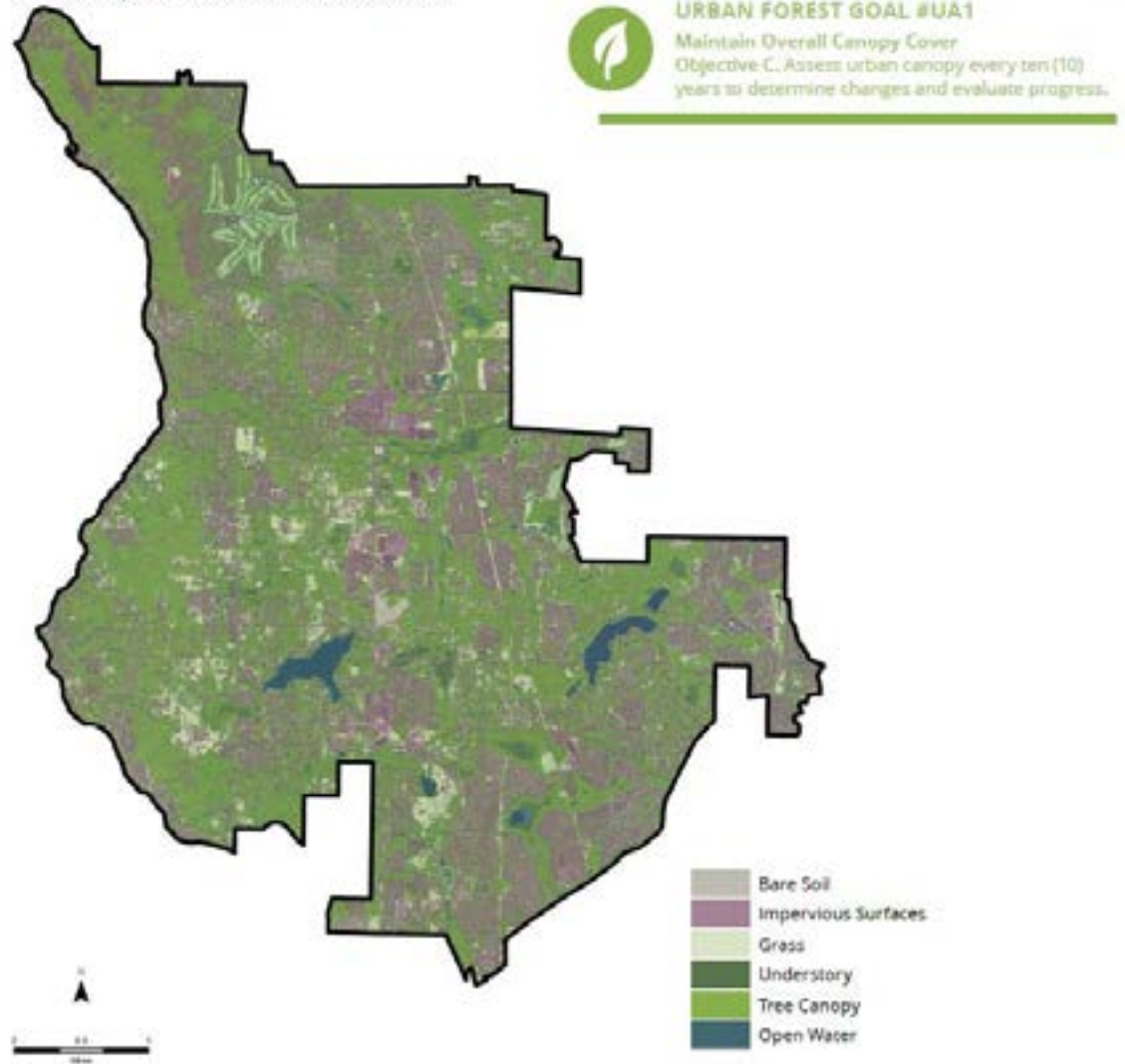


Figure 4-1. Screenshot of 2019 Urban Forestry Management Plan showing tree canopy

## Built Landscape

The built landscape in the Pine Lake Creek Basin is the result of 2024 and historical Sammamish zoning, development regulations, and economic factors. Figure 4-2

Over 90% of the Pine Lake Creek Basin is classified as single family residential. The city owns 25 parcels in the basin, including Pine Lake Creek Park and parcels occupied by stormwater facilities. Only one city-owned parcel near the headwaters of Kanim Creek is open space.



shows the current zoning in the basin. Over 92% of the basin is zoned R-1 (1 dwelling unit per acre) or R-4 (4 dwelling units per acre). There is a very small percentage of the basin that fronts SE 228th Street zoned at higher levels of multi-family and commercial levels, and a few pockets of R-6 zoning. In addition to the zoning, there are areas that are unlikely to be developed to the maximum extent in the zoning classification due to the presence of environmentally critical areas, such as forested steep slopes and wetlands. The lack of dense development in some areas of the basin, particularly in the stream corridors, provides for healthier forests and riparian areas that are beneficial for surface water resources. Although the city owns over 25 parcels in the basin, only one is in the undeveloped riparian corridor. The parcel contains Kanim Creek, downstream of SE 19th Street.

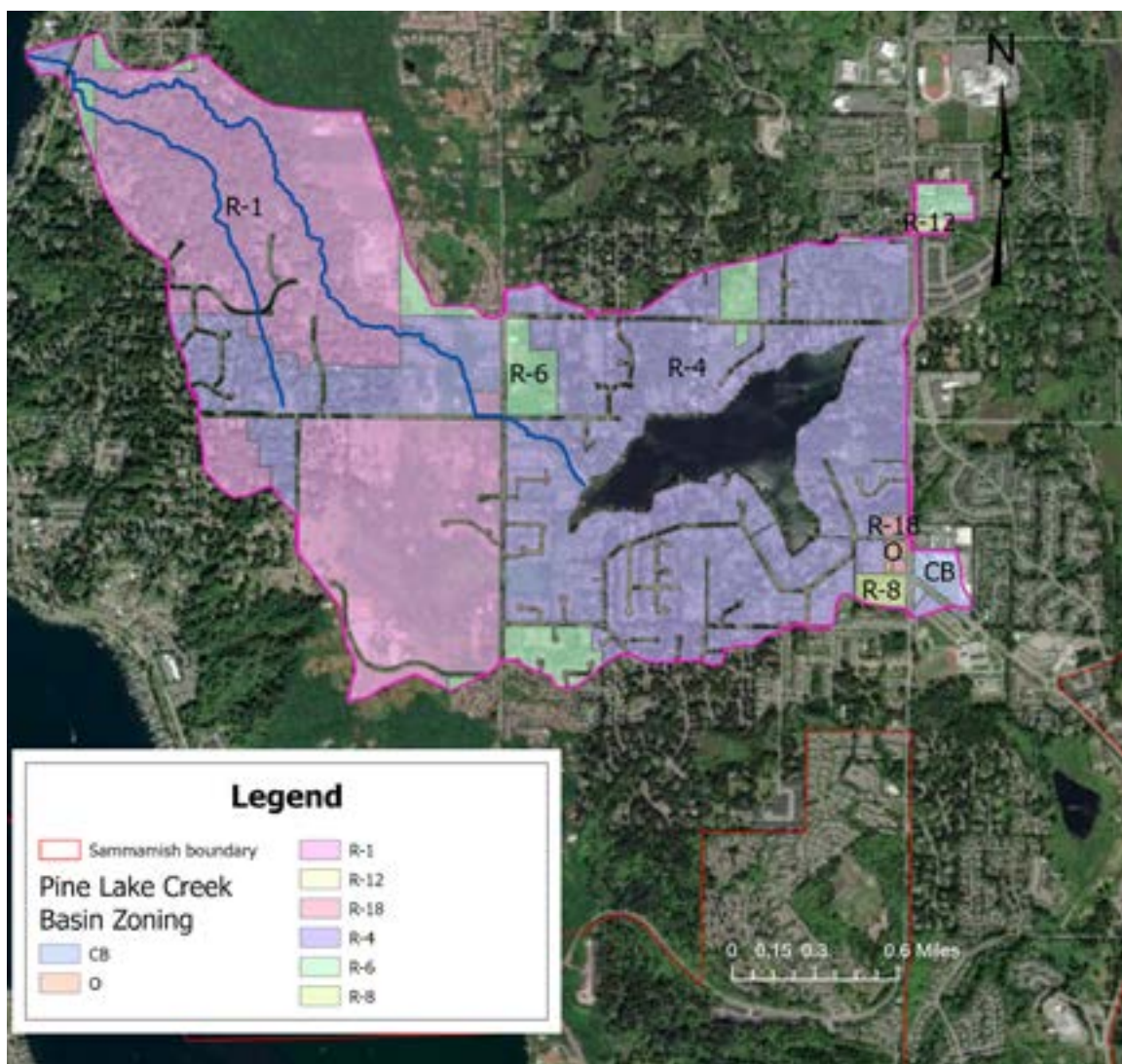


Figure 4-2. Pine Lake Creek Zoning



# Topography

Topography in the Pine Lake Creek Basin is typical of the east shore of Lake Sammamish. The high point in Pine Lake Creek Basin is to the east of SE 228th Street at 576 feet above mean sea level. The basin drops over 500 feet to Lake Sammamish at the mouth of Pine Lake Creek. Almost 400 feet of the elevation drop occurs west of 212th where the plateau is cut by deep ravines carrying Pine Lake and Kanim creeks to just east of East Lake Sammamish Parkway where the overall grade of the basin is more gentle. The topographic conditions of the basin were formed long ago during glacial times and the underlying geologic conditions continue to play a role in topographic features and how surface water flows across the landscape.

# Geology and Geomorphology

The surface geology of the Pine Lake Creek basin is shown in Figure 4-3. The dominant geologic unit is glacial till, a hard mix of silt, sand, gravel, and boulders that has been compacted by thousands of feet of ice. The glacial till is underlain by highly erodible sandy outwash deposits, which are exposed in the ravines and contribute to landslides. Other mapped features include:

- Wetlands, which are typically peaty;
- Loamy soil deposits on top of the till;
- Alluvium and alluvial fan deposits near the lake formed by streams;
- Mass wasting from slope failures;
- Older glacial deposits that are typically fine-grained;
- Very low permeability clay beneath the sandy outwash; and
- Recessional outwash deposited on top of the glacial till.

These geologic units contribute to the stream and hillslope geomorphic conditions present in the Pine Lake Creek basin and also impact the potential for stormwater infiltration. A more thorough description of the local geology is provided in the Preliminary Stormwater Feasibility Evaluation memorandum in Appendix E.



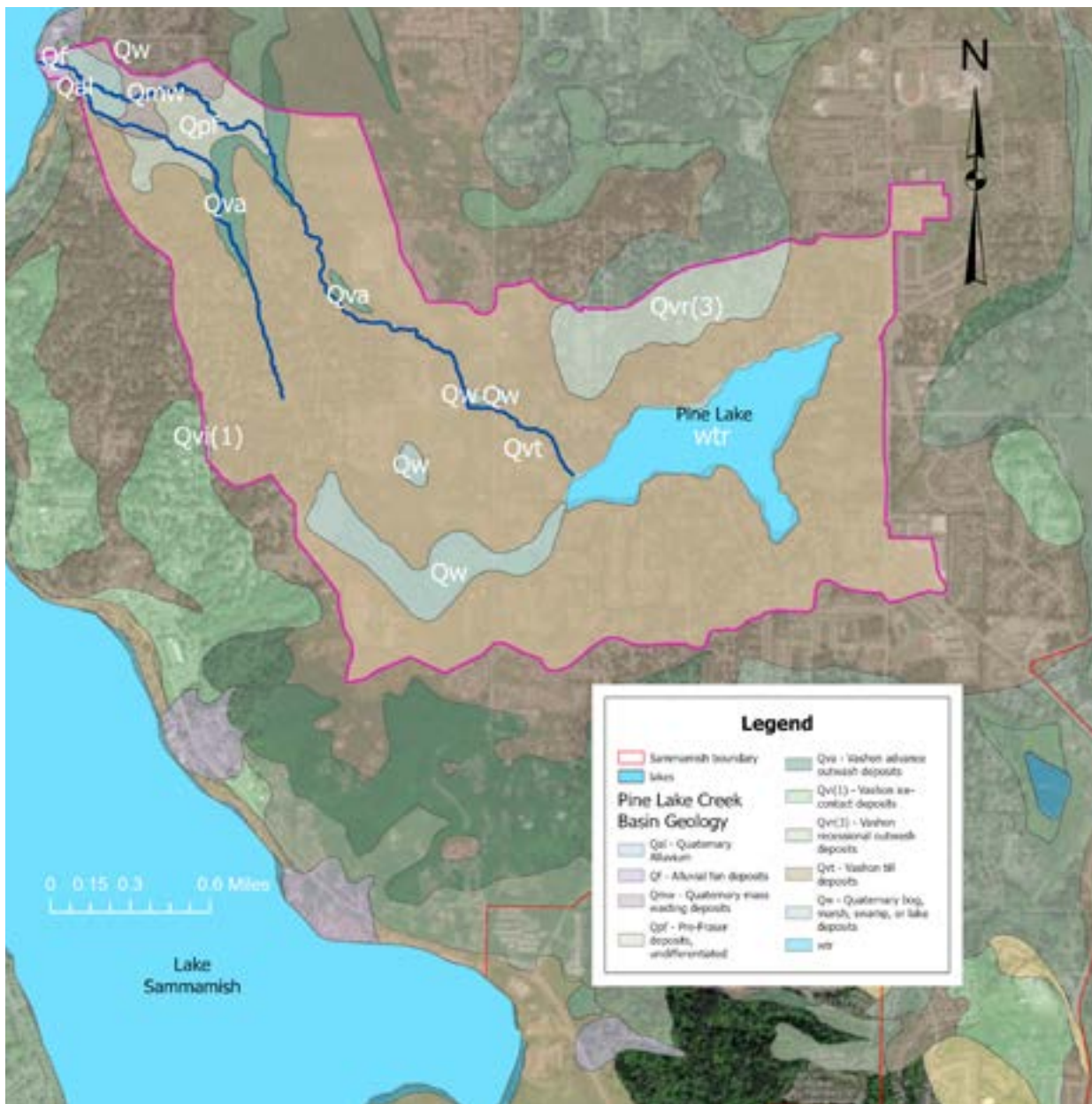


Figure 4-3. Pine Lake Creek Surficial Geology

## Infiltration Analysis

A desk-top infiltration feasibility analysis was conducted to develop a shallow infiltration feasibility map for the purpose of identifying areas expected to have high, medium, and low capacity for shallow infiltration. This

*The best potential for shallow infiltration appears to be in the zone of recessional outwash (Qvr(3)), north of Pine Lake.*



guided further investigation of areas potentially suitable for stormwater management using infiltration. Factors that were considered in the infiltration analysis included geologic hazard areas, steep slopes, and soil permeability. The resulting maps of shallow infiltration feasibility are shown in Appendix E. In general, the best potential for shallow infiltration was in zones of recessional outwash on the plateau, north of Pine Lake. This area is less impacted by steep slopes or landslide hazard areas than some of the other zones of higher soil permeability. Other areas in the basin may also be suitable for shallow infiltration.

## Stream Geomorphology

Stream and hillslope conditions adjacent to the stream channels were observed during site visits. In the Kanim Creek Basin, unstable slopes were observed in the sandy advance outwash deposits on the ravine walls. Active landslides were observed, as well as likely historical slide areas apparent on LiDAR (light detection and ranging) imagery, a remote sensing method used to identify relative elevations. Sand deposits from these unstable slopes were observed on the valley floor, with the stream channel cutting through the material in a braided fashion before re-forming a single-thread channel. Stream channel erosion (downcutting) was observed in the upper reaches of Kanim Creek. In the lower reaches, the stream enters a large wetland complex and transitions to a multi-thread channel prior to connecting with Pine Lake Creek.

There were areas of bank erosion and downcutting observed in Pine Lake Creek as well, but the stream channel form appeared to be relatively stable in free-flowing areas throughout the upper basin. The exceptions were in the upper reaches downstream of



**Kanim Creek Landslide**



Pine Lake where flow was confined to roadside ditches.

A description of the stream geomorphology is provided in the stream assessment report in Appendix A.

## Climate and Hydrology

The City of Sammamish, like most of the Pacific Northwest and Puget Sound Region, experiences relatively short, warm summers, and cold, wet winters. Temperatures typically range from 37°F to 78°F. Average rainfall is around 58 inches per year, and average snowfall is around 3 inches per year. Detailed meteorological data from nearby rain gauges were used in conjunction with geologic, topographic (LiDAR), drainage utility maps, and land cover data to develop a hydrologic model to estimate flows throughout the Pine Lake Creek basin under existing and future development and future climate conditions. Results of the modeling are in the Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Hydrologic Modeling Report, Appendix C.

## Flow Conditions

Flow in both Pine Lake and Kanim creeks is seasonal. Both streams go dry in the upper reaches during the summer and fall. The point of year-round flow in each stream is not clear and may vary from year to year, but the lower reaches almost always have flow due to groundwater input.

*The upper reaches of Pine Lake and Kanim creeks are dry in the summer months. Year-round flow is present in approximately the lower third of the stream system.*

Daily flows at the mouth of Pine Lake Creek average under 5 cfs. Existing storm flows range from 15 cfs for a typical annual peak (occurs on average about once per year) to 127 cfs for the 100-year flow (occurs on average once every 100 years). Kanim Creek contributes approximately 25 to 30% of the flow reaching the mouth of Pine Lake Creek.



## Modeling and Results

Hydrologic modeling was conducted to evaluate potential flow changes due to future development and climate change. The modeling results indicate that, if the basin is fully developed under current stormwater standards, future peak flows and durations are not expected to increase. In general, the potential impact of development on flow is managed by flow control regulations and the limited amount of the basin that remains available for development.

*Impacts on current flow due to development is considered limited in this basin; however, higher flows and flooding can be expected due to projected climate change.*

Projected future climate would increase the duration of high flows and flood peaks, especially for larger storm events (higher return intervals). Selected modeling results are shown in the hydrologic modeling report, Appendix C.

## Water Quality

Water quality in Pine Lake, Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek were assessed by reviewing existing water quality documentation from King County and the Department of Ecology and by collecting supplemental water quality data for this project.

### Pine Lake

The city contracts with King County to conduct routine water quality monitoring at Pine Lake as part of the County's Lake Stewardship Program. The 2022 Annual Lake Monitoring Report (King County, 2022) determined that water quality in Pine Lake has been improving since 1996. Nitrogen and chlorophyll concentrations have been decreasing and water has been clearer. No toxic algal blooms occurred in 2022. King County recommended continuing to monitor for future problems and staying alert for toxic

*Water quality in Pine Lake is improving over time (King County 2022). Water quality data collected in the streams for this study show relatively good condition with some parameters of potential concern.*



algae blooms ([Washington State Toxic Algae Program](#)).

Pine Lake is listed on Ecology's 303 (d)/305(b) list in the State's Water Quality Assessment (Water Quality Atlas Ecology) for total phosphorus (Category 1- meets tested standards for clean water) and fecal coliform bacteria (Category 2- water of concern).

## Pine Lake and Kanim Creeks

Supplemental water quality and flow data was collected for this project to understand existing water quality conditions in the creeks at five locations. Figure 4-4 show the locations of the water quality monitoring stations. As is typical in western Washington streams, flow data show that flow in both creeks is higher during the winter and gradually decreases through the summer dry seasons. The water quality results show signs of relatively good health (turbidity, nitrogen, TSS, and pH) and some of potential concern (dissolved oxygen and fecal coliform). The limited water quality results showed consistency at each sampling site at different flows and seasons.



**Kanim Creek Monitoring Location**



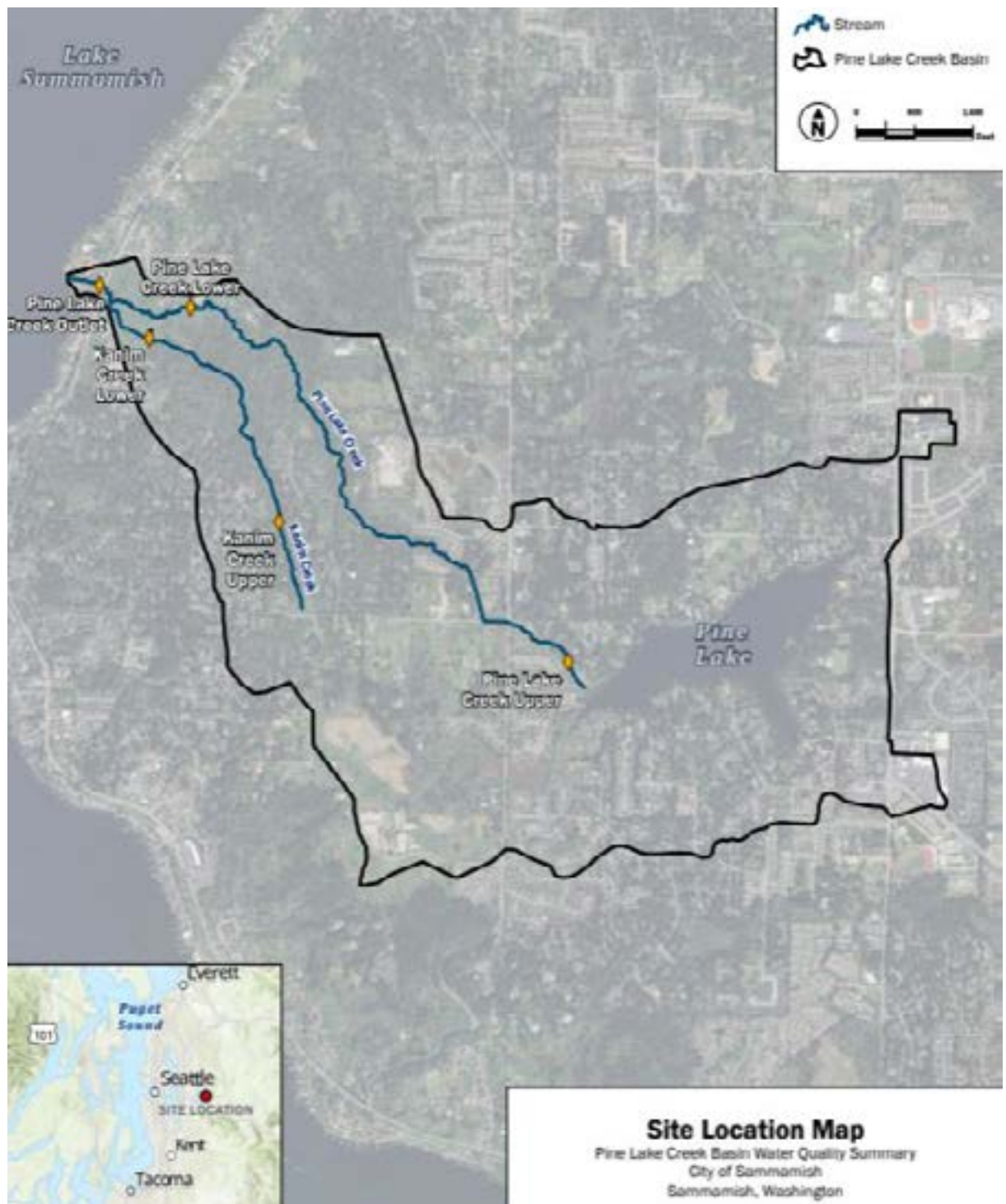


Figure 4-4. Water Quality Monitoring Locations

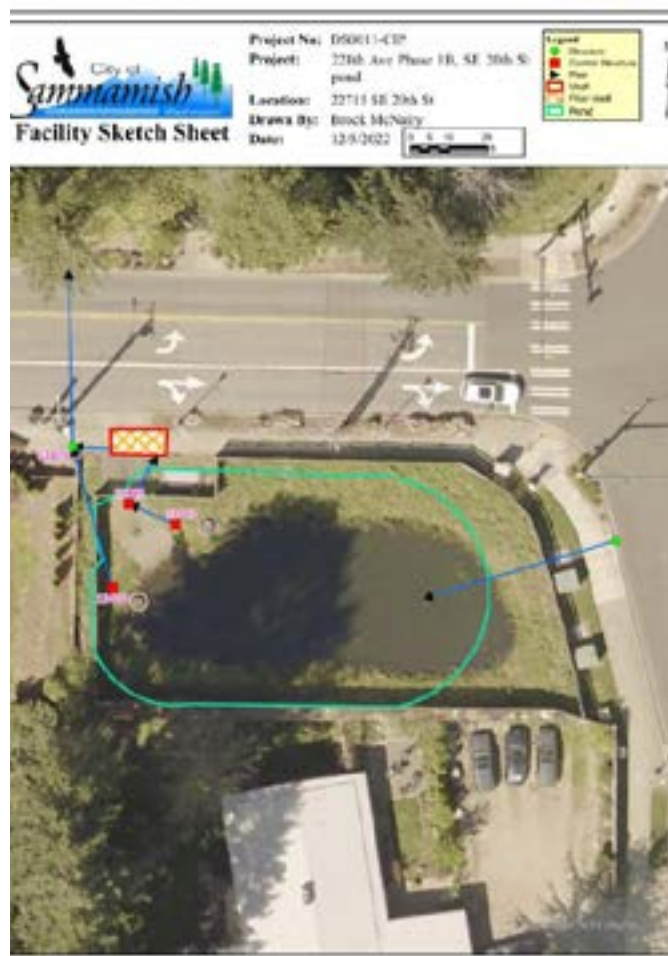


# Stormwater Infrastructure

Stormwater infrastructure in the Pine Lake Creek Basin consists of conveyance structures (ditches, pipes, culverts, and outfalls), and stormwater treatment facilities (ponds, vaults, and pipes that detain and store water for slower release to streams and wetlands. These facilities also are designed to collect sediment that contains pollutants from roadways and other sources. Sediment at City-owned facilities is collected and disposed of by city maintenance crews during facility cleaning. Privately-owned facilities are responsible for maintenance of their facilities.

## Stormwater Treatment Facilities

Figure 4-5 shows a map of the stormwater treatment facilities in the Pine Lake Creek basin. The city owns and maintains stormwater facilities that it constructs on public right-of-way or on land acquired for the purpose of providing stormwater treatment. Additionally, the city acquires ownership and maintenance responsibilities for stormwater treatment facilities that are constructed in residential subdivisions after the bonding period has ended and the final development has been approved. Property owners are responsible for maintenance of privately-owned stormwater facilities serving commercial businesses and entities such as churches, schools and water districts. Table 4-1 summarizes the number of facilities by maintenance responsibility (private or public) and general purpose in the Pine Lake Creek basin.



**Stormwater Facility #DS0011 in Pine Lake Creek Basin**



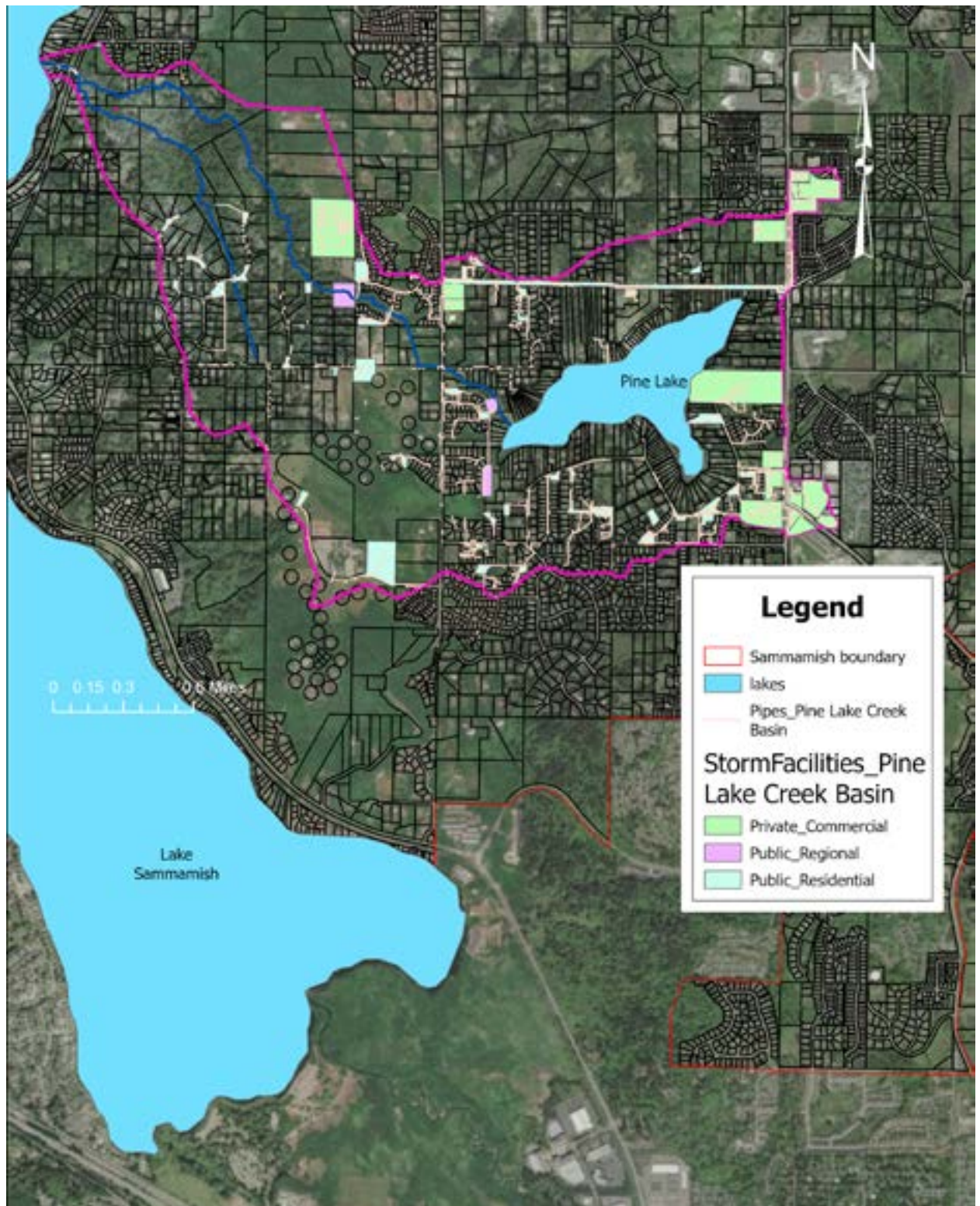


Figure 4-5. Pine Lake Creek Basin Stormwater Facilities



**Table 4-1. Summary of Types and Numbers of Stormwater Facilities**

| Type               | Number of Facilities |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Private Commercial | 21                   |
| Public Regional    | 5                    |
| Public Residential | 44                   |

The location and functionality of the existing stormwater facilities helps to identify gaps in stormwater treatment and opportunities to improve water quality and flow control. Many of the existing facilities in the Pine Lake Creek basin are undersized and use out-dated stormwater treatment techniques that don't meet current standards. The out-dated facilities are primarily located in the Kanim Creek sub-basin, which

*Current stormwater treatment facilities are lacking in the southwest part of the Pine Lake Creek Basin near Kanim Creek.*

was developed in the 1970s and 1980s. These facilities, such as detention ponds, vaults, detention tanks could be improved to provide additional water quality treatment and/or flow control. The City of Sammamish Retrofit Strategy and Guidance Manual (AHBL and NHC, March 2021) provided the initial framework

for identification of potential gaps and existing stormwater facilities that could be improved and retrofitted. A description of this process is included in Section 6.

## Conveyance System

The stormwater conveyance system in the Pine Lake Creek basin consists of pipes and roadside ditches connected by culverts. In many ways, the Pine Lake Creek basin retains some of its rural character in that there are few curb and gutter systems that would typically connect to underground stormwater pipes. Rather, stormwater is primarily conveyed in open roadside ditches, though some newer neighborhoods have curb and gutter draining to underground pipe systems.

Where stormwater pipes do exist, they are typically constructed to convey stormwater runoff to stormwater facilities. There are approximately 11 miles of city-owned



stormwater conveyance pipes in the Pine Lake Creek Basin and 7 miles of stormwater pipes that are on private roads or private property.

Existing (and especially older) conveyance systems, similar to existing stormwater treatment facilities, provide an opportunity for improvement for water quality treatment and/or flow control.

## Fish Use and Habitat



Typical Stormwater Ditch  
(204th Ave SE)

The City continues to prioritize projects that support and improve habitat for Lake Sammamish Kokanee salmon. Pine Lake Creek is one of four tributaries in Sammamish that historically supported a substantial kokanee salmon run. The City participates in the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Work Group, which is a consortium of local governments, nonprofit organizations, scientists, and interested individuals working toward improvements to benefit kokanee salmon. In the group's 2016 Ecological Survey of Lake Sammamish Kokanee, they estimated that there are approximately 2,178 feet of current habitat in Pine Lake Creek versus 3,792 feet of historic habitat and 2,170 feet of historic habitat in Kanim Creek. The stream survey (Appendix A) describes current habitat conditions for kokanee salmon in the lower reaches.

Kokanee spawning surveys are conducted in Pine Lake Creek annually by organizations including Trout Unlimited and King County, both members of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Working Group. Table 4-2 show the number of redds (spawning beds) observed in Pine Lake Creek and the estimated number of returning spawning salmon each year that surveys were conducted. According to WDFW's SalmonScape web application (WDFW, 2024), presence of Kokanee salmon is documented in the lower 1.4 miles of the Pine Lake Creek stream system upstream of Lake Sammamish. Other salmonids with documented presence include winter Steelhead (in Pine Lake and Kanim creeks) and Coho (in Pine Lake and Kanim creeks).



**Table 4-2. Summary of Kokanee Spawning in Pine Lake Creek (2007 through 2020)**

| Year of observation | Number of redds observed | Estimated number of spawning salmon |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2007                | Not detected             | 29                                  |
| 2008                | Not detected             | 0                                   |
| 2009                | Not detected             | 0                                   |
| 2010                | Not detected             | 14                                  |
| 2011                | Not detected             | 3                                   |
| 2012                | Not detected             | 36                                  |
| 2013                | Not detected             | 485                                 |
| 2014                | Not detected             | Not detected                        |
| 2015                | Not detected             | Not detected                        |
| 2016                | 6                        | 104                                 |
| 2017                | 2                        | 4                                   |
| 2018                | 0                        | 0                                   |
| 2019                | 0                        | 0                                   |
| 2020                | 0                        | 0                                   |

Source: Email correspondence between James Bower, King County and Mary Wictor, Sammamish Resident, July 21, 2020 (provided by Mary Wictor).

## Fish Passage Barriers

Nine stream culverts and one weir (Pine Lake weir) were evaluated by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife for fish passage in 2012 or 2019 (WDFW, 2024). Only one of the culvert crossings was identified as a complete barrier to fish passage. The complete barrier is on Kanim Creek at SE 19th Street, approximately 3,800 feet upstream of the confluence with Pine Lake Creek. The others were identified as either no barrier or a partial barrier during certain flows. Fish passage barriers are described in the stream

*There is only one fully impassable fish barrier in the Pine Lake Creek Basin (on Kanim Creek at SE 19th Street).*



report, Appendix A. Figure 4-6 shows the stream crossings in Pine Lake Creek Basin and the percent passable according to WDFW's latest evaluations.

## Stream Habitat

Much of the stream corridor in the Pine Lake Creek basin was observed during stream walks conducted for this plan. Below the confluence of Pine Lake and Kanim creeks, engineered pools and riffles provide habitat for anadromous fish. Although there are several culvert crossings in this reach, none of them are fully impassable. Flow is year-round in this section of the channel, and patches of good spawning gravel were observed upstream of East Lake Sammamish Parkway for returning kokanee salmon. Upstream of the Kanim Creek confluence, Pine Lake Creek enters a steeper ravine section. The channel dries out during the summer months but remains good for salmon habitat during the wet season. There were areas of bank erosion in this section of stream corridor that could benefit from habitat restoration including input of large woody material to create additional pool habitat.

*The limiting factor for stream habitat is the availability of year-round flow in the upper reaches of the basin.*

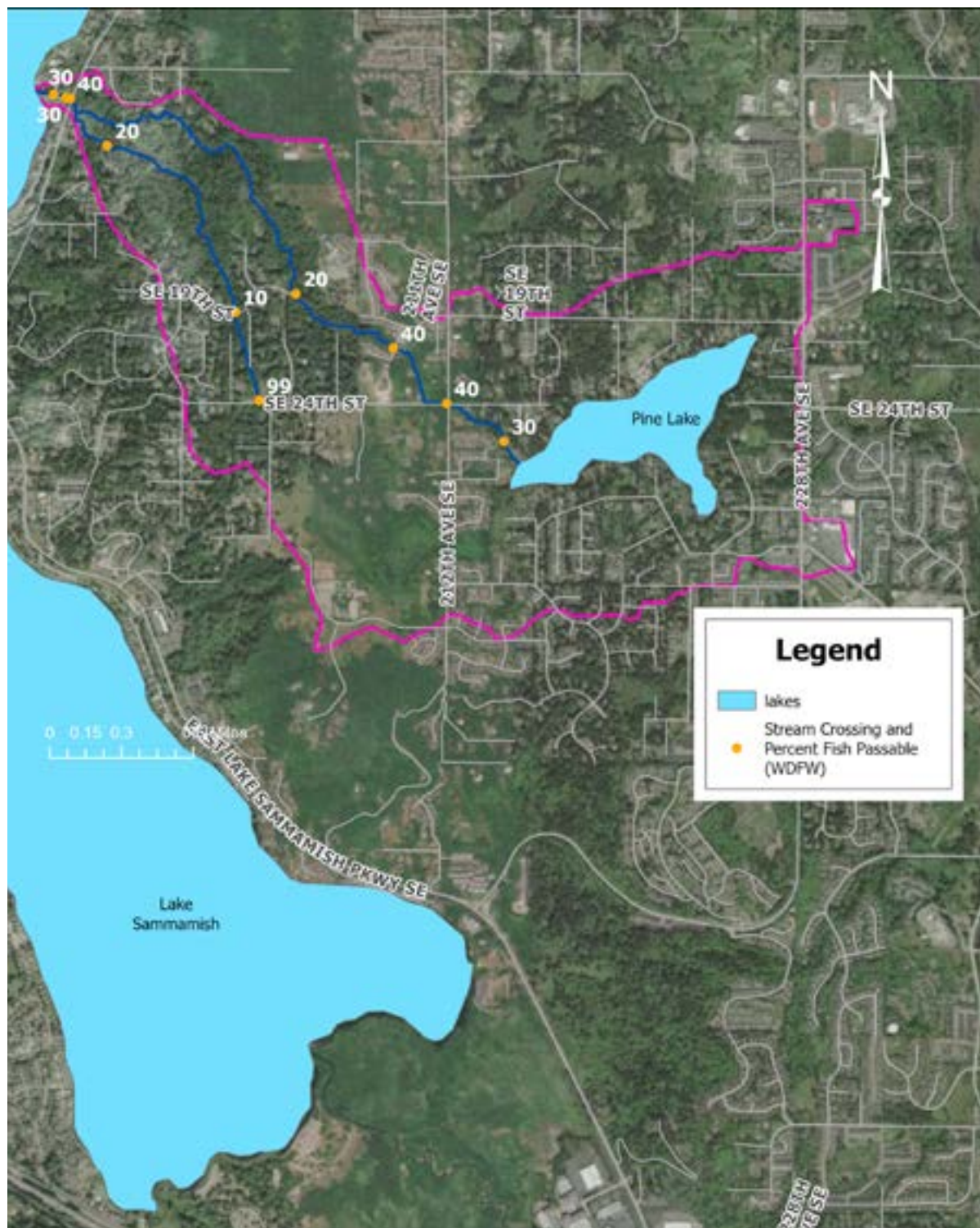
Immediately upstream of the confluence with Pine Lake Creek, Kanim Creek flows through a large wetland. The wetland provides good habitat for aquatic organisms, birds, and other wildlife, moderating flows, and capturing sediment from upstream erosion.

The ravine sections of both streams are heavily forested. The stream report is provided in Appendix A.

## Wetlands

There are several large wetlands in the Pine Lake Creek basin including one sphagnum bog, as shown in Figure 4-7. Water quality data collected for this project indicates the streams have relatively good water quality. Wetlands filter pollutants from urban development, including road runoff, and could be a factor in the results.





**Figure 4-6. Pine Lake Creek Basin Stream Crossings and Estimated Percent Passable for Fish according to WDFW**



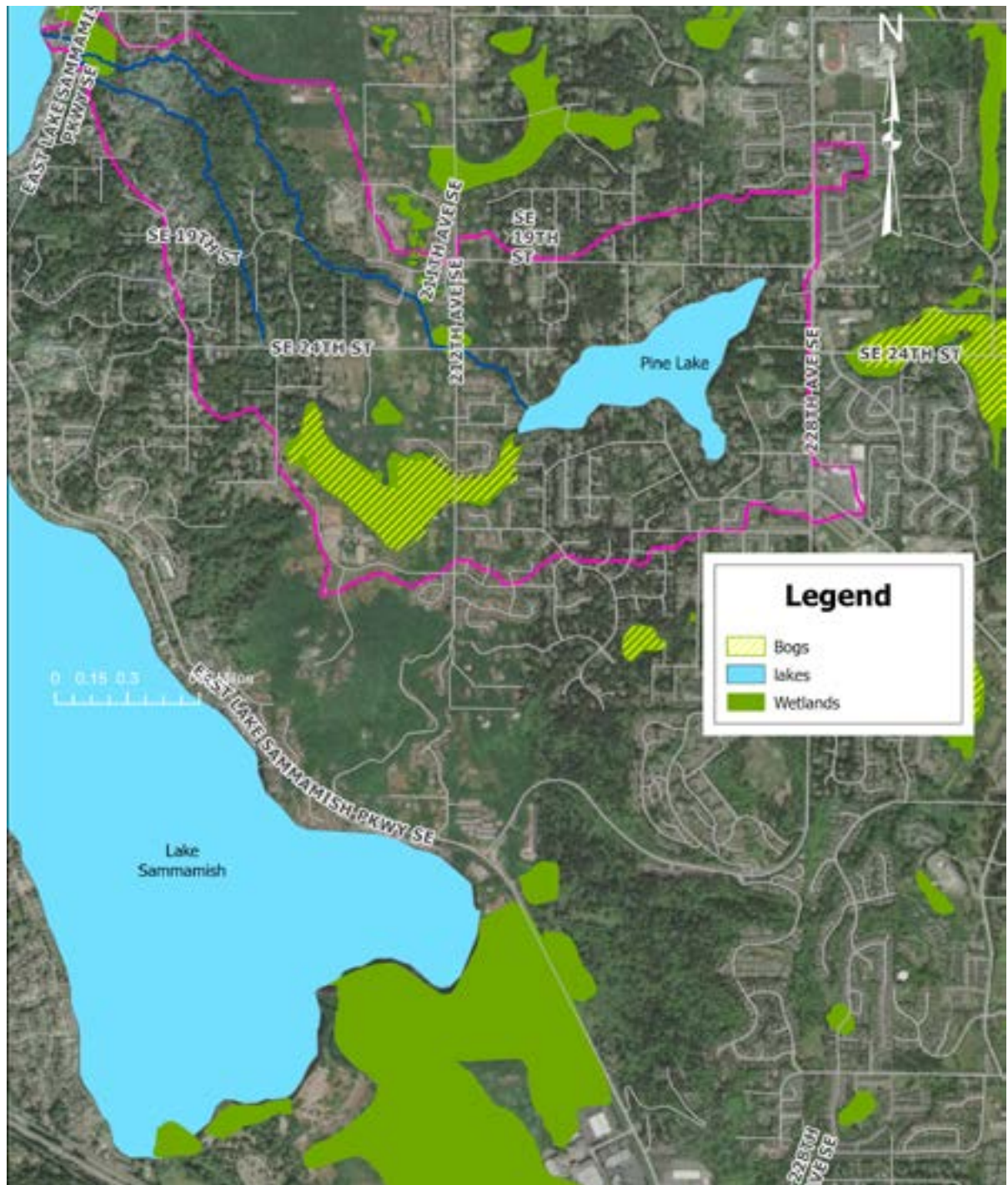


Figure 4-7. Locations of Wetlands and Bogs in Pine Lake Creek Basin and vicinity.



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A detailed photograph of a wood duck (Aixya americana) swimming in dark water. The duck is shown in profile, facing left. It has a black head with a prominent green and purple iridescent crest. Its eye is a bright red ring. The bill is yellow with a red base. The neck is black with a white stripe. The body is primarily brown and tan with white stripes. The water is dark with ripples, and the duck's reflection is clearly visible in the water below. The image is framed by a dark blue border at the top and bottom.

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# **Surface Water Issues**



# Identification of Surface Water Issues

Surface water issues in the Pine Lake Creek basin were identified through direct observation; input from city staff, stakeholders, and community members; and evaluation of documentation and data. The issues were characterized by location (i.e., Pine Lake Creek, Kanim Creek, or Pine Lake), and type (i.e., habitat, water quality, maintenance or operations). The approach for developing solutions to be included in the Basin Plan is described in Chapter 8.

## Favorable Basin Attributes

Before describing issues that were identified, it's important to recognize that there are several basin attributes that are contributing to a fairly well functioning ecosystem. These attributes, including forest cover, wetlands, limited development in the stream corridor, and stormwater outfall maintenance, should be preserved.

*Forest cover in riparian stream corridors and large functioning wetlands should be preserved in the Pine Lake Creek Basin.*

Additionally, there is only one complete fish passage barrier, so stream access for anadromous and resident salmonids is adequate. Water quality in Pine Lake has improved since 1996 (King County, 2022), and water quality in Pine Lake and Kanim creeks is fairly good for the parameters that were evaluated during this plan.

As described in Section 4, tree canopy is around 49% in the basin, including approximately 50% coniferous and the forest cover is contiguous adjacent to the ravine section of both Pine Lake and Kanim creeks. There are large wetlands at the headwaters and near the mouth that help attenuate flow. Additionally, most of the stormwater outfalls that discharge to the stream channels are in good condition and not causing erosion in their immediate vicinities.

## Opportunities for Improvement

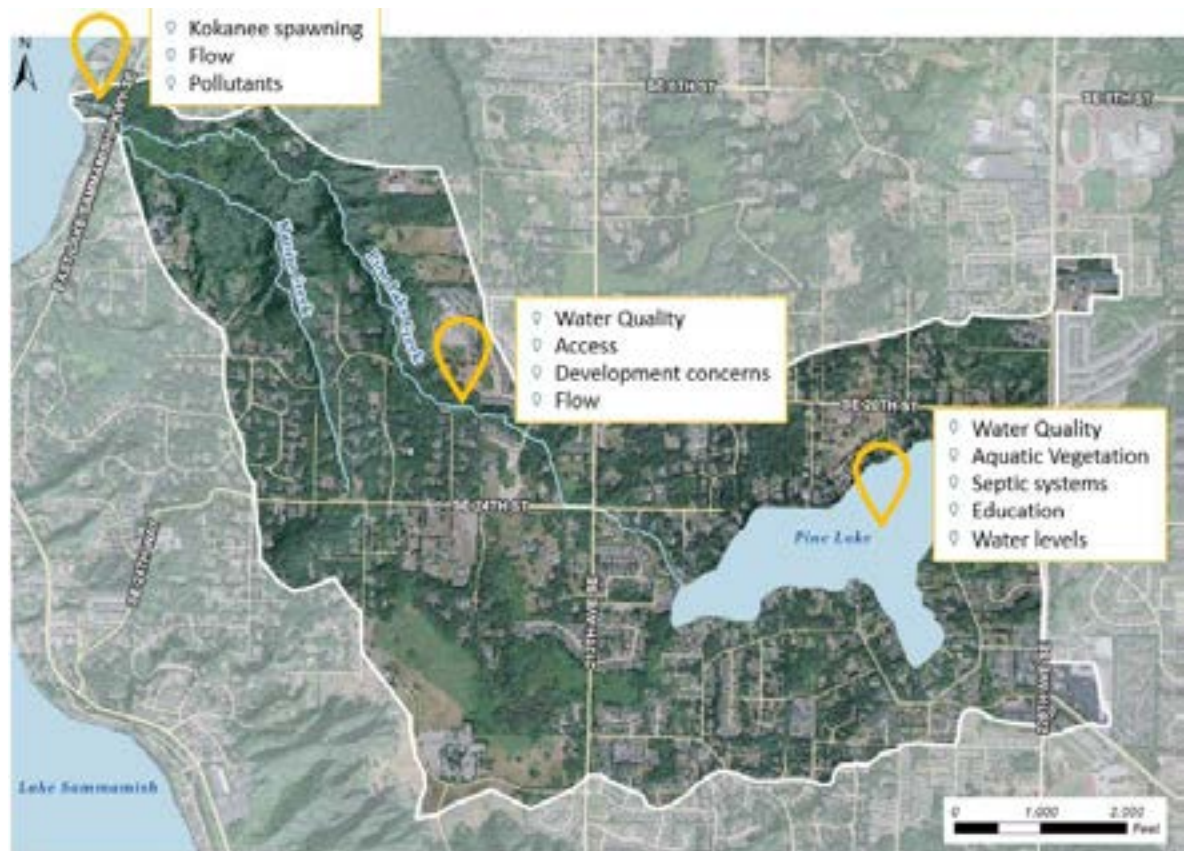
Hydrologic improvements are needed in the upper basin. Stream channel conditions in Kanim Creek show evidence of erosive stormwater flows. The upper ravines are dry



in the summer months, which is not conducive for aquatic habitat; however, it is not clear whether changing the outlet weir configuration and management at Pine Lake would change this condition in Pine Lake Creek. The weir is informally managed by residents and owned by WDFW; the city does not have jurisdiction or responsibility for its management.

Additionally, there is a need and a desire for better education for residents on the lake and elsewhere in the basin on how to be caretakers of their land in an way that supports the long-term health of the basin and aquatic and terrestrial organisms that live there.

Figure 7-1 show the general location and types of issues identified by stakeholders and the public. Figure 7-2 shows the general location and issues that were observed in the field.



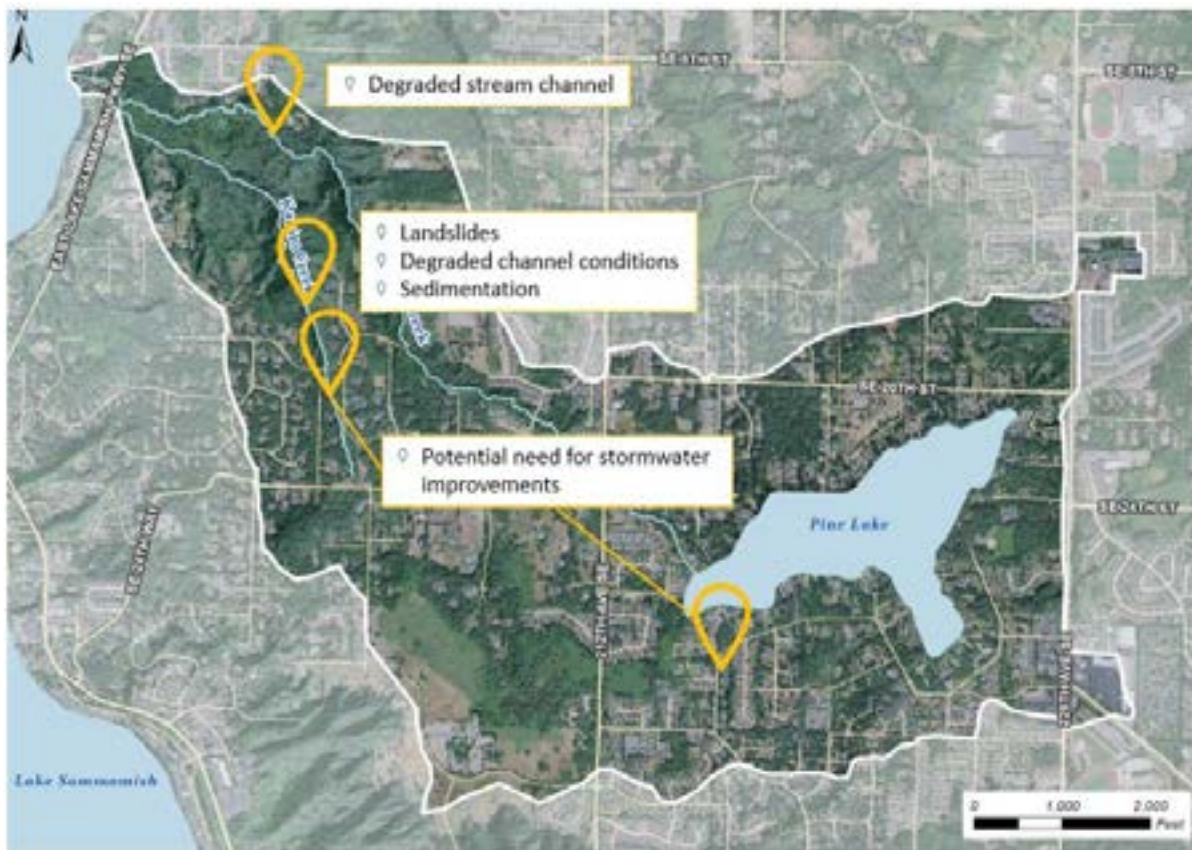
**Figure 7-1. General locations and types of issues reported by stakeholders and the community.**



## Stream Issues

The primary issues that were identified in the streams include flow (both streams), erosion and sedimentation (Kanim Creek), lack of or outdated stormwater facilities, recreational access, and biodiversity and habitat-related concerns.

In the upper basin, stream flow is intermittent, with channels going dry in the summer months. There are no reported locations of persistent flooding or drainage-related issues that impact roads or the built environment. Two road sections—SE 24th Street



**Figure 7-2. General locations and types of issues observed.**

where it crosses Kanim Creek, and 212th Avenue SE where it crosses Pine Lake Creek—were reported to have where flat, slow-moving water in wetland-like conditions on both sides of the road, causing the culverts to become submerged during high water. Climate change could result in higher peak flows and storm volumes in the winter months that could result in future flooding (see Hydrology Report, Appendix C).



Data and observations indicate active and historic landslides in upper Kanim Creek, and the channel is deeply incised. Stormwater flows to this section of stream are likely contributing to the observed channel incision. The stormwater facilities

*Stormwater flows to Kanim Creek where stormwater facilities are out-dated, may be contributing to erosion observed in the channel.*

designed to detain flow upstream of the ravine are out-dated and/or may not be functioning as intended. Eroded material from the channel itself and from hillslopes is being temporarily stored in the Kanim Creek floodplain in a flatter section in the ravine. The stream continues to re-work this sediment and move the material downstream, although the large wetland complex at the confluence of Pine Lake

and Kanim creeks serve as a repository for much of this material. Extensive erosion or channel incision was not observed in Pine Lake Creek, except for localized bank erosion upstream of the confluence.

Many of the stormwater facilities constructed in the basin were built prior to modern design criteria focused on reducing peak flows and high-flow durations while also providing water quality treatment. Out-dated facilities could be retrofitted to improve water quality treatment and flow control to prevent stream channel erosion.

Stakeholder groups reported a lack of access to the stream channels for recreation and monitoring purposes. The stream corridors are forested and most are within private property, with a few exceptions.

The Kokanee Working Group described historic habitat for Lake Sammamish Kokanee in the lower third of Pine Lake Creek. Pine Lake Creek was observed to be degraded with few pools, eroded banks, and few pieces of large wood in a reach with year-round flow that could support Kokanee salmon and other aquatic species. The wetland characteristics in the lower reach of Kanim Creek likely supports a variety of aquatic organisms, but do not provide sufficient riffles and gravel for spawning.

## Lake Issues

Lake issues were primarily reported by lake-side residents and included water quality, algae, invasive plant and animal species management, and lake levels.

Water quality has been monitored by King County and volunteer lake monitors for



several years. In general, lake water quality has improved, however, there is still more work to be done. One of the primary issues is the presence of invasive vegetation and non-native aquatic organisms. Residents have tried various methods of vegetation control, including underwater tarps, chemical treatments, and physical removal. There has not been a coordinated invasive vegetation removal effort in the lake; it has been ad hoc, based on the efforts of lakeside property owners.

*Lakeside residents reported water quality, invasive vegetation, algae, and variable lake levels as issues they are concerned about.*

The Pine Lake water level is controlled by the weir at the downstream (northwest) end of the lake. This weir is owned by WDFW, and managed by residents to keep the lake at a level that provides summer recreation opportunities for residents and Pine Lake Park users and releases water at a rate that prevents shoreline flooding in the winter.



**Pine Lake weir**



An aerial photograph of a large, calm lake surrounded by dense evergreen forests. In the background, rolling hills or mountains are visible under a clear sky. Several small boats and docks are scattered across the lake's surface. The image is framed by dark blue curved borders at the top and bottom.

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# Basin Plan Actions



# Solution Development

Basin plan actions were developed for the issues identified by direct observation, staff, stakeholder, and community input, review of previously identified projects and strategies, and review of the city’s retrofit strategy and gaps in basin stormwater treatment. An initial list of capital and programmatic projects (i.e., actions that don’t involve construction) were consolidated and prioritized using the city’s stormwater capital improvement project prioritization methodology (City of Sammamish 2018). Workshops were held with the consultant team and city staff to further refine the list of actions to address current city priorities. A refined list of ideas was presented to the public during the March 2024 Open House for community input.

All of the candidate projects and programs are expected to advance the community’s broader vision and goals. As part of their effort, the team evaluated each concept for consistency with the Sammamish Comprehensive Plan policies. The concepts were also assessed for alignment with the Storm and Surface Water Comprehensive Plan, the Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan, and the city’s biennium budget.

## Capital Project Identification

Thirteen capital projects were initially identified: nine in the Pine Lake Creek sub-basin, and the remaining four in the Kanim Creek sub-basin. Table 8-1 shows the initial project list, general location, targeted issue, and final status in the plan.

Table 8-1. Initial Capital Project List

| Project Description                     | General Location         | Issue Addressed | Status   |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Stream and riparian habitat restoration | Mouth of Pine Lake Creek | Kokanee habitat | Eliminated from current list due to private property. Retain for potential future project. |



**Table 8-1. Initial Capital Project List**

| Project Description               | General Location  | Issue Addressed | Status   |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Culvert replacement at Shore Lane | Upstream of mouth of Pine Lake Creek                    | Fish passage    | Eliminated from current list due to private property. Retain for potential future project. |
| Culvert replacement               | Pine Lake Creek at East Lake Sammamish Parkway          | Fish passage    | Eliminated, mostly passable.   |
| Stream and riparian restoration   | Vicinity of Pine Lake/ Kanim confluence                 | Kokanee habitat | Eliminated from current list due to private property. Retain for potential future project. |
| Stream and riparian restoration   | Pine Lake Creek in vicinity of Ashton Woods development | Kokanee habitat | Eliminated from current list due to private property. Retain for potential future project. |



**Table 8-1. Initial Capital Project List**

| <b>Project Description</b>                 | <b>General Location</b>                  | <b>Issue Addressed</b>                     | <b>Status</b>   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Removal of sediment under bridge           | Pine Lake Creek at 210th Pl SE           | Source of sediment, water quality issues   | Eliminated, low priority.   |
| Detention pond retrofit (Facility #D92928) | Crossings at Pine Lake near SE 210th St. | Flow control and water quality             | Included in plan.   |
| Wetland restoration and maintenance        | SE 24th St and 212th Ave SE              | Potential flooding and wetland connection. | Eliminated, not a significant issue.                                    |
| Flood reduction                            | 3000 block of 212th Ave SE (Wetland #30) | Road flooding                              | Eliminated, not a significant issue.                                    |
| Culvert/fish barrier removal               | Lower Kanim Creek                        | Fish passage.                              | Eliminated, culvert is fish passable and is on private property.        |
| Re-route Loree Estates Outfall             | Upper Kanim Creek near 200th Ave SE      | Landsliding and erosion.                   | Project is already on 2025-2030 CIP and is being addressed by the city. |



**Table 8-1. Initial Capital Project List**

| Project Description                                    | General Location                    | Issue Addressed   | Status            |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Loree Estates Detention and Water Quality Improvement  | Upper Kanim Creek near 198th Pl SE  | Stormwater flow control, water quality, and maintenance access. | Included in plan. |
| Loree Estates Stormwater LID Pilot Project             | Upper Kanim Creek near 203rd Ave SE | Stormwater flow control and water quality.                      | Included in plan. |
| Sammamish Woods Stormwater Facility Retrofit (#D92924) | SE 205th Pl and SE 19th St          | Flow control and water quality, and maintenance access.         | Included in plan. |

As shown in Table 8-1, several of the initial identified capital projects were eliminated from further consideration during initial screening. Most of the identified potential stream and riparian restoration projects are located on privately owned land and would require easements, acquisition, and/or cooperation with landowners to implement construction-oriented projects. While these restoration projects were eliminated from this plan, grants may be available to support private stream and lakeside homeowners to implement sustainable practices that support healthy ecosystems through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

Following elimination of projects on private property, the initial project list was reduced to eight projects. This group of projects was evaluated and ranked using the city's criteria described below to further narrow the list. Some of the other projects that were eliminated from further consideration after the initial ranking and review were projects that would not result in significant improvements or where issues were determined to be less significant than originally thought. If these locations become more problematic in the future, proposed improvements could be revisited for future



capital project consideration. Locations where projects may be re-considered in the future include:

- Roadway flooding at the 3000 block of 212th Ave SE
- Intersection of SE 24th St and 212th Ave SE (riparian and/or wetland restoration)

The project ranking results and full list of initial projects is included in Appendix F.

## Project Ranking Methodology

The city's 2018 Resolution No. R2018-804, "A Resolution of the City of Sammamish, Washington, Identifying a Methodology for Prioritizing Stormwater Capital Improvement Project," was used as the basis for ranking and refining the initial list of capital improvement projects. Criteria used to rank the projects included environmental benefit, facility and maintenance improvement, safety, population benefited, and whether the proposed project was a time-sensitive opportunity.

*Issues identified on parcels not owned by the City were eliminated from further project consideration. In the future, these projects may warrant re-visiting if willing landowners or partnerships can be established.*

## Capital Project Recommendations

Four new projects are recommended for inclusion in the city's capital improvement plan (Table 8-2 and Figure 8-2). Project summary sheets for the recommended capital projects are provided in Appendix F.

All but one are in the Kanim Creek sub-basin, where stormwater runoff has contributed to landsliding and significant erosion. The focus of all recommended capital projects is stormwater flow control and water quality treatment through retrofit of existing stormwater facilities and/or addition of new elements to existing infrastructure. All four projects will help control flows and improve water quality treatment. The Kanim Creek projects will help reduce erosive

*There was good community support for stormwater projects that use existing facilities and City right-of-way.*



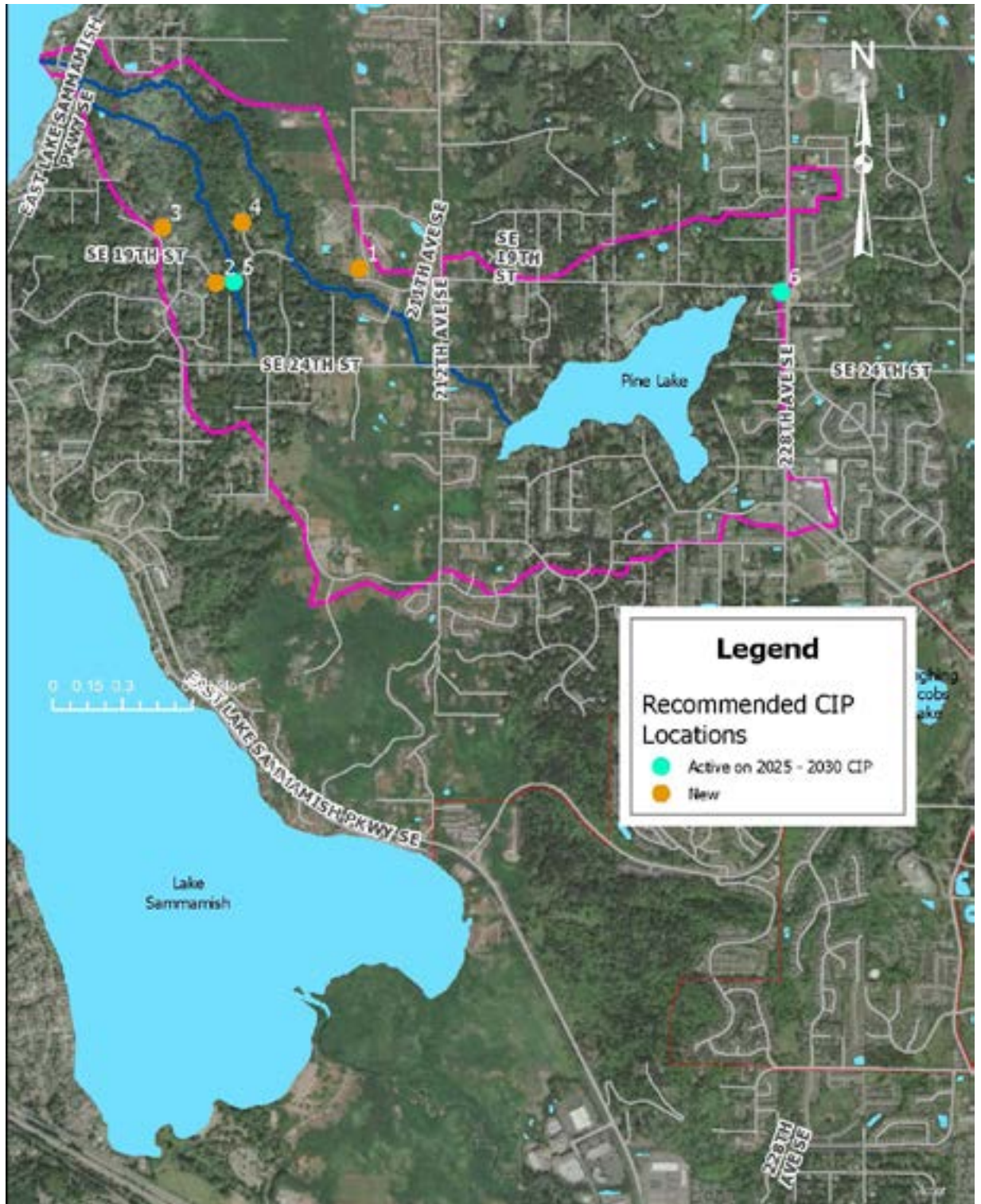


Figure 8-1. Locations of Recommended CIPs.



flows in the erosion-sensitive upper reach. Two additional projects in the Pine Lake Creek Basin are already on the stormwater CIP. These projects are also shown on Table 8-2 and Figure 8-2 as projects CIP-5 and CIP-6. Recommended projects could help fulfill NPDES Phase II Permit Requirements for controlling or reducing stormwater discharges from existing development, otherwise known as Stormwater Management for Existing Development (SMED). Sammamish is required to implement an equivalent of 10.9 acres of stormwater facility retrofits or tailored stormwater management actions by March 31, 2028.

**Table 8-2. Recommended Project List and Estimated Costs**

| <b>CIP #</b> | <b>Project Description</b>   | <b>Sub-basin</b> | <b>Status</b>        | <b>Estimated Cost (2024 dollars)</b> |
|--------------|--|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>CIP-1</b> | Crossings at Pine Lake Detention pond retrofit (Facility #D92928)        | Pine Lake Creek  | <b>New</b>           | \$774,000                            |
| <b>CIP-2</b> | Sammamish Woods Stormwater Facility Retrofit (#D92924)                   | Kanim Creek      | <b>New</b>           | \$3,000,000                          |
| <b>CIP-3</b> | Loree Estates Detention and Water Quality Improvement at SE 198th Street | Kanim Creek      | <b>New</b>           | \$168,000                            |
| <b>CIP-4</b> | Loree Estates Stormwater LID Pilot Project at 203rd Ave SE               | Kanim Creek      | <b>New</b>           | \$100,600                            |
| <b>CIP-5</b> | Loree Estates Outfall Diversion  | Kanim Creek      | <b>Active on CIP</b> | \$467,120                            |
| <b>CIP-6</b> | 228th Ave SE and SE 20th St Stormwater Retrofit (#DS0011)                | Pine Lake Creek  | <b>Active on CIP</b> | \$205,502                            |



# Recommended Strategies

Programmatic projects do not involve construction; these are actions that involve education and outreach, maintenance and operations, policies, or strategies to improve overall basin conditions at non-specific locations. Table 8-3 lists the initial programmatic projects considered for the Pine Lake Creek Basin.

**Table 8-3. Initial Programmatic Project List**

| Project Description                                   | General Location                | Issue Addressed  | Status   |
|---|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Sustainable riparian landscaping recognition program  | Entire basin                    | Water quality, general ecological health   | Included in plan. Strong community support.                    |
| Sewer connection support program                      | Pine Lake                       | Water quality  | Eliminated, not considered feasible.                           |
| Regional detention plan                               | Kanim Creek priority/ city-wide | Water quality, erosion, flow   | Eliminated, can be addressed city-wide                         |
| Stream access/ open space trails                      | Entire basin                    | Recreation, monitoring opportunities   | Eliminated. Not enough benefit for surface and stormwater.     |
| Facilitate formation of Pine Lake Management District | Pine Lake                       | Multiple lake specific issues including water quality and vegetation management. | Eliminated. City can facilitate if residents initiate process. |



**Table 8-3. Initial Programmatic Project List**

| Project Description  | General Location               | Issue Addressed  | Status   |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Targeted education for lakeside residents.                       | Pine Lake                      | Multiple lake-specific issues including water quality and vegetation management. | Included in plan. Strong community support for this project.   |
| Native growth protection area (NGPA) easements for preservation. | Forested ravines and wetlands. | Preservation of functioning ecosystems.  | Eliminated, critical areas serve the same function.  |
| Property acquisition fund  | Entire basin (city-wide)       | Preservation of functioning ecosystems and acquisition for new projects.         | Included in plan. Existing fund, however, need to evaluate criteria for how and where to apply fund. |
| Bog education program  | Entire basin (city-wide)       | Preservation through education.  | Included in plan. Community interest in ecological education.  |
| Kokanee supplementation program                                  | Lower basin (both creeks)      | Increase Kokanee population  | Eliminated. Mixed results in the past.   |

The programmatic projects were initially considered using the same criteria as the



capital projects, however, these criteria were not suitable for ranking due to the different considerations and benefits than capital projects. The programmatic projects were instead evaluated through a lens of implementation feasibility and overall support from the community based on feedback at the open house held in March 2024.

## Strategies Not Recommended in the Basin Plan

Several programmatic projects that were eliminated from this plan may be more desirable in the future when opportunities and funding outside of the Surface Water Utility become available or there is support from the community.

Lakeside residents and other community members discussed septic systems and the need for connection to sanitary sewer to prevent water quality issues in Pine Lake. Failing septic systems can impact water quality, and a programmatic action to support connection of residents to a mainline sewer in the vicinity of Pine Lake was considered, however the city lacks jurisdiction over septic systems and sewer improvements. It was determined that this voluntary program would be impractical to implement without any guarantee of water quality improvement in the lake. Residents who are interested in connecting to sanitary sewer are able to pursue that without city help. Concerns about failing septic systems can be reported to the King County Health Department for inspection.

A regional detention plan was discussed and eliminated from this plan, as several capital projects were recommended for implementation in the Kanim Creek basin to address stormwater flow control and no opportunities were identified for regional detention.

Stakeholder groups provided feedback that the community has minimal access to the riparian areas, stream channels, and open space that the city owns in the Pine Lake Creek basin for passive recreation or monitoring of stream health. A programmatic project to address access was considered and eliminated. Much of the land is privately owned and there is not a clear surface water benefit for the city to provide formal access to stream channels in Pine Lake Creek basin. This idea and project could be considered through the Parks department as part of their trail corridor planning, and is better addressed by city departments other than Stormwater. The City's [Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan](#) provides more information.

During this planning process, there was not general consensus or a clear desire from the Pine Lake community, including lakeside residents, to form a lake management



district to address water quality and manage aquatic weeds and non-native organisms in the lake. Residents had mixed feelings about lake management districts with some in support and others adamantly against. To be successful, a lake management district would need majority support from lakeside residents and land-owners to make decisions and implement district decisions. For this reason, facilitation of a lake management district was eliminated from the programmatic actions. If a resident-led group comes forward with interest in forming a district, the city would support such an endeavor and participate as one of the lakefront owners (Pine Lake Park).

*Programmatic projects that are not recommended in this Plan may be revisited in the future or taken up by another City department for implementation. Elimination does not mean these projects aren't important, rather they are not well aligned with the Surface Water Program or not deemed to be feasible at this time.*

A kokanee supplementation program is not recommended in this plan due to staff concerns about mixed results in the past.

Native Growth Protection Area (NGPA) easements were eliminated from consideration because the city's critical areas code may provide the same level of protection as an NGPA easement would.

The sustainable riparian landscaping recognition program was eliminated from further consideration at this time because the City would not have the staff resources to implement it.

## Recommended Programmatic Actions

The final recommended programmatic project actions include education and outreach, policy, and preservation elements. Table 8-4 lists the final recommended programmatic actions. Program summary sheets are provided in Appendix G.



**Table 8-4. Recommended Programmatic Actions**

| Action Number     | Project Description                         | Type of Action                       | Estimated Cost (2024 dollars)                          |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| P-1               | Targeted education for lake-side residents. | Education/voluntary community action | \$57,000 (one-time)                                    |
| P-2               | Property acquisition fund                   | Policy/land use and preservation     | \$18,400 (one-time)                                    |
| P-3               | Bog education program                       | Education                            | \$32,200 (annual)                                      |
| <b>Total Cost</b> |   |                                      | <b>\$75,400 (one-time)</b><br><b>\$32,200 (annual)</b> |

There was strong community support for Action #1. Residents described a desire for information on best practices for living on the lake and protecting water quality while dealing with nuisance vegetation. Collective efforts lakeside homeowners will help maintain the positive water quality trends in Pine Lake.

The city already has a program for property acquisition and a fund for this purpose. The fund can be used to acquire properties that meet the fund criteria. There are properties within the Pine Lake Creek basin that could be considered for acquisition should they become available that would further protection and improvement of surface water functions in the basin.

Sammamish has some large unique sphagnum bogs of which many residents are likely unaware. A bog education program that highlights these unique Sammamish ecological features, their history, and their functionality in a healthy ecosystem, will help serve their long-term protection.





Pine Lake





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# Implementation Strategies



# Basin Plan Implementation

The capital projects and programmatic actions identified in this plan are recommended for incorporation in the City's Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan. Table 9-1 shows how projects are recommended for implementation, including which funding mechanisms may be appropriate.

**Table 9-1. Recommended Project Implementation**

| Project      | Project Description  | Stormwater Program              | Estimated Cost (2024 dollars)  | Timeline    |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>CIP-1</b> | Detention pond retrofit (Facility #D92928)                               | SW-300: Storm Facility Retrofit | \$774,000 (retrofit for this facility included in 2025 - 2030 CIP at \$430K) | <b>2030</b> |
| <b>CIP-2</b> | Stormwater Facility Retrofit (#D92924)                                   | SW-300: Storm Facility Retrofit | \$3,000,000  | <b>2034</b> |
| <b>CIP-3</b> | Loree Estates Detention and Water Quality Improvement at SE 198th Street | SW-300: Storm Facility Retrofit | \$168,000  | <b>2030</b> |
| <b>CIP-4</b> | Loree Estates Stormwater LID Pilot Project at 203rd Ave SE               | SW-500: Projects \$50K - \$300K | \$100,600  | <b>2030</b> |



**Table 9-1. Recommended Project Implementation**

| <b>Project</b> | <b>Project Description</b>                                | <b>Stormwater Program</b>                          | <b>Estimated Cost (2024 dollars)</b> | <b>Timeline</b>        |
|----------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>CIP-5</b>   | Loree Estates Outfall Diversion                           | SW-500: Projects \$50K - \$300K                    | <b>\$467,120</b>                     | <b>2025 - 2030 CIP</b> |
| <b>CIP-6</b>   | 228th Ave SE and SE 20th St Stormwater Retrofit (#DS0011) | SW-300: Storm Facility Retrofit                    | <b>\$205,502</b>                     | <b>2025-2030 CIP</b>   |
| <b>P-1</b>     | Targeted education for lake-side residents.               | SW-500: Projects \$50K - \$300K                    | <b>\$57,000</b>                      | <b>2026</b>            |
| <b>P-2</b>     | Property acquisition fund                                 | SW-609 (existing fund)                             | <b>\$18,400</b>                      | <b>2026</b>            |
| <b>P-3</b>     | Bog education program                                     | SW-600 (combine with Queen's bog bioretention CIP) | <b>\$32,200</b>                      | <b>2026</b>            |



An estimated schedule for project implementation is shown in Table 9-1. It is recommended that the projects identified in this plan be re-ranked against the existing CIP projects during the next budget cycle to determine if any of the capital projects in the Pine Lake Creek Basin should move ahead of previously identified projects. Based on the findings in this plan, none of the recommended projects are critically needed at this time. One of the projects was previously identified for retrofit (CIP-1), however, the revised cost estimate in this plan is higher than what is reported in the Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan. The listed project should be updated with a current cost estimate.





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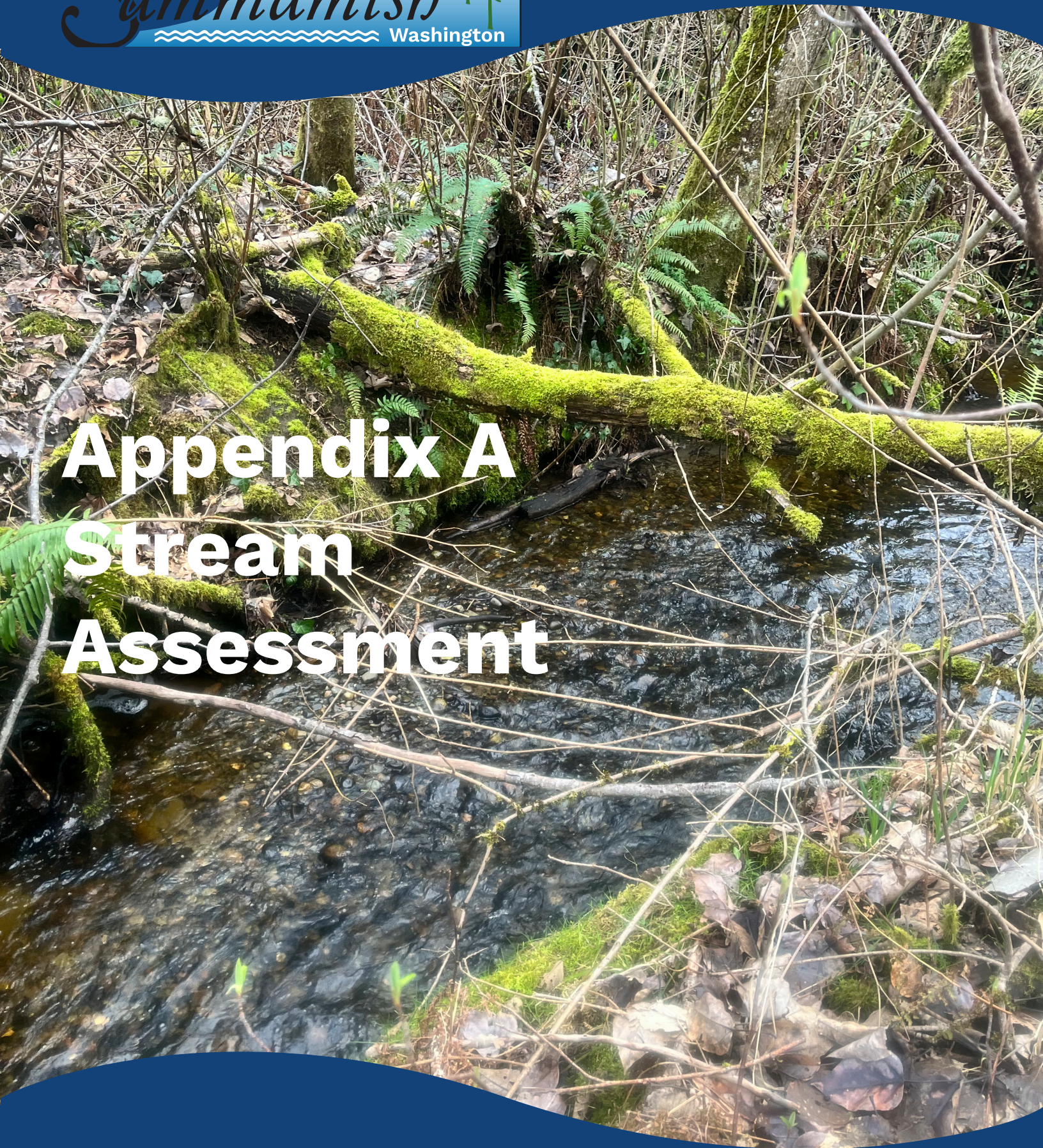
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# Appendix A Stream Assessment





# PINE LAKE CREEK BASIN PLAN

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**Date:** December 16, 2024

**From:**

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**Re:** Pine Lake Creek & Kanim Creek Stream Assessments  
(NHC Reference No. 2007708)

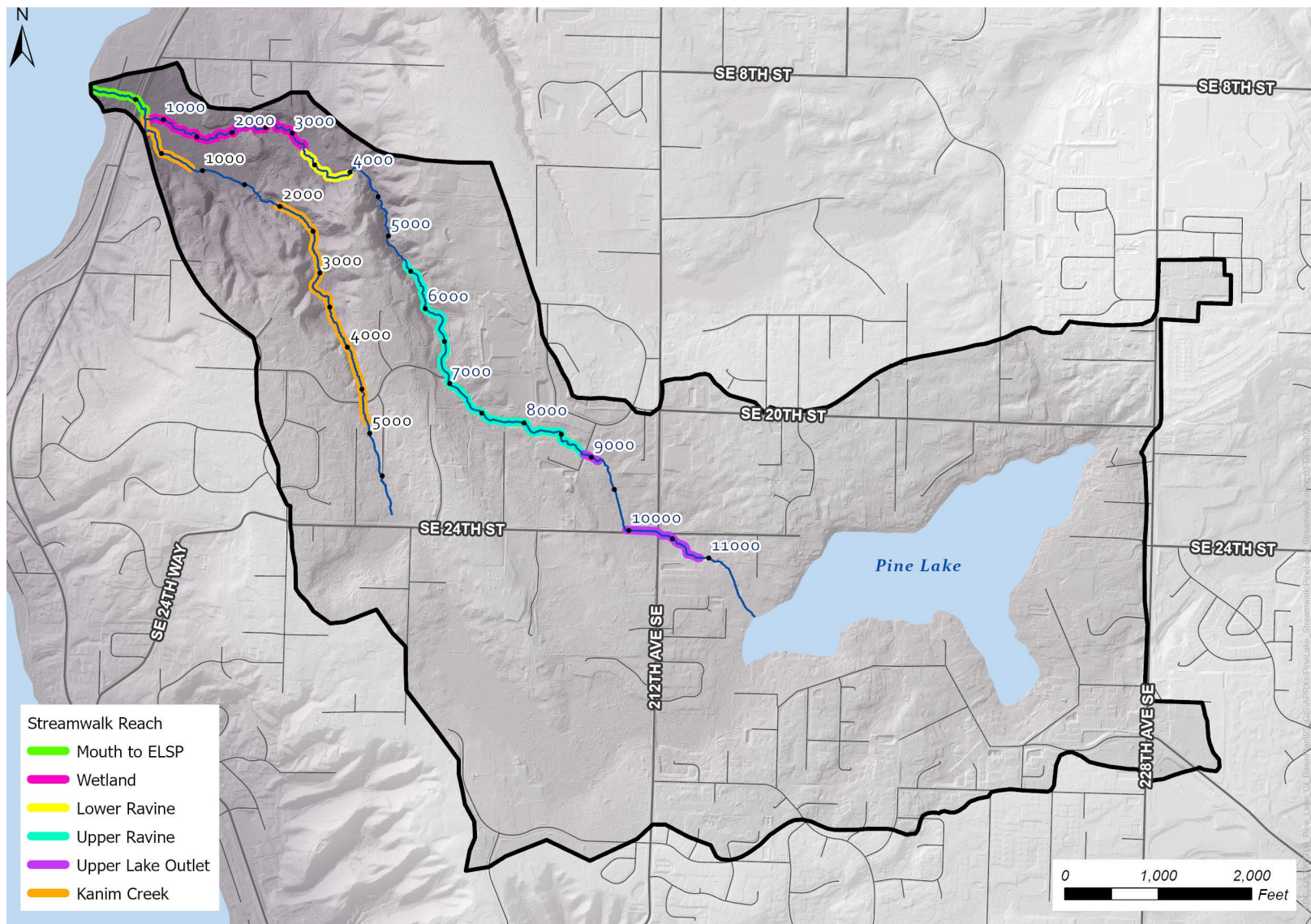
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## 1 STREAM ASSESSMENT

The project team conducted stream assessments of key reaches of Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek on March 7 and September 22, 2023. The focus of these visits was to collect data and photographs to support characterization of channel morphology, bed and bank stability, habitat conditions, and fish use. Information collected from the field assessments was used to characterize relative stability and habitat functionality and to identify areas sensitive to high flows or flow flashiness and dewatering. Observations from the stream assessments informed identification of problems and potential solutions and opportunities.

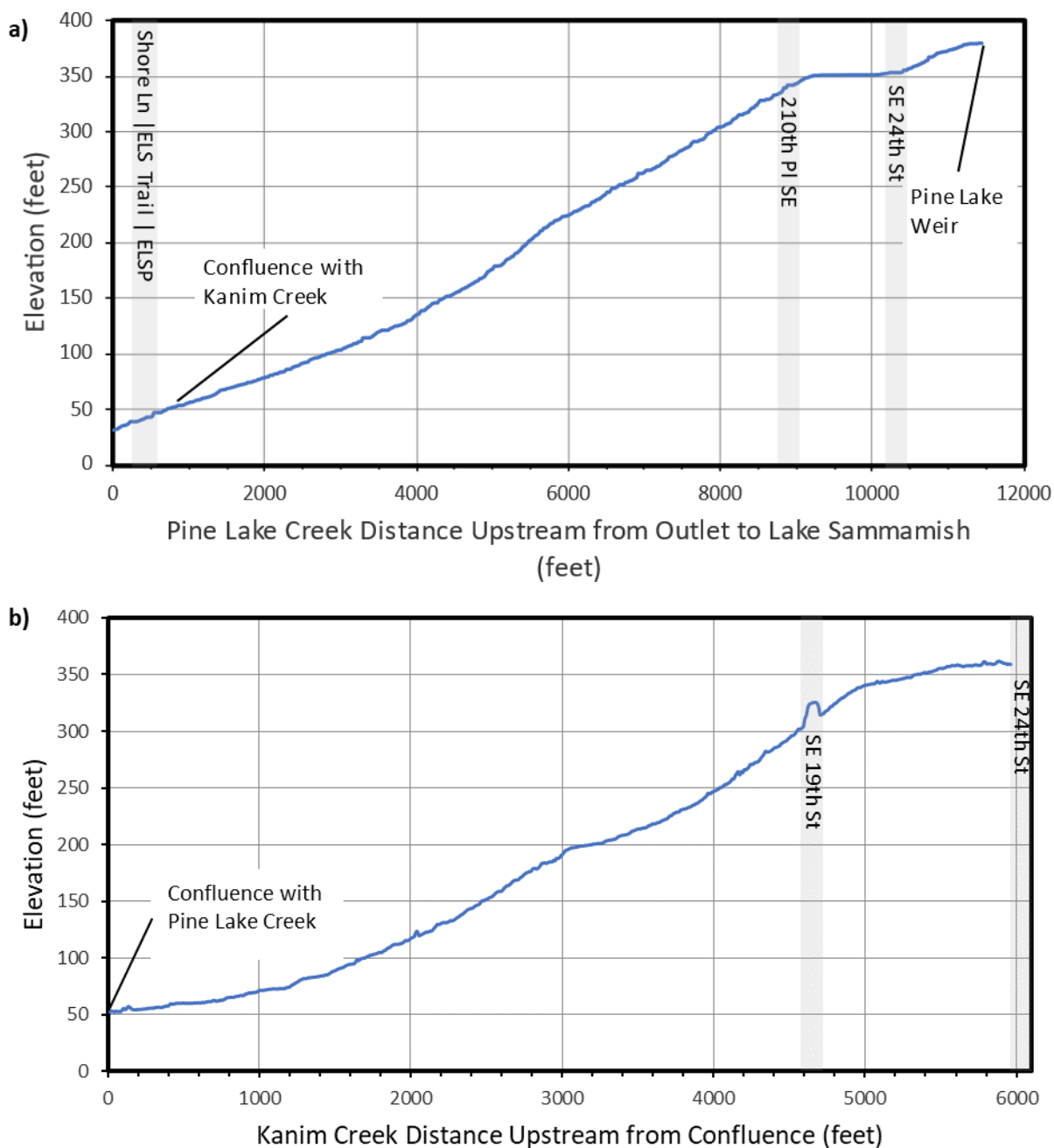
Figure 1 shows the stream alignments with reaches observed during the stream assessments highlighted. The streamlines shown in the map (and throughout this document) were updated from King County hydrography based on field observations on upper Kanim Creek, and recent LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) topography on lower Pine Lake and Kanim creeks and the confluence area. Figure 2 presents longitudinal profiles of both creeks extracted from the recent LiDAR and updated streamlines.





**Figure 1. Stream assessment reaches. Stationing indicates distance along the stream channel from a) Lake Sammamish on Pine Lake Creek and b) Pine Lake Creek confluence on Kanim Creek.**





**Figure 2. Stream profile plots for Pine Lake and Kanim creeks. a) Pine Lake Creek from Lake Sammamish to Pine Lake weir and b) Kanim Creek from Pine Lake Creek to headwaters. Road crossings are indicated by shaded bars. Note that the distance scale (x-axis) is different for the two plots.**

The lack of road crossings is notable on the profiles for both creeks. Unlike many urban and suburban streams in western Washington, the Pine Lake Creek system (downstream of Pine Lake) has had limited direct connection with development. This is largely due to the topography



and geology of the basin downstream of Pine Lake, characterized by steep ravines and extensive wetland complexes along the creeks, making potential construction in these areas difficult and expensive, even before environmental protections.

## 2 REACH CHARACTERIZATION

The following sections describe observations of Pine Lake and Kanim creeks, presented in the downstream direction to better reflect the hydraulic and geomorphic interrelation between sections. Each stream reach is divided into sub-reaches defined by dominant processes and characteristics. Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek stream stationing (STA) referred to in the text below is referenced from Lake Sammamish for Pine Lake Creek and from the Pine Lake Creek confluence for Kanim Creek (see Figure 2a. and 2b).

### 2.1 Pine Lake Creek

Observations of Pine Lake Creek were made in March and September 2023. Stream walks were discontinuous due to access limitations, therefore limited observations are noted in some locations.

#### Lake Outlet

The lake outlet sub-reach extends from the Pine Lake weir downstream to 210<sup>th</sup> Place SE. The entire sub-reach is characterized by ditch-like channel conditions. Flow in this section of the creek is controlled by the weir at Pine Lake. Portions of this reach were observed on March 7, 2023, including the following locations:

- Pine Lake weir
- Intersection of SE 24<sup>th</sup> and 212<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- 210<sup>th</sup> Place SE

The Pine Lake outlet weir is approximately 7.5 feet wide (Photo 1). Downstream, the channel narrows to 4.5 feet wide and is incised approximately 5 to 6 feet. The channel in this location is a straight, ditch-like feature that is mostly comprised of silt with occasional gravel and cobbles. The water depth in March 2023 was approximately 0.5 feet downstream of the weir. The weir is classified as a fish passage barrier by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in their Dam Assessment Report dated 11/6/2012.

Approximately 20 feet downstream of the weir, an outfall discharges to Pine Lake Creek from the southwest (Photo 2). This is the outlet from the Pine Lake Bypass Structure, which was constructed to divert runoff from the bog area to the south around Pine Lake to reduce phosphorus loading and improve lake water quality.





**Photo 1. Pine Lake outlet weir looking upstream, STA 10900 (March 2023).**



**Photo 2. Pine Lake Creek immediately downstream of weir, looking downstream at bypass outfall (March 2023).**

At the southeast corner of the intersection of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Pine Lake Creek and surrounding wetlands were modified in a mitigation project that restored some natural characteristics to the stream corridor by introducing native plants, floodplain connection, and meanders to the channel. This portion of the channel may be the only non-ditch-like section



between the weir and 210<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Our visit indicated that maintenance is needed on the mitigation site to control invasive plants, such as reed canary grass. Photos 3 and 4 show the stream and wetland before it re-enters roadside ditches along SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Photo 5 shows the channel in the ditch adjacent to SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street.



**Photo 3. Mitigation site at the SE corner of SE 24th St and 212th Ave SE, looking upstream STA 10200 (March 2023).**





**Photo 4. Mitigation site at the SE corner of the intersection of SE 24th Street and 212th Ave SE, where channel becomes braided through wetland, STA 10100 (March 2023).**



**Photo 5. Pine Lake Creek in roadside ditch on south side of SE 24th Street, downstream of mitigation site. Looking downstream, STA 10000 (March 2023).**



## Upper Ravine

### Morphology

The upper ravine sub-reach begins at the 210<sup>th</sup> Place SE crossing near STA 8900 and extends downstream to approximately STA 4000<sup>1</sup>. A bridge crosses 210<sup>th</sup> Place SE over Pine Lake Creek at the upper end of the ravine sub-reach (Photo 6). Our observations suggested that material at the downstream end of the bridge is not a depositional feature and may be a relic channel bank from prior to bridge construction (see Photo 6). From this location downstream, the stream steepens and enters a deep ravine.



**Photo 6. Looking downstream under 210th Place SE bridge, STA 8450 (March 2023). Notice the mound of sediment next to right wall at the downstream end of the bridge.**

During the September 22 streamwalk, the channel in the upper ravine was dry, though isolated wetted pools were observed. The upper ravine has a relatively uniform average slope of 4% (Figure 2a) below STA 7500. Between 210<sup>th</sup> Place SE and STA 7500, the channel has step-pool characteristics, with wood and large boulders forming channel steps (Photo 7). In addition to isolated wetted pools, water was observed in the channel between STA 7100 and STA 7300, likely from groundwater input at the interface of advanced outwash sand and underlying fine deposits (Photo 8). On the right bank near STA 7500, a narrow (about 1- to 2-foot wide), incised

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<sup>1</sup> The downstream segment of this sub-reach, from STA 4000 to 5500, was not directly observed due to time constraints and thick vegetation making access difficult.



(2 to 3 feet deep) side channel was noted. There was no obvious outfall or source of water discharging to this location up the slope.



**Photo 7. Large boulders and wood forming step pool features in steeper reach of Pine Lake Creek at STA 7500, downstream of 210<sup>th</sup> Place SE (September 2023), looking upstream direction.**





**Photo 8. Water in channel observed between STA 7100 and STA 7300 (September 2023).**

Through the upper ravine, Pine Lake Creek is deeply incised 10 to 15 feet into the adjacent hilly terrain, forming an over-widened U-shaped stream corridor (Photos 9 and 10). Downstream of STA 7500, channel bottom width ranges from 5 to 12 feet with a plane-bed morphology. The bed composition is poorly sorted cobble, small boulders, and gravel materials. Overall, ravine banks appear relatively stable, anchored by vegetation. However, vertical faces composed of varying assemblages of till and outwash materials were also observed. A single slump was observed along the right bank near STA 5800 (Photo 11).





**Photo 9. Typical channel morphology, facing upstream. Fallen trees span valley walls and provide limited hydraulic function. STA 7000 (September 2023).**



**Photo 10. Upper ravine channel and corridor, facing downstream, near STA 6400 (September 2023).**





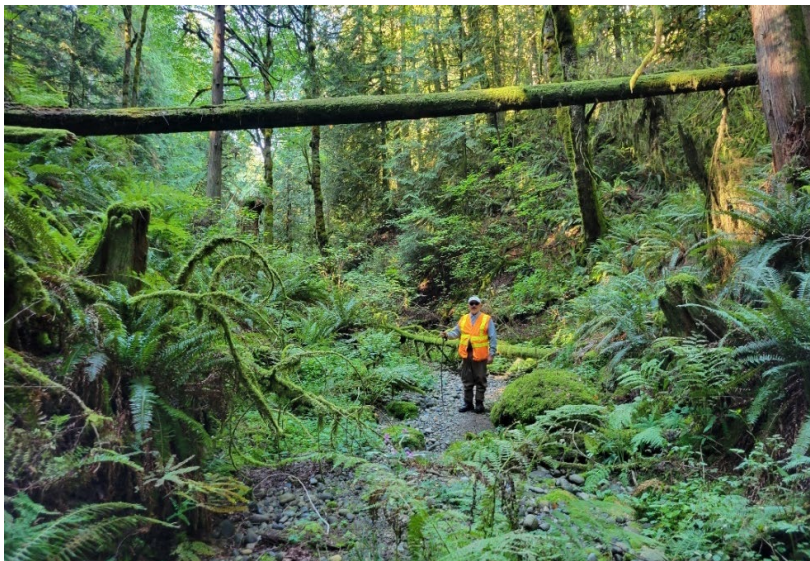
**Photo 11. Slump on right bank of upper ravine channel, near STA 5800 (September 2023).**

Although the corridor is surrounded by a second-growth mixed conifer and deciduous forest, relatively few pieces of large woody material (LWM) were observed in the channel. This may be attributed to a combination of low recruitment rates through treefall or bank erosion, larger tree size, and difficulty for larger LWM to come into contact with the incised channel (see Photos 9 and 13). Where LWM was observed, the channel appeared to be narrower, with a bankfull width more consistent with the stream size. Buried wood was also observed in the channel, as well as old tires (Photo 12). The latter are likely remnants of historic grade control features.





**Photo 12. Large woody material (LWM in upper ravine facing downstream, near STA 5700. Note narrower low flow channel, remnant tire grade control (bottom center), and vertical bank composed of cemented till (bottom, right) (September 2023).**



**Photo 13. Example of treefall not interacting with stream channel. Looking downstream direction, near STA 5600 (September 2023).**

Despite the steep gradient, sediment loading in this reach appears to be moderate owing to the already over-widened channel corridor. Accumulations of finer gravel and sand-sized materials were observed above a LWM jam near STA 5500 (Photo 14).





**Photo 14. LWM debris jam, facing downstream, near STA 5500 Note, upstream sediment build-up (in foreground) (September 2023).**

### **Stormwater and Stream Crossing Infrastructure**

Several stormwater outfalls discharge to the upper ravine reach. Photos 15 and 16 show outfalls from stormwater ponds that serve The Crossings at Pine Lake development. Both outfalls appeared to be in good conditions without any signs of stream bank or bed erosion in the vicinity of the discharge points. A 12-inch corrugated metal pipe discharges from Pond D91443 on the left bank of the channel near STA 7050 (Photo 17). One private driveway road crossing (SE 19<sup>th</sup> St) spans the middle of the upper ravine reach at STA 6950. This crossing consists of a 7- to 8-foot-wide corrugated metal pipe (CMP) arch structure. Near-vertically placed logs, two to three feet high, provide grade control at the outlet of the culvert, behind which fine gravels are deposited forming a plane bed (Photo 18). According to the WDFW Level A Culvert Assessment report completed 10/31/2012, this culvert is a partial barrier and was rated 33% passable. The reason for the partial barrier rating was because of the water surface drop at the outlet of the culvert.





**Photo 15. Stormwater outfall pipe and gabion dissipation structure on left side of channel looking upstream. Outfall pipe discharges stormwater from Stormwater Pond D92929 at STA 8400 near 210<sup>th</sup> PI SE (September 2023).**



**Photo 16. Right bank stormwater discharge pipe from Pond D92928, STA 7800 (September 2023).**





**Photo 17. Left bank stormwater outfall that discharges from Stormwater Pond D91443 near STA 7050 (September 2023).**



**Photo 18. SE 19th Street private driveway culvert at STA 6950, looking upstream (September 2023).**



## **Habitat**

Fish use in the upper ravine reach is likely limited by lack of year-round flow. The stream is ephemeral in this reach and not likely to sustain populations of resident or anadromous salmonids.

## **Lower Ravine**

### **Morphology**

The lower ravine sub-reach begins at approximately STA 4000 and extends downstream to STA 3300. Flow was observed in the channel during the September 22 streamwalk. The streamflow emerges between an elevation of approximately 130 to 140 feet NAVD 88 (based on available LiDAR (King County 2021)) and generally coincides with the mapped geological contact between overlying glacial till and advance outwash (WDGER, 2016<sup>2</sup>).

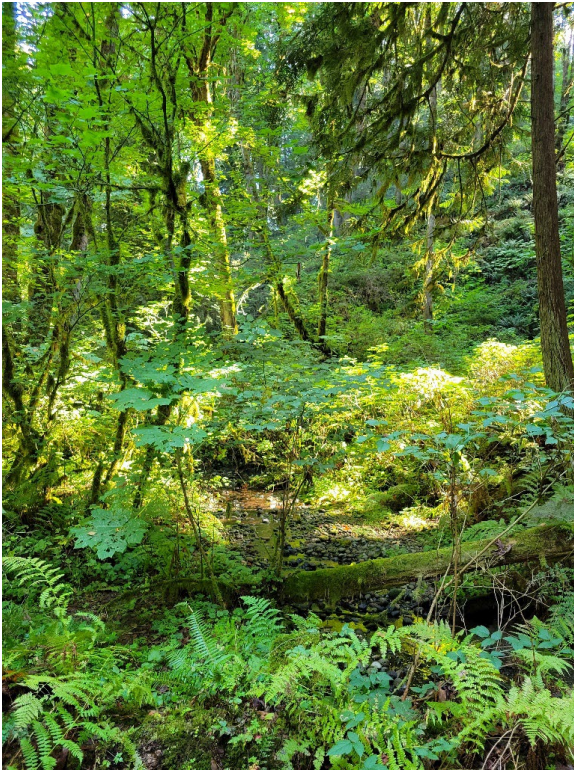
Less confined than upstream, the lower ravine sub-reach is moderately incised into either an historic alluvial fan or mass wasting deposits. The reach averaged slope is approximately 3%. Typical stream conditions near the upstream limit of the lower ravine are shown in Photo 19. Banks generally range from 2 to 6 feet high and are heavily vegetated and relatively stable. The stream continues to show a plane-bed morphology, though small pool-riffle-type sections were also observed (Photo 20). Bed composition in the lower ravine is slightly finer than that observed upstream, consisting mostly of large gravel and cobble particle sizes.

The frequency of LWM in the lower ravine appears slightly higher than the upper ravine. The slight increase in LWM frequency may be associated with the channel being less incised and thus more accessible to fallen timber (Photo 21). LWM recruitment still appears to depend mainly on the mortality of local, relatively mature trees since the channel lacks the capacity to transport LWM any distance downstream.

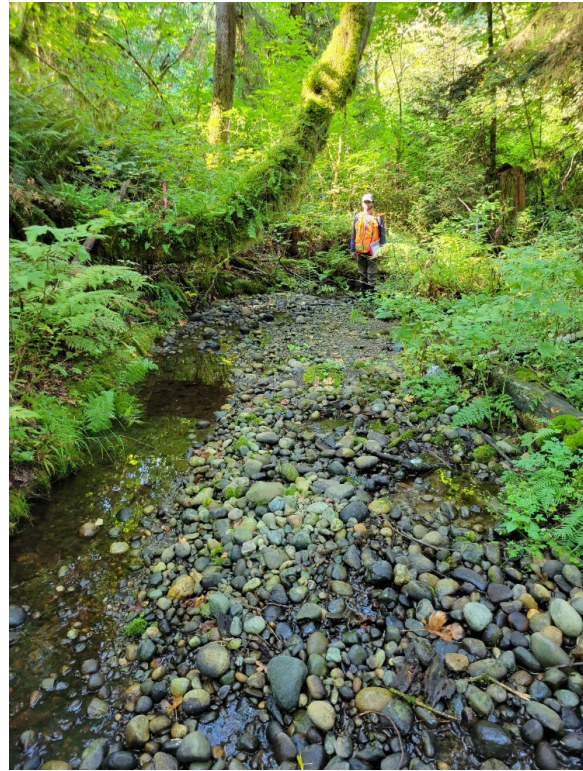
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**Photo 19. Pine Lake Creek channel corridor, facing upstream, near STA 4000. Note, steeper terrain of upper ravine sub-reach in the background (September 2023).**



**Photo 20. Plane-bed channel, with small pool, in the lower ravine sub-reach, facing downstream near STA 3600 (September 2023).**





**Photo 21. LWM in the lower ravine sub-reach, facing downstream near STA 3400 (September 2023).**

### **Stormwater and Stream Crossing Infrastructure**

No stormwater outfalls or stream crossings were observed in the lower ravine sub-reach.

### **Habitat**

Small unidentified salmonids and crayfish were observed in the small pools within the lower ravine sub-reach.

## **Upper Wetland**

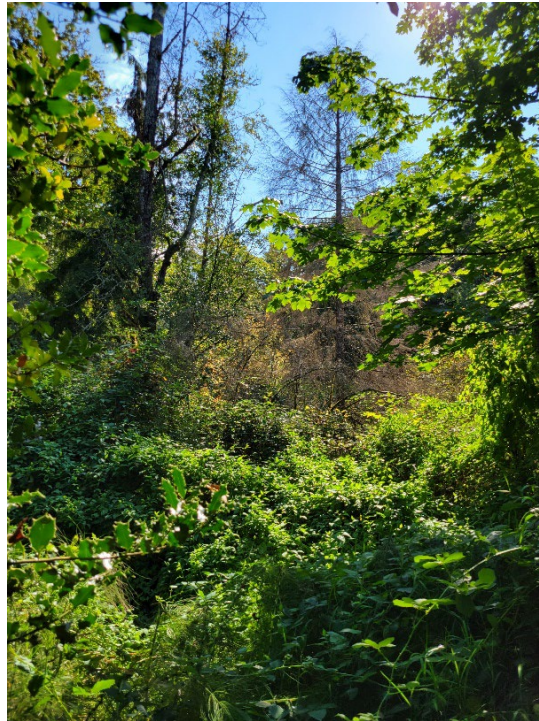
### **Morphology**

The upper wetland sub-reach of Pine Lake Creek extends from approximately STA 3300 downstream to STA 2800 and has a reach averaged slope of approximately 2.6%. This sub-reach was generally inaccessible during the September 22 stream walk due to dense blackberry vegetation. However, some information was inferred from observations around the edges of the sub-reach. Photo 22 was taken near the downstream end of the upper wetland reach, near STA 2800, and shows a channel composed mostly of sand and fine-gravelly materials. Photo 23 was taken a short distance upstream and shows a relatively open canopy surrounding the reach, with a dead fir tree standing in the center. Additional standing dead or dying trees were observed nearby. Photo 24 shows the channel, characterized by large gravel-sized bed material, near the upstream boundary of the upper wetland sub-reach (STA 3300).





**Photo 22. Channel in the upper wetland reach, facing upstream, near STA 2800 (September 2023).**



**Photo 23. Canopy in the upper wetland reach, facing upstream, near STA 2900 (September 2023). Note dead fir tree standing in the center.**

The dead trees suggest that this sub-reach is subject to frequent flooding. Photos taken upstream and downstream indicate abrupt fining of the streambed composition. What specifically initiated these conditions is uncertain, especially since the reach-averaged slope remains relatively steep (according to LiDAR). Localized backwater conditions originating downstream may cause flow to slow down, resulting in excess sediment deposition, flooding, and tree die-off. In turn, a positive-feedback loop could be initiated as a thick understory is allowed to grow, choke the channel, and result in more deposition. Alternatively, there could be unobserved manmade features in this sub-reach that are causing these conditions.

Regardless, it appears that the upper wetland sub-reach currently functions as storage area (sink) for coarse gravel and cobble-sized sediments transported from upstream. Further



assessment of this sub-reach by a wetland scientist could help further define the quality and



function of the upper wetland.

**Photo 24. Upstream limit of the upper wetland reach, facing downstream, near STA 3300 (September 2023).**

### **Stormwater and Stream Crossing Infrastructure**

No stormwater outfalls or stream crossings were observed in the upper wetland sub-reach.

### **Habitat**

Small unidentified salmonids were observed within the upper wetland sub-reach near STA 2800.

## **Residential Sub-Reach**

### **Morphology**

The residential sub-reach extends from approximately STA 2800 downstream to STA 1800 and, similar to upstream, maintains a reach averaged slope of approximately 2.6%. The residential sub-reach is so named because, for the first time since the upper ravine sub-reach (Section 2.1.2), the creek meanders through landscaped residential backyards. All residences are located on 197<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW to the north. Structures are presumably outside the flood hazard area, located on an elevated terrace 12 to 20 feet above stream grade. The residential sub-reach can be further divided into upper and lower segments based on the observations made during the September 22 stream walk.

The upper segment extends from STA 2800 downstream to STA 2260 and is located within a single parcel (920 197<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE). Within this segment the channel is thickly vegetated by blackberry and wetland plants, but adjacent floodplains consist of lawn. Mature canopy cover is



generally low. The channel gradually becomes more incised in the downstream direction, with bank height on the order of two feet near the upstream end (Photo 25) and deepening to 3 to 5 feet downstream (Photo 26). A small low-lying wood pedestrian bridge spans the channel near STA 2650 (Photo 27). Bed material composition in this reach generally coarsens in the downstream direction, from sand to small gravels upstream, to gravel to small cobbles downstream. No evidence of fixed grade control, either natural LWM or manmade structures, were observed. Some active bank erosion was observed on the outside of a bend near STA 2500 and bank slumping near STA 2260 (Photo 26).



**Photo 25. Channel near the upstream limit of the upper residential reach, facing upstream, near STA 2800 (September 2023).**





**Photo 26. Thickly vegetated and incised channel (right) near the downstream limit of the upper residential reach, facing upstream, near STA 2260. Note, NHC personnel standing adjacent to scarp at slumped bank (September 2023).**



**Photo 27. Small wooden pedestrian bridge over Pine Lake Creek in the upper residential reach, near STA 2650 (September 2023).**

The lower segment of the residential sub-reach extends from STA 2260 downstream to STA 1800 and differs distinctively from the upper reach. The channel remains incised 3 to 5 feet below surrounding floodplains, but the corridor is relatively free of thick vegetation (Photo 28).



It is unclear if this lack of vegetation is due to landowner maintenance, a more mature canopy cover, erosive flows, or possibly all three. The channel corridor widens from approximately 10 to 25 feet in the downstream direction. Point bars were observed on the inside of meander bends. Actively eroding vertical banks were observed along much of the lower segment of the residential reach (Photo 29). In some locations, it was apparent that landowners were trying to stabilize banks with placement of small woody debris, wood or steel stakes, and erosion control fabrics (Photo 30). The channel generally maintains a pool-riffle morphology and is composed of coarse gravels and cobble-sized materials. The sub-reach is generally free of LWM. Three small pedestrian bridges cross the creek in this sub-reach reach (Photo 28).



**Photo 28. Small wooden pedestrian bridge over Pine Lake Creek in the lower residential reach, facing upstream, near STA 2260. Note channel incision and lack of vegetation (September 2023).**





**Photo 29. Widened channel corridor with vertical banks and point bar formation in the lower residential reach, facing downstream, near STA 2150 (September 2023).**



**Photo 30. Bank erosion control measures placed by landowners in the lower residential reach (September 2023).**

### **Stormwater and Stream Crossing Infrastructure**

No stormwater outfalls were observed in the residential sub-reach; however, a total of four private wood pedestrian bridges were observed, as described above.

### **Habitat**

No aquatic species were observed within the residential sub-reach.



## **Lower Wetland**

### **Morphology**

The lower wetland sub-reach extends from STA 1800 downstream to the confluence with Kanim Creek at STA 800. The reach averaged slope is 2.2%. The channel in the upper 450-foot segment of this sub-reach is densely vegetated and braids into two to three small shallow distributary channels. Each channel is 1 to 3 feet wide with bank heights of a foot or less. Braiding is likely a result of an ongoing cycle of sediment aggradation and vegetative recolonization. A small wooden pedestrian bridge and private “boardwalk” path cross the stream channels near the center of the braided reach at STA 1500 (Photos 31 and 32). Bed material composition is generally fine silts and sands with some small gravels. The mainstem of Pine Lake Creek appears to follow the northernmost channel braid. It is unclear if channel braids to the south and west rejoin the mainstem or Kanim Creek.

Downstream, near STA 1350, a distinct single channel is more defined and has an average bankfull width of approximately 10 feet (Photo 33); however, in some locations the channel is narrower (5 feet) and moderately incised 2 to 3 feet below the adjacent floodplain (Photo 34). Bed composition coarsens ranging from small gravel to cobble-sized material. The channel generally follows a step-pool morphology. Small gravel and sand bars are formed on the inside of bends with a fair amount of LWM observed in the channel (Photo 35).

### **Stormwater and Stream Crossing Infrastructure**

No stormwater outfalls were observed in the lower wetland sub-reach; however, as described above, a private wood pedestrian bridge and boardwalk were observed crossing the channel and in the adjacent floodplain, respectively.

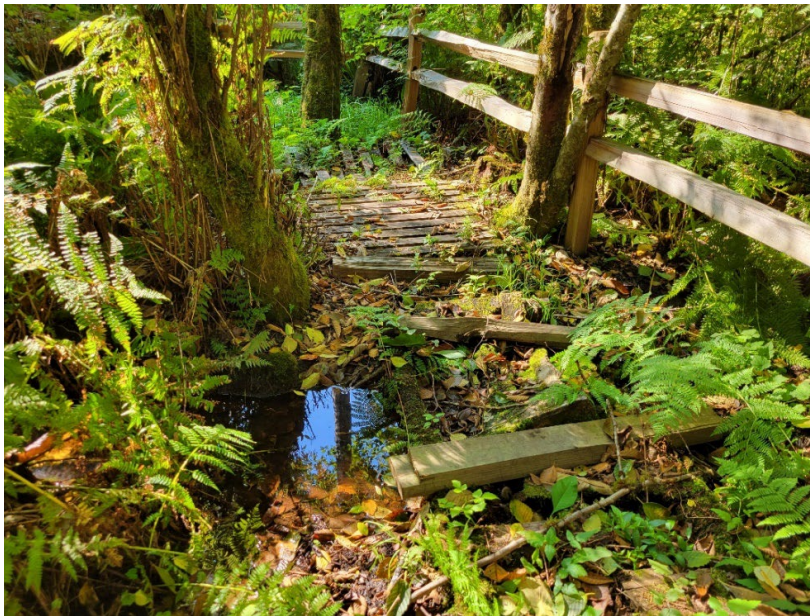
### **Habitat**

Kokanee spawning redds have been observed in this reach in previous years (Bill Mavros, personal communication with Washington Trout).





**Photo 31. Bed material composition at a small wood pedestrian bridge crossing the assumed mainstem of Pine Lake Creek in the lower wetland sub-reach near STA 1500, and view of the bridge (inset) facing south (September 2023).**



**Photo 32. Channel braid crossing landowner constructed boardwalk, in the lower wetland sub-reach approximately 100 feet west of STA 1500 (September 2023).**





**Photo 33. Pine Lake Creek near STA 900, looking upstream (March 2023).**



**Photo 34. Moderately incised channel in the lower wetland sub-reach, facing upstream, near STA 1200 (September 2023).**





**Photo 35. LWM observed in the lower wetland sub-reach near STA 1300 (September 2023).**

### **Lower Pine Lake Creek (Kanim Confluence to Mouth)**

The downstream-most reach of Pine Lake Creek extends about 800 feet from the confluence with Kanim Creek (Photo 36) to the mouth at Lake Sammamish. The stream channel is incised immediately upstream of East Lake Sammamish Parkway, and bank erosion was observed on the right bank (Photo 37).

The reach is highly modified downstream of East Lake Sammamish Parkway (ELSP) and is dominated by culvert crossings at ELSP (Photo 38), East Lake Sammamish Trail (Photo 40), and Shore Lane (Photo 42 and Photo 43). The channel sections upstream of the trail and downstream of Shore Lane are highly modified with an engineered rock-controlled step pool morphology (Photos 39 and 44); the section between the trail and Shore Lane has few large rocks or wood and is relatively straight (Photo 41). The trail culvert was recently replaced and is now fish passable, but the Shore Lane culvert remains a partial passage barrier as listed by WDFW.

The lower reach supports perennial flow, with continuous flow observed even in late September. The channel at the mouth is shown in Photo 45.





**Photo 36. Confluence of Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek, near STA 800 (September 2023).**



**Photo 37. Incised channel upstream of East Lake Sammamish Parkway, looking upstream, near STA 700 (September 2023).**





**Photo 38. East Lake Sammamish Culvert, looking downstream, STA 600 (September 2023).**



**Photo 39. Boulders in channel between East Lake Sammamish Trail and East Lake Sammamish Parkway (September 2023).**



**Photo 40. East Lake Sammamish Trail culvert, looking north (September 2023).**





**Photo 41. Section between Shore Lane and East Lake Sammamish Trail, looking upstream (March 2023).**



**Photo 42. Shore Lane culvert (September 2023). Looking upstream.**



**Photo 43. Shore Lane crossing looking downstream between two redwood trees (September 2023).**





**Photo 44. Downstream of Shore Lane, pool downstream of wood sill, near STA 200 (September 2023).**



**Photo 45. Pine Lake Creek immediately upstream of mouth, STA 100 (September 2023).**

## 2.2 Kanim Creek

Kanim Creek is the only tributary to Pine Lake Creek, flowing in from the south in the marshy area upstream of ELSP. From its headwaters near SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 204<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Kanim Creek flows through a forested corridor to SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street, where it enters a steep ravine characterized by active sediment processes, before draining out to the marshy wetland. Within the wetland, the channel was intermittently defined to the confluence with Pine Lake Creek. Channel slope through the ravine is nearly 7%, and the ravine and stream corridor show evidence of recent and ancient landslides that are a significant sediment source to the system.

### Morphology

The headwaters of Kanim Creek begin in a large wetland area near the intersection of SE 24<sup>th</sup> and 204<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE (Photo 46). At the time of our March 2023 visit, this area was flooded on both sides of the road and the culvert crossing was not visible. The reach between SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street was not walked because of accessibility limitations.





**Photo 46. Kanim Creek headwaters at SE 24th Street, STA 5100 (March 2023).**

Kanim Creek is deeply incised downstream of the SE 19<sup>th</sup> street crossing (up to 6 or 7 feet). It remains incised until approximately STA 2500, where the channel flattens out and significant aggradation has occurred. Photo 47 shows an example of channel incision observed in Kanim Creek. Photo 48 shows an active left bank hillslope failure near a stormwater outfall. Photo 49 shows deposition in a December 2019 photo. The stream channel is not confined to a single thread in this area and is braided across the deposition zone until it re-forms a single thread incised into the thick sediment downstream at approximately STA 2200 (Photo 50).

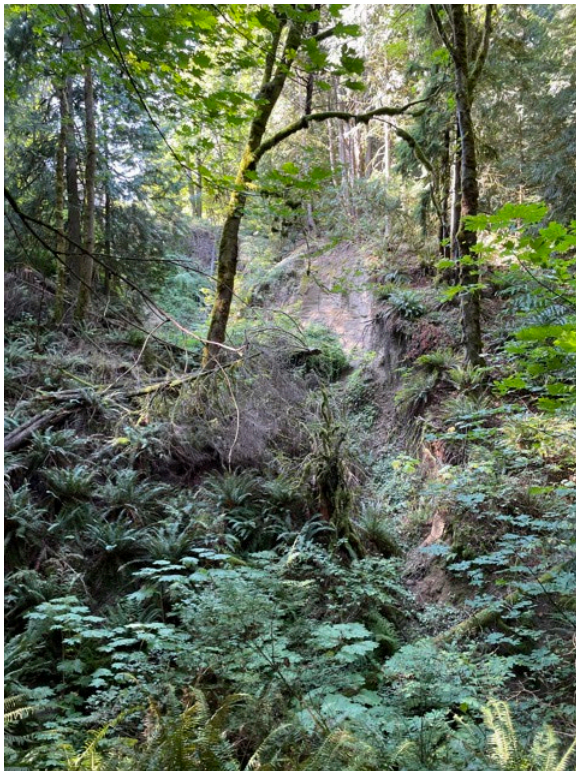
At the time of our September 2023 visit, there was no standing water in the channel upstream of STA 1500, however, some wet zones were observed where seepage was occurring on the banks. Photo 51 shows fine sand deposited behind a log sill near STA 1500. Water was observed in the channel around STA 1500 and the channel started to have wetland-like characteristics. Kanim Creek was not walked between STA 1500 and STA 1000 due to difficult terrain and accessibility.

The lower reach of Kanim Creek upstream of the confluence with Pine Lake Creek lies entirely within a wetland complex. The channel consists of multiple threads and is very marshy.





**Photo 47. Channel incision in Kanim Creek near STA 3200 (September 2023).**



**Photo 48. Hillslope failure near stormwater outfall on left bank near STA 3100 (September 2023).**

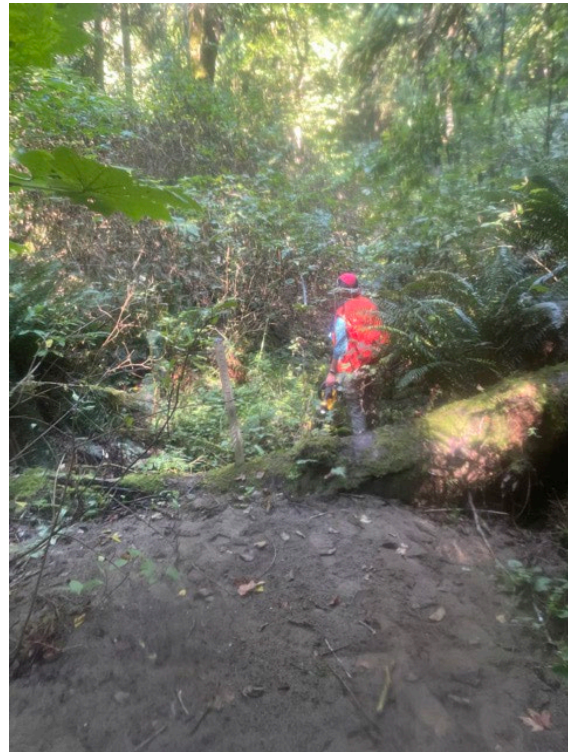




**Photo 49. Deposition of sand observed near STA 2200 (December 2019).**



**Photo 50. Deep incision into deposited sediment on downstream end of deposition zone, near STA 2750 (September 2023).**



**Photo 51. Fine sand deposited behind log sill near STA 1500 (September 2023).**



### **Stormwater and Stream Crossing Infrastructure**

A stormwater facility on the north side of SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street discharges to the roadside ditch on SE 19<sup>th</sup> before entering Kanim Creek. Photo 52 shows the incised channel that has formed downstream of the stormwater outfall. This erosion has the potential to worsen and contribute to water quality issues in Kanim Creek.

Downstream of SE 19th Street, the creek flows through a deep ravine, with active landslides, erosion, and deposition. Three culverts (two conveying Kanim Creek, and one conveying stormwater) are located at the head of the ravine and are perched several feet above the channel floor. Photo 53 shows the culverts.



**Photo 52. Channel formed downstream of stormwater outfall from Stormwater Facility D92924.**



**Photo 53. Perched culverts conveying Kanim Creek at SE 19th Street, STA 3800 (September 2023).**

### **Habitat**

No aquatic species were observed in Kanim Creek during the streamwalk. The lower wetland reaches were not walked but would be expected to provide similar habitat conditions to the lower wetland sub-reach of Pine Lake Creek. Upstream of the wetland, the steep incised channel and ephemeral flow conditions do not provide suitable habitat for fish species and likely present a natural passage barrier. The SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street culverts are not fish passable.



## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Pine Lake and Kanim creeks display distinct geomorphic characteristics in the assessed reaches that influence fish habitat and viability. Table 1 summarizes the general characteristics, conclusions, and recommendations for potential actions to improve quality and function for each reach. Specific project and program recommendations are addressed in the body of the Basin Plan document. Figure 3 summarizes the general character of each reach.

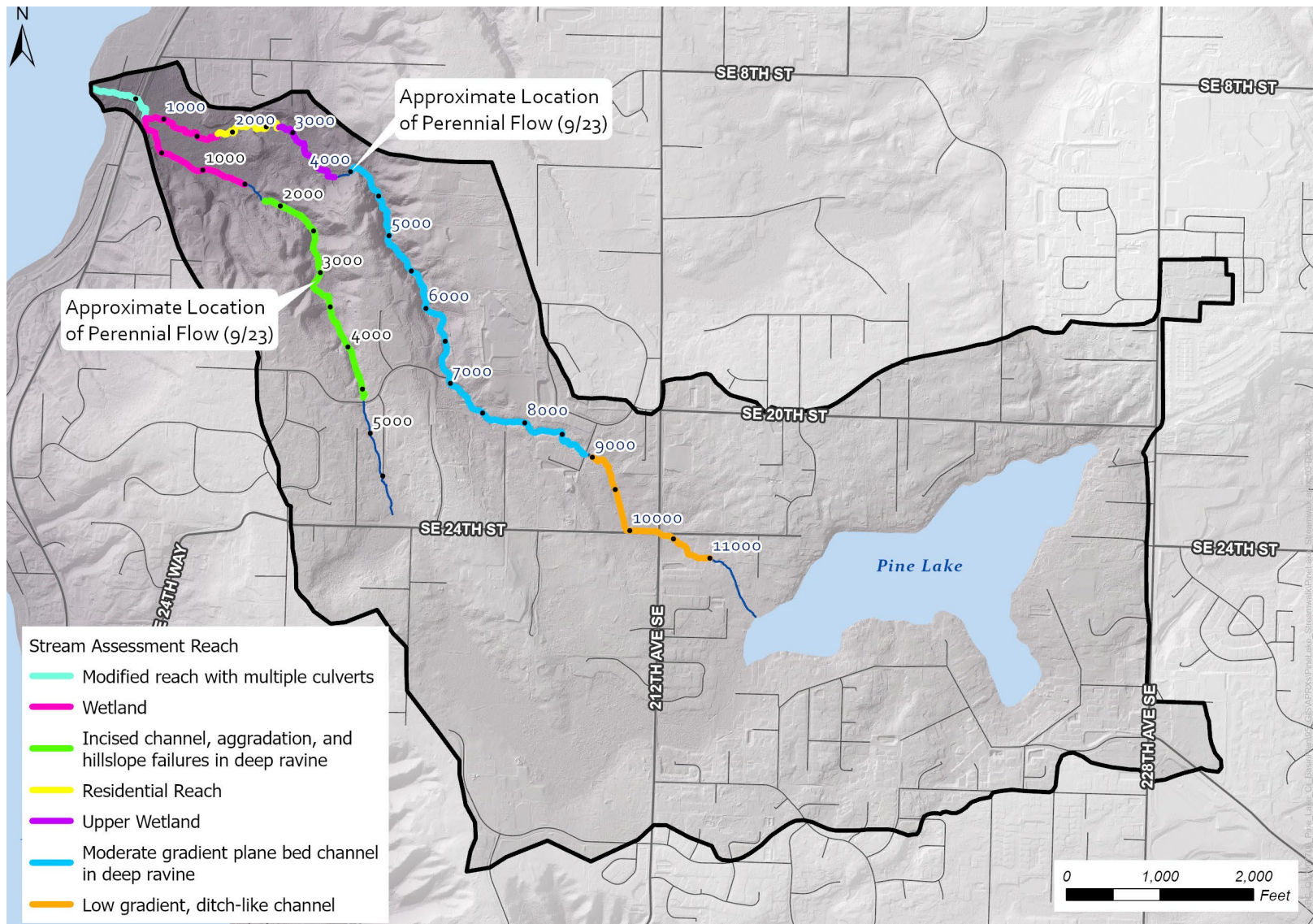
**Table 1. Summary of reach characteristics and recommendations**

| Reach                         | Characteristics   | Potential Actions   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Pine Lake Outlet              | Channel is controlled by lake outlet weir. There is little evidence of active sediment transport or channel instability in the ditch-like channel   | Conduct flow monitoring at lake to observe and record discharge.  |
| Pine Lake Creek Upper Ravine  | Flow is ephemeral.<br>Channel is wider, with multiple stormwater outfalls (in good condition) contributing flow.<br>Step-pool and plane-bed morphology and very little large woody material. Likely a transport reach for accumulated smaller sediments.<br>No significant channel instability. | No recommendation for habitat enhancements due to ephemeral flow.   |
| Pine Lake Creek Lower Ravine  | Groundwater observed in this reach, contributing to perennial flow.<br>Lack of large woody material. Likely a transport reach for accumulated smaller sediments.<br>Aquatic organisms were observed.  | Good candidate for habitat enhancement (i.e., large woody material) to create pools and provide sediment storage. |
| Pine Lake Creek Upper Wetland | Provides storage for sediment transported from upstream.  | Further field documentation would be helpful to understand functionality of wetland and potential enhancements.   |
| Pine Lake Creek Residential   | Incised with evidence of bank erosion, instability, and a lack of large woody material.   | Good candidate for habitat enhancement.   |



| Reach                         | Characteristics  | Potential Actions  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
|                               | Kokanee salmon redds have been observed in this sub-reach.   | Coordinate with stream-side landowners for restoration and enhancement opportunities.  |
| Pine Lake Creek Lower Wetland | Provides sediment storage that minimizes potential downstream impacts to City and private property owners.             | Coordinate with property owners for restoration and enhancement opportunities.   |
| Kanim Creek Upper Ravine      | Extreme channel incision and unstable slopes with subsequent deposition.   | Flow control in upland areas.  |
| Kanim Creek Lower Wetland     | Provides sediment storage that minimizes potential downstream impacts to City and private property owners.             | No actions recommended.  |
| Lower Pine Lake Creek         | Engineered channel structures create step-pool features. Multiple culverts that are not full barriers to fish passage. | Coordinate with property owners for restoration and enhancement opportunities and culvert improvements when opportunities arise. |






**Figure 3. Sub-reach characteristics summary**









# Appendix B Water Quality Summary



# MEMORANDUM

Project No. 220462

March 7, 2024

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**Re:** Pine Lake Creek Basin Water Quality Summary

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## Project Background

Pine Lake Creek drains approximately 1,200 acres near the south end of the Sammamish Plateau. It contains Pine Lake, Pine Lake Creek, Kanim Creek, and a sphagnum bog complex along with several smaller wetlands. Development (mostly residential) has increased over the past decade, especially around Pine Lake, but lower Pine Lake Creek flows through some of the largest remaining areas of contiguous forest within the city. Pine Lake Creek historically supported a substantial kokanee run and is still considered one of four primary spawning streams by the Kokanee Work Group, despite reduced spawning populations in recent years.

The City of Sammamish (City) has selected the Consultant to develop a basin plan for the Pine Lake Creek watershed, including Pine Lake. The Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan will characterize existing conditions in the basin and develop priority strategies, projects, and actions to address flooding, erosion, water quality, and ecological problems in the basin. As part of the basin plan this memorandum documents the methods and results of the water quality study in Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek.

## Methods

Flow and water quality measurements were conducted in the spring and summer of 2023. The site locations and methods for data collection are described below.

## Monitoring Sites

The sampling locations are shown on Figure 1.

### Pine Lake Creek (PLC) Upper

PLC Upper is located in Pine Lake Creek just downstream of the Pine Lake outlet weir. This site measures the flow and water quality entering Pine Lake Creek from Pine Lake. Access to the creek



is via a path through the stormwater facility; and flow and water quality measurements were taken upstream of the stormwater outfall (Photograph 1). Under low flow conditions the exact position of the flow measurement varied depending on channel conditions, but the water quality samples and measurements were always collected upstream of the stormwater outfall.



*Photograph 1. PLC Upper sample location between pipe and weir.*

### **PLC Lower**

PLC Lower is located in Pine Lake Creek upstream of the confluence with Kanim Creek. This site was intended to measure the flow and water quality in Pine Lake Creek before it joins with Kanim Creek and provide a point of comparison with PLC Upper. This site is on private property and access was granted by the property owner. The sample location was just downstream of the bridge near the eastern edge of the property (Photograph 2). The reach just downstream of the bridge is relatively straight and provided the best conditions for flow and water quality measurements.





*Photograph 2. PLC Lower sample location looking downstream from bridge.*

### **Kanim Upper**

Kanim Upper is located in the upper region of the Kanim Creek basin. This sampling site (Photograph 3) represents the headwaters of Kanim Creek and is accessed from SE 19th Street just west of 202nd Pl SE via a faint trail on the right bank on the upstream side. Water quality and flow measurements were intended to be collected if stream conditions allowed, but due to the stream being too shallow or dry during this study, no samples were collected from this site.





*Photograph 3. Kanim Upper channel upstream of SE 19th Street.*



*Photograph 4. Kanim Lower sampling location.*

### **Kanim Lower**

Kanim Lower is in Kanim Creek just upstream of the confluence with Pine Lake Creek. This site was intended to measure the flow and water quality from Kanim Creek and represent the overall contributions of Kanim Creek within the Pine Lake Creek Basin. This site is on private property and access was granted by the property owner. Flow and water quality measurements were collected in Kanim Creek in the northwest corner of the property, just east of the pond (Photograph 4).

### **PLC Outlet**

PLC Outlet is in Pine Lake Creek below the confluence of Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek. This site was intended to measure the flow and water quality conditions of the entire basin just upstream of where the creek flows into Lake Sammamish. Access is just downstream of East Lake Sammamish Trail from East Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE and upstream of any private property. Flow and water quality were measured in the reach just downstream of the trail bridge (Photograph 5).





*Photograph 5. PLC Outlet sample location looking upstream.*

### **Water Quality Sampling Methods**

Water quality measurements were completed at each site if there was enough depth to permit sampling. Table 1 shows the parameters, sample containers, methods, holding times and preservation methods for this study.

**Table 1. Summary of Water Quality Sample Methods**

| Analyte                      | Sample Containers                         | Method              | Holding time | Preservation |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fecal coliform               | 250 ml sterile                            | SM92220             | 24 Hours     | NaThio.EDTA  |
| E. coli.                     |   | SM92220,<br>SM9222G |              |              |
| Total phosphorous            | 250 ml                                    | EPA 200.8           | 28 Days      | H2SO4        |
| Nitrate + nitrite            |   | EPA 200.8           |              |              |
| Total kjeldahl nitrogen      |   | EPA 200.8           |              |              |
| Total Suspended Solids (TSS) | 1 L HDPE<br>(1-liter minimum volume)      | SM 2540 D           | 7 Days       |              |
| pH                           | Measured in-situ with water quality sonde |                     |              |              |
| Conductivity                 |   |                     |              |              |
| Turbidity                    |   |                     |              |              |
| Temperature                  |   |                     |              |              |

This parameter list is related to the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Index and helps provide an understanding of the overall water quality at each sampling location.



### **Water Quality Sonde Measurements**

Upon arrival field staff deployed the water quality sonde (sonde) at least 10 feet upstream of flow measurement transect to let it equilibrate to the stream conditions while other field work was being completed. Once the discharge measurements and water quality sample collection were completed the staff returned to the sonde and confirmed that the readings stabilized. Once stable, they measured the temperature, pH, specific conductivity, and turbidity.

### **Water Quality Samples**

If conditions allowed, water quality samples were collected in parameter specific bottles in an area downstream of the sonde and on the opposite side of the channel if possible to avoid interference between the samples and sonde. Each bottle was directly filled, and field staff were careful to not overfill or rinse out any preservatives. Each bottle was labeled and placed in a cooler on ice and transported to AmTest Laboratories under chain-of-custody for analysis.

### **Discharge Measurements**

Discharge measurements were collected if flow conditions were suitable. Discharge measurements were collected in a transect in a relatively straight reach and far enough downstream of the sonde or sampling area to avoid affecting water quality results or having the sonde affect flow paths in the transect. All flow measurements were collected following USGS velocity-area methods (Turnipseed and Sauer, 2010) measuring at the mid-section. Per the method, field staff attempted to have no single measure represent more than 5 percent of the flow but narrow and shallow streams can make this difficult and in many cases this was not possible. If flow conditions were too low to collect a flow measurement or the channel was dry, then staff noted the conditions on the field sheet and also noted if flows appear higher or lower than previous visits.

## **Results**

Four flow and water quality sampling events were conducted at all monitoring sites from May to August 2023. The monitoring results are presented below.

### **Flow Measurements**

Flow measurements were collected across a range of flows and weather conditions. The upper reaches of Kanim and Pine Lake Creek both ceased flowing over the summer and it should be noted that the water was not observed flowing over the Pine Lake outlet weir during any of the visits to PLC Upper. It is assumed that the water in the channel at PLC Upper was groundwater driven either due to surrounding groundwater levels or from leakage through the soil around the outlet control structure. The lower reaches of both creeks maintained at least a trace of flow across the summer but overall the flows dropped as the basin dried out over the summer. The results of the flow measurements are shown below in Table 2.



**Table 2. Flow Measurement Summary.**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Weather Observations</b>     | <b>PLC Upper Flow (cfs)</b> | <b>PLC Lower Flow (cfs)</b> | <b>Kanim Upper Flow (cfs)</b> | <b>Kanim Lower Flow (cfs)</b> | <b>PLC Outlet Flow (cfs)</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5/5/2023    | Rain                            | 0.059                       | 0.233                       | >0*                           | 0.119                         | 0.750                        |
| 5/18/2023   | Sun                             | >0*                         | 0.115                       | 0                             | 0.006                         | 0.234                        |
| 6/9/2023    | Light rain shifting to overcast | >0*                         | 0.080                       | 0                             | 0.007                         | 0.177                        |
| 8/29/2023   | Scattered showers               | 0                           | 0.042                       | 0                             | >0*                           | 0.140                        |

\*trickle flow, too low to measure but channel was not dry

## Water Quality Results

Water quality was measured at each site when conditions permitted. Water quality samples were not collected if the creek was dry or too shallow to allow for a bottle to be filled and in-situ measurements were not taken if the creek was too shallow to cover the sensors.

Overall, the water quality results were quite variable between sites and within each site across the different events. The water quality data were compared to the flow rates at each site and across the sites with their upstream or downstream counterparts, but no trends or relationships were evident. Fecal coliform levels showed the most variability, ranging from 7 to 800 CFU/100ml, with each site experiencing both high and low values. Nitrogen, TSS, pH, and turbidity seem to be at relatively good levels across the basin. Other parameters, such as temperature were relatively high at PLC Upper but met the standard at the other sites. It is likely that the impacts of the lake and relatively stagnant flow at PLC Upper (or maybe that it was often the last site that was sampled as the day warmed up) are driving the temperature while the lower reaches benefit from shade and groundwater inputs. Field observations during the sampling events did not record any areas of concern while samples and measurements were collected. The results of the water quality monitoring are summarized in Table 3.

The water quality results were run through the Washington Department of Ecology's Water Quality Index (WQI) which helps provide an overall view of water quality at a location and also allows for some comparison between stations (Table 4). It should be noted that the WQI calculator is designed to run up to 12 sets of measurements, but for this study it was run on just 3 sets of measurements for PLC Upper and 4 sets at PLC Lower, Kanim Lower, and PLC Outlet. The relatively small number of samples can reduce the representativeness of the results as a single high or low value can have a greater effect on the WQI score. The WQI also lacks context and could lead to potential concerns that are due to local natural conditions. For example, the low dissolved oxygen scores at PLC Upper are most likely due to the majority of the water coming from groundwater and relatively stagnant pools under summer low flow conditions and would likely have far different results when flow is actively coming from the lake. Similarly, the DO and phosphorous concerns are not uncommon in reaches like Kanim Lower with slow moving flow through a densely vegetated wetland. Despite these limitations, the WQI can still help identify potential areas of good health and areas for improvement.



**Table 3. Water Quality Summary**

| Site        | Date/<br>Time      | Fecal<br>Coliform<br>(CFU/<br>100ml) | Escherichia<br>coli (CUF/<br>100ml) | Total<br>Suspended<br>Solids<br>(mg/l) | Total<br>Nitrogen<br>(TKN)<br>(mg/l) | Nitrate +<br>Nitrite<br>(mg/l) | Total<br>Phosphorus<br>(mg/l) | Temperature<br>(°C) | Dissolved<br>Oxygen<br>(mg/l) | pH<br>(S.U.) | Turbidity<br>(NTU) |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| PLC_UPPER   | 5/5/2023<br>13:10  | 470                                  | 470                                 | 56.0                                   | 2.36                                 | 0.031                          | 0.115                         | 12.33               | 4.46                          | 5.85         | 58.7               |
| PLC_LOWER   | 5/5/2023 9:15      | 87                                   | 87                                  | 19.0                                   | 2.88                                 | 0.469                          | 0.202                         | 10.66               | 10.56                         | 7.52         | 6.36               |
| KANIM_LOWER | 5/5/2023<br>11:50  | 43                                   | 43                                  | 25.0                                   | 1.46                                 | 0.384                          | 0.118                         | 11.01               | 9.2                           | 7.03         | 23.7               |
| PLC_OUTLET  | 5/5/2023<br>10:40  | 190                                  | 193                                 | 11.0                                   | 0.831                                | 0.238                          | 0.081                         | 11.09               | 10.22                         | 7.34         | 12.16              |
| PLC_UPPER   | 5/18/2023<br>14:20 | 130                                  | 125                                 | 24.0                                   | 0.601                                | <0.02                          | 0.078                         | 21.3                | 2.75                          | 6.04         | 7.76               |
| PLC_LOWER   | 5/18/2023<br>10:00 | 7                                    | 7                                   | 5.0                                    | 0.358                                | 0.477                          | 0.055                         | 13.3                | 9.88                          | 7.14         | 4.3                |
| KANIM_LOWER | 5/18/2023<br>12:20 | 34                                   | 27                                  | 34.0                                   | 0.499                                | 0.218                          | 0.179                         | 14.3                | 7.01                          | 6.76         | 10.1               |
| PLC_OUTLET  | 5/18/2023<br>8:30  | 20                                   | 18                                  | 6.0                                    | 0.366                                | 0.218                          | 0.074                         | 13.4                | 9.39                          | 7.22         | 5.07               |
| PLC_UPPER   | 6/9/2023<br>11:30  | 87                                   | 87                                  | <1                                     | 0.670                                | <0.02                          | 0.045                         | 17.84               | 1.63                          | 6.46         | 4.95               |
| PLC_LOWER   | 6/9/2023 9:45      | 260                                  | 250                                 | 7.0                                    | 0.479                                | 0.388                          | 0.070                         | 12.86               | 9.83                          | 7.46         | 5.58               |
| KANIM_LOWER | 6/9/2023<br>10:15  | 800                                  | 800                                 | 126                                    | 1.80                                 | 0.153                          | 0.706                         | 13.6                | 7.43                          | 6.92         | 58.1               |
| PLC_OUTLET  | 6/9/2023 8:10      | 130                                  | 100                                 | 9.0                                    | 0.474                                | 0.188                          | 0.101                         | 13.56               | 9.44                          | 7.33         | 2.01               |
| PLC_LOWER   | 8/29/2023<br>10:30 | 92                                   | 92                                  | <1                                     | 0.517                                | 0.311                          | 0.061                         | 14.21               | 9.59                          | 7.98         | 0.71               |
| KANIM_LOWER | 8/29/2023<br>9:15  | 180                                  | 176                                 | 10                                     | 0.74                                 | 0.059                          | 0.262                         | 15.33               | 7.99                          | 7.44         | 9.42               |
| PLC_OUTLET  | 8/29/2023<br>8:00  | 260                                  | 200                                 | <1                                     | 0.492                                | 0.119                          | 0.09                          | 14.68               | 9.37                          | 7.86         | 6.35               |



**Table 4. Water Quality Index Results**

| Monitoring Site | Fecal Coliform | Dissolved Oxygen | pH | Total Phosphorous | Total Suspended Solids | Temperature | Total Nitrogen | Turbidity | Overall |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|---------|
| PLC Upper       | 73             | 1                | 57 | 73                | 85                     | 35          | 82             | 78        | 4       |
| PLC Lower       | 77             | 81               | 93 | 67                | 90                     | 79          | 75             | 91        | 75      |
| Kanim Lower     | 71             | 46               | 87 | 14                | 66                     | 74          | 77             | 65        | 38      |
| PLC Outlet      | 73             | 79               | 95 | 62                | 90                     | 78          | 100            | 87        | 72      |

Low Concern = WQI score above 80

Moderate Concern = WQI score between 40 and 79

High Concern = WQI score less than 40

## Summary

The flow and water quality within the Pine Lake Creek basin was monitored from May to August 2023, through a series of four discrete sampling events in Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek. The results show that the flow in both creeks dropped across the summer dry season. The water quality results show some areas of relatively good health (such as turbidity, nitrogen, TSS, and pH) and some areas of potential concern (such as DO and fecal coliform) within each creek. The limited number of samples combined with the variability between events and between sites did not indicate any relationships between flow and water quality or between sites within each creek.

## References

Turnipseed, D.P., and Sauer, V.B., 2010. Discharge measurements at gaging stations: U.S. Geological Survey Techniques and Methods book 3, chap. A8, 87 p. (also available at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/tm/tm3-a8/>.)

Washington Depart of Ecology WQI <https://ecology.wa.gov/research-data/monitoring-assessment/river-stream-monitoring/water-quality-monitoring/river-stream-water-quality-index>

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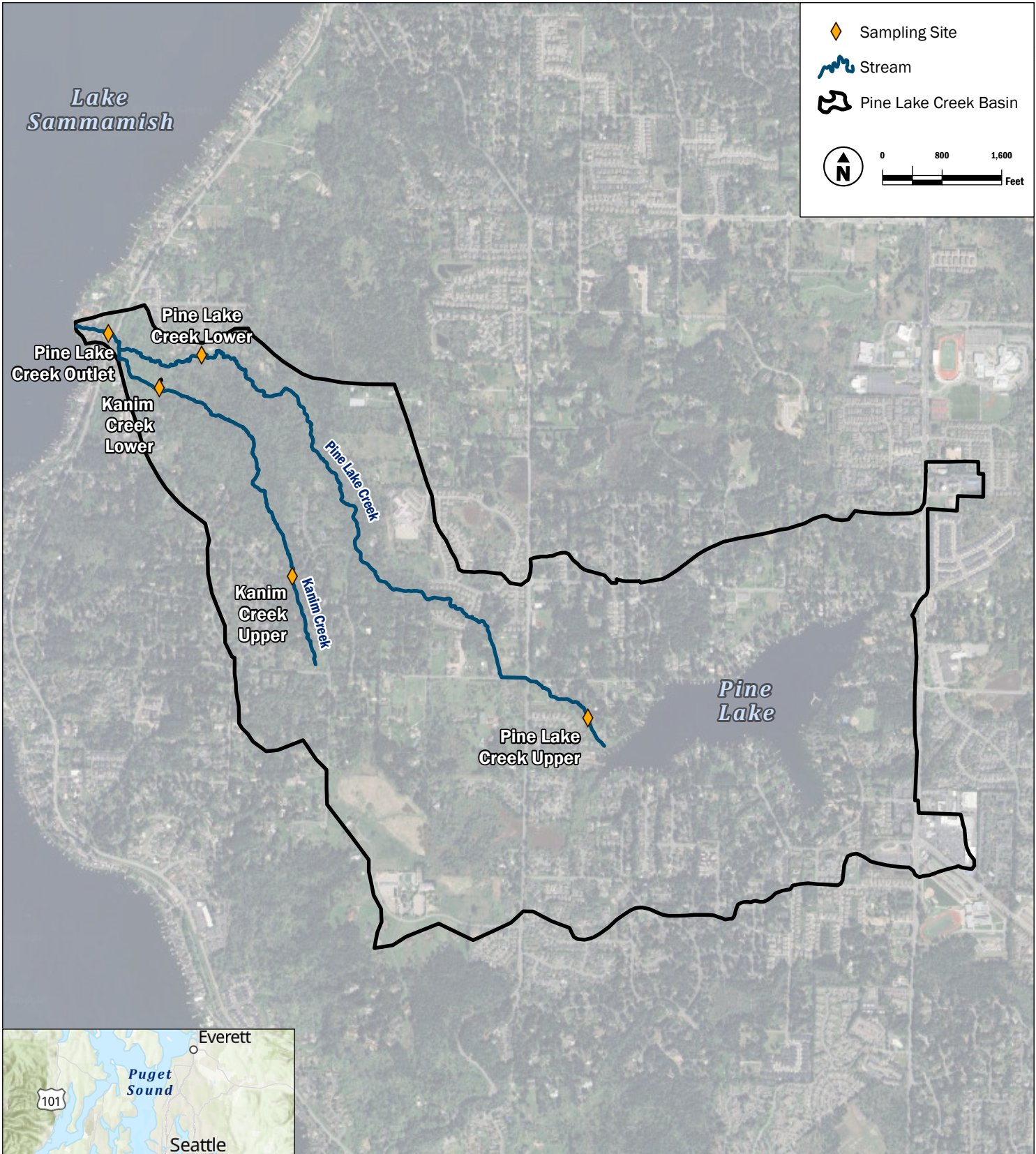
Attachments: Figure 1 – Site Location Map  
Appendix A – Sampling Plan

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**FIGURE**





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| <h2>Site Location Map</h2> <p>Pine Lake Creek Basin Water Quality Summary<br/>City of Sammamish<br/>Sammamish, Washington</p> |                          |                          |                        |
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **Pine Lake Creek Basin Flow and Water Quality Sampling Plan**



## PINE LAKE CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY SAMPLING PLAN

The purpose of the monitoring is to characterize the water quality in Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek for the Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan. This study will collect ambient water quality samples and discharge measurements at several locations within the drainage basin. A total of up to 4 samples will be collected from each station for this study.

### Sampling Locations

The addresses of the sampling locations are shown below in Table 1.

**Table 1. Sampling Locations**

| Station     | Closest Street Address          | Station Measurements  |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| PLC Upper   | 2606 213th PI SE                | Flow and WQ           |
| PLC Lower   | 912 197th Ave SE                | Flow and WQ           |
| Kanim Upper | SE 19th St near 202nd PI SE     | Presence/absence flow |
| Kanim Lower | 1208 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE  | Flow and WQ           |
| PLC Outlet  | E. Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE | Flow and WQ           |



## PLC Upper

PLC Upper is located in Pine Lake Creek just downstream of the Pine Lake outlet weir. This site is intended to measure the flow and water quality entering Pine Lake Creek from Pine Lake. Access to the creek is via a path through the stormwater facility and the ideal sample location for flow and water quality measurements is upstream of the stormwater outfall. Under low flow conditions the exact position of the flow measurement may vary depending on channel conditions but the water quality samples and measurements should always be upstream of the stormwater outfall.



PLC Upper sample location  
between stormwater outfall and weir



## PLC Lower

PLC Lower is located in Pine Lake Creek upstream of the confluence with Kanim Creek. The site is intended to measure the flow and water quality in Pine Lake Creek before it joins with Kanim Creek and provide a point of comparison with PLC Upper. We have been given permission to park in the driveway near the play equipment. The homeowner has asked that we reach out the day before we want to access the site to let them know when we plan on visiting.

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(206) 719-1368

Phone number is most reliable way to contact.

The sample location is just downstream of the bridge near the eastern edge of the property. The reach just downstream of the bridge is relatively straight and should provide the best conditions for flow and water quality measurements.



PLC Lower sample location  
looking downstream from bridge



## Kanim Upper

Kanim Upper is located in the upper region of the Kanim Creek basin. This site is intended to represent the headwaters of Kanim Creek. Access Kanim Upper by parking on shoulder of SE 19th St just west of 202nd Pl SE. There is a faint trail on the right bank on the upstream side that provides access to the creek. Water quality and flow measurements can be collected if stream conditions allow but under most conditions Kanim Creek will be too shallow to collect water quality or flow measurements from. Field staff should observe whether the creek has visible flow or is dry.



Kanim Upper channel  
upstream of SE 19th St



## Kanim Lower

Kanim Lower is in Kanim Creek just upstream of the confluence with Pine Lake Creek. This site is intended to measure the flow and water quality from Kanim Creek and represent the overall contributions of Kanim Creek within the Pine Lake Creek Basin. We have been given permission to access Kanim Creek near the pond on the northwest corner of the property. Email the homeowner at least one day in advance so they can leave the gate open.

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(we do not have Jim's phone number)

Park near the shed making sure to leave the driveway clear for access to the house and walk down the grassy hill toward the pond. The best reach for flow and water quality measurements is behind a clump of rhododendrons just east of the pond.





## PLC Outlet

PLC Outlet is in Pine Lake Creek below the confluence of Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek. This site is intended to measure the flow and water quality conditions of the entire basin just upstream of where the creek flows into Lake Sammamish. Access is just downstream of East Lake Sammamish Trail from East Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE. Use care to ensure you stay off of private property near the site. The best reach for flow and water quality measurements is just downstream of the trail bridge.



## Analytical Parameters and Methods

Water quality samples will be analyzed for parameters of potential concern. The parameters, sample containers, methods, holding times and preservation are described below in Table 2.

**Table 2. Summary of Sample Methods**

| Analyte                      | Sample Containers                 | Method           | Holding time | Preservation |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fecal coliform               | 250 ml sterile                    | SM92220          | 24 Hours     | NaThio.EDTA  |
| E. coli.                     |                                   | SM92220, SM9222G |              |              |
| Total phosphorous            | 250 ml                            | EPA 200.8        | 28 Days      | H2SO4        |
| Nitrate + nitrite            |                                   | EPA 200.8        |              |              |
| Total kjeldahl nitrogen      |                                   | EPA 200.8        |              |              |
| Total Suspended Solids (TSS) | 1 L HDPE (1-liter minimum volume) | SM 2540 D        | 7 Days       |              |
| pH                           | Measured in-situ with sonde       |                  |              |              |
| Conductivity                 |                                   |                  |              |              |
| Turbidity                    |                                   |                  |              |              |
| Temperature                  |                                   |                  |              |              |



## Sampling Procedures

This section describes field procedures that will be utilized to ensure that samples are collected in a consistent manner and the data will be comparable to data collected during this study or future monitoring programs. Procedures are described for collecting water quality samples, in-situ sonde water quality measurements and discharge measurements, and recording field measurements and conditions.

### Pre-Event Setup

At least one day prior to each field sampling event, field personnel will mobilize sampling equipment and perform the following steps:

- Notify the analytical laboratory (AmTest) to ensure that laboratory staff will be available to process the samples.
  - Aaron Young [aarony@amtestlab.com](mailto:aarony@amtestlab.com)
- Coordinate with property owners and City staff
  - Toby Coenen [TCoenen@sammamish.us](mailto:TCoenen@sammamish.us)
  - Jim Goedhart [jlgodhart@gmail.com](mailto:jlgodhart@gmail.com), (Kanim Lower)
  - Ravi Soin [ravi.soin@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:ravi.soin@bellevuecollege.edu) (206) 719-1368 (PLC Lower)
- Confirm inventory of lab-supplied analyte bottles in accordance with Table 2. Visit lab to obtain additional bottles if needed.
- Gather sampling equipment including:
  - Cooler with bottles
  - Tape measure or stadia rod for flow measurements
  - SonTek FlowTracker2 (with spare batteries)
  - YSI or In-Situ WQ sonde
  - Hach Turbidity meter (as backup)
  - Field sheet and COC
  - Container with tap water
  - Nitrile gloves (stored in bags to keep clean)
  - Zip ties
  - PPE

### Sample Collection

On the day of the sample event. Load gear in vehicle and:

- Add ice to cooler(s).
- Calibrate sonde for:
  - Sp. Conductivity,
  - pH
  - DO
  - turbidity

Upon arrival at Kanim Lower or PLC Lower please check in with the property owner so they know we are on site.



## In-Situ Water Quality Measurements

Once you arrive at each sample location, deploy the sonde at least 10 feet upstream of flow measurement transect to let it equilibrate to the stream conditions while other field work is being completed. Ensure probes are below the water surface and that the sonde is on. Then collect flow measurement if conditions allow.

Once flow measurements and water quality sample collection are complete, return to sonde and confirm that the readings have stabilized. Once stable, record the temperature, pH, Sp. Conductivity, and turbidity.

Sunlight can sometimes cause issues with in-situ turbidity meters, especially in shallow water. If such interference is suspected, please verify turbidity with Hach turbidity meter before leaving site.

## Discharge Measurements

A discharge measurement should be collected if flow conditions are suitable. Find a transect in a relatively straight reach and far enough downstream of the sonde to avoid affecting water quality readings at the sonde or having the sonde affect flow paths in the transect. All flow measurements will be collected based on the USGS velocity-area methods (Turnipseed and Sauer, 2010<sup>1</sup>) measuring at the mid-section. Per this method, field staff will attempt to have no single measurement represent no more than 5 percent of the flow, but narrow and shallow streams can make this difficult and, in many cases, not possible. Each discharge measurement will be recorded on the field sheet to document flow conditions for the water quality measurements.

If flow conditions are too low to collect a flow measurement or the channel is dry, then describe conditions on the field sheet and note if flows appear higher or lower than previous visits.

## Water Quality Sampling

- Set out sample bottles and fill out labels. Include:
  - Sample Name  
The sample name is a unique identifier used for sample tracking and data management purposes. Sample names will use the following format example if a sample was collected on April 27, 2023:  

|                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Kanim Upper:</b> | <b>Kanim_Upper042723GRAB</b> |
| <b>Kanim Lower:</b> | <b>Kanim_Lower042723GRAB</b> |
| <b>PLC Upper:</b>   | <b>PLC_Upper042723GRAB</b>   |
| <b>PLC Lower:</b>   | <b>PLC_Lower042723GRAB</b>   |
| <b>PLC Outlet:</b>  | <b>PLC_Outlet042723GRAB</b>  |
  - Date of collection (DD/MM/YY)
  - Local time of collection (24-hr format)
  - Analytes
  - Sampler initials
- Collect samples just downstream of the deployed water quality sonde and on the opposite side of the channel if possible to avoid interference between the samples and sonde.
- Directly fill each bottle taking care not to overfill or rinse out any preservatives.

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<sup>1</sup> Turnipseed, D.P., and Sauer, V.B., 2010. Discharge measurements at gaging stations: U.S. Geological Survey Techniques and Methods book 3, chap. A8, 87 p. (also available at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/tm/tm3-a8/>.)



- Securely close each bottle and place in cooler on ice for transport to the lab.

### **Wrap-up at Each Site**

- Fill out Field Sheet completely before leaving site. (Appendix A)
- Note any site anomalies and take pictures of anomalies along with pictures looking upstream, downstream, and perpendicular to flow transect.
- Proceed to next site and repeat sampling procedures.

### **Sample Transport and Custody**

Fill out Chain-of-Custody (COC) at the lab in ink and ensure all samples have been collected before leaving the site. All samples will be transported in an ice-bath in a cooler to the analytical laboratory. Samples will be hand delivered to the lab on the same day they are collected or as soon as they open on the next business day if collected after lab is closed. A COC record must accompany the samples.

If needed, get sample bottles and cooler for the next event.

### **Post Sample Wrap-up**

Upon return to Aspect shop:

- Check sonde calibration and complete sonde form.
- Scan and save all field sheets, sonde calibration sheets, COC's and photos to project folder and archive hard copies.
- Clean and maintain equipment as needed and store for next event.



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**Station:**

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| Sample Collection                     |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Personnel:                            |  | Weather:   |  |
|                                       |  | Arrival Date/ Time:  |  |
| Discharge Measurements                |  | In-Situ Measurements   |  |
| Active Flow - Y/N                     |  | Temperature (C)  |  |
| Thalweg depth (ft)                    |  | Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)  |  |
| Measured flow at time of sample (cfs) |  | pH (S.U.)  |  |
| Flow Measurement file name            |  | Turbidity (NTU)  |  |
| Water Quality Sampling                |  |  |  |
| Sample date/time                      |  | Photos of upstream, downstream, flow transect and sampling location? |  |
| Sample label                          |  |  |  |
| Samples iced in cooler?               |  |  |  |
| Notes:                                |  |  |  |

**Station:**

| Sample Collection                     |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Personnel:                            |  | Weather:   |  |
|                                       |  | Arrival Date/ Time:  |  |
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| Sample label                          |  |  |  |
| Samples iced in cooler?               |  |  |  |
| Notes:                                |  |  |  |


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| Sample Collection                     |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
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| Sample label                          |  |  |  |
| Samples iced in cooler?               |  |  |  |
| Notes:                                |  |  |  |







A photograph of a stream flowing through a concrete culvert. A measuring tape is placed vertically against the left concrete wall, showing a water level of approximately 1.5 feet. A chain-link fence is visible in the background, and a small green plant is in the foreground. The scene is outdoors with sunlight filtering through the trees.

# Appendix C Hydrologic Modeling Report





Photo source: NHC (September 2023)

# Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Hydrologic Modeling Report

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The City of Sammamish (City) has retained Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC) to develop a basin plan for the Pine Lake Creek basin, including Pine Lake. The project includes characterizing existing conditions in the basin and developing priority strategies, projects, and actions to address flooding, erosion, water quality, and ecological problems in the basin. This report documents hydrologic modeling to support analysis of existing runoff and streamflow in the basin and potential effects of future development and climate change.

## 1.1 Basin Overview

The project area is located in the center of East Lake Sammamish basin, in the vicinity of Pine Lake, draining approximately 1,200 acres into Lake Sammamish. Pine Lake is located on the west side of 228th Avenue SE, south of SE 20th Street in Sammamish, Washington. Inflow to the lake is largely through adjacent storm drain systems around the lake's perimeter. Pine Lake Creek is the only outlet from the lake, flowing north-northwest from the western end of the lake. In 1982, the Washington State Department of Game, now the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), constructed a weir on Pine Lake Creek approximately 450 feet downstream of the lake to manage seasonal lake levels (City of Sammamish, 2022). The project area consists of three main subbasins as follows:

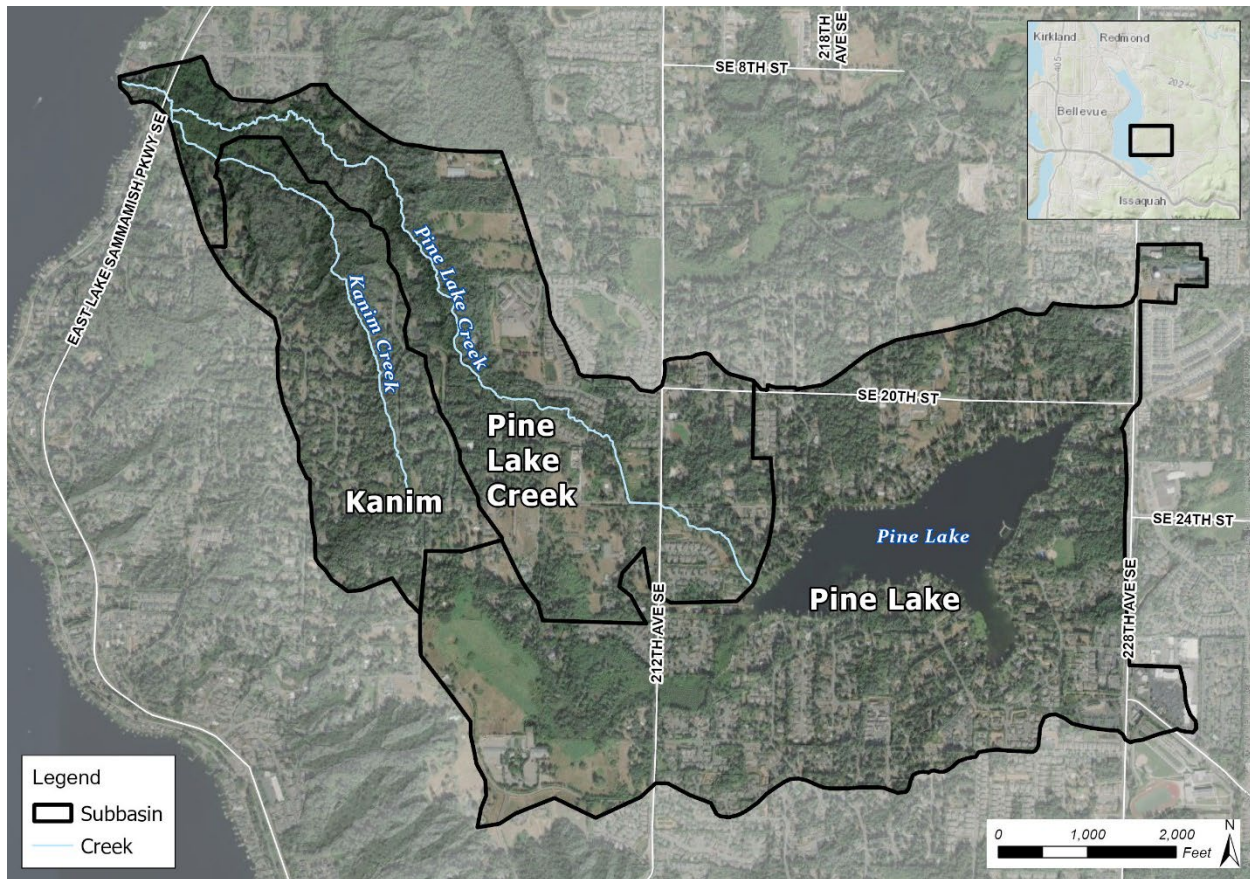
- The **Pine Lake** subbasin drains 667 acres and includes Pine Lake and adjacent areas flowing into the lake. This includes the wetland located to the southwest of the lake, which drains to Pine Lake and partly to Pine Lake Creek through a diversion.
- **Pine Lake Creek** drains 341 acres and includes Pine Lake Creek flowing from the lake for about 2.2 miles to the northwest draining into Lake Sammamish.
- **Kanim Creek** drains 185 acres and includes Kanim Creek, which originates from wetland headwaters on the plateau and flows generally northward about 1.3 miles to join Pine Lake Creek upstream of East Lake Sammamish Parkway.

Most of the watershed is located on the upland plateau, with its northwestern edge located on the steep western slope down to the shoreline of Lake Sammamish (King County, 1994). The dominant geology in the project basin is till and the primary land cover is forest. Land use is mostly residential followed by undeveloped areas in the wetland portion of the Pine Lake subbasin and downstream portions of the Kanim Creek and Pine Lake Creek subbasins.

Development (mostly residential) has increased over the past decade, especially around Pine Lake, but lower Pine Lake Creek flows through some of the largest remaining areas of contiguous forest within the city. Pine Lake Creek historically supported a substantial Kokanee run and is still considered one of four primary spawning streams by the Kokanee Work Group, despite reduced spawning populations in recent years.

Figure 1.1 shows the project area highlighting the main subbasins and creeks.





**Figure 1.1** Project area main subbasins

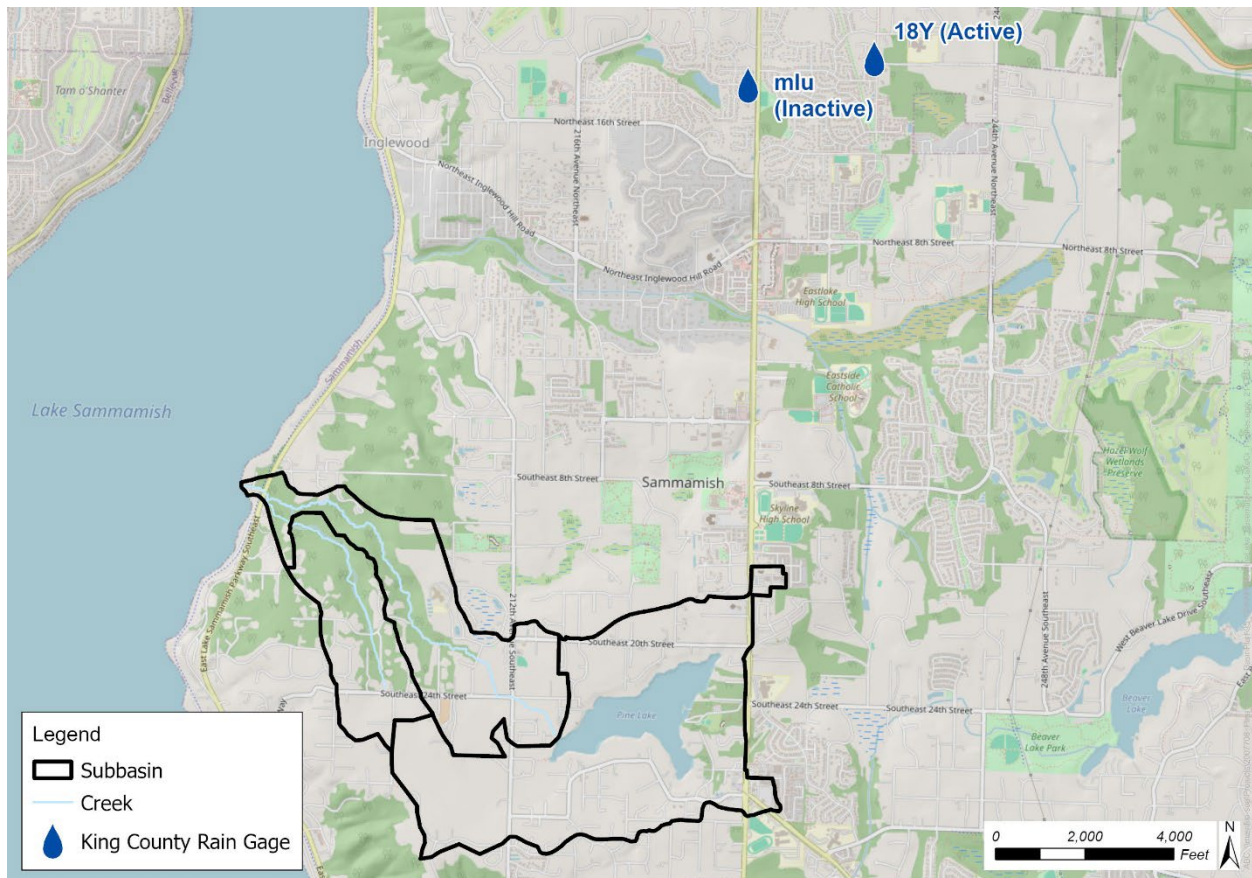
## 2 MODEL DEVELOPMENT

For this study, NHC conducted hydrologic modeling using the Hydrological Simulation Program – Fortran (HSPF) software. HSPF provides flexibility in representing surface and subsurface processes and is the standard for stormwater modeling in western Washington. The model requires input time series for precipitation and evaporation and uses distinct hydrologic response units (HRUs) to represent runoff generation from different types of land surfaces. Each HRU represents a unique combination of land cover, soil/geology type, and slope that produce different runoff responses. Runoff from each subbasin is computed by adding the response from each HRU according to their area distribution within the subbasin. The combined runoff from each subbasin is routed downstream via model elements representing natural or constructed channels or storage features. The developed model in this project simulates long-term hydrologic processes from October 1949 to March 2022.



## 2.1 Meteorological Data

Meteorological datasets were developed in previous work by NHC, primarily for King County. NHC obtained the precipitation data from 1992 to 2022 in 15-minute intervals from the Mystic Lake station<sup>1</sup> through the King County Hydrologic Information Center<sup>2</sup>, as shown in Figure 2.1. These records were extended back in time through water year 1949, based on rainfall patterns recorded at the long-term National Weather Service gage at SeaTac airport. A scaling factor of 1.167 was applied to translate the long-term data to the gage location to represent differences in annual precipitation volumes.



**Figure 2.1** Rain gages used in the model development.

Daily pan evaporation was extended through 2022 by using the daily grass evapotranspiration (ET) estimates from Washington State University AgWeatherNet<sup>3</sup> Puyallup station. Further information is documented in King County (2019) and King County (2023).

<sup>1</sup> The data is combined from two rain gages at Mystic Lake: 18Y (2000-Present) and mlu (1992-2001). These gages are located within 0.5 miles of each other.

<sup>2</sup> <https://green2.kingcounty.gov/hydrology/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://weather.wsu.edu/>



To evaluate the basin responses under future climate, NHC used alternate precipitation developed from downscaled global climate model (GCM) projections. Detailed discussion of methodology and individual gage results are available in NHC (2023).

## 2.2 Spatial Data

NHC divided the watershed's three main subbasins into 32 smaller subbasins. The subbasin delineation primarily relied on a topographic map created from King County 2016 LiDAR data (Quantum Spatial, 2017) and drainage utilities maps. In areas where uncertainties were higher, NHC verified or adjusted the boundaries through communication with the City and/or field observations. Figure 2.2 shows the delineated subbasins with the corresponding number of each subbasin, where Subbasin 5 is the most downstream subbasin, in which the mouth of Pine Lake Creek is located. It should be noted that initially, from available watercourse mapping, the confluence of Pine Lake Creek and Kanim Creek was identified at the downstream end of Subbasin 10, but LiDAR analysis following the subbasin delineation and model development showed that the actual confluence is located further downstream in Subbasin 5. The boundaries of Subbasins 5 and 10 were not further adjusted because the differences in upstream drainage areas to the confluence are small and the impact on flows would be well within model uncertainties.

NHC used a six-class land cover layer, provided by the City, to characterize land cover types. The mapping includes the following classes: bare earth/miscellaneous, impervious, grass, shrub, forest, and water. NHC used an existing land use map to define effective impervious areas (EIA) for the HRUs.

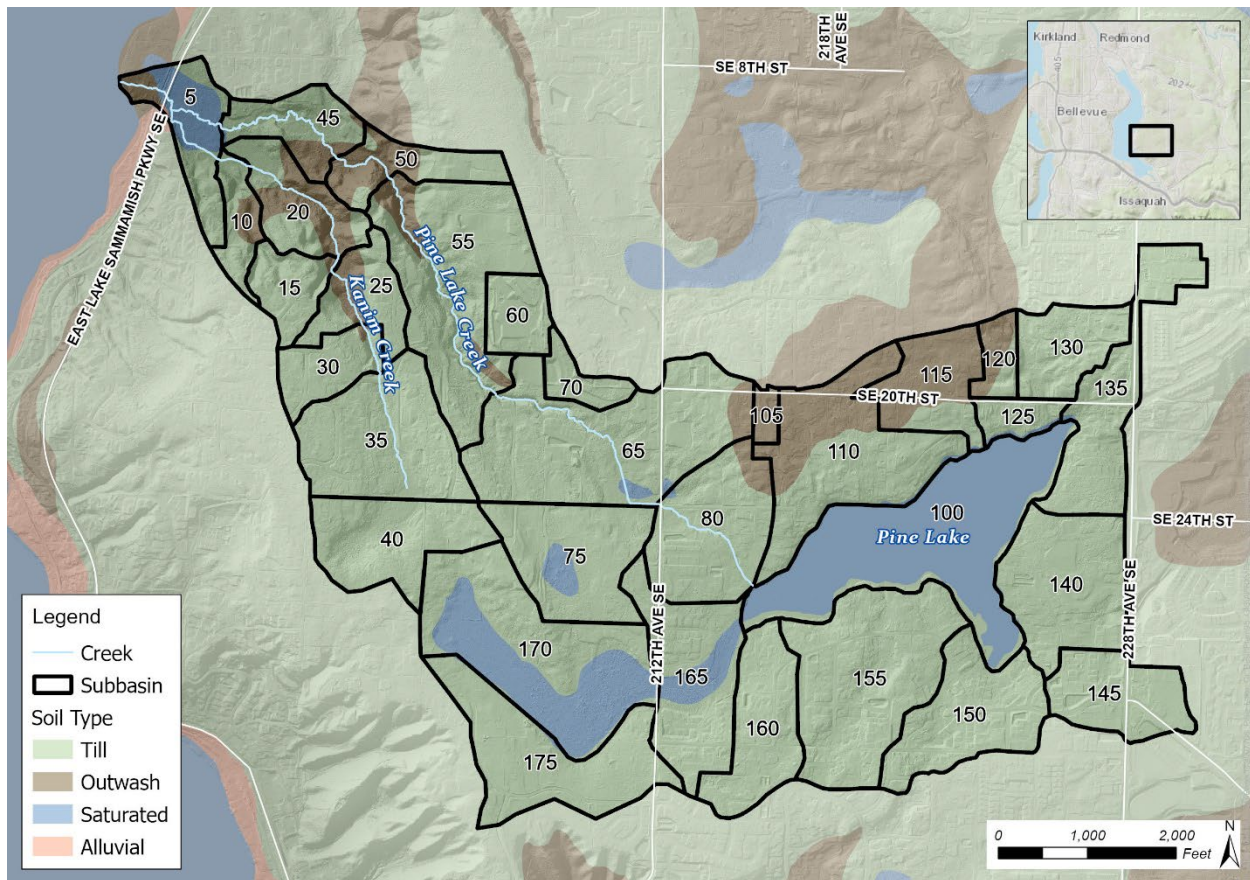
Average slopes were computed from the LiDAR based on 50-foot square grid cells. To assign slopes to HRUs, the slopes were categorized into flat (< 6 percent), medium (6 – 15 percent), and steep (> 15 percent).

NHC categorized surface geologic units<sup>4</sup> into several broad soil types that are linked to distinct runoff response characteristics: till, outwash, saturated, and alluvial, as shown in Figure 2.2. Only an insignificant portion of Subbasin 5 was classified as an alluvial type, so this was mapped to outwash to simplify the modeling process. Water bodies were assigned a saturated soil type.

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<sup>4</sup> From King County and the Washington Department of Natural Resources





**Figure 2.2 Subbasins delineation and soil types used in the HSPF model.**

## 2.3 Routing

Routing elements representing wetlands, streams, and stormwater pipes and facilities were added to the model to capture subbasin storage and flow attenuation through the drainage network. The model incorporated significant existing stormwater facilities, which were characterized in the model based on as-built drawings from the City's engineering record drawing portal<sup>5</sup>. Not every pond was added, but newer and larger facilities – expected to have more impact on in-stream flows – were incorporated, resulting in the development of facility-specific hydraulic function tables (FTABLEs) for six facilities. In some subbasins including multiple ponds, NHC aggregated the storage into a single pond.

A diversion located in Subbasin 165 diverts the majority of the upstream inflow to Pine Lake Creek. This diversion was constructed in the 1980s to reduce phosphorus loading to Pine Lake. To represent this feature in the model, NHC defined an FTABLE with two outlets, the primary flow going to Pine Lake Creek, with overflow to Pine Lake. NHC verified the diversion structure and dimensions from both as-built drawings and field visits. Subbasin 170 is modeled as a wetland, where the FTABLE is defined as a stream with a wide bottom width. The Pine Lake (Subbasin 100) FTABLE is developed in reference to the outlet weir. The volume was calculated based on stage above the outlet weir crest and assuming

<sup>5</sup> Engineering Records Vault at <https://www.sammamish.us/i-want-to/maps-gis/>



constant lake surface area, and discharge was computed using standard weir equations. Elsewhere, simplified stream or pipe system routing was applied.

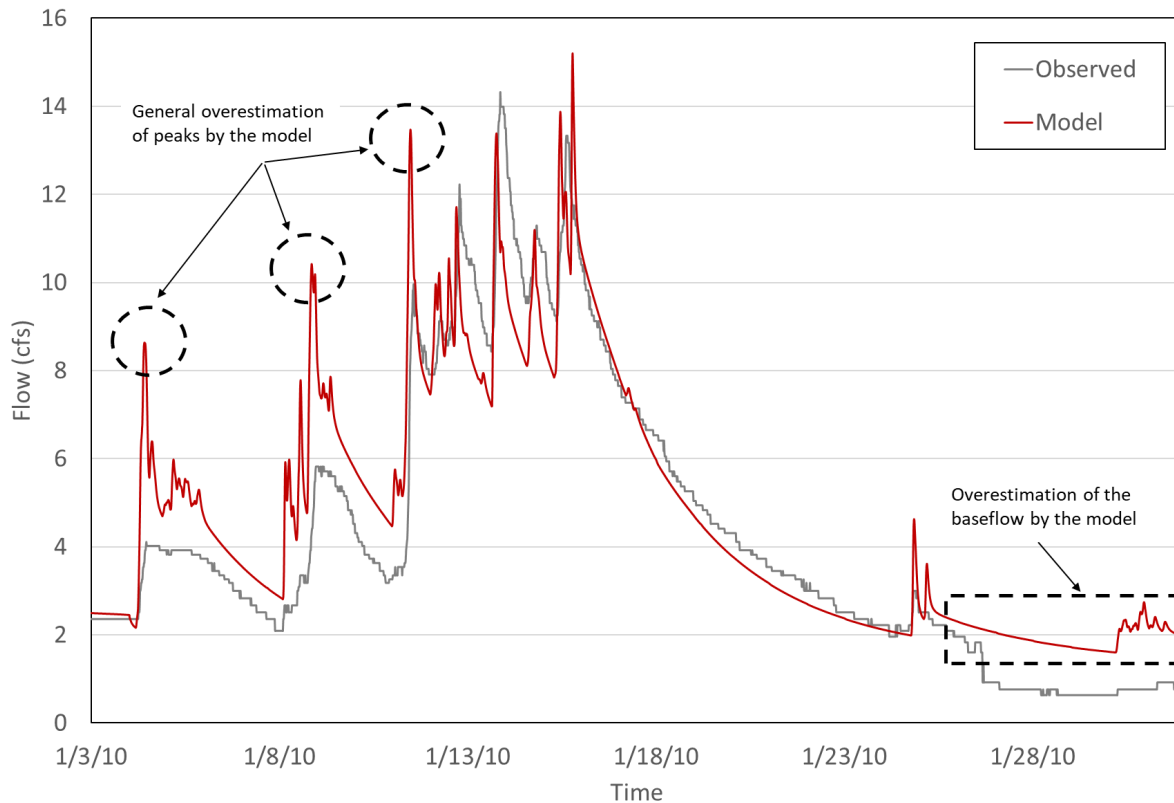
### **3 MODEL VERIFICATION**

A full model calibration was beyond the scope of the project. However, as a reality check, initial model results were compared to observed data from the discontinued King County Pine Lake Creek stream gage (15b) located at the downstream end of Pine Lake Creek at East Lake Sammamish Parkway. A period of the observed data with no major gaps extending from December 1, 2007, to October 21, 2010, was selected for model verification.

The model initially used a parameter set developed for typical conditions in the Puget Sound lowlands region (Dinicola, 1990). These regional parameters produced simulated Pine Lake Creek flows that were too high for both storm events and baseflows. NHC identified several influential parameters to mitigate this overestimation. These parameters affect the relative levels of surface runoff, interflow, and groundwater in different soil types. NHC used BASINS Technical Note 6 recommendations (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000) to determine a range of applicable values for each parameter while ensuring that selected values are physically meaningful and internally consistent.

Figure 3.1 compares the modeled and observed (King County gage) flows for a specific event during the calibration period in January 2010. In general, the model tracks the observed flow patterns closely, resulting in event response times and shapes similar to the observed data. However, the model's estimated peaks and baseflows are still generally higher than observed, as highlighted in the figure.





**Figure 3.1 Comparison of the calibrated model and the observed flows for a specific event.**

Further refinement was beyond the project scope. Since the model will primarily be used to compare different scenarios rather than providing absolute values, a partial calibration was judged to be sufficient, as the model aligns well with the flow response patterns seen in the observed data.

## 4 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO

To understand the effects of future development on the basin, NHC developed a future development (build-out) scenario, which involved defining areas within each model subbasin with projected development or redevelopment. Buildable area assumptions were based on the 2019 King County Urban Growth Capacity Study and provided as a parcel-scale analysis by the City (Sammamish, 2022). The analysis considered parcel zoning, current land use, development regulations, critical areas, and other factors to determine the allowable development area on each parcel, with percent impervious based on zoning.

For modeling purposes, developable portions of the parcels within each subbasin were consolidated into a single redevelopment subarea, with the remaining subbasin area maintained at the existing land cover. Generally, two types of developments exist in each developable portion: impervious and landscape. The impervious developable land was assigned to the impervious land cover type, and the landscape developable land was assigned to a compost-amended land cover type unique to the future development scenario. Compost-amended landscape areas were assigned runoff parameters



representative of a pasture land cover type. Figure 4.1 shows the buildable areas and new land cover assignments for the future development scenario. A hypothetical flow control facility for the developing portion of each subbasin was sized to meet existing flow control standards using methods of the Western Washington Hydrology Model (WWHM), including infiltration for areas with outwash soils.

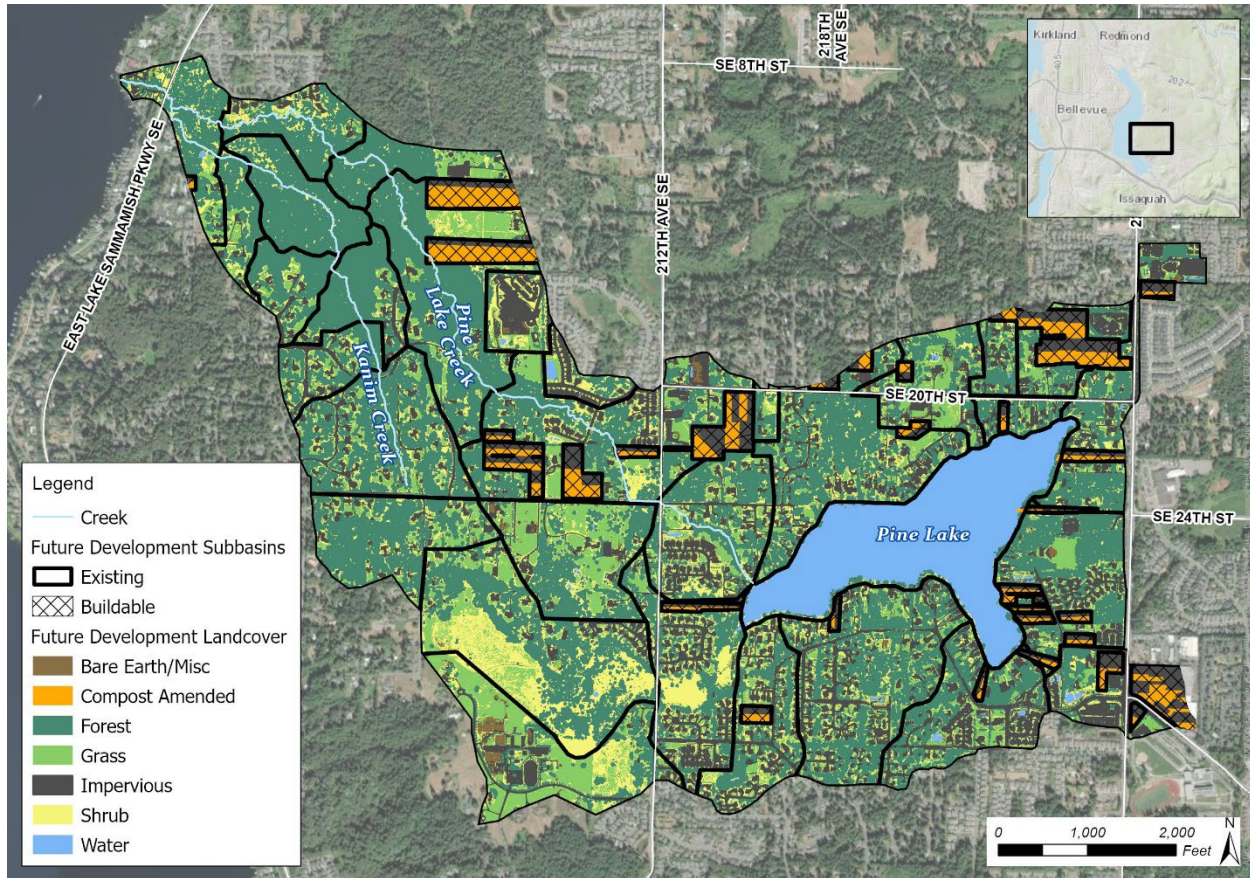


Figure 4.1 Future development scenario subbasins and land cover

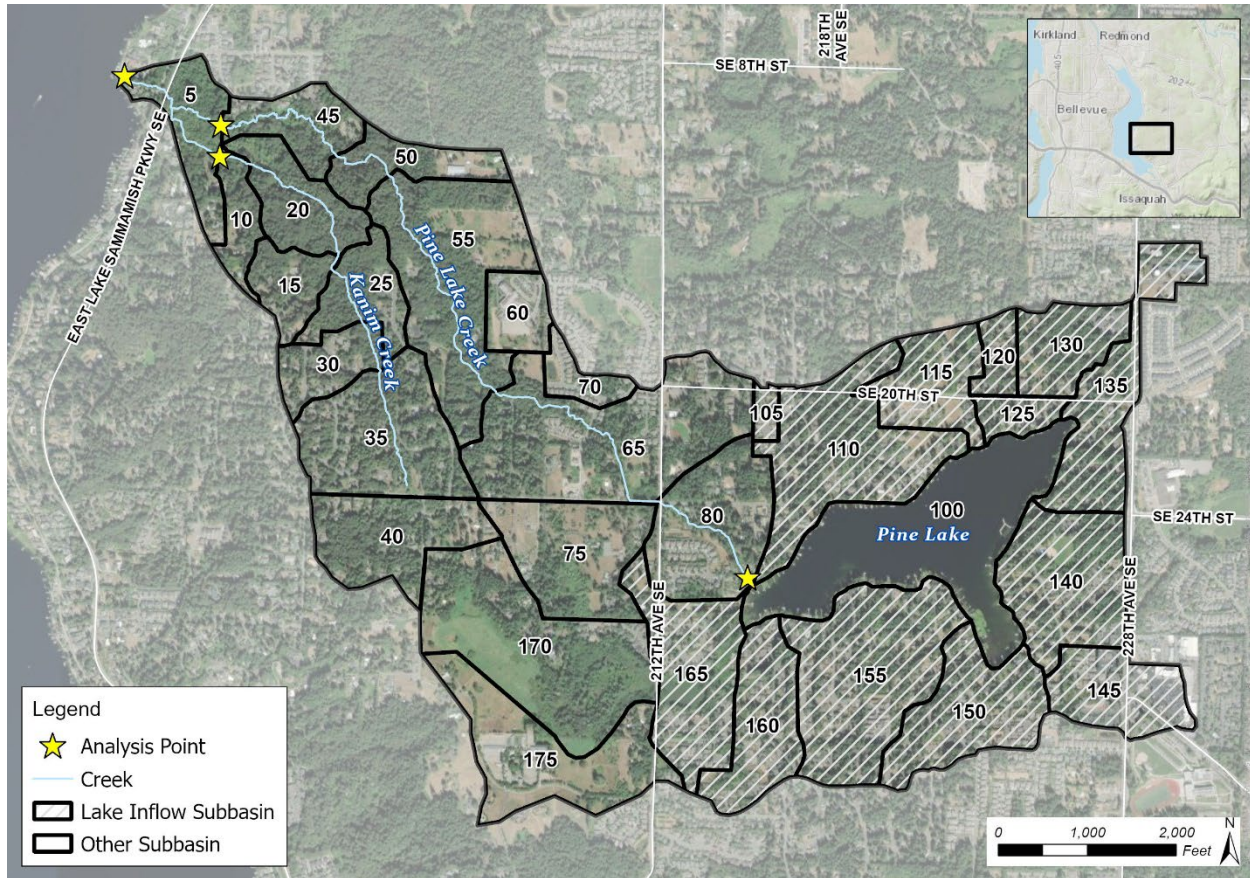
## 5 MODEL RESULTS

NHC evaluated a total of four scenarios as listed below.

- Existing Development – Existing Climate: models existing land use with historic precipitation inputs.
- Future Development – Existing Climate: models future land use (build-out condition) with historic precipitation inputs.
- Existing Condition – Future Climate: models existing land use with projected future precipitation inputs.
- Future Development – Future Climate: models future land use (build-out condition) with projected future precipitation inputs.



Five key locations (shown in Figure 5.1) were selected to output flow: Pine Lake Creek mouth, Pine Lake Creek at confluence with Kanim Creek, Kanim Creek mouth, Pine Lake outflow, and total inflow to Pine Lake, which is the summation of flows from subbasins adjacent to the lake (hatched subbasins in the figure).



**Figure 5.1 Analysis points and areas in the project subbasins**

NHC computed flood frequency and flow duration curves to assess the basin's response to each scenario. Table 5.1 summarizes the results of the flood frequency analysis and Table 5.2 shows the difference in flood magnitudes relative to the existing development-existing climate scenario. At Kanim Creek mouth, there is no difference between the existing and future development scenarios because no future development is expected in the Kanim Creek subbasins. At the other locations, for any given climate, future development scenarios resulted in slightly smaller (1 to 6%) flood magnitudes, with the highest average reductions occurring for Pine Lake inflows and Pine Lake Creek flows at the Kanim Creek confluence. This suggests that the modeled flow controls associated with future development are effectively mitigating runoff increases due to land use changes.

The flood magnitudes in future climate scenarios are generally larger and notably higher at higher return intervals. The largest increases occur on Kanim Creek, where the majority till land surface generates substantial surface runoff and the steep basin provides minimal runoff storage. The smallest increases are associated with the lake outflow. The lake storage and fixed weir attenuate the increased runoff volumes and limit the increase in flood magnitudes to a maximum of about 15%.



**Table 5.1 Flood frequency analysis**

| Location                            | Return period (year) <sup>1</sup>       | 1.01       | 2    | 5    | 10   | 25    | 50    | 100   |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                     | Scenario                                | Flow (cfs) |      |      |      |       |       |       |
| Pine Lake<br>Creek Mouth            | Existing Development – Existing Climate | 15.1       | 34.1 | 51.6 | 65.8 | 87.2  | 106.0 | 127.3 |
|                                     | Future Development – Existing Climate   | 15.1       | 33.2 | 49.8 | 63.4 | 83.7  | 101.5 | 121.7 |
|                                     | Existing Development – Future Climate   | 18.1       | 36.2 | 61.5 | 87.2 | 134.3 | 183.5 | 248.6 |
|                                     | Future Development – Future Climate     | 17.8       | 35.3 | 59.4 | 83.8 | 128.1 | 174.0 | 234.6 |
| Pine Lake<br>Creek at<br>Confluence | Existing Development – Existing Climate | 11.5       | 26.1 | 39.0 | 49.4 | 64.7  | 77.9  | 92.8  |
|                                     | Future Development – Existing Climate   | 11.5       | 25.1 | 37.2 | 46.8 | 61.0  | 73.2  | 86.8  |
|                                     | Existing Development – Future Climate   | 13.3       | 28.1 | 46.7 | 64.6 | 96.0  | 127.4 | 167.5 |
|                                     | Future Development – Future Climate     | 13.0       | 27.1 | 44.5 | 61.1 | 89.6  | 117.9 | 153.6 |
| Kanim Creek<br>Mouth                | Existing Development – Existing Climate | 4.1        | 8.0  | 12.6 | 16.8 | 23.9  | 30.7  | 39.1  |
|                                     | Future Development – Existing Climate   | 4.1        | 8.0  | 12.6 | 16.8 | 23.9  | 30.7  | 39.1  |
|                                     | Existing Development – Future Climate   | 5.1        | 8.4  | 15.1 | 23.1 | 40.4  | 61.4  | 93.2  |
|                                     | Future Development – Future Climate     | 5.1        | 8.4  | 15.1 | 23.1 | 40.4  | 61.4  | 93.2  |
| Pine Lake<br>Outflow                | Existing Development – Existing Climate | 3.4        | 10.2 | 15.0 | 18.2 | 22.3  | 25.4  | 28.5  |
|                                     | Future Development – Existing Climate   | 3.5        | 10.1 | 14.7 | 17.8 | 21.9  | 24.9  | 28.1  |
|                                     | Existing Development – Future Climate   | 3.8        | 11.4 | 16.7 | 20.4 | 25.3  | 29.0  | 32.8  |
|                                     | Future Development – Future Climate     | 3.3        | 11.3 | 16.6 | 20.2 | 24.6  | 27.9  | 31.1  |
| Pine Lake Inflow                    | Existing Development – Existing Climate | 17.8       | 32.8 | 47.3 | 59.4 | 77.9  | 94.4  | 113.3 |
|                                     | Future Development – Existing Climate   | 17.5       | 31.6 | 45.3 | 56.6 | 73.8  | 88.9  | 106.4 |
|                                     | Existing Development – Future Climate   | 20.5       | 33.5 | 53.7 | 74.7 | 113.8 | 155.3 | 210.9 |
|                                     | Future Development – Future Climate     | 20.0       | 32.3 | 51.2 | 70.7 | 106.6 | 144.5 | 194.9 |

1. Log-Pearson III using the Bulletin 17B method is used to compute flood magnitudes.



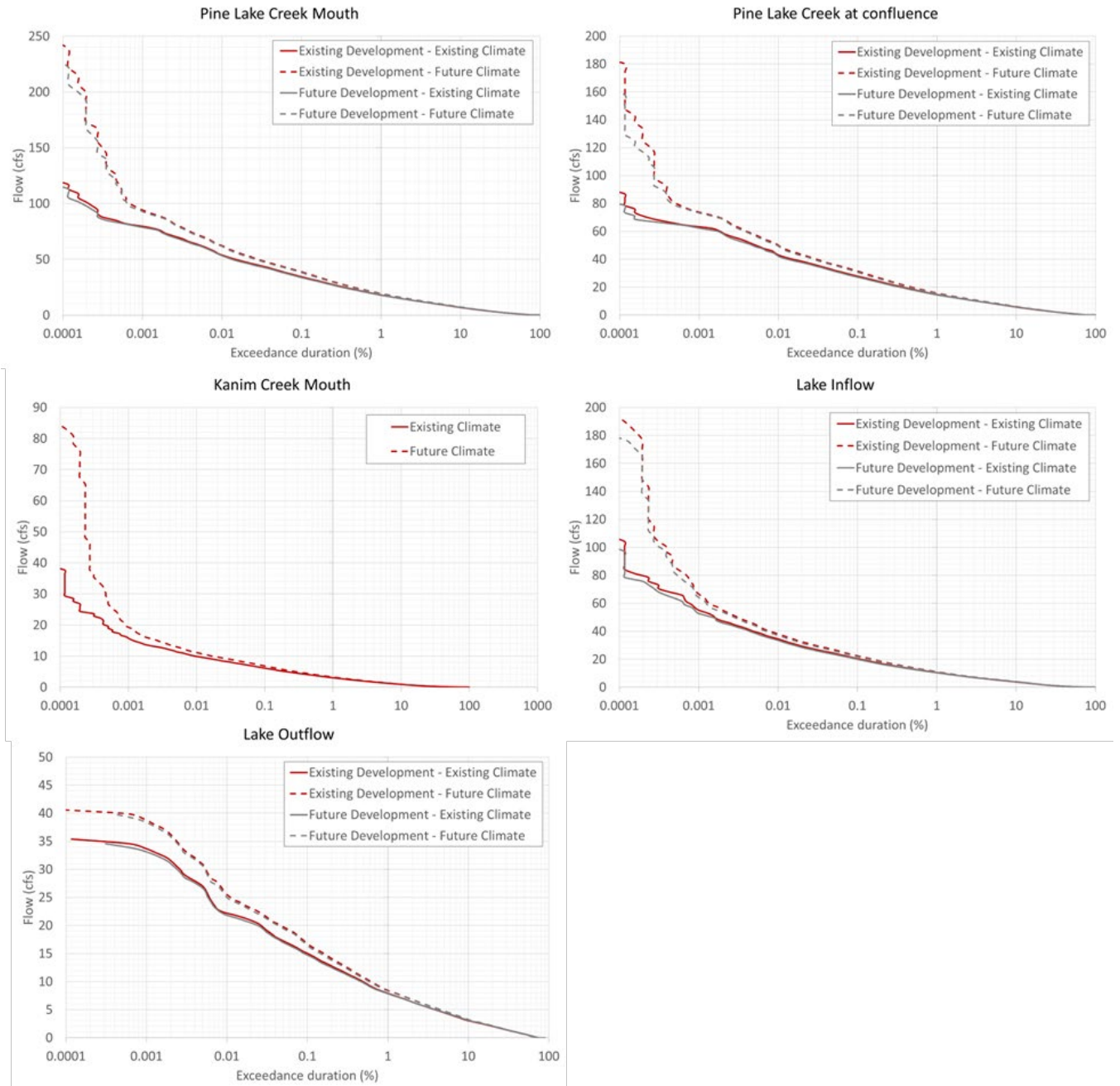
**Table 5.2 Changes in flood magnitudes from existing development-existing climate scenario**

| Location                      | Return period (year) <sup>1</sup>     | 1.01  | 2   | 5   | 10  | 25  | 50   | 100  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
|                               | Scenario                              | Difference from Existing Development – Existing Climate (%) |     |     |     |     |      |      |
| Pine Lake Creek Mouth         | Future Development – Existing Climate | 0   | -3  | -3  | -4  | -4  | -4   | -4   |
|                               | Existing Development – Future Climate | +20   | +6  | +19 | +33 | +54 | +73  | +95  |
|                               | Future Development – Future Climate   | +18   | +4  | +15 | +27 | +47 | +64  | +84  |
| Pine Lake Creek at Confluence | Future Development – Existing Climate | 0   | -4  | -5  | -5  | -6  | -6   | -6   |
|                               | Existing Development – Future Climate | +16   | +8  | +20 | +31 | +48 | +64  | +80  |
|                               | Future Development – Future Climate   | +13   | +4  | +14 | +24 | +38 | +51  | +66  |
| Kanim Creek Mouth             | Future Development – Existing Climate | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
|                               | Existing Development – Future Climate | +24   | +5  | +20 | +38 | +69 | +100 | +138 |
|                               | Future Development – Future Climate   | +24   | +5  | +20 | +38 | +69 | +100 | +138 |
| Pine Lake Outflow             | Future Development – Existing Climate | +3  | -1  | -2  | -2  | -2  | -2   | -1   |
|                               | Existing Development – Future Climate | +12   | +12 | +11 | +12 | +13 | +14  | +15  |
|                               | Future Development – Future Climate   | -3  | +11 | +11 | +11 | +10 | +10  | +9   |
| Pine Lake Inflow              | Future Development – Existing Climate | -2  | -4  | -4  | -5  | -5  | -6   | -6   |
|                               | Existing Development – Future Climate | +15   | +2  | +14 | +26 | +46 | +65  | +86  |
|                               | Future Development – Future Climate   | +12   | -2  | +8  | +19 | +37 | +53  | +72  |

The flow duration analysis shown in Figure 5.2 shows that future development scenario curves track very closely with existing conditions. The existing condition curve starts to deviate from the future development scenario generally at exceedance durations less than 0.001%, i.e., very high flows. However, these deviations are still relatively small. As discussed earlier, for Kanim Creek there is no difference between the existing and future development scenarios. The plots show duration curves for future climate scenarios diverging from the existing climate curves only at flows occurring less than 1% of the time, suggesting that high flows will be more significantly affected by projected precipitation changes<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> The future climate scenario accounts only for projected precipitation changes. Increases in temperature, not accounted for in the modeling, may affect evaporation and transpiration rates related to summer baseflows.

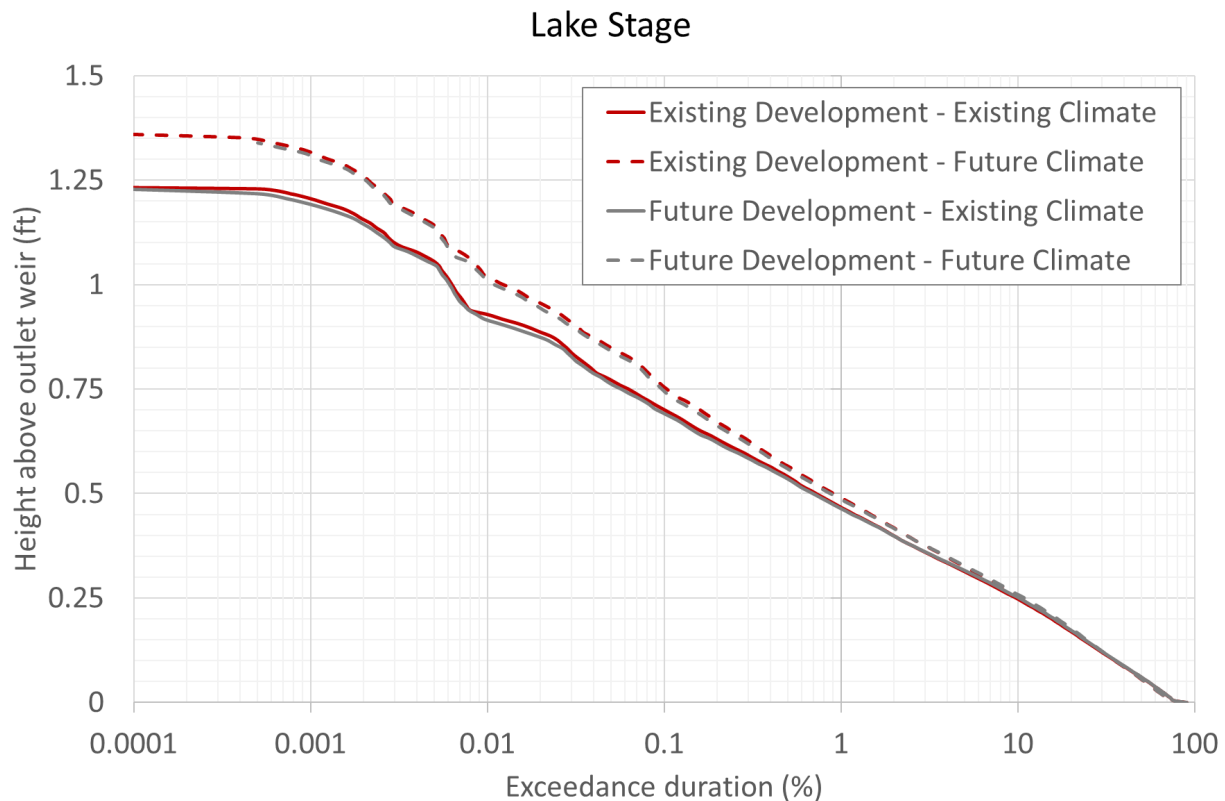




**Figure 5.2 Flow duration curves. Note that no future development is expected in Kanim Creek so only existing development curves are shown.**

Figure 5.3 shows the stage duration curves for lake levels for different scenarios. It should be noted that the lake levels are not tied to a regional datum, so the figure compares depth above the lake weir crest. The existing and future development scenarios are very similar, with existing levels slightly above the future development conditions. Similarly, the model indicates that lake levels under projected future climate would increase by about one tenth of a foot at most.





**Figure 5.3 Pine Lake stage durations for different scenarios**

## 6 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

NHC developed an HSPF model to compare how the Pine Lake Creek basin would respond to existing and future development, considering both current and future climate scenarios. The model shows that future development, under current stormwater standards, does not increase peak flow magnitudes or durations. The flow at the confluence of Pine Lake Creek with Kanim Creek and the inflow to the lake are anticipated to experience relatively higher changes as the associated areas are subject to more significant future development. In general, the impact due to future development is considered limited.

Projected future climate noticeably increases the duration of high flows and the flood magnitudes, especially at higher return intervals. The mouth of Kanim Creek and lake outlet are expected to be the most and least impacted areas due to future climate, respectively. The lake levels are not expected to fluctuate noticeably due to future development; however, future increases in storm precipitation may cause a limited increase of lake levels.

The HSPF model developed in this project adequately represents hydrologic processes in the basin and is expected to perform well for comparison purposes. Full calibration was beyond the scope of this study, however, and additional refinement is needed if consistently accurate flow values are important.



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The background of the slide is a photograph of a community outreach event. In the foreground, a long white table is set up with chairs, a clear acrylic box containing colorful sticky notes, and some brochures. In the background, several informational displays on easels are visible, along with a large window and a wooden slatted ceiling with pendant lights.

# **Appendix D Stakeholder Involvement and Community Outreach Summaries**



A photograph of a concrete culvert opening in a wooded area. The scene is filled with trees and foliage in autumn colors, including yellows, oranges, and greens. The culvert is a dark, rectangular opening in a concrete wall. The text "Stakeholder Involvement Summaries" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font. The image is framed by a dark blue border with wavy, organic shapes at the top and bottom.

# **Stakeholder Involvement Summaries**





## Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Stakeholder Discussions #1 Summary



August 2, 2023



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## INTRODUCTION

The City of Sammamish is developing a basin plan for the Pine Lake Creek watershed, including Pine Lake. The Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan (Basin Plan) will characterize flooding, erosion, water quality, and ecological problems in the basin. Both future development and climate resiliency will be considered in prioritizing and designing projects and solutions.

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The city is conducting a public involvement process to inform and engage the community in the development of the Basin Plan. As a part of that process, the city held discussions with stakeholders to better understand their priorities, and to help the city identify both issues and problems as well as potential solutions for the long-term health of the basin.

## PURPOSE

On July 10, 2023, the city held two stakeholder discussions from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with two different topic groups.

**Basin/stream group:** focus on broader basin/stream (including Kanim and Pine Lake Creeks) issues and problems and help identify potential solutions/projects to address issues and problems.

**Lake Group:** Focus on lake-related issues and problems and help identify potential solutions/projects to address issues and problems.

The purpose of the stakeholder discussions was to:

- Promote deeper understanding and importance of the Basin Plan.
- Provide stakeholders an opportunity to learn about the Basin Plan and to provide input.
- Maintain ongoing communications and transparency with interested stakeholders.

This summary describes the nature of the two stakeholder discussions, how they were held, and the feedback received from the stakeholders. The primary purpose of these discussions was to engage stakeholders in the identification of issues or challenges within the basin. A future round of discussions will focus on identifying solutions to the identified issues and challenges.



## STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

The city and the consultant team identified potential stakeholders by brainstorming specific interests or points of view that may be interested in the plan. This resulted in a list that includes homeowners, property owners, environmental interests, non-profits, and groups working on similar issues in the area. Once this list was developed, names of individuals who fit into these categories were identified and invited to join one or both of the discussions.

## DISCUSSION OVERVIEW & FORMAT

Eighteen people attended the Basin/stream group discussion and 17 people attended the Lake group discussion. A list of participants is provided in Appendix A of this summary. Participants were welcomed at the beginning of each discussion and asked to introduce themselves. Project staff presented a review of the Basin Plan, led a discussion based on a series of questions regarding the experiences, issues, and priorities related to Pien Lake Basin/Stream and Pine Lake, and wrapped up with next steps (See Appendix B for the meeting agenda and Appendix C for the presentation). The stakeholder discussion consisted of the following elements:

- Meeting and Basin Plan/Lake Plan Overview
- Discussion/Questions
- Next Steps

The meetings were held in a hybrid format, virtually via Zoom and in-person at the Sammamish City Hall.

## PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

During the discussion portion of the agenda, participants provided their responses to the discussion guide questions and offered additional feedback on a number of topics.

Below is a summary of what we heard from the two groups.

### Basin/Stream group

Participants shared that they connected with the Pine Lake and Kanim Creeks by:

- Walking along the creeks to monitor the number of fish; they've been seeing fewer fish the past few years
- Tracking water quality and access issues

Participants value that the basin/stream corridor is a primary kokanee spawning stream

Participants shared some issues/problems with the stream/basin:

- Changing water flow rates, levels, and temperature
- Less biodiversity (i.e., abundance and type of insects)
- Fewer salmon fry
- Need for good sediment storage and sorting for kokanee habitat



- Chemical runoff into the watershed
- Impervious surfaces management – is there a need to focus on retrofitting older development since newer development should have less of an impact on storm water/runoff water?
- Need to consider all types of development in the basin and its impacts on water health
- Need for a natural hydrograph to support the natural habitats and incubation period of kokanee
- Maintaining access to streams and creeks to monitor and gather data

If they could fix one thing, participants shared they would:

- Have a thoughtful regional detention plan (and centralized ponds) versus lot-by-lot detention and management
- Ensure access to all parts of the stream, especially parts people have not been able to access or see well in the past

Key themes/takeaways:

- Healthy environment for kokanee
  - Water flow, levels, temperature, and physical structures for kokanee spawning
- Development in the basin
  - Management of impervious surfaces
  - Consider all types of development and their impacts in the area
  - Comprehensive plan to consider the larger picture of the basin versus individual, more localized plans
- Monitoring and access
  - Access to the stream to gather data
  - Access to data that can give a more detailed understanding of basin environment. For example, daily rain fall can show landslide risk versus just looking at the aggregate.

### Lake group

Participants shared that they use and/or value the lake for:

- Recreation, including swimming
- Flood control
- Environmental benefits
- Cleanliness and water quality of the lake
- Wildlife around the lake

Issues and problems with the lake or surrounding areas include:

- Occasional poor water quality
- Invasive species (both plants and animals)
- Temperature of the water (too high)
- Variable water levels
- Impacts on the shoreline are highly variable, and thus need better lake-wide restoration and management coordination
- Septic systems around the lake
  - Smell



- Excessive grass and plant growth around septic systems
  - Expense can be prohibitive to switch to city sewage treatment from septic tanks
- Balancing tree cover around the lake and enforcing regulations regarding trees
  - Loss of large woody habitat around the lake because of removal of large trees on the shoreline
- Fewer fish for fishing
- Concern around removing aquatic vegetation at shoreline which leads to fish habitat loss
  - Not meeting hydraulic project requirements
- Stormwater systems
  - Development of multi-family complexes will require greater stormwater management
  - Upstream stormwater systems may contribute to lowering water quality
  - Maintenance of stormwater ponds
- The weir mostly functions, but needs some repairs due to leaks
  - One participant commented that lake water levels have not fluctuated too much over the past 30 years

Participants shared they felt the top issues and problems were:

- Untreated city stormwater flows into the lake
- Septic systems around the lake
- Invasive species (iris, Nymphaea, and crayfish)
- Sediment/muck
- Algal blooms

Participants would like to improve:

- Education: on how to be a responsible lakefront property owner, covering topics such as how to effectively remove invasive species and how to maintain/improve water quality; what are the activities that decrease water quality (for example, dumping hot tub water, fertilizer use, etc.)
- Need accountability of people who live by the lake
- Enforcement of homeowners who do not follow codes and policies
- Integrative invasive species management now before it becomes a bigger problem

Participants would like to fix:

- Use and management of large water floaties on the lake
- Sediment and muck, particularly at the southern end of the lake
- More multifaceted education, particularly for newer people in the area, on healthy living at the lake

Key themes/takeaways:

- Improving and maintaining health lake conditions for all users and species that live there
  - Invasive species
  - Sediment and muck
  - Responsible living on the lake
  - Balancing urbanization and lake health



## Appendix A: Attendees

### Basin-Creek Group:

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Organization</b>                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mary Wictor       | Active in Sammamish                 |
| Ilyas Mohammed    | Resident                            |
| Veronica Mohammed | Resident                            |
| Julian Olden      | University of Washington, Fisheries |
| Alison Agness     | King County, Kokanee Work Group     |
| Jim Bower         | King County, Kokanee Work Group     |
| Gregg Johnson     | Lake Resident                       |
| Paul Stickney     | Active in Sammamish                 |
| Bill Way          | Active in Sammamish                 |
| Sid Gupta         | Friends of Lake Sammamish           |
| Mary Cline        | Resident/Blueberry Farm             |
| Morishimo         | Resident                            |
| Gene Beall        | Resident                            |
| Peter Breining    | resident                            |
| Doug Henderson    | Resident                            |
| Becca Roberts     | NHC engineer                        |
| Susan Robinson    | Resident                            |
| DM                | Resident                            |



### Lake Group:

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Organization</b>   |
|-------------------|---|
| Ilyas Mohammed    | Resident  |
| Veronica Mohammed | Resident  |
| Julian Olden      | UW, Fisheries   |
| Alison Agness     | King County, Kokanee Work Group                             |
| Jim Bower         | King County, Kokanee Work Group                             |
| Gregg Johnson     | Lake Resident   |
| Sid Gupta         | Friends of Lake Sammamish                                   |
| Morishimo         | Resident  |
| Jason Tamulonis   | Resident  |
| Dwayne Lamb       | Resident  |
| Peter Breining    | resident  |
| Doug Henderson    | Resident  |
| Gene Beall        | Resident  |
| Susan Robinson    | Resident  |
| Lloyd Warren      | Resident, President of the board of Sammamish Plateau Water |
| DM                | Resident  |



## Appendix B: Stakeholder Discussion Agenda

### **Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Lake Stakeholder Group Discussion Monday, July 10 - 7 to 8:30 p.m. Agenda**

|                     |   |                  |
|---------------------|---|------------------|
| <b>PRESENTERS:</b>  | Toby Coenen, Patty Dillon   |                  |
| <b>FACILITATOR:</b> | Chris Hoffman   |                  |
| <b>TIME</b>         | <b>TOPIC</b>  | <b>PRESENTER</b> |
| 7:00 – 7:15 p.m.    | <b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>   | Toby/Chris       |
|                     | 1.1. Welcome from the City<br>1.2. Team and participant introductions             |                  |
| 7:15 – 7:30 p.m.    | <b>2. Meeting and Basin Plan Overview</b>   | Chris/Patty      |
|                     | 2.1. Topic guide review<br>2.2. Ground rules<br>2.3. Basin Plan<br>2.4. Questions |                  |
| 7:30 – 8:25 p.m.    | <b>3. Discussion/Questions</b>  | Chris            |
|                     | 3.1. Topic Guide  |                  |
| 7:25 – 8:30 p.m.    | <b>4. Wrap-up &amp; Next Steps</b>  | Toby/Chris       |




### **Topic Guide**

1. How do you/your group (organization, club, etc.) currently use/experience Pine Lake?
2. What do you value about the lake?
3. What is your perception of the health of the lake?
4. What is your perception of if and how the lake is managed?
5. What do you see as the city's role in managing the lake?
6. What issues/problems do you see with the lake or surrounding areas?
7. What are the top issues/problems?
8. What would you like to see improved?
9. Are there opportunities for collaboration to address issues/problems?
10. If you could fix one thing, what would it be and how would you fix it?
11. Is there anything else you'd like to share?




## Appendix C: Presentation



### Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan


Monday, July 10  
2023

Basin/Stream  
Stakeholder  
Discussion  
and  
Lake Stakeholder  
Discussion




## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – 15 minutes
- Meeting and Basin Plan Overview – 15 minutes
- Discussion/Questions – 55 minutes
- Wrap-up and Next Steps – 5 minutes



## Ground rules

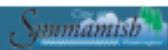
1. I will do my best to keep an open mind
2. I will listen to what others have to say and do my best to understand
3. I will focus on the group discussion and avoid side conversations
4. I will let others participate
5. I will treat others with respect
6. I will think before speaking
7. It's ok to disagree, but I will do my best to find common ground
8. I will stay on topic
9. I will explore interests, not positions
10. I will tackle the topic, not the person





## Background

- Pine Lake Creek drains approximately 1,200 acres near the south end of the Sammamish Plateau.
- The Pine Lake Creek Basin has some of the highest resource value in the City of Sammamish. The basin includes Pine Lake, Kanim and Pine Lake creeks, and a sphagnum bog complex and several smaller wetlands.
- The basin contains some of the largest remaining areas of contiguous forest within the city and Pine Lake Creek historically supported a substantial kokanee run and is still considered one of four primary spawning streams within the city.



## Why is the city developing a plan?

- Pursue resource protection to ensure long-term health of the lake and basin consistent with the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan.
- Ongoing development within the basin has affected historical kokanee runs, and the basin has experienced reduced water quality, flooding, and erosion.
- Despite this, Pine Lake Creek, is one of the area's four primary kokanee spawning streams and contains some of the largest remaining areas of contiguous forests within Sammamish.



## What's included in the plan?

- The City of Sammamish is developing a basin plan for the Pine Lake Creek watershed, including Pine Lake, Kanim Creek, and Pine Lake Creek.
- The Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan (Basin Plan) will characterize existing conditions in the basin and develop priority strategies, projects, and actions to address flooding, erosion, water quality, and ecological problems in the basin and that reflect the community's priorities.
- Both future development and climate resiliency will be considered in prioritizing and designing projects and solutions.





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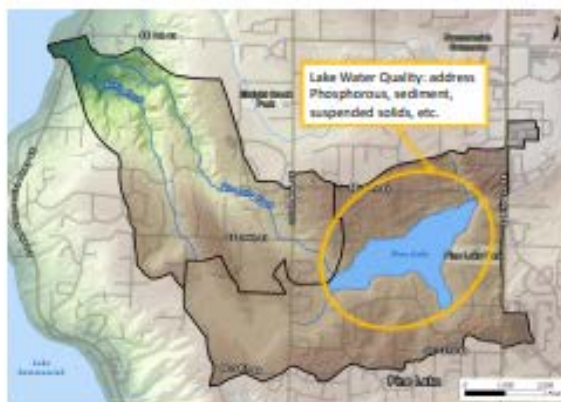
- Very limited basin-specific management framework in place to guide development or other activities within the Pine Lake Creek basin.
- City-wide management framework through NPDES permit and King County Surface Water Design Manual and City amendments and codes.
  - Phosphorous Removal Standard
- Lake level
  - Weir built 1982
  - Owned by WDFW
- Lake Association



## Basin Contributing Area



## Lake Problem Areas



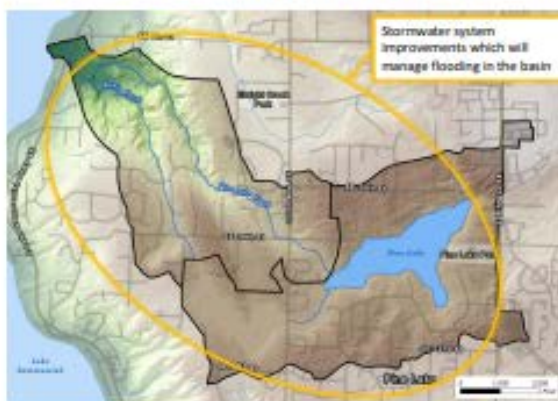


## Lake Problem Areas



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## Lake & Stream Problem Areas



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## Stream Problem Areas



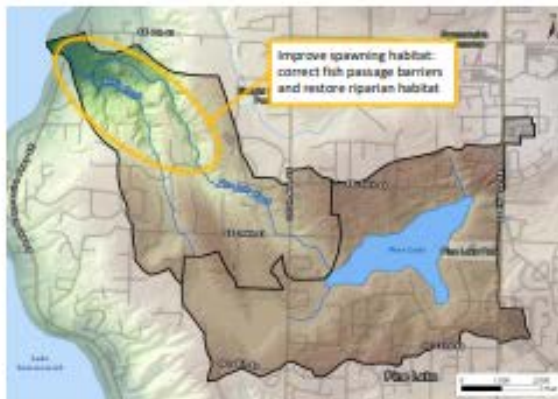
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## Stream Problem Areas



## Stream Problem Areas



## Schedule

### March - December 2023

Basin Assessment & Data Collection

### April - July 2023

Hydrologic Modeling

### July 2023

Lake and Basin/Stream Stakeholder Group Session #1

### September 2023

Open House #1

### September 2023 - February 2024

Identify Projects & Strategies

### November 2023

Lake and Basin/Stream Stakeholder Group Session #2

### January 2024

Open House #2

### March - July 2024

Prepare Basin Report





## Staying Involved

- Website:  
<https://www.sammamish.us/government/public-works/stormwater/storm-and-surface-water-projects/>  
(placeholder)
- StoryMap: [Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan](#) (arcgis.com) →
- Postcards
- Public Meetings
  - September 2023
  - January 2024
- Social media



## Next Steps

- Summer 2023: Compile and prioritize problem areas
- September 2023: Hold first public meeting
- Fall 2023 – Early 2024: Identify projects and strategies to address problems
- Spring – Fall 2024: Develop outlines and concepts for priority projects
- Fall 2024: Draft Basin Plan
- Final adoption by end of 2024







## Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Stakeholder Discussions #2 Summary



December 15, 2023



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## Purpose

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## Discussion Overview & Format

Eight people attended the Basin/stream group discussion and eight people attended the Lake group discussion. A list of participants is provided in Appendix A of this summary. Participants were welcomed at the beginning of each discussion and asked to introduce themselves. Project staff presented an overview of the Basin Plan, a review of potential solutions, led a discussion to get input from participants on the proposed solutions related to Pine Lake Basin/Stream and Pine Lake, and wrapped up with next steps (See Appendix B for the meeting agenda and Appendix C for the presentation). The stakeholder discussions consisted of the following elements:

- Meeting and Basin Plan/Lake Plan Overview
- Sharing sources of data gathering and information and what the project team has learned through their research and field observations
- Potential solutions
- Discussion/Questions
- Next Steps

The meetings were held in a hybrid format, virtually via Zoom and in-person at the Sammamish City Hall.

## Participant Feedback

During the discussion portion of the agenda, participants provided their responses to the discussion guide questions and offered additional feedback on a number of topics.

Below is a summary of what we heard from the two groups.

### Basin/Stream group

Participants shared several thoughts and questions related to the basin and potential solutions the project team are considering.

- Consider Native Growth Protection Areas (NGPA) easements to preserve improvements, especially for restoration or outfall projects.
- Pine Lake Creek is home to multiple species: Kokanee (which are not present during the summer), Coho, juvenile Chinook (resting habitat). Managing high flow events is important as slow flowing water is good for fish and we want to consider ways to retain more water for fish.
  - The project team's modeling effort will look at future precipitation levels and that will help provide insights on flow rates and timing throughout the year during different seasons.



- There are existing groundwater connections in the lower stream reaches – cold spring fed pools provide refuge even when streams dry up during the summer, which is a natural event.
- Stream restoration needs to include reseeded gravels and bed sediment in areas that have been impacted by high water flows.
- A participant asked questions about impacts of the Pine Lake inflow diversion on water flows and water quality in the stream and lake, and whether the diversion is the right thing for the system. Future study of water flow and water quality impacts and trade-offs could be one of the recommendations of the basin plan.
  - Related to the diversion project to reduce mid-winter algae blooms, one participant pointed out that it was well documented and could be used as a resource (the participant, P. Breining, said he could share this report).
- Participants said the basin plan should consider land use planning opportunities, with a need to balance Urban Growth Area development requirements with stream and environmental needs.
  - Options could include a property acquisition fund or development rights transfer program.
- The Sammamish Plateau Water Wastewater Comprehensive Plan includes septic system maps which could help identify areas around the lake and in the watershed that are still on septic. This could help highlight opportunities to put in sewer connections in specific areas.
- A participant shared that the Shore Lane fish passage culvert project has paused due to a property owner along the creek.
- One participant who is a member of Friends of Pine Lake Creek shared that there are some stables in the area where there could be education to the people there about not putting piles of manure next to water sources.
- A participant asked how the project team weighted the screening criteria to determine whether a subbasin had low or high opportunity or need. The project team shared they used a generalized list of screening criteria, with some quantifiable elements. The screening was an initial cut and it is currently more heavily weighted toward the level of stormwater treatment, but the team could refine with more consideration of relative weighting.
- One participant asked how the project team is prioritizing the potential solutions they shared given that resources are limited.
  - The City has it's own process of prioritizing projects and evaluates them based on quantitative and qualitative factors, how many people are impacted, the significance of the problem, etc. The project team is considering costs of projects to implement as many as possible.
  - For capital projects, the project team can identify locations for those and what facilities would be the best solutions.
  - The project team is intentionally not rating solutions right now in the process but are documenting ideas so they are not lost in case opportunities arise to implement them.



- A participant asked about how much redevelopment is potentially there since it doesn't seem like there is as much today as there was five years ago. The project team noted they are tracking this and considering impervious surfaces<sup>1</sup> as part of the plan.

#### Key themes/takeaways:

- The Basin Plan should consider solutions for multiple fish species that depend on Pine Lake Creek, not just Kokanee.
- Solutions should also consider land use planning and how to balance continual growth and development (in line with the Growth Management Act) with protecting the environment.
- The project team is continuing to gather data and refine potential solutions to consider, including how they are weighting screening criteria to determine where to target solutions.

#### Lake group

Participants shared several thoughts and questions related to the lake and potential solutions the project team are considering.

- One participant shared that according to the Growth Management Act (GMA), Sammamish is supposed to increase affordable housing, which is difficult in this area. There will be pressure to achieve higher density in the city and this conflicts with a lot of these project goals; stormwater management is costly. It seems like there are many competing goals (land use, population growth, affordable housing, environmental goals and protection) that this plan must take into consideration. The project team shared:
  - These are challenges faced by many other jurisdictions.
  - GMA assumes growth pays for growth and there is that tension and what reality looks like.
  - The Comprehensive Plan is wrestling with balancing growth, density, utilities, etc.
  - The City has a rate study and has one of the highest stormwater utility rates in King County that come from these impacts.
  - It's not clear what takes priority with these competing goals, environmental issues or meeting growth management goals?
- The largest land owner on the lake is the City's Parks department and they need to be engaged in this basin plan (Toby from the project team recognizes they are an important stakeholder and they were not able to attend this meeting).
  - The City has asked homeowners to be responsible for some maintenance of the lake (i.e., removing invasive plants on their property).
- A lake management district (LMD) would be a helpful tool to align and share interests between the Parks department and homeowners along the water.
  - An LMD would have to be created by the County and funded by residents while the City provides staffing support. Lake associations are another option but lack taxing power and do not seem as sustainable.

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<sup>1</sup> The project team noted that impervious area is expected to increase by about 3-4% of the basin area for buildout conditions.



- In order for an LMD to be successful, it must have clearly defined priorities and responsibilities upon creation.
- Some of the participants have engaged with residents and members of Beaver Lake Management District and heard anecdotally that many members are not enthusiastic about the LMD.
- Another participant suggested it would be helpful to know what has been accomplished by the Beaver Lake Management District to get a holistic picture of whether it's been an effective strategy or not.
- Toby from the project team can share more information about what can and cannot be accomplished through an LMD framework.
- A participant shared their concern around the northeast corner inlet of the lake and the stormwater facility there. The project team shared they are aware of the historic and ongoing maintenance issues there and that it is a project on the Capital Improvement Project list to retrofit this stormwater facility. The City has been struggling with staffing shortfalls and has not been able to address it yet.
- One participant asked about septic conversion incentive programs and whether they would be "carrots," "sticks," or both. The project team responded they did not have an answer to this. Another participant pointed out that the City would need to consider whether they had statutory authority to require residents to switch to sewer and that converting to sewer is very costly.
- During a conversation about septic maintenance, especially for people who live on the lake, a participant shared that there are ways to enforce that septic systems are working properly (i.e., Orcas Island requires annual checks and documentation through the county).
- One participant asked whether the outreach and education actions could move forward without worrying about the larger, more complicated, expensive projects. The project team responded that they would need more staff support and that it is often times easier to get momentum around a program. They also acknowledged that there are some existing resources to support increasing education, especially around what homeowners can do on their property.
- Another participant shared an idea to have a website to educate people around Pine Lake. With code updates coming in 2024, this is a good time to get input from the public on their ideas and feedback.
- One participant recommended pulling in more information about bogs into the basin plan.

#### Key themes/takeaways:

- It will be challenging to balance significant growth management and development with a need to protect the environment with limited resources.
- The Basin Plan will need the collective efforts of all stakeholders and collaboration between City departments to be successful.
- It is uncertain whether a lake management district framework is a good fit for Pine Lake.
- The Basin Plan will need to consider the impacts of septic systems and costs of connecting to sewer for homeowners.
- Some ideas are to move forward with education programs for people who use the lake as more complicated, expensive projects are considered by the City.







## Appendices

### Appendix A: Attendees Basin/Stream Group:

| <b>Name</b>               | <b>Organization</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Mary Wictor               | Active in Sammamish |
| David Kyle (and daughter) | Trout Unlimited     |
| Gregg Johnson             | Lake Resident       |
| Bill Way                  | Resident            |
| Gene Beall                | Resident            |
| Peter Breining            | Resident            |
| Doug Henderson            | Resident            |
| Paul Stickney             | Resident            |

### Lake Group:

| <b>Name</b>           | <b>Organization</b>   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Mary Wictor           | Active in Sammamish   |
| Gregg Johnson         | Resident  |
| Peter Breining        | Resident  |
| Doug Henderson        | Resident  |
| Susan Robinson        | Resident  |
| Lloyd Warren          | Resident, President of the board of Sammamish Plateau Water |
| DM                    | Resident  |
| Phone caller (206...) | Unknown   |



## Appendix B: Stakeholder Discussion Agenda

### **Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Basin/Stream Stakeholder Group Discussion Thursday, December 7 - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Agenda**

**PRESENTERS:** Toby Coenen, Patty Dillon, Rebecca Roberts  
**FACILITATOR:** Chris Hoffman

| <b>TIME</b>      | <b>TOPIC</b>   | <b>PRESENTER</b> |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| 5:30 – 5:45 p.m. | <b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b><br><br>1.1. Welcome from the City<br>1.2. Team and participant introductions<br>1.3. Topic guide review<br>1.4. Ground rules | Toby/Chris       |
| 5:45 – 5:55 p.m. | <b>2. Basin Plan Overview</b>  | Patty            |
| 5:55 – 6:10 p.m. | <b>3. Potential Solutions</b>  | Patty/Rebecca    |
| 6:10 – 6:55 p.m. | <b>4. Discussion/Questions</b><br><br>4.1. Topic Guide   | Chris            |
| 6:55 – 7 p.m.    | <b>5. Wrap-up &amp; Next Steps</b>   | Toby             |



### **Topic Guide**

1. Did we miss any issues?
2. Do the potential solutions address the [issues](#)
3. Are there other potential solutions we should consider?
4. What would you like to see improved?
5. What solutions would you prioritize?
6. Is there anything else you'd like to share?



## Appendix C: Presentation



### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – 15 minutes
- Meeting and Basin Plan Overview – 10 minutes
- Potential Solutions – 15 minutes
- Discussion/Questions – 55 minutes
- Wrap-up and Next Steps – 5 minutes



### Ground rules

1. I will do my best to keep an open mind
2. I will listen to what others have to say and do my best to understand
3. I will focus on the group discussion and avoid side conversations
4. I will let others participate
5. I will treat others with respect
6. I will think before speaking
7. It's ok to disagree, but I will do my best to find common ground
8. I will stay on topic
9. I will explore interests, not positions
10. I will tackle the topic, not the person





## Basin Overview



### Background

- Pine Lake Creek drains approximately 1,200 acres near the south end of the Sammamish Plateau.
- The Pine Lake Creek Basin has some of the highest resource value in the City of Sammamish. The basin includes Pine Lake, Kanim and Pine Lake creeks, and a sphagnum bog complex and several smaller wetlands.
- The basin contains some of the largest remaining areas of contiguous forest within the city and Pine Lake Creek historically supported a substantial kokanee run and is still considered one of four primary spawning streams within the city.



### Why is the city developing a plan?

- Pursue resource protection to ensure long-term health of the lake and basin consistent with the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan.
- Ongoing development within the basin has affected historical kokanee runs, and the basin has experienced reduced water quality, flooding, and erosion.
- Despite this, Pine Lake Creek, is one of the area's four primary kokanee spawning streams and contains some of the largest remaining areas of contiguous forests within Sammamish.





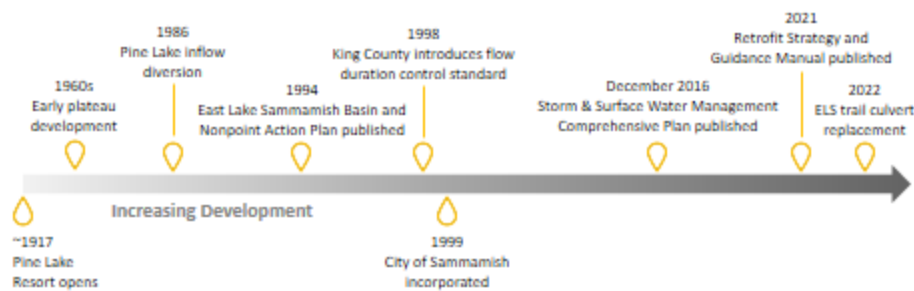
## Sources of Data Gathering and Information

- Review of previous plans, documentation
- Stream walks and field observations
- Interviews with City staff
- Input from Stakeholder Meetings (July 2023)
- Input from Open House (September 2023)
- Desktop modeling and analysis



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## Pine Lake Basin Stormwater Timeline



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## What's Working

- Stream corridors are largely forested
- Large wetlands attenuate flow
- Stormwater outfalls are generally in good condition



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## Issues we heard

- ❖ **Stream concerns**
  - ❖ Pollutants/water quality
  - ❖ Flow
  - ❖ Biodiversity/salmon
  - ❖ Recreational and stream monitoring access
- ❖ **Lake concerns**
  - ❖ Water quality/lake health
  - ❖ Invasive species/aquatic vegetation management
  - ❖ Variable water levels
  - ❖ Fishing resources
  - ❖ Septic systems
  - ❖ Need for education
- ❖ **Development concerns**
  - ❖ Stormwater management and care of facilities
  - ❖ Impervious surfaces



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## Issues we observed

- ❖ **Stream concerns**
  - ❖ Landslides and sedimentation in Kanim Creek
  - ❖ Degraded stream channel (Pine Lake Creek) upstream of East Lake Sammamish Parkway that could potentially be Kokanee habitat.
  - ❖ Fish passage barriers requiring replacement
- ❖ **Basin concerns**
  - ❖ Lack of modern stormwater facilities in upland locations draining to Kanim Creek that could contribute to greater landslide activity



## Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan

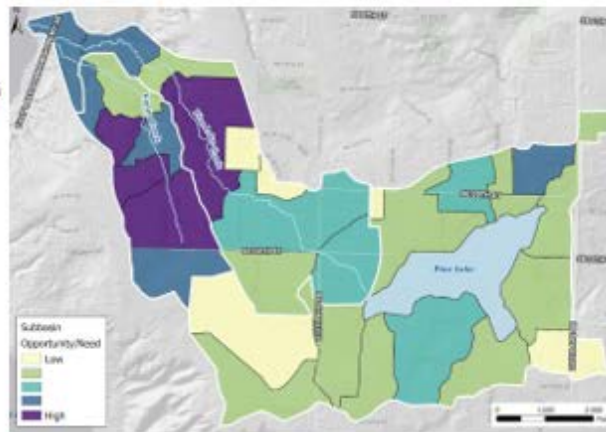
# Potential Solutions





## Desktop Screening

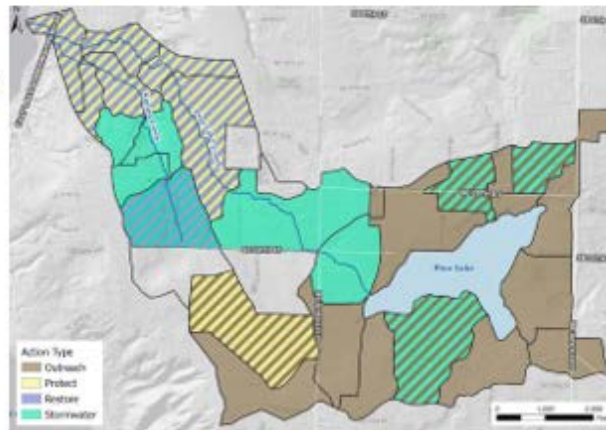
- ◊ GIS utilized to determine areas with the most opportunity and/or need
- ◊ Screening criteria
  - ◊ Stream presence
  - ◊ Wetland presence
  - ◊ Outfall locations
  - ◊ Fish barrier locations
  - ◊ Land use composition
  - ◊ Level of stormwater treatment



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## Types of Solutions

- ◊ Potential categories of projects and programs
  - ◊ Education and Outreach
  - ◊ Protection and Preservation
  - ◊ Stream Restoration
  - ◊ Stormwater Retrofits



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## Potential Stream Actions

- ◊ Kokanee spawning and habitat
  - ◊ Culvert upgrade (similar to trail culvert replacement near ELSP)
  - ◊ Stream restoration in vicinity of East Lake Sammamish Parkway
  - ◊ Protection of upstream forested stream corridor and wetland (policies or code)
  - ◊ Stormwater management/retrofit for water quality
- ◊ Stormwater retrofits

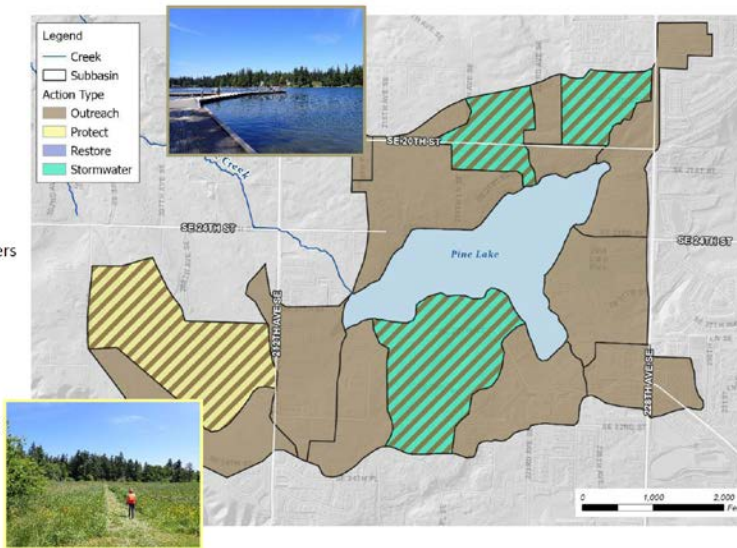


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## Potential Lake Actions

- ❖ Educational resources for lake homeowners
  - ❖ How to guides for various home and waterfront maintenance activities
  - ❖ Workshops tailored to lake homeowners that focus on issues of concern (i.e., removal of invasive aquatics, landscaping, etc.)
- ❖ Septic conversions (incentive programs)
- ❖ Lake restoration and maintenance
  - ❖ Sediment management
- ❖ Lake management district



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\*Note: For the Lake discussion, potential solutions were focused around the lake



## Discussion/Questions

- What's your overall reaction to the potential solutions presented?
- Are there other types of actions you think should be considered?
- Other input?



## Next Steps

- Early 2024: Develop outlines and concepts for specific projects and programs
- Spring 2024: Prioritize projects for Basin Plan
- Summer – Fall 2024: Draft Basin Plan
- Final adoption by end of 2024



## Schedule

### March - December 2023

- ✓ Basin Assessment & Data Collection

### April - July 2023

- ✓ Hydrologic Modeling

### July 2023

- ✓ Lake and Basin/Stream Stakeholder Group Session #1

### September 2023

- ✓ Open House #1

### September 2023 - February 2024

- ✓ Identify Projects & Strategies

### December 2023

- ✓ Lake and Basin/Stream Stakeholder Group Session #2

### Spring 2024

Open House #2

### March - July 2024

Prepare Basin Report





## Staying Involved

- Website: [Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan | City of Sammamish](#)
- Postcards
- Public Meetings
  - Spring 2024
- Social media



Thank you!





# Open House Summaries





# Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan In-Person Open House Summary

DRAFT

October 9, 2023





# Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Open House

## DRAFT Meeting Summary

### INTRODUCTION

The City of Sammamish is in the process of creating a comprehensive plan for the Pine Lake Creek watershed, which includes Pine Lake. This plan, known as the Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan (Basin Plan), aims to assess and address issues related to flooding, erosion, water quality, and ecological health within the basin. In shaping and selecting projects and solutions, the city will take into account considerations for future development and climate resilience.

The Pine Lake Creek watershed encompasses approximately 1,200 acres, primarily located at the southern end of the Sammamish Plateau. This area is notable for its significant environmental resources and values, as highlighted in the Sammamish Retrofit Strategy of 2021. It includes Pine Lake, Pine Lake and Kanim creeks, as well as a sphagnum bog complex and several smaller wetlands. Over the past decade, residential development in the vicinity, especially around Pine Lake, has been on the rise. However, lower Pine Lake Creek continues to flow through some of the largest remaining tracts of contiguous forest within the city. Historically, Pine Lake Creek has supported a thriving kokanee salmon run and remains one of the four primary spawning streams recognized by the Kokanee Work Group, despite recent declines in spawning populations.

To engage and inform the community in the development of the Basin Plan, the city is actively involving the public. This process includes meaningful discussions with stakeholders to gain a better understanding of their priorities. These discussions serve to identify both existing issues and challenges, as well as potential solutions that will contribute to the long-term health and sustainability of the basin.

### PURPOSE

On September 26, 2023, the city held an in-person open house from 5:30 -7 p.m. in the Sammamish City Hall City Council Chambers. The primary objectives of the open house were to inform the residents about the project and to invite the community to actively participate in the identification of issues and prioritization of potential needs.



*Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan in-person open house on September 26, 2023.*



## NOTIFICATION

The project team used a variety of methods to promote the September 26 in-person Open House. These included:

- Sending a postcard to approximately 3,000 addresses within the project area
- Social media posts
- Posting event information on the City's [website](#)

## OPEN HOUSE OVERVIEW & FORMAT

Approximately 40 people attended the Open House. The event featured a welcoming booth and 8 display boards in the City Hall's council chambers. The display boards: shared how the public process helps to shape the community's vision for Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin plan; described the current feedback and issues raised from the public up to date; and provided opportunities for participants to provide input on potential projects and improvements. Furthermore, attendees expressed their opinions and suggestions by completing comment forms, using sticky notes, and writing on flip charts, which are detailed in Appendix A of this summary.



*Attendees participate in the open house through talking to the project staff, looking at the project display boards, and providing written comments.*

## PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

Participants were encouraged to share their feedback through various means, including talking with the project team, providing written comments on project boards and comment forms to identify community needs and prioritize potential projects. Key themes and suggestions voiced by attendees included:



### Basin-stream issues & challenges:

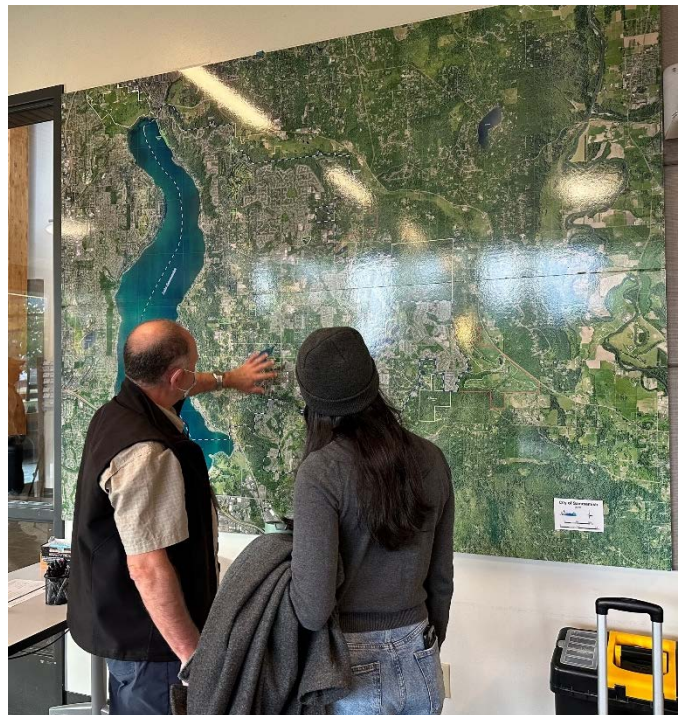
- Sediment capture upstream
- Pollution runoff, especially from pavement

### Lake issues & challenges:

- Need effective water level management
- Overall lake health
- Address weeds issue in Pine Lake
- Combat shoreline decline
- Manage lily pads
- Removal of muck in the south cove
- Geese reduction
- Improve lake water quality
- Water level management of the weir:  
Pine Creek dries up in summer, affecting access.
- Increase in weed problems during summer
- The use of tarps in the lake as weed barriers
- Evaluate the use of creosote logs
- Discuss the status of sphagnum moss and its potential impact on the lake
- Address the buildup of invasive weeds and debris on the south side of Pine Lake
- Sediment buildup in the lake, which hinders fish spawning
- Address algae blooms in spring
- Identify responsible parties for water quality and code enforcement, particularly for failing septic systems and dock cleaning practices
- Raise questions about the management of the weir, with some residents volunteering for its care
- Discuss the potential transfer of weir management to the city
- Highlight the cost of beaver management (\$7,000 per beaver)
- Mention the entombment study concerning four kokanee streams
- Note increased water levels in Pine Lake due to winter runoff, leading to greater lake fluctuations



*A project team member discusses the Pine Lake issues with a group of attendees at the Open House.*



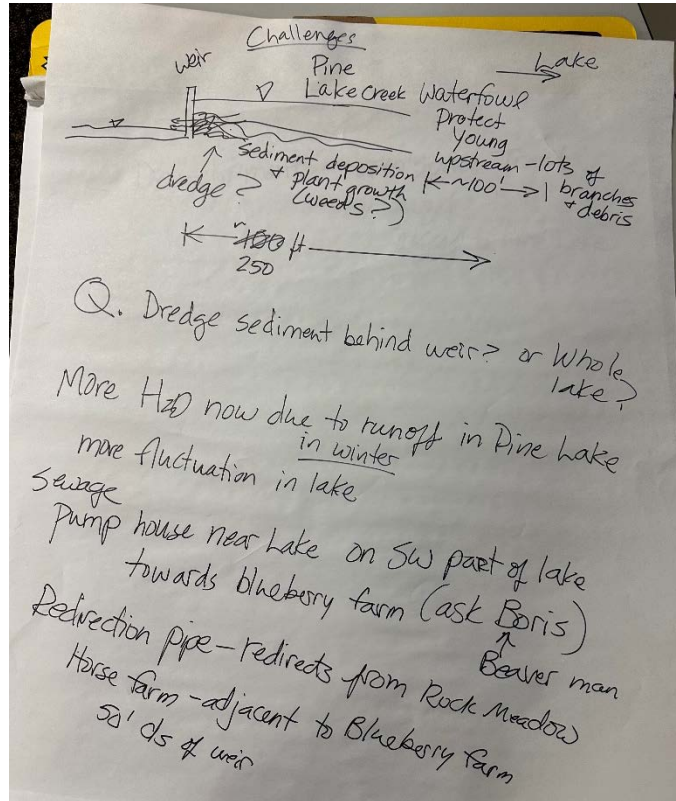
*A project team member points out the project area for an attendee at the Open House.*



- Identify the sewage pump house near the lake's southwest section, close to the Blueberry Farm

Questions raised from the participants included:

- Whether dredged sediment accumulates behind the weir or affects the entire lake
- Strategies to reduce phosphorus levels
- The role of fertilizer uses on grass
- The notification processes for dangerous algae blooms and other issues
- The proliferation of pondweed and the changes in the lake environment
- Seek solutions that specifically address muck, weeds, and lily pads, which appear to remain unaddressed by proposed measures
- Inquiry about the activities carried out in the evaluation of Pine Lake Creek Basin and compare them to activities in other city basins
- Reiterate the involvement of volunteer residents in weir maintenance



Participants wrote comments and questions on a flip chart during the Open House.

Participants also suggested some potential solutions the challenges.

- Seek safe weed control solutions for lake property
- Advocate for lake living education on the city's website, which includes:
  - o Dock maintenance
  - o Weed removal
  - o Construction guidelines
  - o Vegetation protection
  - o Waste disposal
- Redirect pipe that diverts water from Rock Meadow Horse Farm adjacent to Blueberry Farm and its impact on the weir

## NEXT STEPS

The project team will use the feedback from this Open House to inform the Pine Lake Creek Basin plan.



Please visit the City’s website for updates and ways to stay involved: [Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan | City of Sammamish](#).

## Appendix A: Comments from the Participants



## Challenges

- Tarps in lake (weed barriers)
- Geosote logs
- Sphagnum Bog <sup>Is it going to turn into a nicer bog-like Queens bog?</sup> that used to flow to Pine Lake - Should it be protected? <sub>wetland 53(?)</sub>
- Build-up of weeds <sup>invasive</sup> & collection of debris of S. side of lake (Education!)
- Sediment build-up in lake (impeding fish from spawning in lake)
- Algae blooms in spring / UW studies off <sup>crowded / ecology</sup> John & Hank's property <sub>Hank Klein</sub>



A lot of  
info at  
KC

## Challenges

50 ways to Love your Lake

Lake living education page  
on City website

- ex. • how to clean docks/moss,
  - remove weeds,
  - building/adding to structures,
  - protecting vegetation,
  - what can go in lake (i.e., for stabilization, building out bulk heads)
  - who to call for WQ, code enforcement
  - failing septic systems
  - washing docks (pressure washing, where does H<sub>2</sub>O go?)
- SIMPLE (frowny faces)





## Challenges

Who takes care of weir?

Volunteer residents have been doing it. City inspects but it isn't

City's weir. Harvey Miller built weir.

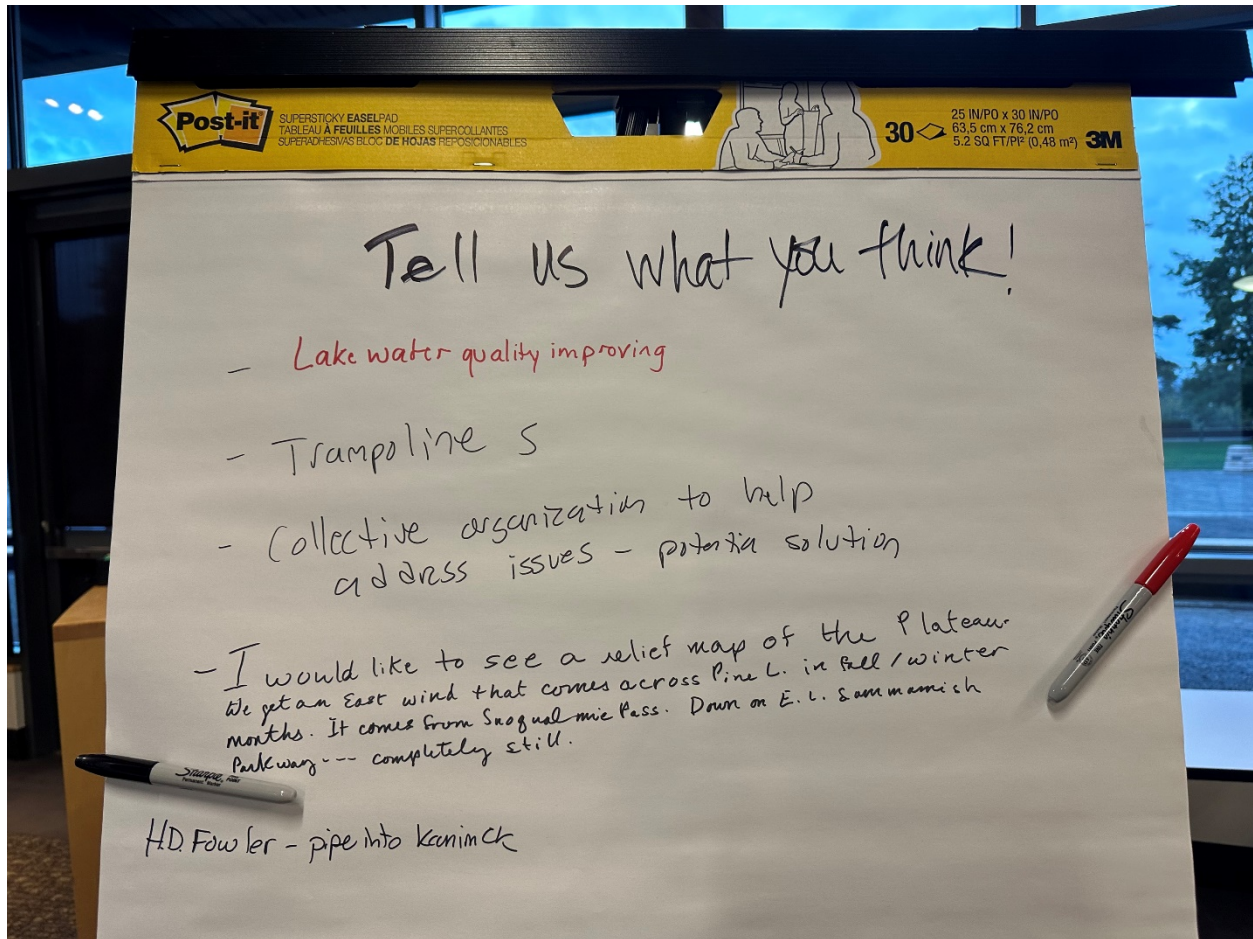
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↳ Mgmt. of weir would have to be for a specific purpose - until then it hasn't been ironed out that City would take over mgmt.

• Beaver mgmt. - 1 beaver = \$7K

KC data study - 2023 3rd year

- entombment study - 4 kokanee streams

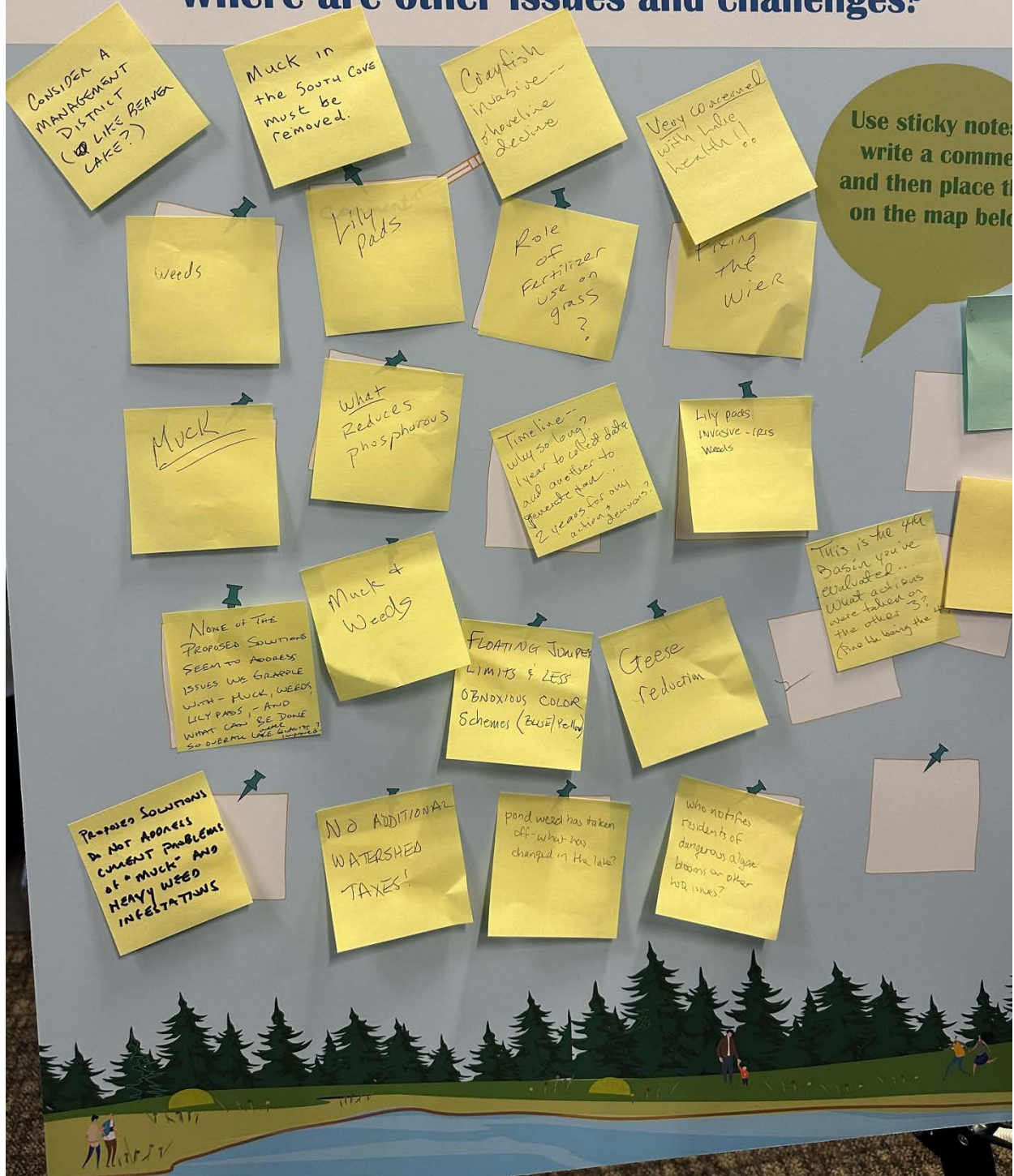






# WHAT ELSE?

## Where are other issues and challenges?







## Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Comment Form

What are the issues and challenges  
within the Pine Lake Creek Basin?

Tell us  
what you  
think!

### BASIN/STREAM

### LAKE

WATER LEVEL - MANAGEMENT  
OF THE WEIR

PINE CREEK DRIES UP IN  
SUMMER + RESIDENTS ON

THE CREEK LOSE THEIR  
WATER ACCESS

WEEDS GETTING WORSE  
WITH SUMMER HEAT

WHAT WEEDS KILLERS ARE  
SAFE TO USE ON  
LAKE PROPERTY?

Name (optional): KATHY AYE

Email Address (optional): KATHLEENAYE@  
GMAIL.COM





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### BASIN/STREAM

- SEDIMENT CAPTURE UPSTREAM
- POLLUTION IN RUN OFF  
FROM PAVEMENT ETC.

### LAKE

- WATER LEVEL MGMT
- TOO MUCH ~~WATER~~ <sup>WATER</sup> ~~WATER~~  
LAKE WEEDS?
- FISH - STOCKED TROUT  
WORKING A NEGATIVE  
IMPACT ON NATIVE SPECIES +  
HABITAT ??

↑  
THIS IS A QUESTION  
NOT A KNOWN ISSUE!

Name (optional): IAN

Email Address (optional): IANMCKE@GMAIL.COM



Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan  
In-Person Open House #2 Summary

April 22, 2024





# Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Open House #2

## Meeting Summary

### INTRODUCTION

The City of Sammamish (City) is developing the Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan to address various environmental concerns within the Pine Lake Creek watershed, including flooding, erosion, water quality, and ecological health. Covering approximately 1,200 acres, this watershed is situated near the southern end of the Sammamish Plateau and encompasses significant environmental assets such as Pine Lake, Pine Lake and Kanim creeks, sphagnum bogs, and wetlands. Despite recent residential development, substantial forested areas remain, particularly along Pine Lake Creek, which has historically supported kokanee salmon runs. The City emphasizes the incorporation of considerations for future development and climate resilience into the Basin Plan. A key aspect of the planning process involves active community engagement, wherein stakeholders participate in meaningful discussions to articulate their priorities, identify existing challenges, and propose viable solutions. This collaborative approach underscores the commitment to ensuring the enduring health and sustainability of the watershed.



*The Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan in-person open house was attended by over 35 community members.*

### PURPOSE

On March 28, 2024, the city held an in-person open house from 5:30 -7 p.m. in the Sammamish City Hall City Council Chambers. The primary objectives of the open house were to share and get community feedback on potential strategies and projects identified through the project and at the September 2023 open house.

### NOTIFICATION

The project team used a variety of methods to promote the March 28 in-person Open House. These included:

- Sending a postcard to approximately 3,000 addresses within the project area
- Social media posts
- Posting event information on the City's [website](#)
- Sending emails to individuals on the project contact list



## OPEN HOUSE OVERVIEW & FORMAT

Approximately 36 people attended the Open House. The event featured a welcoming booth and 15 display boards in the City Hall's council chambers. The display boards shared how the public process helps to shape the Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin plan; summarized the feedback and issues identified by the public to date; and summarized potential project and strategies for participants to provide input. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and to express their opinions and suggestions by completing comment forms and using sticky notes, which are detailed in Appendix A of this summary.



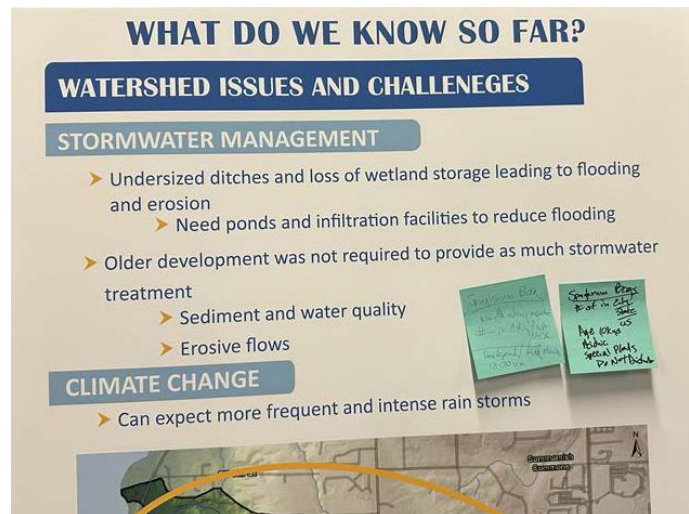
*Attendees participated in the open house through discussion with project staff, viewing project display boards, and providing written comments.*

## PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

Attendees provided feedback in numerous ways, which included 8 comment forms and 30 sticky notes. Participants shared their thoughts and suggestions on, protection- and education-oriented strategies, stormwater, and creek improvement projects. Key themes and suggestions voiced by attendees are organized below:

### Protection-Oriented Strategies:

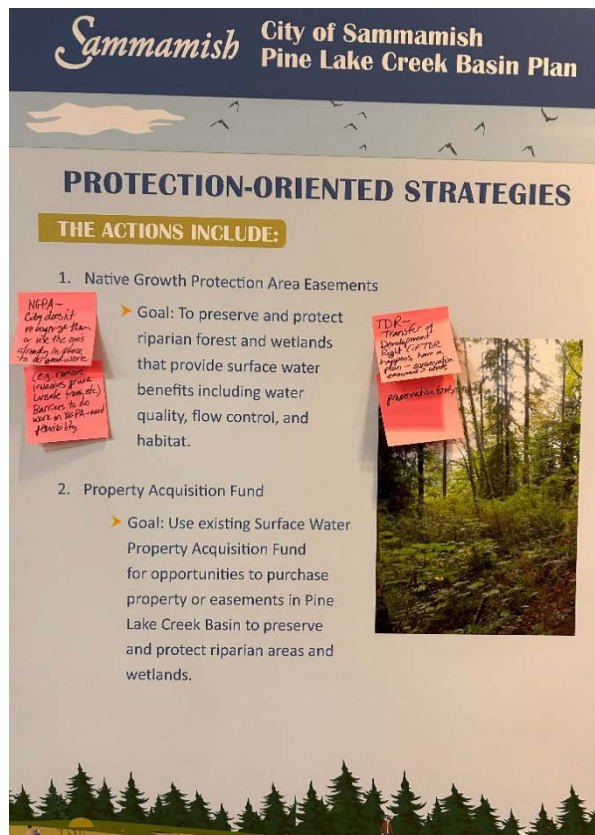
- The city's management and use of Native Growth Protection Area Easements was questioned in the open house, suggested they could be used for beneficial actions like invasive species removal and tree pruning. A need for flexibility, which could be limited by NGPA requirements was emphasized.
- Attendees also proposed Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) as a solution, stressing the importance of establishing a plan for conservation elements and identifying preservation tools.



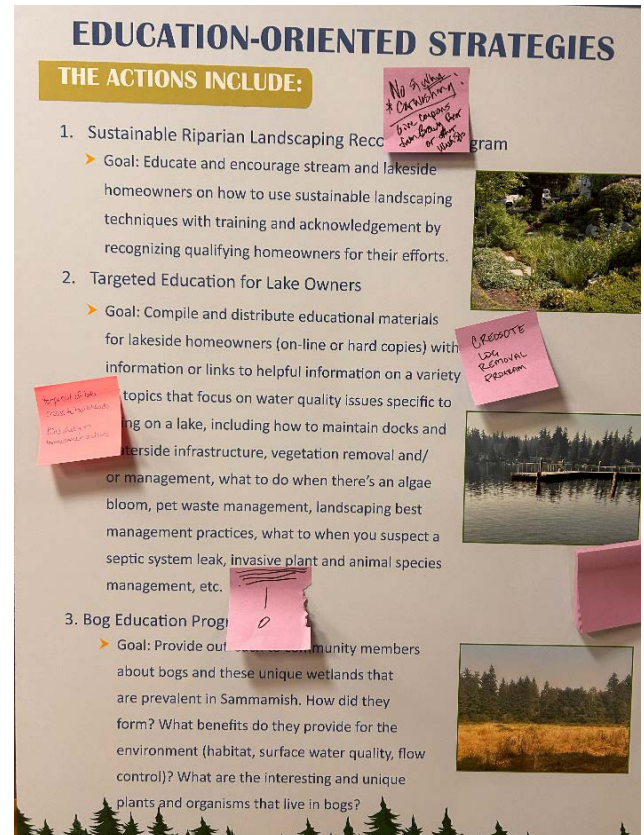
*Attendees provided their thoughts and suggestions on the “what do we know so far” board.*



- Implement measures to protect the redwood trees situated between ELSP and Lake Sammamish.



Attendees posted their notes on the Protection-Oriented Strategies display board.



Attendees posted their notes on the Education-Oriented Strategies display board.

## Education-Oriented Strategies:

- Recommend educating the public to refrain from washing their cars on their properties, citing concerns about chemicals flowing into Pine Lake. They also proposed distributing coupons for use at Brown Bear Car Wash as an alternative.
- Suggested implementing an educational campaign regarding a creosote log removal program.
- Raised the issue of managing creosote-treated bulkheads.
- Education to the public about the value and importance of sphagnum bogs. Participants suggested providing background information on the prevalence and significance of sphagnum bogs, emphasizing the rarity and need for protection.
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### Potential Stormwater Projects:

- Ensure potential projects allow water from Pine Lake Creek to expand into the wetland area on the north side of SE 24th and west side of 212th, without channelizing the creek between projects 6 and 8.
- Address runoff from city property, which is contributing to soap pollution in the lake.
- Commendations to the street crew for their response on SE 19th in January.
- Support using existing detention areas at 11 and 15 to enhance performance under various conditions.
- Explore options and funding sources for removing invasive weeds along the waterline, particularly in the southwest corner of the lake. Note that while the King Conservation District has conducted invasive removal away from the lake, they do not handle shoreline removal.
- Investigate differences in water quality parameters, especially at the lake's eastern end, and consider implementing monitoring measures. Additionally, address phosphorus (P) accumulation in the lake's mucky shoreline.

### Potential Pine Lake Creek Projects (Upper Basin):

- Support for restoring the stream at the vacant property located at Upper Pine Lake NE 24th and 212th, including re-channelizing the stream where necessary.

### Other Ideas for Strategies and Actions:

#### Lake

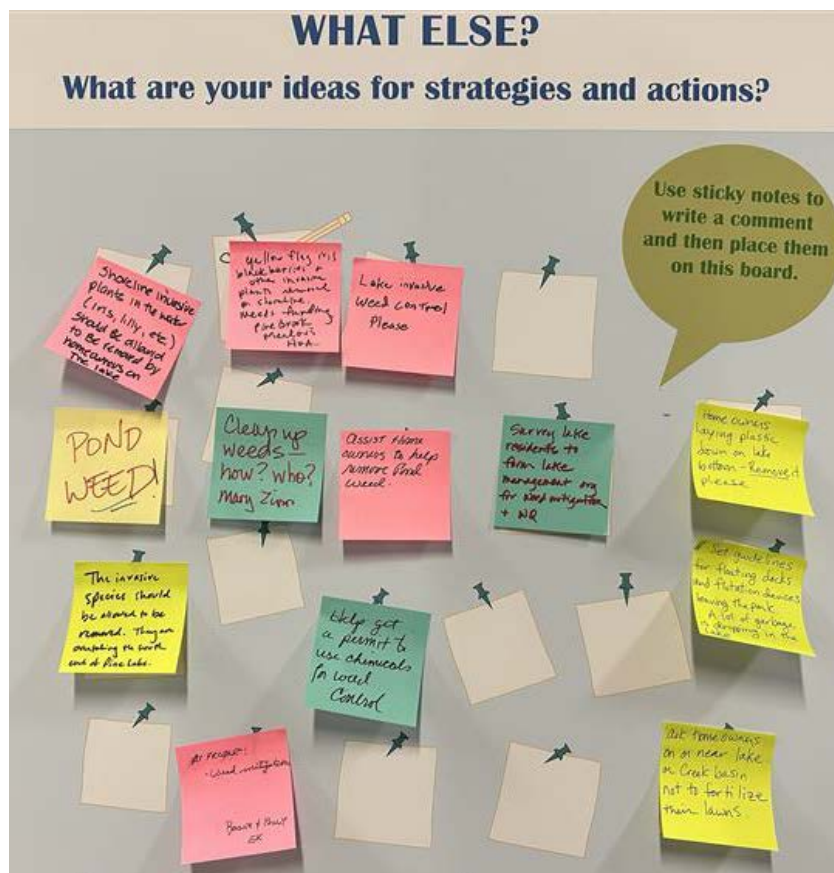
- Call for Lake Invasive Weed Control:
  - Urgent need for control measures to manage invasive weeds in the lake.
  - Request for assistance in cleaning up pond weed; clarification needed on responsible parties and methods.
  - Support homeowners in removing pond weed; specific guidance and assistance required.
- Survey for Lake Management Organizations:
  - Propose surveying lake residents to establish lake management organizations focused on weed mitigation and water quality improvement.
- Removal of Plastic on Lake Bottom:
  - Require the removal of plastic/tarps laid by homeowners on the lake bottom to prevent environmental harm.
- Guidelines for Floating Devices:
  - Establish guidelines for floating docks and devices to prevent littering and pollution of the lake.
- Permission for Invasive Species Removal:



- Advocate for permission to remove invasive species, which are rapidly spreading in the south end of Pine Lake.

## Shoreline

- Shoreline Invasive Plant Removal:
  - Homeowners should be permitted to remove shoreline invasive plants such as iris and lilies in the lake.
- Pine Brook Meadows HOA seeking sources of funding for the removal of invasive plants like yellow flag iris and blackberry bushes along the shoreline.
- Permit for Chemical Weed Control:
  - Seek assistance in obtaining permits for the use of chemicals in weed control efforts.
- Request to Limit Lawn Fertilization:
  - Encourage homeowners near lakes or creek basins to refrain from fertilizing their lawns to prevent nutrient runoff.



Attendees made additional suggestions for strategies and actions.



The following is a summary of the input collected from the comment forms completed at the open house; the scanned comment forms are included in Appendix B.

#### Basin/Stream projects & strategies:

- Should tree cover changes in the basin be considered? There may be a need to review and adjust tree removal policies in affected areas.
- Request for code enforcement of grading violations in the buffer zone, particularly at SE 24th and 212th, where a long-standing violation persists along Pine Lake Creek.
- Educational initiatives for landowners could help enhance understanding and compliance with regulations.
- Attention given to Project #3 Area to ensure the preservation of the eagle's nest, which has been in existence for nearly 30 years. Displacement or disturbance of the nest should be avoided.



*Attendees listen to a brief presentation about the Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan.*

#### Lake projects & strategies:

- Concerns about maintenance of Pine Lake weir. Described as it often breaching in late spring, leading to excessive water release that results in insufficient water levels by late summer.
- **Shoreline vegetation management:** Homeowners on Pine Lake need clearer guidelines and allowances for removing invasive shoreline plants like iris, lily pads, and watercress. Additionally, addressing the issue of falling water levels on the west end of the lake is necessary.
- **Pond weed proliferation:** The problem of pond weed in Pine Lake has escalated noticeably over the past 5-6 years, especially area near QFC, causing congestion in the lake by summer. Concerns arise about its impact on the lake's health, prompting a call for action.
- **Clarity on waterfront regulations:** Lakefront property owners feel apprehensive about making any changes due to fear of unknowingly violating regulations. There's a plea for transparency, openness, and upfront communication in the education program regarding waterfront regulations.



*A project team member points out the project area for an attendee at the Open House.*



- **City responsibility for lake management:** Suggested that the City needs to take responsibility for maintaining Pine Lake's water quality and managing lake weeds, considering Pine Lake as a valuable citywide resource.
- **Invasive species management:** There's a suggestion that either the City or homeowners should be permitted to address the invasive species infestation. Over the past two decades, the south end of Pine Lake has been overtaken by invasive plants, leading to significantly reduced water levels by July/August.
- **Pine Lake Weir Repair:** An attendee provided a letter (dated 1984-85) regarding the history of the weir. The letter is included in Appendix C.

## NEXT STEPS

The project team will use the feedback from this Open House to inform the Pine Lake Creek Basin plan. Please visit the City's website for updates and ways to stay involved: [Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan | City of Sammamish](#).



# Sammamish

## City of Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan

### WHAT DO WE KNOW SO FAR?

#### WATERSHED ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

##### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- Undersized ditches and loss of wetland storage leading to flooding and erosion
  - Need ponds and infiltration facilities to reduce flooding
- Older development was not required to provide as much stormwater treatment
  - Sediment and water quality
  - Erosive flows

##### CLIMATE CHANGE

- Can expect more frequent and intense rain storms

*Sammamish Basin  
Need many more  
# in City Lake  
Background diff. class  
10,000 ha*

*Sammamish Basin  
Not in City  
State  
Age 10k+  
Native  
Special Plants  
Do Not Disturb*







### POTENTIAL PINE LAKE CREEK PROJECTS (UPPER BASIN)



| PROJECT # | PRIMARY BENEFIT | SECONDARY BENEFIT | PROJECT DESCRIPTION   |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| 6         | Water Quality   | Habitat           | Remove sediment at bridge abutments.  |
| 7         | Flow            | Water Quality     | Retrofit detention pond to increase flow control and accommodate future growth. |
| 8         | Flow            | Habitat           | Improve drainage in vicinity of 212th Ave SE and SE 24th St intersection.       |
| 9         | Flow            | Habitat           | Expand conveyance to reduce road overtopping along 212th Ave SE.                |



# EDUCATION-ORIENTED STRATEGIES

## THE ACTIONS INCLUDE:

### 1. Sustainable Riparian Landscaping Recognition Program

- Goal: Educate and encourage stream and lakeside homeowners on how to use sustainable landscaping techniques with training and acknowledgement by recognizing qualifying homeowners for their efforts.



No of calls  
\* Catching  
Give coupons  
from Bury Box  
or other  
website

### 2. Targeted Education for Lake Owners

- Goal: Compile and distribute educational materials for lakeside homeowners (on-line or hard copies) with information or links to helpful information on a variety

top of lake  
creosote bulkheads  
OSU study on  
invasive actions

topics that focus on water quality issues specific to  
ing on a lake, including how to maintain docks and  
waterside infrastructure, vegetation removal and/  
or management, what to do when there's an algae  
bloom, pet waste management, landscaping best  
management practices, what to when you suspect a  
septic system leak, invasive plant and animal species  
management, etc.

CREOSOTE  
LOG  
REMOVAL  
PROGRAM



### 3. Bog Education Program

- Goal: Provide out... community members about bogs and these unique wetlands that are prevalent in Sammamish. How did they form? What benefits do they provide for the environment (habitat, surface water quality, flow control)? What are the interesting and unique plants and organisms that live in bogs?



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### PROTECTION-ORIENTED STRATEGIES

#### THE ACTIONS INCLUDE:

##### 1. Native Growth Protection Area Easements

NGPA -  
City doesn't  
re-own them  
or use the ones  
already in place  
to do good work.

(e.g. remove  
invasives, prune  
unstable trees, etc.)  
Barriers to do  
work in NGPA - need  
flexibility

- Goal: To preserve and protect riparian forest and wetlands that provide surface water benefits including water quality, flow control, and habitat.

TDR -  
Transfer of  
Development  
Right (if TDR  
happens, have a  
plan - conservation  
easement? What's  
preservation forest?



##### 2. Property Acquisition Fund

- Goal: Use existing Surface Water Property Acquisition Fund for opportunities to purchase property or easements in Pine Lake Creek Basin to preserve and protect riparian areas and wetlands.





Appendix B: Notes from Comment Forms

**Sammamish** Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Comment Form

Please share your comments on the potential projects and strategies for the Pine Lake Creek Basin.

| BASIN/STREAM   | LAKE |
|--|------|
| Do we need to take into consideration tree cover & loss in the BASIN? and readjust tree removal policy in the affected area? |      |

**Sammamish** Sammamish Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Comment Form

Please share your comments on the potential projects and strategies for the Pine Lake Creek Basin.

| BASIN/STREAM  | LAKE  |
|---|---|
| 1. Pine Lake Creek - code enforcement for grading violations in better specifically SE 24th & 21st - long running violation! chemicals / machinery etc (landscaping business) | 3. City takes responsibility for lake water quality and lake weeds. Pine Lake is a city-wide resource |
| 2. education for landowners (not only lakefront owners) city takes resp   |   |



**Sammamish** Sammamish Pine Lake Creek  
Basin Plan Comment Form

Please share your comments on the potential projects  
and strategies for the Pine Lake Creek Basin.

| BASIN/STREAM           | LAKE |
|------------------------|------|
| Project #3 Area        |      |
| Please do not displace |      |
| or disturb the eagles' |      |
| nest. They have lived  |      |
| there for nearly 30    |      |
| years. THX             |      |

Please share your comments on the potential projects  
and strategies for the Pine Lake Creek Basin.

| BASIN/STREAM | LAKE                       |
|--------------|----------------------------|
|              | RE: Pine Lake              |
|              | pond weed gets worse every |
|              | year. This was NOT an      |
|              | issue 5-6 years ago. Now   |
|              | the part of the lake near  |
|              | QFC is really congested    |
|              | with this weed by summer.  |
|              | What can be done? It can't |
|              | be good for the lake.      |



Share your comments on the potential projects and strategies for the Pine Lake Creek Basin.

## BASIN/STREAM

## LAKE

RE. The Lake Front OWNERS Educ. Program  
As OWNERS of Lake Front Property, WA  
ARE ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIED ~~of~~ of Making  
any changes on our waterfront.  
WE ARE Afraid that we will Be  
Caught in Doing Something That  
Violates some Rule/LAW/Policy.  
Please!!! Be Clear, open  
and up front with this Education  
Program

Name (Optional):

Email Address (Optional):



Please share your comments on the potential projects and strategies for the Pine Lake Creek Basin.

BASIN/STREAM

LAKE

Pine Lake

Either the city should, or the homeowners should be allowed to remove the infestation of invasive species. 20 years ago the south end of Pine Lake was clear with decent water level. The past 10 years, the invasive plants have taken over and come July / August, the lake is dry at the south end.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name (Optional):

Email Address (Optional):



Please share your comments on the potential projects and strategies for the Pine Lake Creek Basin.

BASIN/STREAM

The Pine lake  
Weir outlet needs  
to be maintained  
regularly - It Breches  
and lets too much  
lake water out  
during the higher  
spring months which  
doesn't leave enough  
water in the lake summer

Pine LAKE

There needs to be better  
and clear education and  
allowances for homeowners  
on pine lake to remove invasive  
shoreline iris, lilly pads  
and watercress plants  
Also the water level falls  
too much in the past 4-5 yrs  
when 10-20 years ago it  
never got that dry in the  
West End of the lake.  
Floating dock permits should  
be less expensive and allowed.

Name (Optional):

Email Address (Optional):



## Appendix C: Comment Letter from An Attendee

### **Pine Lake Weir Repair**

**Related by Roger Ek, Chemical Engineer**

**Date:** 1984-85

#### **Issue:**

Pine Lake was experiencing a significant algae bloom brought on by very high phosphorus levels.

The Pine Lake homeowners' association engaged the UW and USGS to study the water quality issue. Roger said that homeowners kicked in \$10 each. These funds covered the cost of contacting homeowners, and the remainder was used for the new weir.

There was an issue with the existing lake weir not holding the lake at the correct level.

The UW/USGS study concluded that the phosphorus loading was coming from the "bog" at the south end of the lake. It sounds like the UW/USGS study occurred before the development of the QFC commercial center.

#### **Proposed Solution:**

The proposed solution by Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District was to divert the seasonal stream that enters the south end of the lake to the Pine Lake Creek that drains into Lake Sammamish.

The District installed a 4 foot diameter diversion pipe. The diversion pipe runs from the south end stream (Blue Berry farm) to the Pine Lake outfall near the weir. The diversion pipe didn't work. Roger told me that in order to get the stream diversion to work, the District lowered the lake level by 3 feet.

Roger and Harvey Miller (civil engineer) attempted to remedy the low lake level with sandbags but the District immediately removed the sandbags. Roger and Harvey met with Ron Little, the District Manager, to impress on him that lakefront owners were materially impacted. The shallow cove south of Pine Lake Park had become a mud flat. As a result of Roger and Harvey's meeting, the District backed off its attempt make the diversion work by keeping the lake level low.

#### **Next Steps:**

Roger and Harvey contacted WA Dept. of Ecology regarding a permit to install a new weir. DOE said that a permit would be \$30,000. Alternatively, if the weir work cost less than \$2,500, no permit would be required. Roger and Harvey added Bill Wright to their team. Using a scrap steel H-beam, Roger welded up a new weir structure. Construction also included 4x10 treated lumber and a removable piece at the top so the lake lever could be adjusted. Since they used salvaged materials and volunteer labor, there was little cost associated with the new weir.

#### **Other:**

For many, many years, Harvey Miller documented and managed the lake level by adjusting the weir.

In 1980 USGS installed a lake level gauge on the Pine Lake Park dock. The lake level was continually recorded by Harvey. The lake level records were vital for setting and managing the height of the weir. This work successfully mitigated pervious lake level issues.



A topographic map of the Sammamish area in Washington. The map shows a brown, textured terrain with a large, irregularly shaped green area in the upper right. A light blue lake, labeled "Pine Lake", is situated in the lower right. A blue line representing "Pine Lake Creek" flows from the upper left towards the lake. The map is framed by a dark blue border at the top and bottom.

# **Appendix E Preliminary Stormwater Infiltration Feasibility Evaluation**



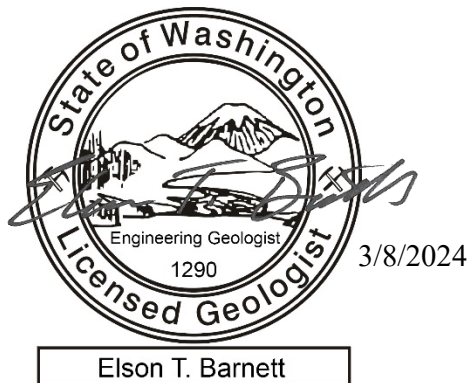
# MEMORANDUM

Project No. 220462 - Task 4

March 8, 2024

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**Re: City of Sammamish, Preliminary Stormwater Feasibility Evaluation,  
Pine Creek Basin Planning**

This memorandum, prepared by Aspect Consulting, a Geosyntec Company (Aspect), provides Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC) and the City of Sammamish (City) with an evaluation of stormwater infiltration feasibility as part of the Pine Creek Basin Planning Project (Project). The Project aims to develop priority strategies, projects, and actions to address flooding, erosion, water quality, and ecological problems in the approximately 1,200-acre basin near the south end of the Sammamish Plateau in Sammamish, Washington (Figure 1).

The basin has some of the highest resource value in the City. It contains Pine Lake, Pine Lake Creek, Kanim Creek, and a sphagnum bog complex along with several smaller wetlands. Development (mostly residential) has increased over the past decade, especially around Pine Lake, but lower Pine Lake Creek flows through some of the largest remaining areas of contiguous forest within the City limits. Pine Lake Creek historically supported a substantial kokanee run and is still



considered one of four primary spawning streams by the Kokanee Work Group, despite reduced spawning populations in recent years.

The City has selected NHC to develop a basin plan for the Pine Lake Creek watershed that considers both future development and climate resiliency in prioritizing and designing projects and solutions.

In support of the Project, Aspect completed a desktop-level GIS-based geological survey of the basin. We created maps of surface conditions, including ground surface topography, aerial photography, surficial geology, slopes, wetlands, critical areas, and existing facilities. Existing geotechnical reports and studies within the area of study were included in the review to incorporate measured data where available and are listed at the end of this memorandum.

We evaluated the combination of this GIS data and existing reported soils data to develop a shallow infiltration feasibility map that identifies areas expected to have high, medium, and low capacity for shallow infiltration. We also developed a map of existing stormwater management infrastructure (Figure 2), which is primarily comprised of catch basins with scattered area drains. This memorandum is intended for use by NHC as input to further investigate particular areas or sites. This memorandum is intended for use by NHC as input to further investigate particular areas or sites within the basin as preferential stormwater infiltration areas.

The following sections provide an overview of local geology and available geotechnical data, a description of data reviewed for the infiltration feasibility GIS-based analysis, the resulting shallow infiltration feasibility map, and our recommended next steps for the Project.

## **Overview of Local Geology**

Local soils will directly inform the feasibility for infiltration across the basin. Based on our review of the geologic map (Booth et al., 2012), the basin is underlain by a sequence of Pleistocene Vashon Stage continental glacial deposits consisting of stratified recessional deposits (Qvr), ice-contact deposits (Qvi), glacial till (Qvt), and advance outwash (Qva). Underlying the sequence of Vashon Stage glacial deposits are undifferentiated pre-Fraser glacial deposits (Qpf).

The recessional deposits consist chiefly of poorly graded sand and gravel with few fines. The unit is subdivided according to origin and topographic form with outwash in the basin. The ice-contact deposits consist chiefly of poorly sorted silt, sand, and gravel. The glacial till deposits consist of a diamict<sup>1</sup> of dense to very dense silty sand with gravel. The advance outwash consists of poorly graded sand gravel with very few fines. The pre-Fraser glacial deposits are undifferentiated and can consist of very dense deposits of silt, sand, and gravel.

Younger nonglacial deposits present in the basin consist of mass-wastage deposits (Qmw), landslide deposits (Qls), wetland deposits (Qw), alluvial fan deposits (Qf), and alluvial deposits (Qal).

A map showing the surficial geology of the basin is presented on Figure 3.

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<sup>1</sup> Diamict is defined as a well-graded to poorly graded deposit that contains particles ranging in size from clay to boulders, suspended in a matrix of mud or sand.



## **Data Review**

Aspect compiled and reviewed data, including GIS data from the City, King County, and various state agencies, as well as geotechnical reports from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) subsurface database (DNR, 2024) and made available by the City. The following sections describe the various data we reviewed.

### ***Topography***

King County Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data with a 3-ft cell size resolution covers the basin. Ground surface elevations and 10-foot topographic contours were developed from the 2021 King County LiDAR data as shown on Figure 4. The basin topography ranges from Elevation 445<sup>2</sup> feet in the south to Elevation 30 feet in the northwest portion of the Project area.

### ***Critical Areas***

The City has established a set of Critical Areas Regulations protect health, safety, welfare, and property by minimizing adverse environmental impacts due to development within and near to critical areas. (City, 2022)

The mapped extent of critical areas was provided from the City's Critical Area Inventory maps and GIS data from the City's data (2023). Mapped critical areas for geologic hazards within the basin are listed below and shown on Figure 5.

- **Erosion Hazard Areas** – *City of Sammamish Erosion Hazard Areas* map show areas subject to erosion hazards. There are erosion hazard areas mapped within the north central portion of the basin (Figure 5).
- **Landslide Hazard Areas** – *The City of Sammamish Landslide Hazard* maps approximately 70 acres of landslide hazard area within the north central portion of the basin (Figure 5).
- **Seismic Hazard Areas** – *The City of Sammamish Seismic Hazard Areas* map shows an isolated seismic hazard area in the northwest tip of the basin where it outlets into Lake Sammamish.

There are otherwise no known hazards in the basin.

### ***Geotechnical, Soil, and Groundwater Data Review***

Aspect reviewed available GIS data and reports to characterize the soil and the soil's potential to infiltrate stormwater runoff. Our methods and findings are described below.

#### **Geotechnical and Soil Data**

Using the *Washington Geological Survey 1:24,000 Surficial Geologic Units* map and geotechnical reports available from DNR and provided by the City, Aspect mapped 27 subsurface locations within the basin to assess feasibility for stormwater infiltration. In general, the subsurface data corroborate the geologic mapping with outwash and till units observed as mapped on Figure 3.

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<sup>2</sup> 1 Elevations referenced to North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).



### **Groundwater Data**

There is no available GIS layer that maps depth to groundwater or areas of shallow groundwater across the basin. Areas of shallow groundwater are typically less than ideal for infiltration. In general, shallow groundwater can be expected to perch on glacial till and the pre-Fraser deposits in the basin. There is no groundwater data available within the western portion of the basin that includes deposits of outwash.

### **Shallow Infiltration Feasibility Assessment and Map**

We assimilated the mapped data and previous studies and assessed shallow infiltration feasibility within the basin. The unique combinations of the factors show areas that are more or less likely to be feasible for infiltration. The individual factors of the following input data within the basin are:

- Geologic Hazard Areas
- Surface Slope Classification
- Soil Permeability

#### ***Geologic Hazard Areas***

Three input datasets from the City's available Critical Area Inventory were used to identify geologic hazard areas not suitable for infiltration site locations. Erosion, Landslide, and Seismic Hazard areas were considered poor for shallow infiltration (Figure 5).

#### ***Surface Slope Classification***

The steepness of a surface slope is a factor in the potential for runoff to effectively infiltrate. If the ground surface is too steep, water can daylight down the slope from the point of infiltration. Steeper slopes can pose design challenges. The City's Critical Area regulations define medium landslide hazards as areas with slopes between 15 and 40 percent. Spatial analysis was used to calculate the slope percentage over the basin from the King County 2021 LiDAR data (King County, 2021). Areas within the basin fall within one of three categories:

- Good: Slopes less than 8 percent
- Moderate: Slopes between 8 and 15 percent
- Poor: Slopes greater than 15 percent

These categories reflect previous observations across the region of slopes in relation to infiltration and potential hazard issues due to ground surface slope. The surface slope categories present over the basin are shown on Figure 6.

#### ***Soil Permeability***

The permeability of a soil is the primary factor in determining its feasibility for infiltration. Typically, higher permeability soils are more feasible for shallow stormwater infiltration. If the soil cannot infiltrate runoff effectively, flooding and water quality issues can occur.

The properties of the surface soils in the basin were evaluated for their permeability and categorized into two permeability groups (Figure 7):



- Low permeability (infiltration estimated at 0-5 inches/hour)
- High permeability (infiltration estimated at greater than 5 inches/hour)

### **Soil Infiltration Map**

Figure 8 shows areas across the basin that are expected to have good, moderate, and poor capacity for shallow infiltration (generally less than 10 feet deep).

- Good – Shallow infiltration is expected to be feasible, unlikely to pose hazards, and cost effective.
- Moderate – Shallow infiltration is expected to be feasible with slopes are between 8 and 15 percent.
- Poor – Shallow infiltration is expected to have a low potential or risks to impact geologic hazards could be high. Areas shown mapped as Poor may not necessarily exhibit poor infiltration upon further site investigation.

### **Recommendations and Next Steps**

Our recommendations for next steps on the Project are to:

- Identify explorations that include borings and monitoring wells in the basin where infiltration appears most feasible.
- Identify potential pilot infiltration testing locations at potential stormwater retrofit sites.

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## **Limitations**

Work for this project was performed for City of Sammamish (Client), and this report was prepared consistent with recognized standards of professionals in the same locality and involving similar conditions, at the time the work was performed. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made by Aspect Consulting (Aspect).

Recommendations presented herein are based on our interpretation of site conditions, geotechnical engineering calculations, and judgment in accordance with our mutually agreed-upon scope of work. Our recommendations are unique and specific to the project, site, and Client. Application of this report for any purpose other than the project should be done only after consultation with Aspect.

Variations may exist between the soil and groundwater conditions reported and those actually underlying the site. The nature and extent of such soil variations may change over time and may not be evident before construction begins. If any soil conditions are encountered at the site that are different from those described in this report, Aspect should be notified immediately to review the applicability of our recommendations.

It is the Client's responsibility to see that all parties to this project, including the designer, contractor, subcontractors, and agents, are made aware of this report in its entirety. At the time of this report, design plans and construction methods have not been finalized, and the recommendations presented herein are based on preliminary project information. If project developments result in changes from the preliminary project information, Aspect should be contacted to determine if our recommendations contained in this report should be revised and/or expanded upon.

The scope of work does not include services related to construction safety precautions. Site safety is typically the responsibility of the contractor, and our recommendations are not intended to direct the contractor's site safety methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. The scope of our work also does not include the assessment of environmental characteristics, particularly those involving potentially hazardous substances in soil or groundwater.

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Northwest Hydraulic Consultants  
March 8, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**  
Project No. 220462 - Task 4

We appreciate the opportunity to perform these services. If you have any questions please call Chip Barnett, Senior Engineering Geologist, at 206-413-5398.

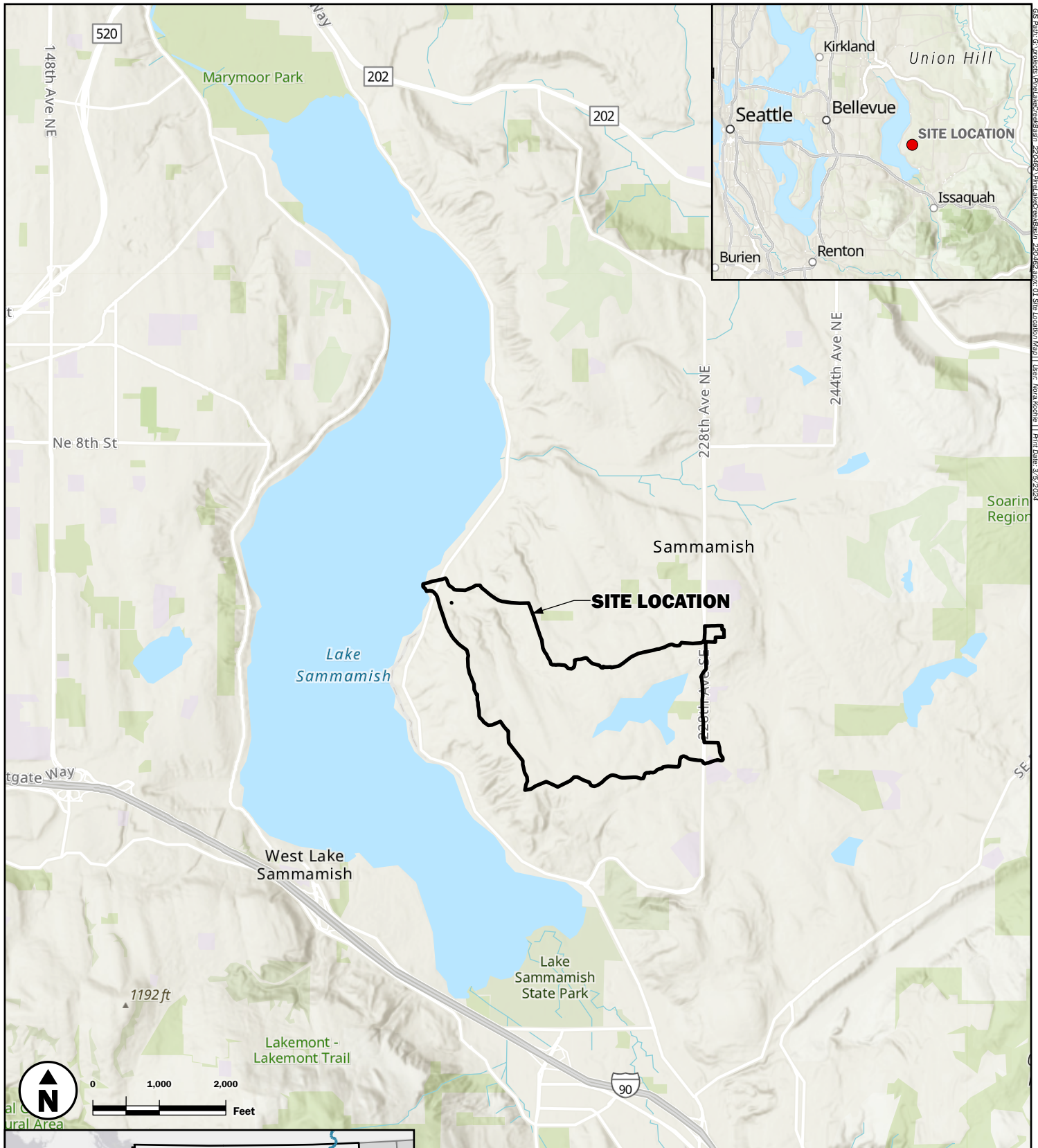
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                      Figure 6 – Surface Slope Classification  
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# FIGURES





## Site Location Map

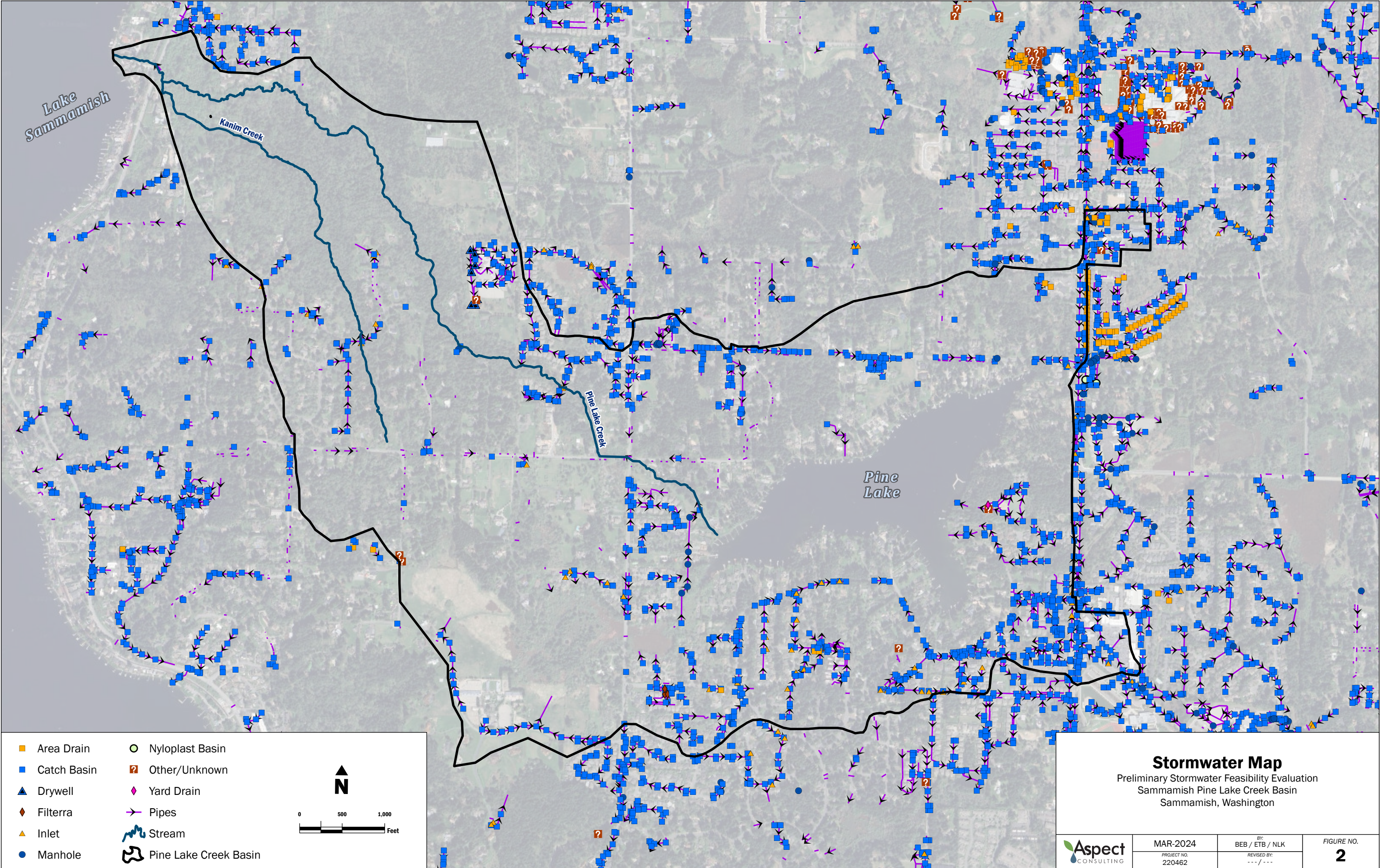
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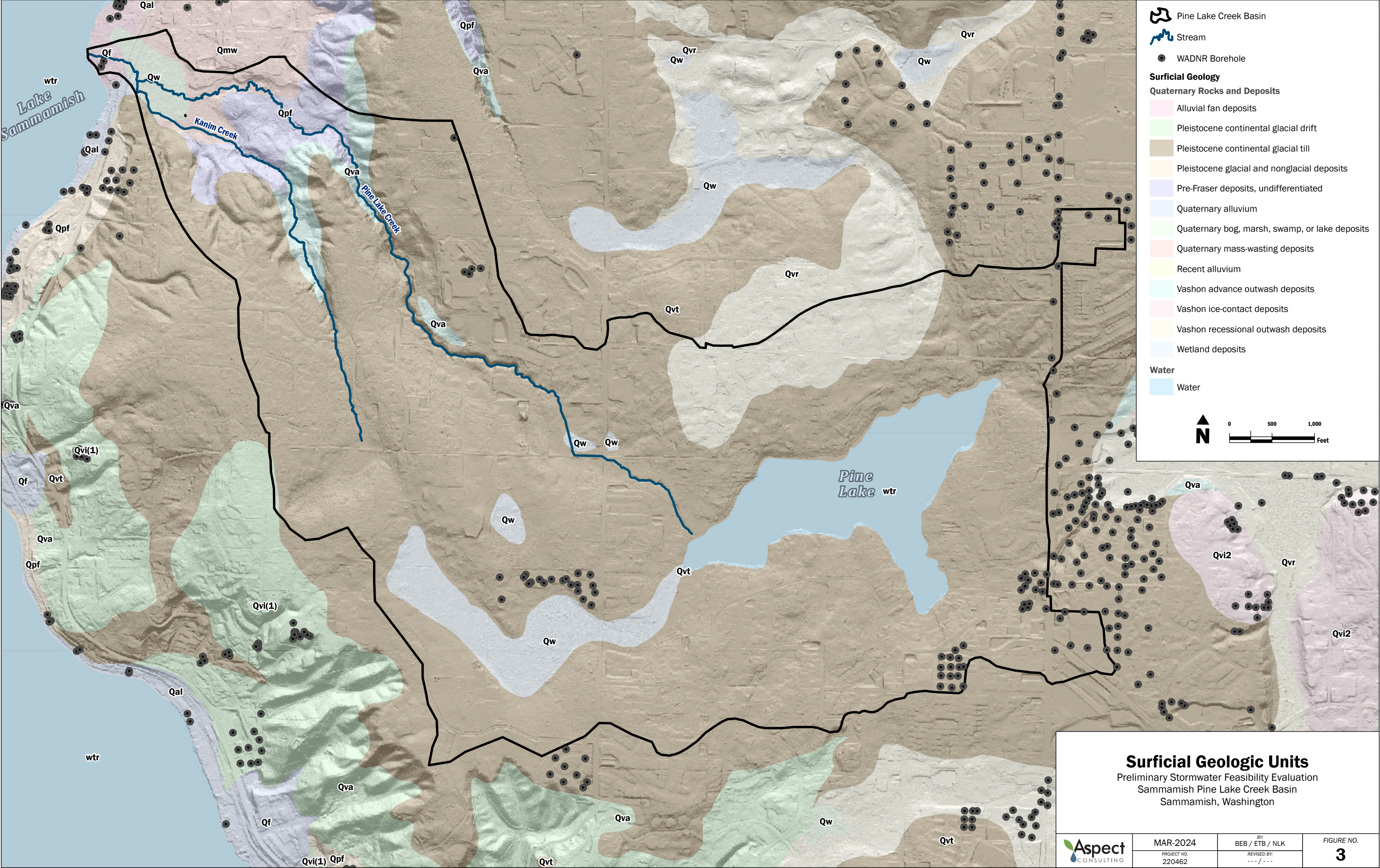
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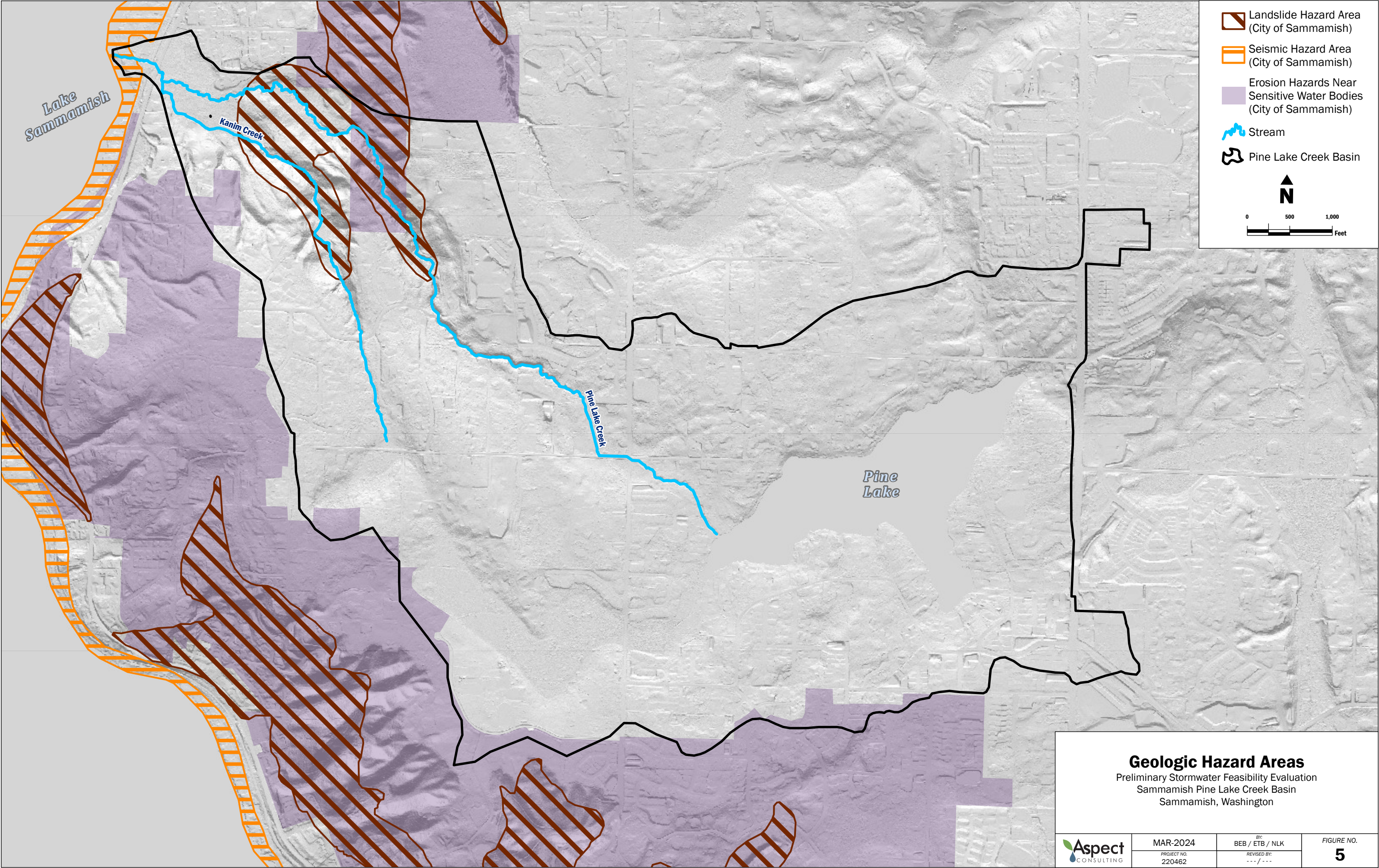








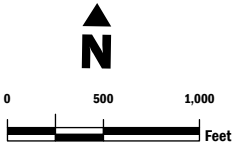




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- Erosion Hazards Near Sensitive Water Bodies (City of Sammamish)
- Stream
- Pine Lake Creek Basin

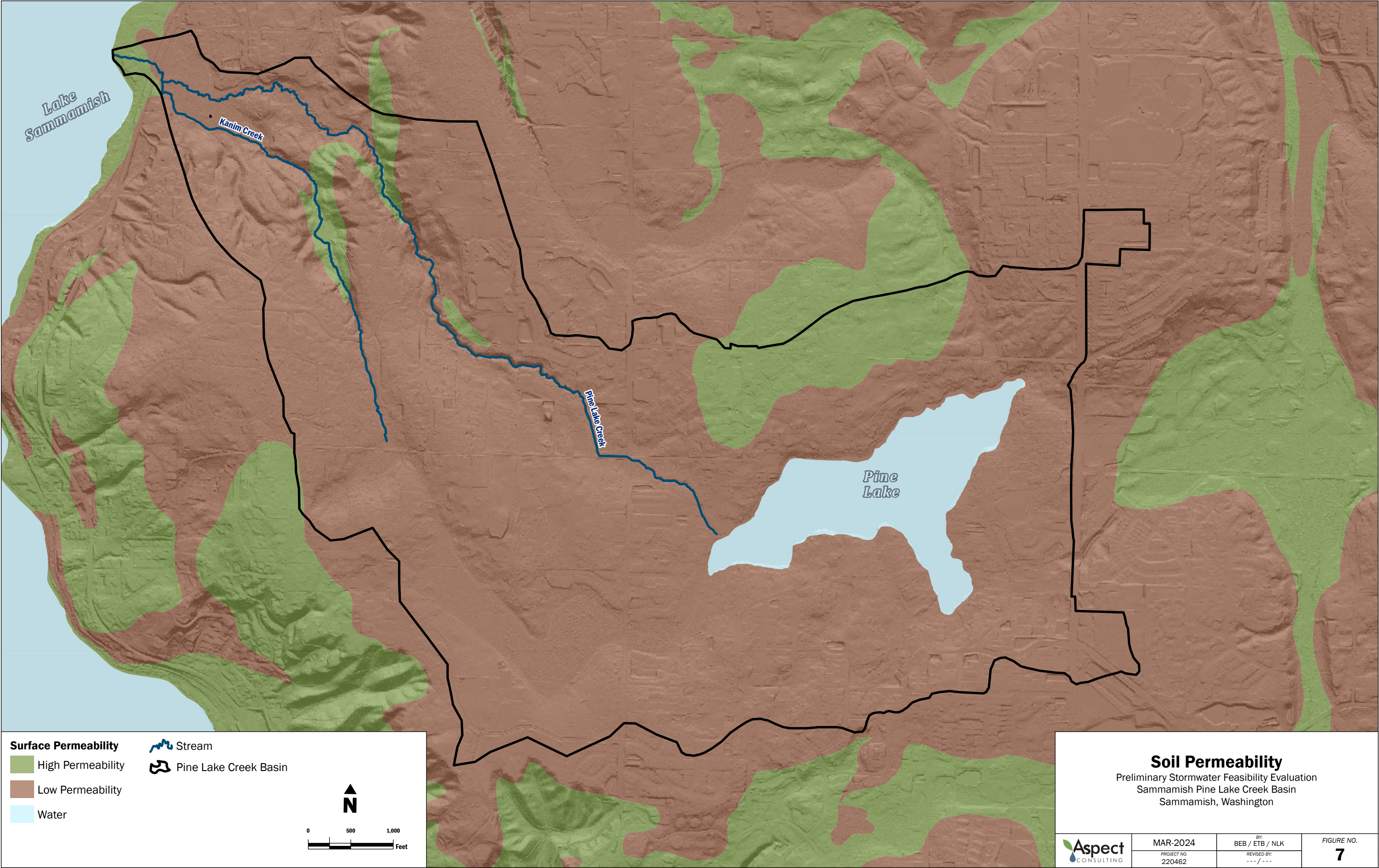


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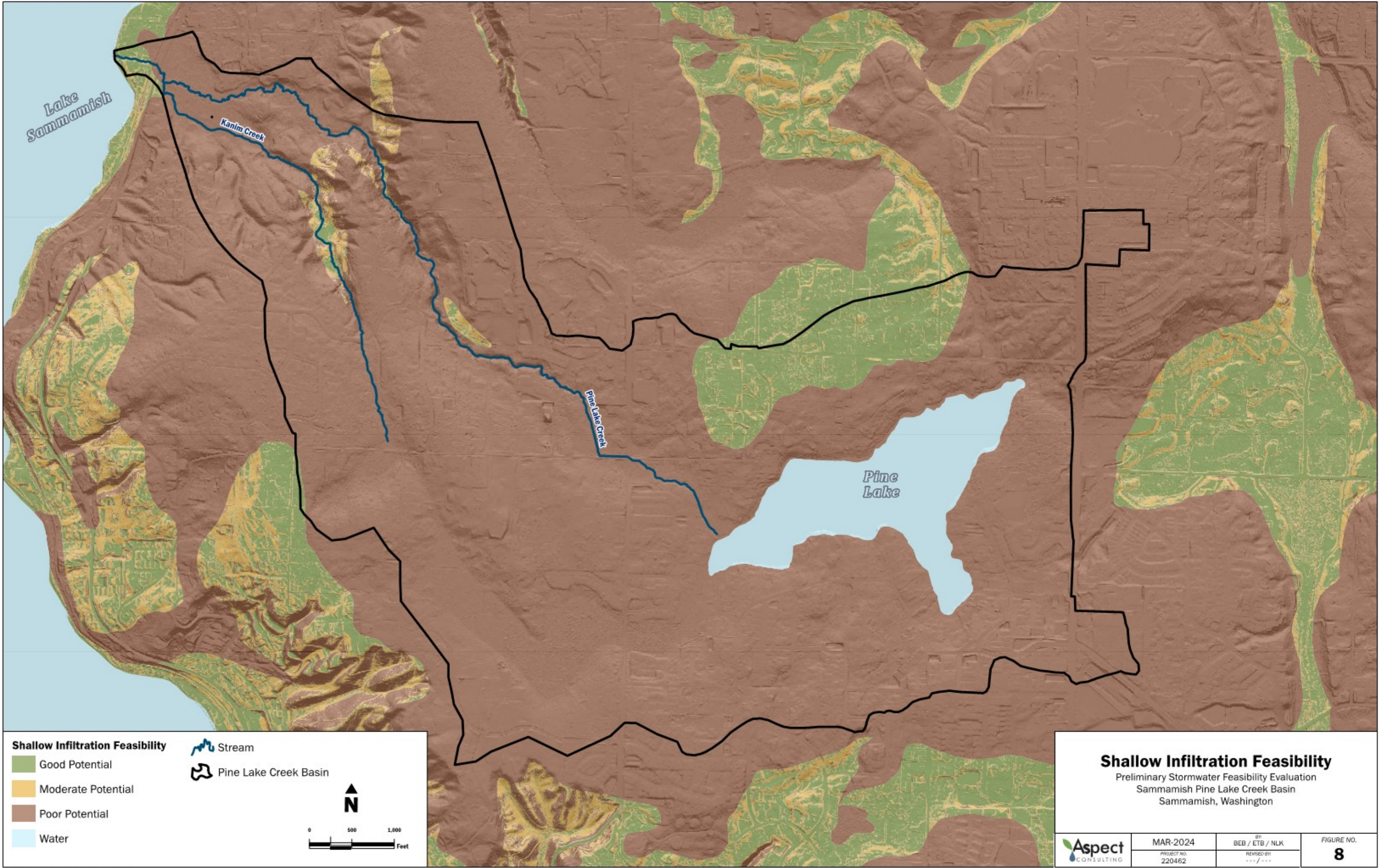














## **APPENDIX A**

### **Report Limitations and Guidelines for Use**



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# REPORT LIMITATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR USE

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# Appendix F Capital Project Screening and Information Sheets



# Capital Project Identification and Screening

Capital projects were identified by review of the City's retrofit strategy and gaps in basin stormwater treatment, review of previously identified projects and strategies, direct observation, and staff, stakeholder, and community input.

An initial GIS screening was conducted using methodology developed in the retrofit strategy to determine parcels that would be appropriate for restoration or stormwater retrofit. The general methodology is outlined in the City of Sammamish Retrofit Strategy and Guidance Manual (Sammamish, 2021). Parcels were scored and ranked for restoration or retrofit potential. Figures F-1 and F-2 show the results of the parcel screening for restoration and retrofit, respectively.

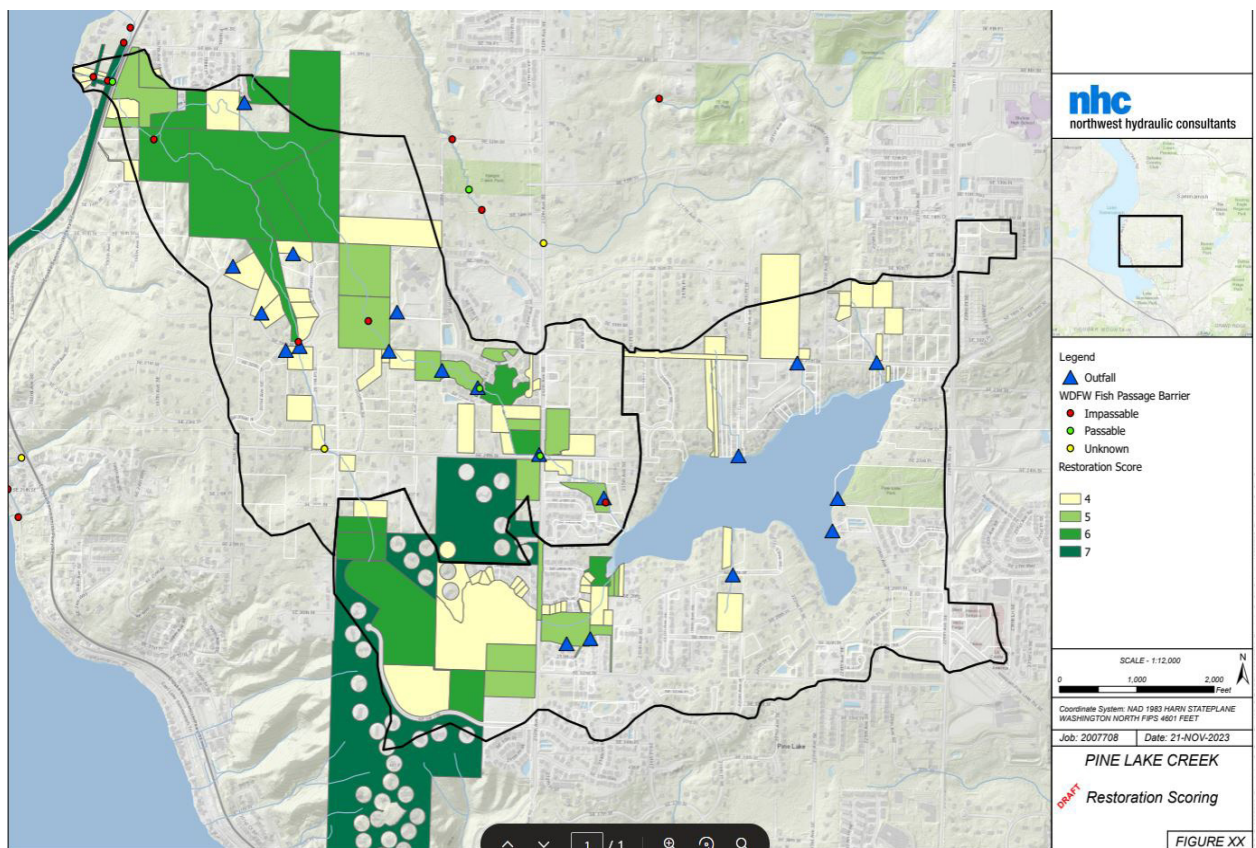
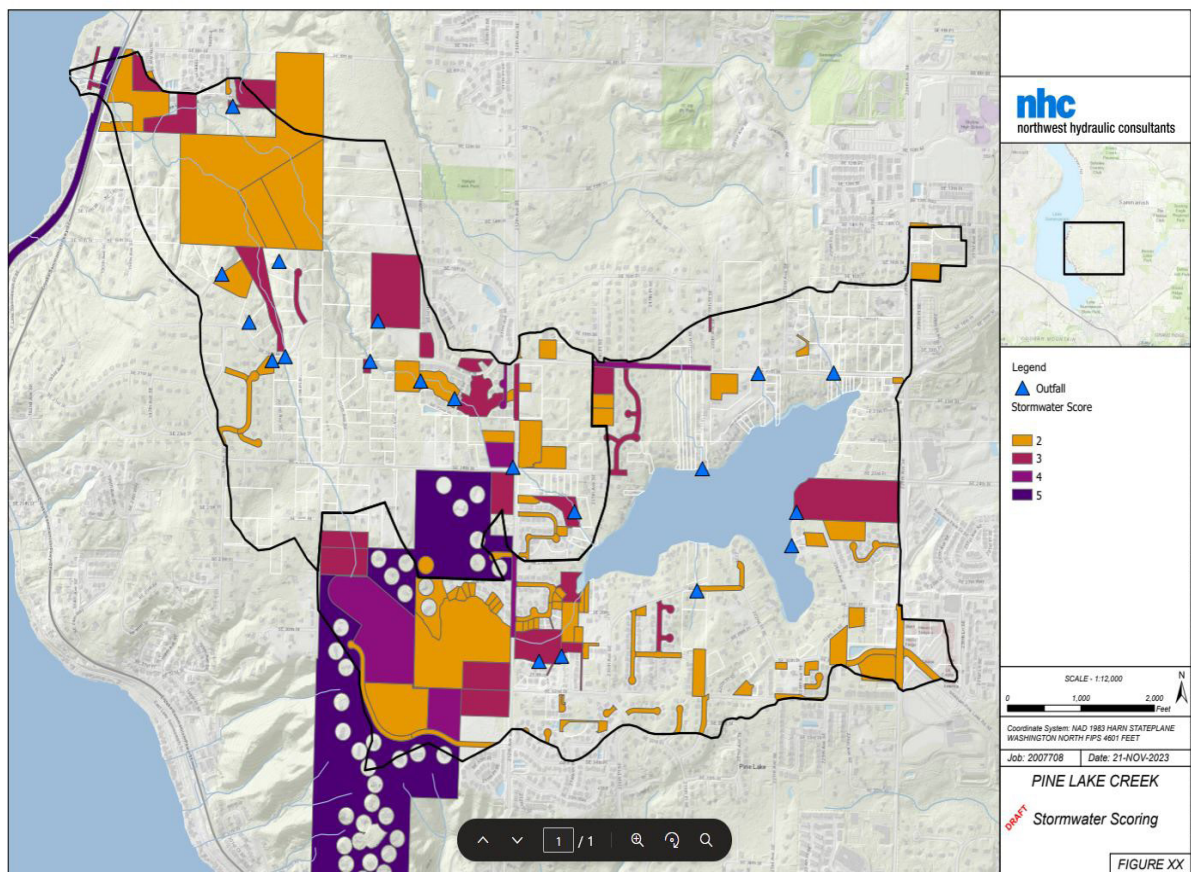


Figure F-1. Results of GIS-based Restoration Screening





**Figure F-2. Results of GIS-based Retrofit Potential Screening**

After the initial screening, the parcels were reviewed in more detail to determine whether problems were reported or direct observations indicated that restoration was needed. Several parcels in the Pine Lake Creek corridor were included in the initial capital project list for restoration near the mouth (green squares in the upper left corner of Figure F-1). One of the retrofit sites identified by the GIS analysis is a recommended CIP project. After a closer review of the analysis, more appropriate retrofit sites were identified based on field conditions and direct observations.

## Prioritization

Thirteen potential capital projects were initially identified, including restoration projects and stormwater retrofit projects. The projects were ranked using the City's stormwater capital improvement project prioritization methodology (City of Sammamish 2018, Resolution No. R2018-804). The methodology uses six



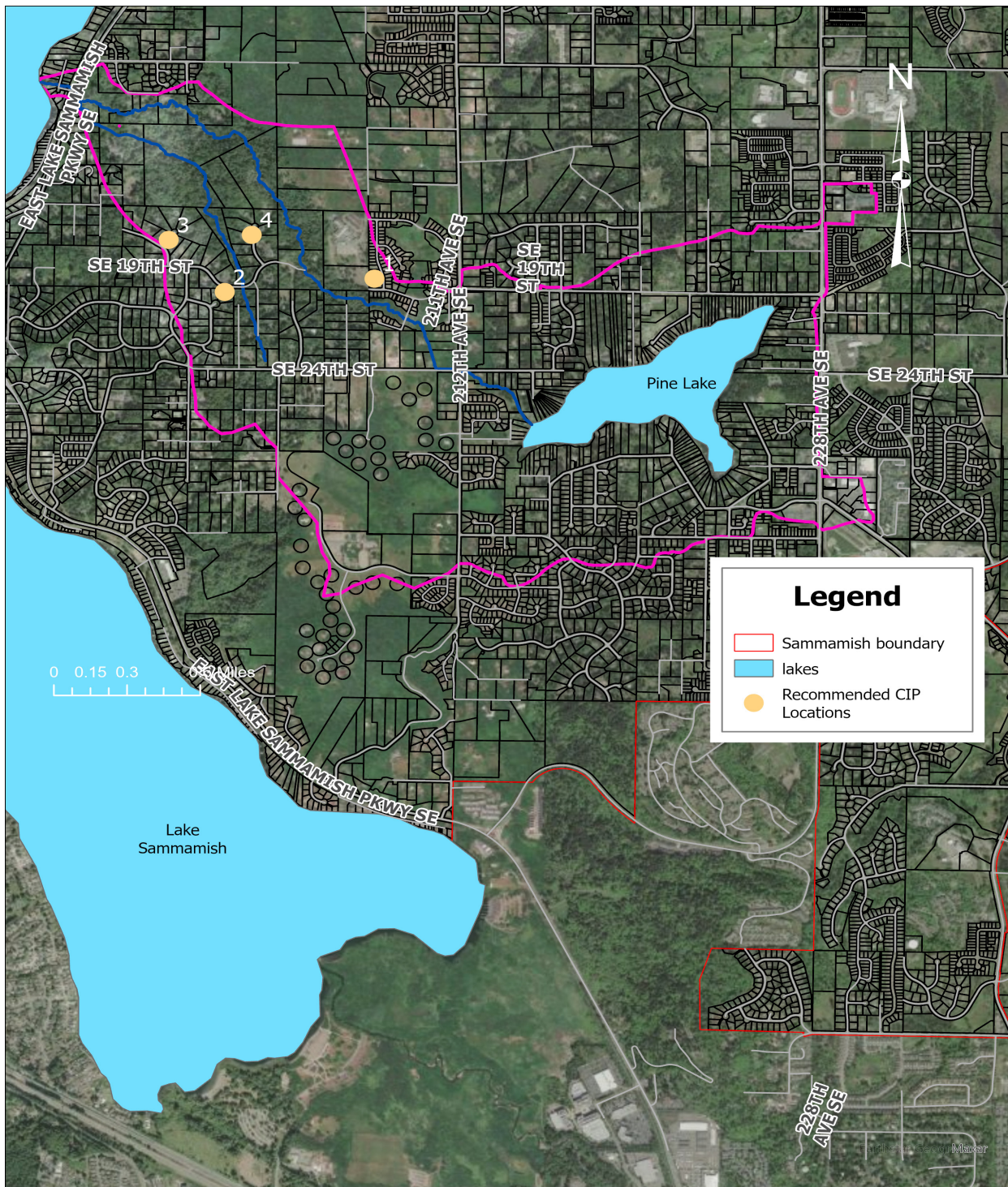
criteria to evaluate capital projects against one another, including:

- Environmental benefits —how many benefits the project solution provides such as flow control, infiltration, riparian habitat, water quality, etc.
- Growth and climate change — how well the project addresses future growth and or climate impacts.
- Maintenance — whether the project solves a maintenance problem or accessibility for maintenance crews.
- Safety — whether the project solves a safety issue and what the severity and frequency of the issue is.
- Population benefited — how many people benefit from the project (i.e., a neighborhood, the entire City, etc.)
- Time sensitivity — whether the project is linked to an urgent or non-urgent issue or opportunity, permit, or project.

The list of capital projects was refined after discussion with city staff. Projects located on private parcels were eliminated from further consideration because they would require easements, acquisition, or cooperation with landowners. The city was more interested in proceeding with capital projects that were more easily implementable on public property. This resulted in the initial list being refined to eight capital projects and all of the restoration projects on private property were eliminated from consideration or inclusion on the CIP.

Additional projects on the list were eliminated after further investigation revealed that improvements were less significant than originally thought. The final capital projects recommended for Pine Lake Creek basin were developed into summary sheets included in this appendix. The locations of the capital projects are shown in Figure F-3 and the summary sheets follow.





**Figure F-3. Locations of Recommended Capital Projects**



### Capital Project #1 D92928

Cost (2024 dollars): \$1,412,500  
Stormwater Pond Retrofit



Vicinity Map ↑

### Project Description:

Pond retrofit to improve detention, flow control, and water quality. There is an opportunity to expand the pond, which was built in 2000's prior to current flow control design standards.



Plan View ↑

### Design Considerations:

- Survey and geotechnical investigation will be needed to investigate groundwater, soil stability, and available footprint for design decisions.
- Existing utility infrastructure will need preserved or replaced.
- Ideal design will maintain/reuse established foliage and pond infrastructure to the extent feasible.

### Potential Benefits:

- Will reduce peak flows and erosion in Pine Lake Creek.
- Will improve water quality in Pine Lake Creek.
- May be grant eligible.

### Potential Challenges:

- Traffic access during construction.
- Noise associated with construction.



### Capital Project #1 D92928

### CIP Project Prioritization Scoring: 65/100

| Environmental Benefit | Facility/Maintenance Improvements | Safety | Population Benefited | Time-Sensitive Opportunity |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 30/30                 | 20/25                             | 0/25   | 10/10                | 5/10                       |

### Project Schematic



## Planning Level Cost Estimate

| Item No.  | Estimated Quantity | Unit | Description:   | Unit Cost    | Amount        |
|---|--------------------|------|--|--------------|---------------|
| 1   | 1                  | LS   | Mobilization   | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 75,000.00  |
| 2   | 1                  | CALC | Minor Change   | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00  |
| 3   | 1                  | LS   | SPCC Plan  | \$ 1,500.00  | \$ 1,500.00   |
| 4   | 1                  | LS   | Clearing and Grubbing  | \$ 8,000.00  | \$ 8,000.00   |
| 5   | 1                  | LS   | Erosion Control and Water Pollution Prevention                     | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00  |
| 6   | 1                  | LS   | Project Temporary Traffic Control                                  | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 7   | 1                  | LS   | Removal of Structures and Obstructions                             | \$ 2,500.00  | \$ 2,500.00   |
| 8   | 1                  | LS   | Landscape Restoration & Plantings                                  | \$ 7,000.00  | \$ 7,000.00   |
| 9   | 1                  | EST  | Licensed Surveying, Incl. Asbuilts                                 | \$ 7,000.00  | \$ 7,000.00   |
| 10  | 300                | LF   | Removing and replacement of Chain Link Fence w/Black Vinyl Coating | \$ 80.00     | \$ 24,000.00  |
| 11  | 4900               | CY   | Excavation, Embankment and Grading, Incl Haul                      | \$ 30.00     | \$ 147,000.00 |
| 12  | 3300               | CY   | Engineering Soils  | \$ 80.00     | \$ 264,000.00 |
| 13  | 2500               | SF   | Retaining and Baffle Walls   | \$ 65.00     | \$ 162,500.00 |
| 14  | 1                  | LS   | Adjust Existing Utilities  | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 15  | 1                  | EA   | Storm and Pond Structure Improvements                              | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00  |
| Subtotal =  |                    |      |  | \$           | 742,500.00    |
| Contingency (30%)   |                    |      |  | \$           | 222,800.00    |
| Sales Tax (10.2%)   |                    |      |  | \$           | 75,735.00     |
| Environmental Permitting and Documentation (15%)                |                    |      |  | \$           | 111,400.00    |
| Administration (5%)   |                    |      |  | \$           | 37,200.00     |
| Preliminary Engineering, PS&E and Construction Management (30%) |                    |      |  | \$           | 222,800.00    |
| Total Construction Cost:  |                    |      |  | \$           | 1,412,500.00  |



### Capital Project #2 D92928

Cost (2024 dollars): \$3.2 M  
Retrofit and Restoration



Vicinity Map ↑

### Project Description:

Stormwater outfall has noticeable erosion and overflow, with downstream excessive peak flows. Updated detention infrastructure is proposed to reduce peak flows during storms, reduce erosion, and improve water quality.



Plan View ↑

### Design Considerations:

- Surveying and geotechnical investigations will be needed.
- Clearing and grubbing will need to consider established foliage, especially trees.
- Current infrastructure shows signs of failing, which may complicate construction.

### Potential Benefits:

- Reduce high flows, erosion, and improve water quality in Kanim Creek.
- Expanded detention capabilities with large upstream area may provide significant improvements over current detention capacity.
- Reduce maintenance needs for erosion at outfall.

### Potential Challenges:

- Neighborhood access impacts during construction, especially for property with easement.
- Noise associated with construction activities.
- Construction area would require restoration.



### Capital Project #2 D92924

### CIP Project Prioritization Scoring: 70/100

| Environmental Benefit | Facility/Maintenance Improvements | Safety | Population Benefited | Time-Sensitive Opportunity |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 30/30                 | 25/25                             | 0/25   | 10/10                | 5/10                       |

### Project Schematic



## Planning Level Cost Estimate

| Item No.  | Estimated Quantity | Unit | Description:                                   | Unit Cost     | Amount          |
|---|--------------------|------|--|---------------|-----------------|
| 1   | 1                  | LS   | Mobilization                                   | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 150,000.00   |
| 2   | 1                  | CALC | Minor Change                                   | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 10,000.00    |
| 3   | 1                  | LS   | SPCC Plan                                      | \$ 1,500.00   | \$ 1,500.00     |
| 4   | 1                  | LS   | Clearing and Grubbing                          | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 10,000.00    |
| 5   | 1                  | LS   | Erosion Control and Water Pollution Prevention | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 10,000.00    |
| 6   | 1                  | LS   | Project Temporary Traffic Control              | \$ 5,000.00   | \$ 5,000.00     |
| 7   | 1                  | LS   | Removal of Structures and Obstructions         | \$ 20,000.00  | \$ 20,000.00    |
| 8   | 1                  | LS   | Landscape Restoration & Plantings              | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 10,000.00    |
| 9   | 1                  | EST  | Licensed Surveying, Incl. Asbuilts             | \$ 22,500.00  | \$ 22,500.00    |
| 10  | 1000               | CY   | Excavation, Embankment and Grading, Incl Haul  | \$ 80.00      | \$ 80,000.00    |
| 11  | 1                  | LS   | Adjust Existing Utilities                      | \$ 5,000.00   | \$ 5,000.00     |
| 12  | 39000              | CF   | Stormwater detention vaults                    | \$ 30.77      | \$ 1,200,000.00 |
| 13  | 1                  | EA   | Storm system improvements                      | \$ 5,000.00   | \$ 5,000.00     |
| Subtotal =  |                    |      |  | \$            | 1,529,000.00    |
| Contingency (30%)   |                    |      |  | \$            | 458,700.00      |
| Sales Tax (10.2%)   |                    |      |  | \$            | 155,958.00      |
| Geotechnical Study (15%)  |                    |      |  | \$            | 230,000.00      |
| Environmental Permitting and Documentation (20%)                |                    |      |  | \$            | 305,800.00      |
| Administration (5%)   |                    |      |  | \$            | 76,500.00       |
| Preliminary Engineering, PS&E and Construction Management (30%) |                    |      |  | \$            | 458,700.00      |
| Total Construction Cost:  |                    |      |  | \$            | 3,214,700.00    |



## Capital Project #3 Loree Estates @ 198th Pl SE

Cost (2024 dollars): \$347,100  
Detention and LID



Vicinity Map



### Project Description:

This project retrofits the street edge with a bioswale. This bioswale will include foliage and rock to assist with erosion control along the shoulder, provide water quality treatment, and enhance the aesthetics of the street edge. Bioswale is designed to include detention to the extent feasible.



Plan View



### Design Considerations:

- Effective design will incorporate feedback from the local neighborhood on aesthetics and design decisions.
- Geotechnical investigations will be needed to assess infiltration feasibility.
- Engineered soils may be used to increase infiltration for detention.

### Potential Benefits:

- Reduces erosion and improves water quality at stormwater outfall.
- Addresses water quality and detention concerns.
- Pilot project provides templates for elsewhere in the City.

### Potential Challenges:

- Right-of-way and traffic access to neighborhood during construction.
- Noise associated with construction activities. Neighborhood feedback and opinions on frontage changes can be positive or negative, which may help or harm future efforts.



### Capital Project #3

#### Loree Estates @ 198th Pl SE

### CIP Project Prioritization

Scoring: 65/100

| Environmental Benefit | Facility/Maintenance Improvements | Safety | Population Benefited | Time-Sensitive Opportunity |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 30/30                 | 25/25                             | 0/25   | 5/10                 | 5/10                       |

### Project Schematic



Background image from Google Earth Pro

## Planning Level Cost Estimate

| Item No.  | Estimated Quantity | Unit | Description:                                   | Unit Cost    | Amount        |
|---|--------------------|------|--|--------------|---------------|
| 1   | 1                  | LS   | Mobilization                                   | \$ 6,500.00  | \$ 6,500.00   |
| 2   | 1                  | CALC | Minor Change                                   | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 3   | 1                  | LS   | SPCC Plan                                      | \$ 1,500.00  | \$ 1,500.00   |
| 4   | 1                  | LS   | Clearing and Grubbing                          | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 5   | 1                  | LS   | Erosion Control and Water Pollution Prevention | \$ 1,000.00  | \$ 1,000.00   |
| 6   | 1                  | LS   | Project Temporary Traffic Control              | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 7   | 1                  | LS   | Removal of Structures and Obstructions         | \$ 2,500.00  | \$ 2,500.00   |
| 8   | 1                  | LS   | Landscape Restoration & Plantings              | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 9   | 1                  | EST  | Licensed Surveying, Incl. Asbuilts             | \$ 5,000.00  | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 10  | 160                | CY   | Excavation, Embankment and Grading, Incl Haul  | \$ 30.00     | \$ 4,800.00   |
| 11  | 40                 | CY   | Engineering Soils                              | \$ 80.00     | \$ 3,200.00   |
| 12  | 3                  | EA   | Weirs  | \$ 1,500.00  | \$ 4,500.00   |
| 13  | 1                  | LS   | Cement Concrete Traffic Curb & Gutter          | \$ -         | \$ -          |
| 14  | 1                  | LS   | Adjust Existing Utilities                      | \$ 2,000.00  | \$ 2,000.00   |
| 15  | 1                  | EA   | Storm and Bioswale pipes and structures        | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00  |
| Subtotal =  |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 66,000.00  |
| Contingency (30%)   |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 19,800.00  |
| Sales Tax (10.2%)   |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 6,732.00   |
| Property/Right of Way Acquisition (0.25 AC)                     |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 217,800.00 |
| Geotechnical Study (10%)  |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 7,000.00   |
| Environmental Permitting and Documentation (10%)                |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 6,600.00   |
| Administration (5%)   |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 3,300.00   |
| Preliminary Engineering, PS&E and Construction Management (30%) |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 19,800.00  |
| Total Construction Cost:  |                    |      |  | \$           | \$ 347,100.00 |



### Capital Project #4

#### 203rd Ave SE Water Quality LID Pilot Project

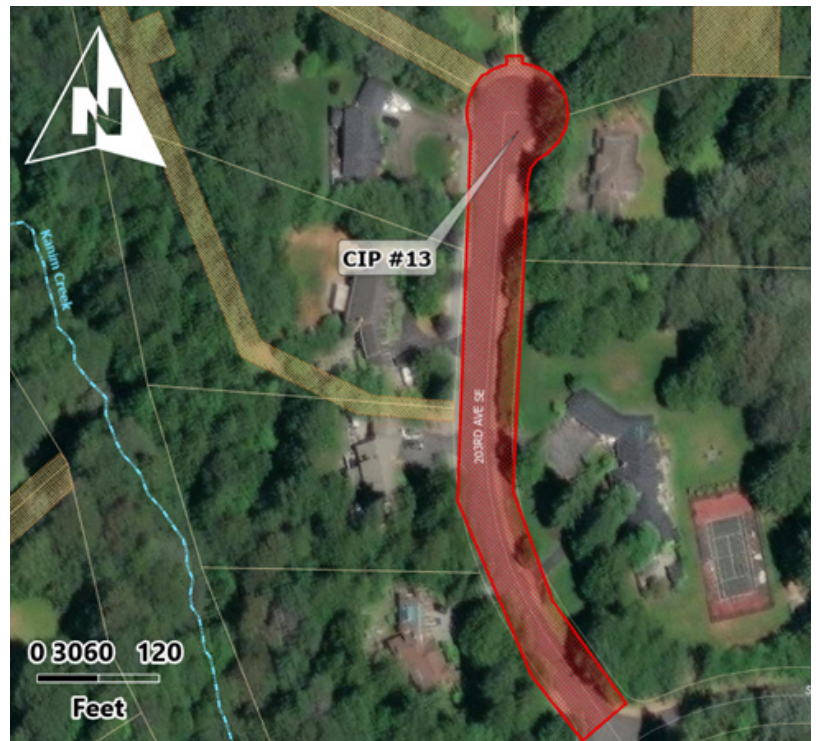
**Cost (2024 dollars): \$221,300**  
**Water Quality LID Pilot Project**



**Vicinity Map** ↑

### Project Description:

This project retrofits the street edge for low impact development by including a bioswale. This bioswale will assist with erosion control along the shoulder, provide water quality treatment, and enhance the aesthetics of the street edge.



**Plan View** ↑

### Design Considerations:

- Effective design will incorporate feedback from the local neighborhood on design decisions. Depending on locations, right of ways may need to be obtained.
- Utility locations, including existing stormwater, need to be considered.
- Geotechnical and surveying will be needed.

### Potential Benefits:

- Reduces erosion and improves water quality at stormwater outfall.
- Showcase benefits of LID for other neighborhoods.

### Potential Challenges:

- Traffic access to neighborhood during construction.
- Noise associated with construction activities.
- Neighborhood pushback on frontage changes is possible.
- Maintenance on vegetated facilities.

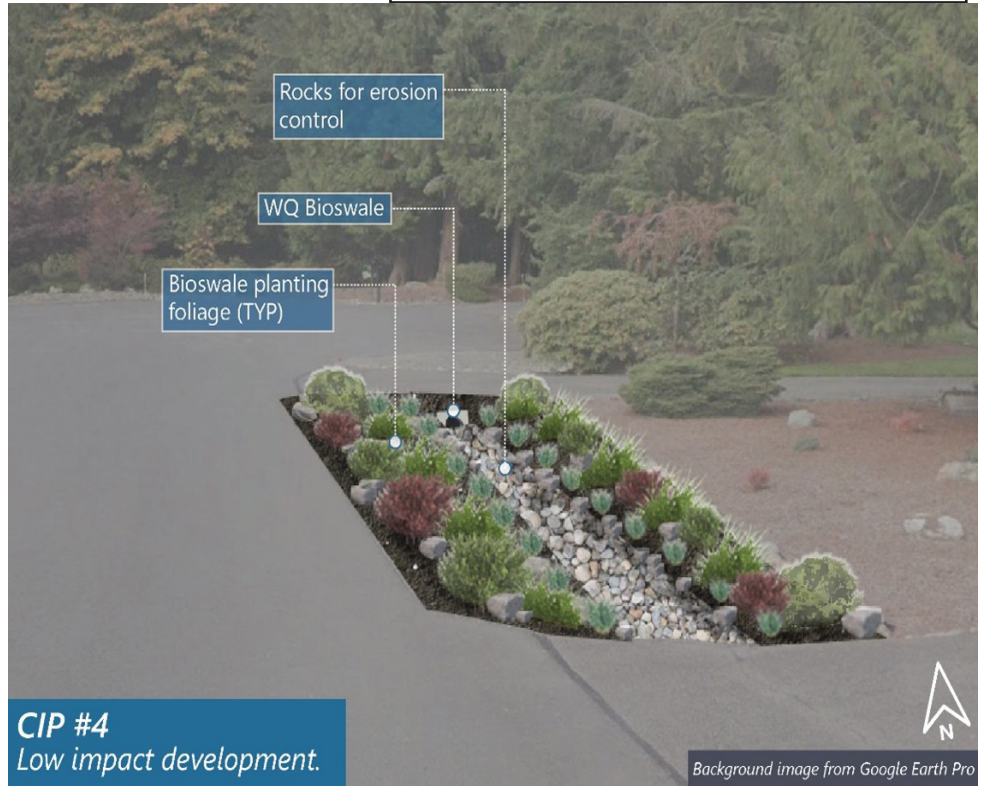


## Capital Project #4 203rd Ave SE Water Quality LID Pilot Project

CIP Project Prioritization  
Scoring: 45/100

| Environmental Benefit | Facility/Maintenance Improvements | Safety | Population Benefited | Time-Sensitive Opportunity |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 25/30                 | 10/25                             | 0/25   | 5/10                 | 5/10                       |

Project Schematic



## Planning Level Cost Estimate

| Item No.  | Estimated Quantity | Unit | Description:                                   | Unit Cost   | Amount      |
|---|--------------------|------|--|-------------|-------------|
| 1   | 1                  | LS   | Mobilization                                   | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 2   | 1                  | CALC | Minor Change                                   | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 3   | 1                  | LS   | SPCC Plan                                      | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 4   | 1                  | LS   | Clearing and Grubbing                          | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 5   | 1                  | LS   | Erosion Control and Water Pollution Prevention | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 6   | 1                  | LS   | Project Temporary Traffic Control              | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 7   | 1                  | LS   | Removal of Structures and Obstructions         | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| 8   | 1                  | LS   | Landscape Restoration & Plantings              | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 9   | 1                  | EST  | Licensed Surveying, Incl. Asbuilts             | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 10  | 50                 | CY   | Excavation, Embankment and Grading, Incl Haul  | \$ 30.00    | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 11  | 20                 | CY   | Engineering Soils                              | \$ 80.00    | \$ 1,600.00 |
| 12  | 1                  | LS   | Cement Concrete Traffic Curb & Gutter          | \$ 3,800.00 | \$ 3,800.00 |
| 13  | 1                  | LS   | Adjust Existing Utilities                      | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 14  | 1                  | EA   | Storm and Bioswale pipes and structures        | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Subtotal =  |                    |      |  | \$          | 44,900.00   |
| Contingency (30%)   |                    |      |  | \$          | 13,500.00   |
| Sales Tax (10.2%)   |                    |      |  | \$          | 4,579.80    |
| Property/Right of Way Acquisition (0.15 AC)                     |                    |      |  | \$          | 130,680.00  |
| Geotechnical Study (10%)  |                    |      |  | \$          | 5,000.00    |
| Environmental Permitting and Documentation (15%)                |                    |      |  | \$          | 6,800.00    |
| Administration (5%)   |                    |      |  | \$          | 2,300.00    |
| Preliminary Engineering, PS&E and Construction Management (30%) |                    |      |  | \$          | 13,500.00   |
| Total Construction Cost:  |                    |      |  | \$          | 221,300.00  |







# Appendix G Programmatic Project Information Sheets





## Programmatic Action Summary Sheet Assumptions

The summary sheets provided in this Appendix provide basic information and rationale for programmatic actions that the City may choose to implement in the Pine Lake Creek Basin or other basins to accomplish goals to improve water quality, habitat, and support storm and surface water objectives. Some of the actions, such as the targeted education and outreach to Lake-side homeowners were identified by community members at the engagement events conducted during the Pine Lake Creek Basin planning process. Other projects were identified by the project team as ways to engage community and residents with actions that would be helpful to preserve and protect the Pine Lake Creek Basin. The basin is largely under private ownership, therefore it is necessary to identify ways to use of existing city resources, such as the property acquisition fund, to acquire property that protects storm and surface water functions.

The City may choose to implement these actions as resources, partnerships, or opportunities allow. The recommended for implementation is within the next three years (2026 - 2028) to take advantage of momentum and interest from the community, however, the actions are not dependent on any other projects or programs and may be delayed if there are other priorities.

Planning level cost estimates were developed using some basic assumptions of what may be included in each action. A higher hourly rate was assumed for the technical work in the event that the city chooses to use a contractor in lieu of city staff. Additionally, project management time was assumed for city staff as a percentage of the overall level of effort, regardless of who completes the work.







## Programmatic Action #1 Targeted Education for Lakeside Residents

**Cost (2024 dollars): \$57,000**  
**One-time plus update dashboards**

### Description:

This action will consolidate informational resources on-line and in print for lakeside residents on a variety of topics of interest including invasive vegetation management, dock cleaning and repair, alternative landscaping techniques, water quality monitoring data and opportunities, and identification of harmful algae. The information will be targeted to all lakeside residents in Sammamish and will leverage materials from other agencies; individual web pages and dashboards specific to data from each lake within the city's jurisdiction.

### Rationale:

- There is inconsistency among lake-side residents and a lack of understanding by some on how to manage their property and infrastructure to protect water quality and facilitate recreational activities and aesthetics that the community desires.
- Strong community support and desire for consolidated information specific to lakes.

### Assumptions:

- Conduct survey of lakeside residents to find out what information they need.
- Develop materials (webpage or print) that provides information on lakeside management geared toward homeowners. Other agencies have resources that can be leveraged for this program.
- Develop dashboards of lake water quality data.
- Conduct focus groups to ensure user-friendly website.

### Deliverables:

- Survey of residents.
- Website content, including water quality dashboards.
- Possible print documentation.





# Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Programmatic Action Sheet

## Programmatic Action #1 Targeted Education for Lakeside Residents

### Anticipated Elements:

The anticipated elements of this programmatic action include conducting a brief survey of lakeside residents to find out what type of information would be useful to them so that the educational resources provided on the website and in print documentation are useful. It is expected that much of the content will be available from other entities (King County, Department of Ecology, and others), but will need to be consolidated in one location for easy reference. This programmatic action assumes a print booklet will be produced as well, however, the survey could assess whether that is needed or necessary depending on what the needs of the community are.

Water quality dashboards will present data from King County and volunteer water quality monitors in an easy to understand manner to help the community relate to and understand their connection to the lake. It is suggested that focus groups be held in advance of the website going live to ensure that it is user-friendly and conveys the right information. An example of a successful water quality dashboard is City of Kirkland's [Water Quality Dashboard](#).

### Planning Level Cost Estimate

| Task  | Description                          | Labor Hours | Labor Cost   | Direct Costs | Total        |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PM    | Admin                                | 36          | \$ 7,200.00  |              | \$ 7,200.00  |
| 1     | Conduct survey of lakeside residents | 20          | \$ 4,000.00  | \$ 2,000.00  | \$ 6,000.00  |
| 2     | Develop website and dashboards       | 100         | \$ 20,000.00 |              | \$ 20,000.00 |
| 3     | Conduct focus groups                 | 120         | \$ 24,000.00 |              | \$ 24,000.00 |
| Total |                                      | 276         | \$ 55,200.00 | \$ 2,000.00  | \$ 57,200.00 |

| FTE and Rate Assumption     |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Administration (0.15* FTE ) | 0.15      |
| Rate                        | \$ 200.00 |





# Pine Lake Creek Basin Plan Programmatic Action Sheet

## Programmatic Action #2 Property Acquisition Fund

Cost (2024 dollars): \$18,400  
One-time

### Description:

This project involves generally using the city's existing approach for land acquisition within the parks, recreation and open space department and the current surface water property acquisition fund (SW-608) to acquire easements and/or parcels for surface water protection or projects in the Pine Lake Creek Basin. Currently, the 2025 - 2030 Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan includes approximately \$200K per year set aside for property acquisition that preserve natural resources that provide a surface water benefit.

### Rationale:

- The city already has a property acquisition fund programmed into the Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan.
- The Pine Lake Creek Basin has many good surface water characteristics, including contiguous forest cover in riparian areas, large wetlands, and good water quality, that should be protected.

### Assumptions:

- There are no additional funds recommended for set aside for this programmatic action. Existing stormwater property acquisition funds would be used for identified easements or opportunities in the basin.
- If native growth protection easements (Programmatic Action #3) are pursued, property acquisition funds should be considered for easements.

### Deliverables:

- Evaluate and develop land acquisition criteria to support storm and surface water purposes.
- Identify sites to flag for future opportunities if they become available for sale.





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## Programmatic Action #2 Property Acquisition Fund

### Anticipated Elements:

The anticipated elements of this programmatic action include evaluating existing 2017 Sammamish Land Acquisition Strategy and Implementation Program for relevance to the property acquisition fund in the Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan. Some of the criteria in the strategy may not be relevant to storm and surface water functions (i.e., utilities available at perimeter of the property or expanded waterfront access).

The 2017 document should be evaluated within the context of relevant acquisition methods, types of surface water functions that could or should be preserved in the Pine Lake Creek Basin, and strategies that could be used to meet preservation goals.

### Planning Level Cost Estimate

| Task  | Description   | Labor Hours | Labor Cost   | Direct Costs | Total        |
|-------|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PM    | Admin   | 12          | \$ 2,400.00  |              | \$ 2,400.00  |
| 1     | Evaluate existing city land acquisition strategies and criteria                 | 40          | \$ 8,000.00  |              | \$ 8,000.00  |
| 2     | Identify goals for Pine Lake Creek Basin and potential parcels for preservation | 40          | \$ 8,000.00  |              | \$ 8,000.00  |
| Total |   | 92          | \$ 18,400.00 | \$ -         | \$ 18,400.00 |

| FTE and Rate Assumption     |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Administration (0.15* FTE ) | 0.15      |
| Rate                        | \$ 200.00 |





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## Programmatic Action #3 Bog Education

Cost (2024 dollars): \$32,200  
On-going

### Project Description:

This project involves providing naturalist-led educational field trips and/or workshops focused on the city's sphagnum bogs, which includes bogs located in Pine Lake Creek Basin. The bog education program could integrate a combination of web-based information and fact sheets describing the unique characteristics and functions of bogs in Sammamish, along with naturalist-led field trips, classes and workshops to learn more about unique vegetation, wildlife, and aquatic organisms that occupy these ecosystems.

### Project Rationale:

- Community members are interested in the natural resources unique to Sammamish and will support preservation of these resources more if they learn how unique and interesting they are.
- Sphagnum bogs provide natural surface water functions but are highly impacted by stormwater runoff.

### Assumptions:

- The city will promote educational materials on their website that informs community members about wetland and bog characteristics and relationship to surface and stormwater.
- Naturalist-led field trips or events will provide opportunities for residents to learn more and find out what actions they can do to ensure healthy bogs.

### Deliverables:

- Web content for city website.
- Event agenda for naturalist-led field trips.
- Social media posts advertising field trips.





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## Programmatic Action #3 Bog Education

### Anticipated Elements:

The anticipated elements of this programmatic action include developing accurate, appropriate content for the community to understand and appreciate wetlands and sphagnum bogs.

Naturalist-led workshops will provide opportunities for community members to learn more and experience bogs first-hand so that they can appreciate the significance of these unique wetlands, their plants, and aquatic life. The education program may include field trips to different types of bogs in Sammamish with different features, including some that have been degraded by stormwater and human development.

### Planning Level Cost Estimate

| Task  | Description   | Labor Hours | Labor Cost   | Direct Costs | Total        |
|-------|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PM    | Admin   | 21          | \$ 4,200.00  |              | \$ 4,200.00  |
| 1     | Develop web content appropriate for general public            | 60          | \$ 12,000.00 |              | \$ 12,000.00 |
| 2     | Develop and facilitate up to 2 field trips/workshops per year | 80          | \$ 16,000.00 |              | \$ 16,000.00 |
| Total |   | 161         | \$ 32,200.00 | \$ -         | \$ 32,200.00 |

| FTE and Rate Assumption     |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Administration (0.15* FTE ) | 0.15      |
| Rate                        | \$ 200.00 |