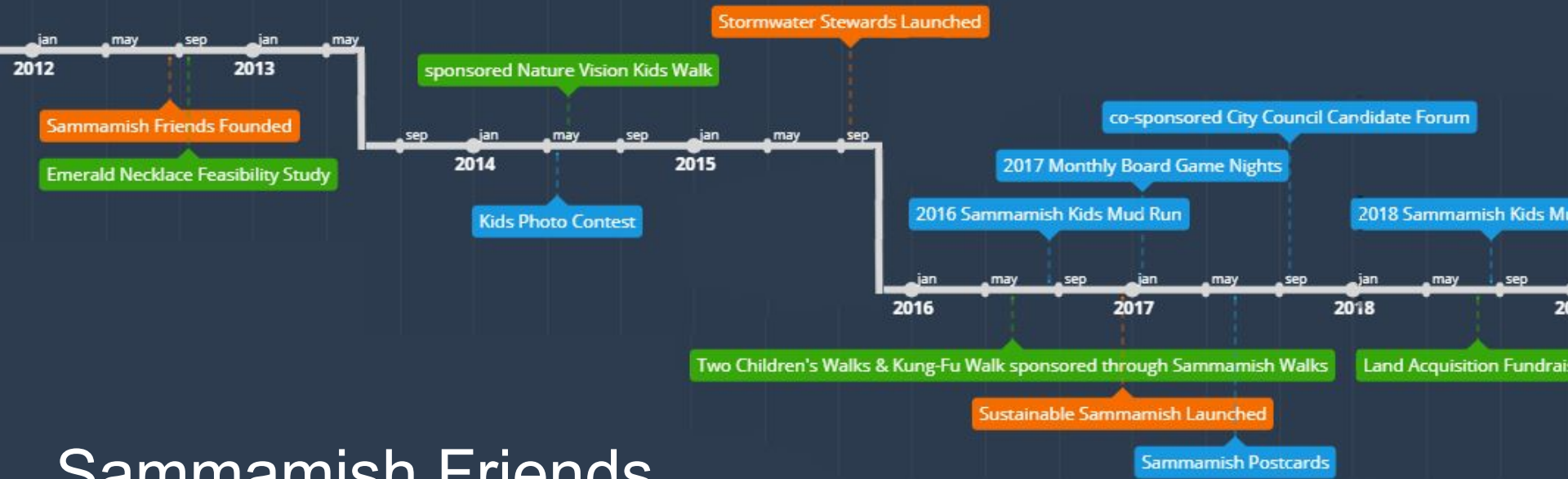# Sammamish Friends

Evans Creek Preserve
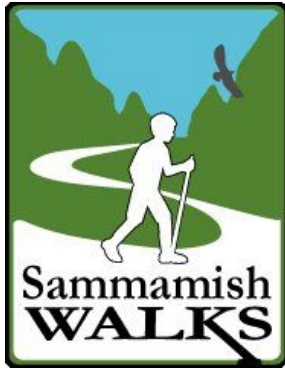
Sammamish Friends through the years

The Big Ideas

- Preserve Our Natural Resources
- Bring People Together
- **Foster a Sense of Ownership of the Community**
- Support Other Groups That Make it Happen
- Provide a Framework for Individual Voices

Sammamish Walks

Since 2009

- Trail maps, directions, and park info on website

- Scheduled volunteer-led walks provide info on plants, wildlife, history, art, and wellness

Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat

Since 2008
Certified 2011

Certified WILDLIFE Habitat

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION®

This property provides the four basic habitat elements needed for wildlife to thrive; food, water, cover, and places to raise young.

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nwf.org

Sammamish Stormwater Stewards

2016   2021

Sammamish Native Plant Stewards

Since 2009

- 7 sites salvaged before development
- 6 restoration sites in Sammamish parks

2016: Over 3,250 trees and shrubs planted; 250+ plants salvaged; 200+ volunteers giving 550+ hours

2017: 450+ plants salvaged

2019
Sammamish Native
Plant Nursery
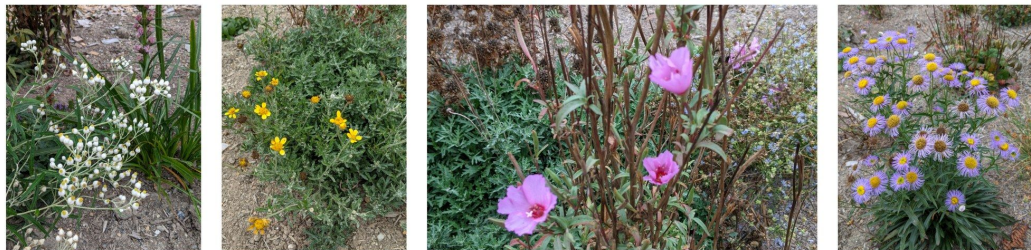
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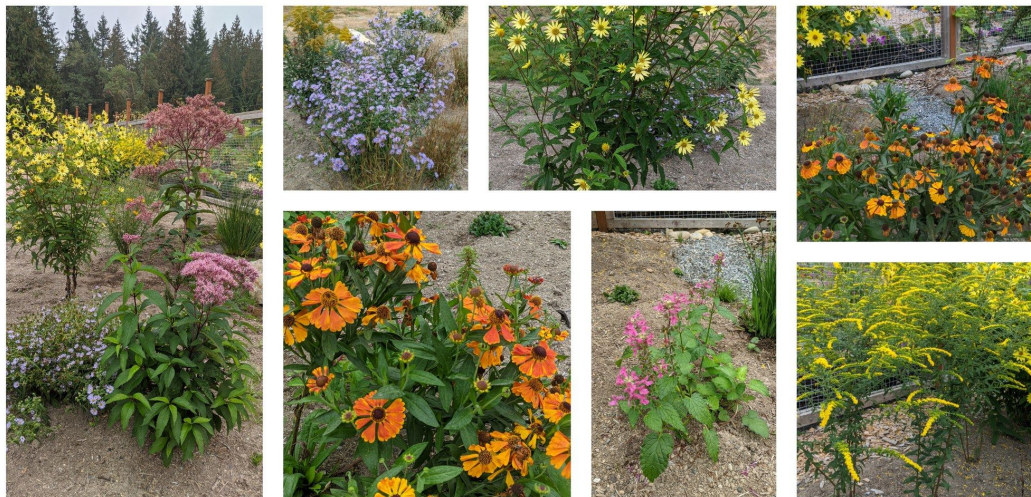# Sammamish Native Plant and Seed Exchange

Sammamish Botanical Garden Society

Since 2019
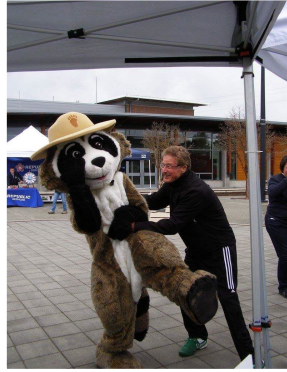
- **SF provided $800 grant in 2021**

2022
Sammamish
Native Plant
Pollinator
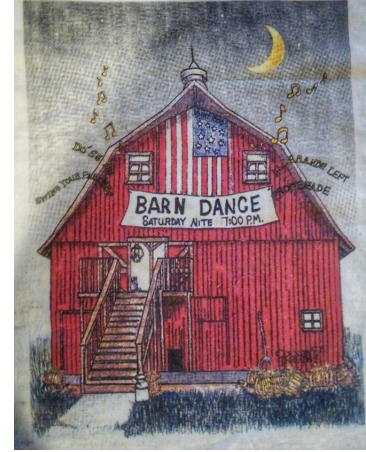# Garden
at
Big Rock Park

Community Catalyst
Connecting People

- **Kids Mud Run @ POP**

- **Community Booths:**

  - Farmer's Market

  - Earth Day

  - Sustainable Sammamish

- **2018 Barn Dance & Fundraiser**

- **Board Game Nights**

- **Sammamish Postcards**

KIDS MUD RUN

2016

200 kids and
over 70 volunteers

2018

Over **350** participants

2019 - Nearly **400** runners

2022 - A total of **483** participants!

Partnering with:

- King County Parks
- City of Sammamish
- Mtns to Sound Greenway
- Issaquah Alps Trails Club
- And others

Emerald Necklace

East Lake Sammamish Trail

Issaquah Preston Trail

Grand Ridge Trail

Duthie Hill and Trossachs

Soaring Eagle

Potential Trail to
Evans Creek Preserve

and back to the East Lake
Sammamish Trail

Approx. 28 miles in all

Left to right: Sammamish Councilman Don Gerend, David Kappler, Jim Berry, Ben Hughey-Policy and GIS Specialist with Mountains to Sound Greenway, King County Natural Resource Land Program Manager Connie Blumen.

2012 – Feasibility study from Soaring Eagle to Evans Creek Preserve.

2015 – King County purchased two DNR parcels north of Soaring Eagle.

2016 – Reapplied for grant for land acquisition.

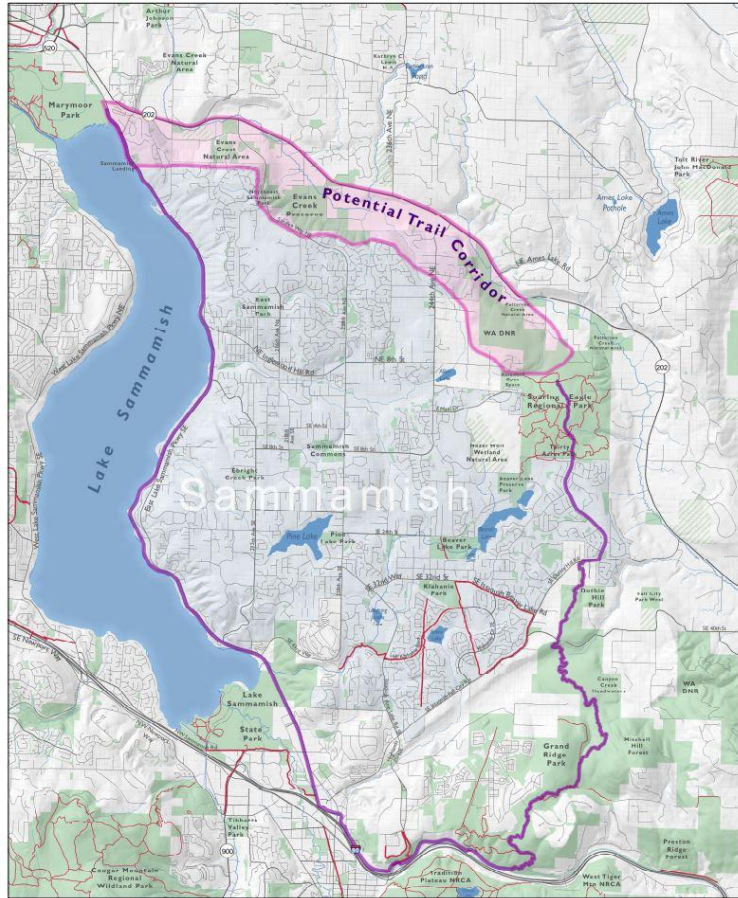**2014 meeting with King County Conservation Futures Citizens Committee**

2017 – King County and Trust for Public Lands added 120 acres north of Soaring Eagle.

Soaring Eagle Addition

A major effort is underway to preserve open space around the rapidly developing Sammamish Plateau. Called "the Emerald Necklace," it is envisioned as an interconnected series of parks and trails that will eventually encircle the City of Sammamish. A local band of advocates, called Sammamish Friends, have taken it upon themselves to fill in the remaining gaps, mostly in the northern section of the loop. Earlier this year, King County Parks and the Trust for Public Land added 120 acres along the route, adjacent to Soaring Eagle Park.
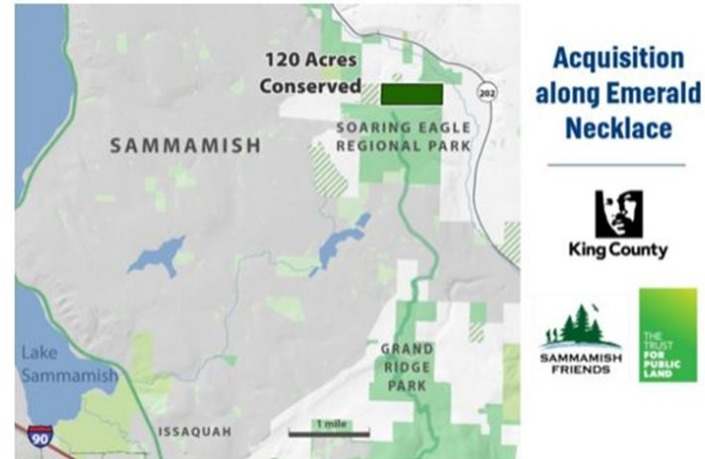
Emerald Necklace

2020 – **King County and Trust for Public Lands added 2 more parcels north of Soaring Eagle.**

Emerald Necklace
Our dream - completing a trail around the Sammamish Plateau
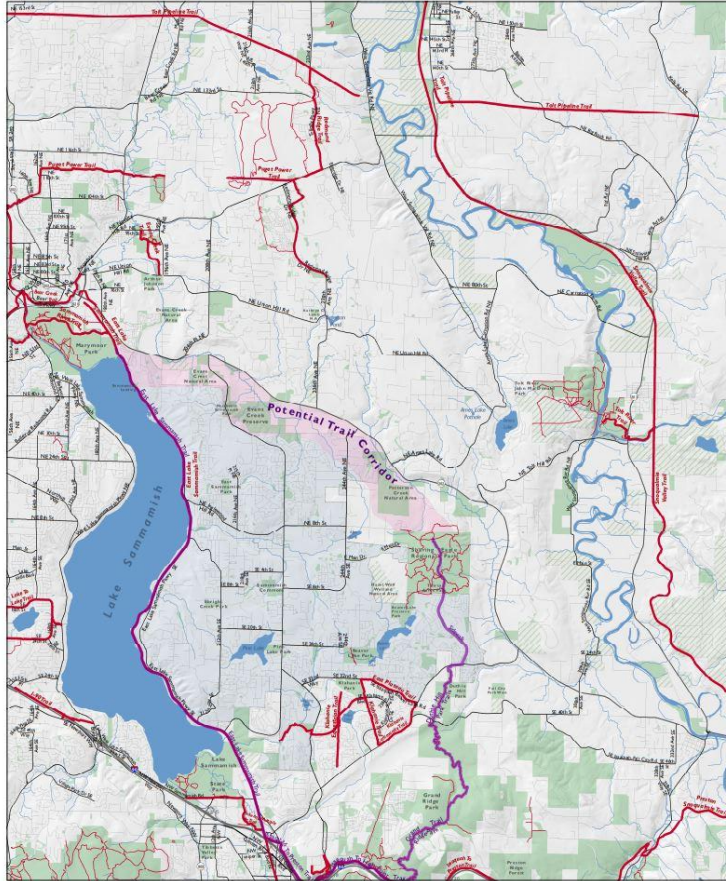
The Emerald Necklace will provide a **buffer between urban and rural areas** with scenic recreational and educational opportunities. In addition, the acquisition of land will connect the public lands already in that corridor and increase the benefits towards a healthier wildlife corridor and natural area.

Potential trail connections north to the Redmond Ridge trails and the Tolt Pipeline Trail, and east to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail.

2022
Sammamish Seniors

- Joined Sammamish Friends board

- Strategic planning

- Applying for RFP grant with City of Sammamish

Helping those in
Sammamish
make it happen!

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