

## ShoreScore Update

April 2017



**Soggy greetings, shoreline residents!** It's hard to believe that this winter's wet weather has extended into May yet hasn't exceeded last year's accumulations! One of these days we'll be able to spend a warm and sunny afternoon enjoying the lake and shore. In the meantime, WSSA provides you the following information.

**Slope Stability** - With the saturation wet weather has imposed, and given many of us live on hillsides leading down to the water, we're providing a link to an informative bulletin developed by WA and Oregon. We were alerted to this pamphlet through recent discussion of landslides on the NextDoor neighborhood website. <http://sensibleshorelines.org/education/homeowners-guide-to-landslides/>

**Bellevue Shoreline Management Program (SMP)** - WSSA has yet to receive word that State Ecology has responded to Bellevue's comments to Ecology's requested changes to the draft SMP. The draft SMP was approved by Bellevue Council in 2015. It was submitted to Ecology in 2016. Perhaps 2017 will witness its finalization. *New to WSSA?* A good historical perspective of our efforts with respect to the SMP can be found among our ShoreScore Update newsletters at <http://sensibleshorelines.org/shorescore/>

**Lake Sammamish & County Projects** - Are you also wondering about efforts to stabilize Lake Sammamish water levels and reduce flooding of shoreline improvements? Like the SMP, local agency attention appears to have turned elsewhere. *The Willowmoor Project?* We're told that there are insufficient County staff to handle this project and the County has decided to farm it out to the City of Redmond letting them guide design efforts.

Another project which Lake Sammamish residents should be aware of is called the *Bear Creek Storm Water Planning Project*. We were surprised that this project has been underway for 2 years. WSSA sees it as very important for several reasons. Flow from Bear Creek enters the Sammamish River at State Route 520 near Marymoor Park. Its flow, plus that from the lake, combine to form flow through downtown Redmond. During planning for the Willowmoor Project, lake residents were repeatedly told Bear Creek flow has a major (negative) impact to outflow from Lake Sammamish. Given the importance of any changes to be made to Bear Creek's drainage, several WSSA members are now participating in meetings for that project. *Want more information?* Go to this link -

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/watersheds/sammamish/bear-creek/bear-creek-stormwater-plan.aspx>

**Your Support** - We continue to urge your support of our efforts to represent you and your shoreline property. A tax deductible contribution can be made to WSSA, PO Box 6773, Bellevue, 98008

