

# Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park 2020 Annual Report



**Supporting, Promoting & Enhancing**  
Lake Sammamish State Park

# President's Message

Dear Friend,

2020 was indeed a challenging and unprecedented year for FLSSP. COVID-19 hit in the spring, resulting in the loss of our signature events. We cancelled Parkadilly, Camp S'more and converted Walk'n Wag into a "Do it Yourself" walk in the park. The cancellation of our fundraisers cost the organization roughly \$60,000.

The news is not all bad, however. A generous sponsorship from Visit Issaquah helped us reimagine six "Do it Yourself" walks in the park, four of which are scheduled in 2021. Our inaugural online auction, "Experience the Outdoors", raised almost \$8,000, exceeding all expectations.

Both the cities of Issaquah and Sammamish have continued to support our work, recognizing that the park is an integral part of the quality of life we all enjoy. We received nearly \$20,000 in Covid relief money which includes a generous grant from King County. These grants have helped keep our staff employed, although at reduced hours.

Our Restoration and Trails committee has nearly completed an ambitious Comprehensive Trails Plan which will become part of the updated Master Plan for the park. The plan, created in collaboration with Washington State Parks, will increase accessibility for bicyclists, hikers and wheelchairs.

Despite the challenges of 2020, we continue to enhance and improve the park. A grant from the Washington State Parks Foundation has enabled us to remove invasive species and replant the areas around the playground. On another positive note, we have added five new dynamic and engaged board members.

With your continued support, we will continue to improve and share our urban treasure with the whole community.

Sincerely,



Karen Donovan, FLSSP President



## FLSSP Accomplishments 2020

- Raised almost \$8,000 in revenue from "Experience the Outdoors" online auction
- Completed a Comprehensive Trails Plan as part of the updated Park Master Plan
- Hosted the first-ever Polar Plunge in January with 200+ participants
- Received \$19,600 in COVID relief grants
- Recruited five new board members
- Revamped Walk'n Wag into a DIY event with great sponsor participation
- Received a sponsorship from Visit Issaquah for 2021 "Walks in the Park"
- Spearheaded a Landscaping & Restoration plan for the all access playground area
- Kept the public informed on park closures and COVID protocols
- Welcomed a record \$24,600 in donations from the public
- Increased social media outreach: 5,500 monthly e-newsletters, 2,942 Facebook followers, 3,077 Twitter followers
- Allocated \$20,000 to the Comprehensive Trails Plan



*Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting, enhancing and promoting Lake Sammamish State Park for the benefit of our entire community.*

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## Revenue

Events/Online Auction	17,830
<b>Govt Grants</b>	
City of Issaquah	26,250
City of Sammamish	10,000
Visit Issaquah	8500
King County	10,000
	54,750
Foundation Grants	8,000
Direct Public Support	28,903
Other	14
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>109,497</b>

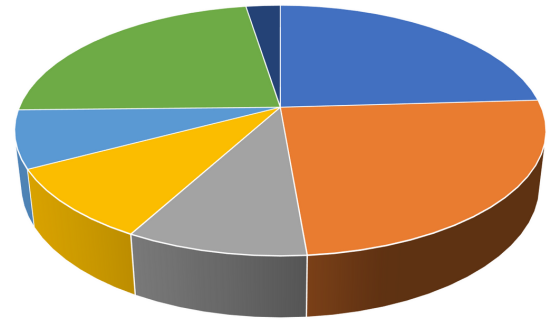
## Expenses

Salaries/Contracts	47,765
Events	4,814
Operations	11,565
Marketing	6,569
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>74,780</b>
Less: Funds Restricted to Comprehensive Trails Plan	(20,000)
Less: Funds Restricted for 2021 Walks in the Park	(7,500)
<b>Unexpended Balance</b>	<b>7,217</b>

## Comprehensive Trails Plan

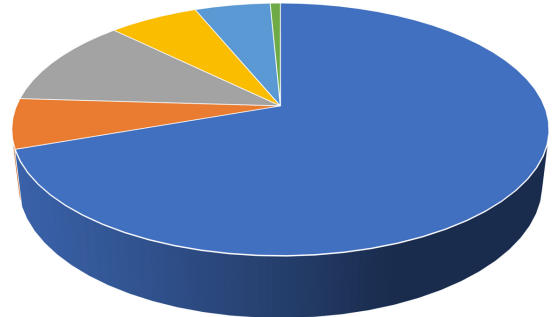
FLSSP has created an ambitious new trails plan for the park designed to increase accessibility and connectivity for hikers, bikers and wheelchairs. In collaboration with trail groups, Washington State Parks, the City of Issaquah and City of Sammamish, the committee has developed fourteen recommendations which include abandoning several existing trails and building new ones. Upland trails will be made ADA accessible with compacted gravel and existing trails through wetlands will be converted to boardwalk. A new footbridge spanning Issaquah Creek will allow for an internal loop. The new trails are designed for entry level hikers that allow for people of all ages and skills to enjoy greater access to nature and the park's wildlife.

Revenue



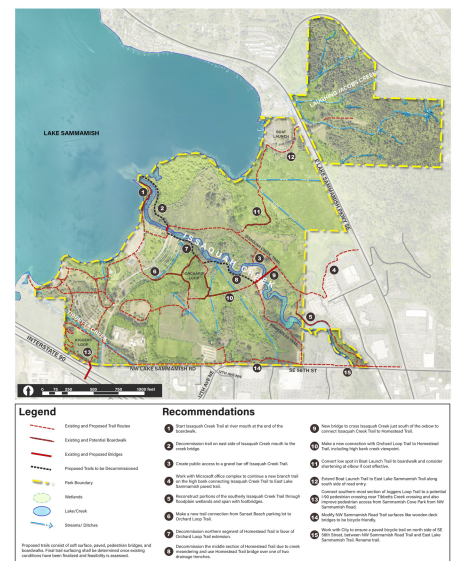
- special events
- City of Issaquah
- City of Sammamish
- King County
- Foundation Grants
- Direct Public Support
- Other

Expenses



- Salaries/Contract Services
- Events
- Operations
- Marketing
- Park Improvements
- other

Lake Sammamish State Park - Proposed Trails Map



- Legend**
- Existing and Proposed Trail Routes
  - Existing and Proposed Boardwalk
  - Existing and Proposed Bridge
  - Proposed Trails to be Decommissioned
  - Park Boundary
  - Wetlands
  - Lake Creek
  - Shoreline District
- Recommendations**
1. Decommission the Issaquah Creek Trail at the mouth of the creek at the intersection of Issaquah Creek Trail to decommission the trail.
  2. Decommission the trail at the mouth of Issaquah Creek trail to the north of the creek.
  3. Decommission the trail at the mouth of Issaquah Creek trail to the south of the creek.
  4. Decommission the trail at the mouth of Issaquah Creek trail to the east of the creek.
  5. Decommission the trail at the mouth of Issaquah Creek trail to the west of the creek.
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# Donors & Sponsors

## Sponsors

### \$10,000 +

City of Issaquah  
City of Sammamish  
King County  
VA Mason Issaquah

### \$5,000 - \$9,000

Lakeside Industries  
Norcliff Foundation  
Visit Issaquah

### \$1000 - \$3000

Washington State Parks Foundation  
Alpine Animal Hospital  
Banner Bank  
Wizard of Paws  
Peace Love' n Paws  
Aegis of Issaquah

### \$500 - \$999

The Grange  
Issaquah Chamber of Commerce  
Invisible Fence  
Microsoft

### \$100 - \$250

Allstate Insurance  
All the Best Pet Care  
Banic Chiropractic  
Emerald City Pet Rescue  
Ivars Restaurants  
Kayak Academy  
Outdoors for All  
Puddles Barkery  
Petco Animal Supplies  
Mud Bay Pet Stores  
Sodo Pet Food  
Chester Copperpot Hemp  
Sammamish Children's Therapy  
Smith Brothers Farms  
Stevens Charitable Fund  
T-Mobile  
QFC/Kroger

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Trout Unlimited  
Issaquah Alps Trails Club  
Downtown Issaquah Association  
Kayak Academy  
Washington State Parks  
City of Issaquah  
City of Sammamish  
Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery  
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust  
Kiwanis Club of Issaquah  
Snoqualmie Tribe  
YMCA of Sammamish  
Issaquah Chamber of Commerce  
Washington State Parks Foundation

## Staff

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