

ShoreScore Update

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WHAT'S UP? Water levels, for one!

Tired of your dock being under water?



Has your shoreline's sand/soil moved elsewhere or has the "soft shoreline" you were required to put in washed away?



Wondering if efforts are underway to solve these problems? Read on...

WHO'S LISTENING?

For one, Bellevue City Council. [Click here](#) to read WSSA Board member Marty Nizlek's presentation to them on Feb. 16th. In it, Marty explained to the Mayor and Council the detrimental changes that have occurred in Lake Sammamish water levels. He points out that, although the County has increased maintenance of the flood control channel in the river at Marymoor Park, this has not been sufficient. Worse, he notes that the County's proposed modifications to the river may worsen, not solve, our problems.

Collaborating with a number of shoreline property owners around the lake, Marty also provided Bellevue Council with an extensive list of lake water level issues and impacts. ([Click here](#) to review the list) Every lake shore property owner should be aware of these issues.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

First, you might **attend a meeting this coming Monday evening (Feb. 22nd) at 6PM at City Hall**. In a study session that evening, King County staff will brief Bellevue Council on the Willowmoor Project - the effort we mentioned above that we have concerns with. **Numbers count**, and we are preparing a slide presentation illustrating why WSSA has concerns. **Your presence would be appreciated**. No need to speak, since WSSA will address the Council on your behalf. [Click here](#) to preview WSSA's presentation.

Also, your financial help would be appreciated. Please make a tax deductible donation to WSSA, P.O. Box 6773, Bellevue 98008.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SHORELINE PROGRAM?

In December, Bellevue submitted its draft SMP to the Department of Ecology. There has been no word on when they will take up review of the draft code (and a host of background information submitted to them.) We will keep you posted when we learn when Ecology will hold a public hearing, which is the next step in the process. Until then, Bellevue property owners will be regulated under the more stringent Critical Areas Ordinance.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T LIVE IN BELLEVUE?

First, you need to understand that Issaquah, Sammamish, and Redmond are each regulating using incorrect, artificially raised water levels. Second, unless other city councils around the lake speak up, Willowmoor will not be designed properly and maintenance will be reduced again.

There are several things you can do. Speak up! Write or speak to your Mayor and Council. Write the County Council. Organize a group to add weight to your message. We'll even come to your neighborhood and give a presentation on these issues, if you'd like.