

Letter/Email Samples

Please communicate with your local representatives!

Sample 1:

Dear _____

I am concerned about the flooding I have experienced at my property on Lake Sammamish. I have lived on the lake since _____. It seems as if we have high water events more frequently than we used to, and my _____ has been damaged because of it. Can you tell me what is being done to help us on Lake Sammamish?

Thank you,

Sample 2:

Hello,

I have been reading about the effects of pollutants on the life cycle of Salmon in our area. I am concerned that the flooding I have seen where I live on _____ (lake, river or creek) is contributing to pollution in the water bodies where our salmon live and migrate. Excess fertilizers, roadway toxins and even erosion seem to be creating unsafe habitat. Can you tell me what you are doing to slow this process down, and alleviate or prevent area flooding?

Thank you,

Sample 3:

Dear _____

I am a shoreline resident on Lake Sammamish. Extreme high-water events on the lake have repeatedly damaged my property. I understand there an undertaking called The Willowmoor Project whose purpose is to reduce flooding on the lake, but that after several years of planning the project has no clear solution to propose.

I also understand that a potentially viable solution exists called a “dynamic weir”, but that, too, is languishing for lack of county support.

Please take my situation, and that of my neighbors, seriously and implement a solution quickly. before we incur even more damage. Some of our property taxes go toward flood control and we deserve a return on that investment.

Thank you,

Sample: 4

Dear _____

I am writing to you because I am still recovering from the flooding, we experienced in 2020 on Lake Sammamish. During that event, my property sustained.....(damage described) at a cost of \$_____. This has not been a one-time event. I have lived here for ___ years. Can you tell me what steps are being taken to help me, and to prevent flooding like this from happening again?

Thank you,

Sample 5:

Dear _____

I am wondering what has been done with the flood control dollars that you collect from my taxes. Is what is collected in _____ (your city) spent in my area? Is it distributed elsewhere? Where can I find progress reports and benchmarks, so that I can see if you are doing anything to help me? Excuse the cynicism, but this has been going on for years.....

Thank you,

Sample: 6

Dear _____

I am a shoreline resident on Lake Sammamish (tributary _____). Extreme high-water events in the Cedar Basin are common and frequent. The effects of these events have become more severe as the basin has been subjected to over development.

King County's approach to date have only been studies or small focused projects that are not a complete solution. The King County Comprehensive Plan as originally intended to address the harm from current and future development. The county in its plan has not addressed comprehensive water management. They still do not have any water concurrency for development like they do for traffic. I urge the county to finally include water concurrency in the current Comprehensive Plan update.

Thank you,

Sample: 7

Dear _____

I am a resident that has lived on Lake Sammamish for over 50 years that has seen significant negative

changes to the frequency and average height of highwater events on the Lake starting in 1980's. These

highwater events can have immediate and long-lasting negative impacts to the Lake environment and

create significant and costly property damage. The cost is multi-faceted.

Lake Front properties owners have been trying to get King County to fully acknowledge the problems

and take meaningful actions. Unfortunately, the county has tried talk the issue in going away. The

county has a responsibility that it is ignoring. The Flood Control Board has been great at collecting

money with no action. We need you to as an elected official to get the King County and its agencies to

work for its citizens. Washington Sensible Shorelines Association (WSSA) and many individuals have tried

with no success to get this issue remedied for over 15 years. The level of frustration increases as each

year passes. The Sammamish River Flood Control project (FCP) has been decertified since 2008 and the

county has attempted to get in compliance. We have heard the County is now proposing re-writing the

Operating Maintenance manual that it has not complied with for decades.

Your assistance is needed.

Thank you,