

Supporting Lake Sammamish  
Initiative to Work  
Cooperatively to Reduce  
Phosphorus Inuts to the Lake

RESOLUTION NO. 1021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE LAKE SAMMAMISH INITIATIVE TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH KING COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF BELLEVUE AND ISSAQUAH TO IMPLEMENT STRUCTURAL AND NON STRUCTURAL CONTROLS TO MINIMIZE PHOSPHORUS LOADINGS TO LAKE SAMMAMISH.

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WHEREAS, Lake Sammamish is a water body of regional significance, providing: recreational opportunities for swimmers, boaters, and anglers; spawning, migration, and rearing habitat for fish of both commercial and recreational importance; and aesthetic value for visitors and residents, and

WHEREAS, the Lake is a unique and major recreational resource in close proximity to a highly urbanized area and will increase in importance as comprehensive plan designated urban densities are achieved in the watershed, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that millions of dollars have been invested by local and regional governments and private parties to maintain good water quality in the Lake Sammamish basin and to control stormwater discharges to the Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, and Redmond, King County, Metro, and the Washington State

Department of Ecology participated in a comprehensive study of the Lake's water quality in 1989, concluding that stormwater related phosphorus was degrading the Lake, and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, and Redmond, King County and Metro entered into an Interlocal Agreement and jointly committed to use all feasible means to maintain the existing water quality of the Lake Sammamish, and

WHEREAS, under the auspices of the Interlocal Agreement numerous subsequent studies, tests of new technology and improvements to the model of the Lake were conducted and recommendations from those efforts focused on retrofitting existing drainage systems, encouraging better development practices, and continuing public education as necessary measures to help reduce phosphorus levels in the Lake, and

WHEREAS, approximately half of the Lake Sammamish watershed is within the Urban Growth Boundary, which under the Growth Management Act is targeted to receive greater levels of growth and development for the region, thereby increasing the likelihood of additional phosphorus inputs to the Lake, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the stakeholders in the Lake Sammamish watershed to build and expand on current efforts to continue to maintain the existing Lake quality, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND,  
WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Redmond agrees to support the Lake Sammamish Initiative to expand protection of the water quality of Lake Sammamish by working cooperatively with King County and the Cities of Bellevue and Issaquah to implement activities that reduce phosphorus input.

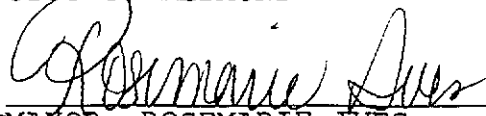
Section 2. The City agrees to provide relevant information for a citizen task force that will report to the elected officials of Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and King County its conclusions regarding the goals, costs, and feasibility of the long term protection of Lake Sammamish water quality.

Section 3. The City agrees to study the potential for retrofitting existing stormwater facilities for phosphorus removal with each jurisdiction contributing \$20,000 toward the study; the City's \$20,000 contribution to the study shall be made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the 1991 Lake Sammamish Interlocal Agreement.

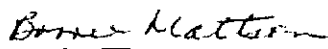
Section 4. The Mayor or her designee is authorized to execute and revise, as necessary, a Memorandum of Understanding with the other jurisdictions to implement the intent of this resolution.

RESOLVED this 19th day of March, 1996.

CITY OF REDMOND

  
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MAYOR, ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Bonnie Mattson, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: March 8, 1996  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: March 19, 1996  
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