

# Engagement Summary and Recommendations



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# Executive Summary

This report recommends updating Sammamish’s current community vision statement to reflect the local and regional context changes between 2015 when the last vision statement was adopted, and now. The recommendation was developed from an extensive five-month process that engaged hundreds of community members and stakeholders, including those from under-represented populations, which was a project priority.

## Results of Public Engagement

Community members indicated the community vision statement had no significant flaws and that many concepts related to family-friendly culture, transportation, housing affordability, and environmental preservation still resonate strongly. Some aspects of the vision are still aspirational but valid, and some new important concepts need to be added to reflect current sentiments. Some language is outdated and needs to be clarified or updated.

Underserved and under-represented groups shared ideas to address their specific concerns and needs, including providing community gathering spaces and expanding social events, increasing access to parks and open spaces, celebrating diversity within the community, and providing a greater range of housing options and improved infrastructure.

## Community Value Statements

The project team synthesized all the engagement results into six community value statements to inform the recommended vision statement:

1. Sammamish prizes diversity and the richness it brings to the community; the City is inclusive, safe, and welcoming and enables all residents to thrive.
2. Sammamish protects and enhances the natural environment as a hallmark of community character and an asset to the quality of life for residents and visitors.
3. Sammamish embraces a tight-knit character while providing access to retail, restaurants, services, and other amenities.
4. Sammamish values a range of housing types to meet its residents’ needs.
5. Sammamish seeks to expand transportation connectivity for all modes of travel.
6. Sammamish wants to be a resilient community with a strong social network and well-protected and well-maintained infrastructure.

## Recommended DRAFT 2024 Community Vision Statement

**In 2044, Sammamish is a safe and inclusive community with abundant natural resources, quality schools and services, and well-maintained infrastructure.**

The City is a vibrant, thriving community with a strong identity built around its diverse cultures, arts and events, and bountiful green spaces.

The City’s neighborhoods are peaceful and welcoming to all, supporting robust social cohesion and engagement. Housing is available for a variety of incomes, ages, and lifestyles.

Sammamish embraces a tight-knit character while providing access to locally owned retail, restaurants, and services that nurture the community’s entrepreneurial spirit.

The City’s natural environment is well-preserved and interwoven into public and private spaces to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Convenient access and connectivity between residential areas and destinations make sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, and transit viable alternatives to driving.

Sammamish is a resilient community with reliable utilities, sustainable City operations, and a culture of mutual support.

# Project Introduction and Public Engagement

## Project Introduction

The community vision statement summarizes the aspirations and goals that residents and other stakeholders have for the future of the City. Sammamish’s current community vision statement was adopted in 2015 as part of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update. The local and regional context has changed significantly since that statement was adopted, including changing demographics, increased development pressure, and a host of regional challenges like transportation, climate change, and lack of affordable housing. Revisiting the community vision statement in light of these changes is an important step before the City begins the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update process.



## Project Goals and Approach

The primary purpose of the Community Visioning Project is to ensure a strong and clear community vision guides the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. To achieve this purpose, the City established the following project goals:

1. Understand the factor(s) the community views as most important in planning for the future.
2. Educate the community about regional planning goals and policies and the City’s role in regional planning efforts.
3. Conduct a statistically valid survey to gather input on aspirations for the future of Sammamish.
4. Engage a wide range of residents and stakeholders with particular attention to underrepresented or underserved populations.
5. Evaluate the current vision statement to define how the community currently sees Sammamish and how the City should evolve in the future.

## Public Engagement

A Public Engagement Strategy (see Appendix A) guided engagement efforts with residents and other community stakeholders throughout the project. Public engagement was conducted to achieve the following goals:

1. Engage a wide range of residents and stakeholders with particular attention to underrepresented or underserved populations.
2. Use engagement methods designed to better understand how stakeholders feel about Sammamish historically and currently and identify preferred goals and an ideal future.
3. Ensure transparency in evaluating the existing vision statement and making recommendations about an updated vision statement.
4. Obtain statistically valid data necessary to support recommendations and action on a new or revised community vision statement, or affirmation of the existing statement.

This project engaged with hundreds of stakeholders in various contexts, seeking to understand the perspective of the greatest number of people who live, work, or spend time in the City (see Appendix B). The project team sought input from the following key stakeholder groups:

- **Residents**, including youth and senior groups and those from culturally and economically diverse backgrounds.
- **Non-resident workers and visitors** that spend time in Sammamish.
- **Business owners** with any type of business located in Sammamish.
- **Nonprofit organizations and Community groups** (secular and religious) in Sammamish or with missions and active members in Sammamish.



## Project Outcomes

This report documents the engagement methods, findings, and recommendations for the community vision statement for consideration by the Sammamish Planning Commission and City Council. Potential outcomes could include:

1. Affirm the existing vision statement unchanged.
2. Revise the current vision statement to address new and changed community values and priorities.
3. Develop and adopt a new vision statement.

## Summary of Engagement Methods

The public engagement process used various methods to reach a broad cross-section of the community, ensuring all views and perspectives were represented in the results. Surveys were a primary engagement method to efficiently gather data, especially with COVID-related limitations on in-person events. A summary of groups engaged during the project and the engagement methods used is shown in the table below. See Appendix B for more information about specific engagement methods and outcomes.

The project team leveraged relationships with community groups that work with historically underrepresented and underserved groups to support project goals related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The team also worked with property managers at apartments with affordable housing units and utilized social networks to spread the word about engagement opportunities (see Appendix B).

### Summary Table of Engagement Categories/Groups and Methods

Category	Methods
<i>All Residents Outreach</i>	
Print Media, Social Media, and Project Website	Project website, project briefing video, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, e-Newsletter (sent to 14,385 recipients), print newsletter (sent to 22,518 households)
Sammamish Community Events	Virtual Town Hall (Oct. 26, 2021), Popcorn with Planning (Nov. 16, 2021, and Jan. 27, 2022), Virtual Open House (Mar. 31, 2022)
Homeowner Associations and Property Managers	Emailed 249 HOA and property manager contacts in 401 developments
Religious Organizations	Emailed 15 organizations
Community Orgs. & Special Interest Groups	Emailed seven organizations
Community Hubs	Posted flyer and project info card, email & phone outreach
PTAs & PTSAs	Email Outreach
Surveys	Statistically valid survey (hard copy survey, mailed to 4,878 random Sammamish households), public open link survey, non-resident online survey
<i>Underserved/Under-Represented Resident Outreach</i>	
Sammamish Seniors	Facilitated virtual meeting (Sep. 15, 2021)
Community Orgs. And Special Interest Groups	Email outreach
Religious Organizations	Emailed three organizations working with underserved and underrepresented groups
Property Managers with Affordable Housing Units	Phone & email outreach to six property managers with affordable housing units
In-Person Survey Assistance	Tabled event at Sammamish Library to support those with limited access to/comfort with digital surveys

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**Summary Table of Engagement Categories/Groups and Methods (Continued)**

Category	Methods
<i>Youth</i>	
Sammamish Schools	Emailed 14 principals; classroom activities at six schools
Sammamish Youth Board	Retreat activity (Sep. 25, 2021)
Girl Scouts	Troop 42897 activity
<i>Commissioners and City Council</i>	
Presentation & Community Visioning Exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Human Services Commission – Oct. 13, 2021</li> <li>▪ Arts Commission – Oct. 25, 2021</li> <li>▪ Parks &amp; Recreation Commission – Nov. 3, 2021</li> <li>▪ Planning Commission – Dec. 2, 2021</li> </ul>	
Planning Commission	Feedback on draft engagement findings and recommendations (Feb. 3, 2022)
City Council	Presentation, discussion of public engagement strategy, draft community survey feedback (Oct. 5, 2021)  Feedback on revised draft engagement findings and recommendations (Apr. 5, 2022)
<i>Business Community</i>	
Chamber of Commerce	Business owner forum (Nov. 18, 2021)

**Surveys**

The project team conducted three surveys to gather data: a statistically valid survey, a public open link survey (together with the “community survey”), and a non-resident survey. The surveys were a primary method for obtaining detailed feedback on Sammamish’s current quality of life, most valued assets, and challenges or missing resources and services. Respondents answered specific questions and provided open-ended comments.

**Community Survey.** The statistically valid survey was mailed to 4,878 randomly selected households in the City and received 789 responses—an excellent 16 percent response rate. The threshold for statistical validity in a community the size of Sammamish is eight percent, and the national average rate is 10 percent.

After the statistically valid survey was distributed, a version of the survey with the same questions was made available online to gather additional feedback from other interested stakeholders. The survey received 290 responses. The results are not statistically valid but provide additional information to support the findings and conclusions of the statistically valid survey.

**Notes on Survey Analysis**

Statistical validity indicates how accurately the conclusions drawn from the survey responses reflect the surveyed population. The statistically valid survey exceeded the minimum threshold for validity and the conclusions should be considered to reflect Sammamish residents’ opinions very accurately.

Statistically valid survey responses and public open link survey responses were analyzed separately and in aggregate to develop findings. See Appendix D.

Survey respondents in both surveys tended to be homeowners, couples with children at home, white, and 35 to 64 years old. Results were weighted to match the US Census demographic profile of Sammamish more closely. See Appendix D for the full report.

**Nonresident Survey.** Recognizing that non-residents visit Sammamish to work, shop, attend school, use public parks and open spaces, etc., the project team developed a non-resident survey to understand how visitors view Sammamish. The survey was available on the project website and received 18 responses. See Appendix E for the full survey report.

## What We Heard

The tone of community feedback in all engagement exercises was very positive. While many share some frustrations (typically related to development and traffic), the community rallies around a few key priorities, most of which are already identified in the vision statement. The findings presented in this section are sourced from the statistically valid survey and verified against the public online survey, nonresident survey, and the many qualitative engagement methods performed over the course of the project.

## The Big Picture

Most concepts in the 2015 community vision statement continue to resonate with participants across all engagement efforts and activities. Some language is dated (i.e., “burgeoning digital future”), overly technical and jargony (i.e., “bedroom community” and “multi-modal”), or otherwise not representative of the existing community. Concepts to keep include a safe culture, increased transportation options and connectivity, a greater range of housing options and affordability levels, and preservation of the natural environment.

**Aspirations to Keep.** The community and City leadership acknowledge that many ideas in the 2015 vision statement are works in progress, especially related to housing, transportation, and connectedness. Achieving the vision related to these concepts is still desirable, provided development is well-balanced against other community priorities related to environmental preservation and reduction of impacts on current community members.

**What’s Missing?** The project team repeatedly heard that the vision statement should acknowledge diversity (cultural, ethnic, socioeconomic, age, and others) and inclusion, address climate change and resilience, and create places for intentional community gathering and celebration as part of the City’s culture.

## Community Identity and Character

Sammamish is recognized as a safe, peaceful, and quiet community with stellar schools that make it family-oriented. Many people moved to the City for the uncrowded (sometimes

### **Community Engagement During COVID-19 Pandemic**

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted engagement efforts by limiting in-person outreach opportunities consistent with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), State of Washington Governor’s Office, and King County Executive’s Office. While some in-person activities did occur (see Appendix B), most outreach was conducted digitally. The project team included options to engage with community members who are less comfortable with digital platforms by accepting phone calls and written comments and hosting an in-person survey assistance event. Digital engagement did not affect the accuracy or validity of outreach responses.



referred to by participants as “suburban”) development patterns, lack of traffic congestion, and proximity to other destinations. These are still profoundly valued by the vast majority of community members, and the pace of current development is perceived to disregard these important characteristics. Lots of feedback indicated that Sammamish lacks key retail, commercial, service establishments, and community events that would keep people in the City, contributing to traffic issues as people commute for work or errands.



**Strong Community Identity.** Residents and business owners see the value in establishing a stronger community identity, whether that’s described as an arts or music scene, a brand, or a tagline. Creating a regionally recognized brand should center around visual or performing arts, music, festivals (perhaps celebrating the arts), farmer’s markets, or other cohesive and well-known draws for residents and visitors. Not only will this bring people to Sammamish and support local businesses and artists, but it will also create a stronger social connection between residents by providing more opportunities to interact. This is an important (and missing) component for providing the quality of life residents desire.



**Diversity and Inclusion.** As part of the community identity, residents noted the critical importance of diversity in all aspects of the human experience and specifically identified race, culture, ethnicity, age, and socioeconomic status as characteristics where diversity enriches the lives of everyone. There was a broad acknowledgment that lack of housing and transportation options may stifle diversity and inclusion. Continuing to advance the City’s goals in these areas remains important to many, provided development is balanced to reduce or eliminate impacts from traffic and loss of trees or other environmental features.



**Community Gathering Places.** In support of the social aspects of community character, residents frequently requested community gathering places and events that provide places to spend time and visit with friends other than home or work. The project team heard this most frequently from youth and seniors. Spaces that are free or low-cost are missing in the City and would provide the necessary infrastructure to support healthy connections and friendships between diverse populations in Sammamish. A community center that supports art, music, performing arts, volunteering, and informal gatherings was a commonly stated desire during engagement activities.

## Sustainability

Engagement results indicate sustainability remains of utmost importance to the Sammamish community. Respondents see the need for local action that achieves big goals for regional, national, and global climate change.

## Infrastructure Improvements and Resilience

The project team noted quite a few frustrations related to infrastructure and the need for future planning. This may be due, in part to the timing of engagement with the region’s annual storm season that resulted in frequent and lengthy power outages and road closures.



**Reliable Utilities.** Community members frequently advocated for reliable utilities to minimize disruptions to daily life, especially considering how many people work from home at present. A preference for underground electric utilities was noted.



**Reliable, High-Speed Internet.** Residents *strongly* desire an alternative for reliable, high-speed internet. Internet is increasingly essential for residents, home-based businesses, and people working remotely. An ideal internet utility would provide fast, reliable, and affordable internet service as an alternative to the private option available in Sammamish.



**Essential Services.** Community members expressed the need for essential services such as emergency medical response teams (EMS), mental health care, and childcare to be available and affordable to Sammamish residents.

## Transportation and Housing

These two topics are linked in the minds of many participants. The community sees value in providing a greater range of options for both housing and transportation that will more adequately serve the needs of residents. Still, there are mixed feelings about adding density and how that may contribute to traffic, crowding, and loss of trees and green spaces. Despite some misgivings, residents tend to acknowledge the need for more affordable housing options that meet the needs of first-time homebuyers, empty nesters looking to downsize, and people making less than the King County area median income. Residents also see the equity benefits of providing more nonmotorized and transit options that link neighborhoods to schools, parks, open spaces, commercial centers, and other destinations.

## Green Spaces

Access to green spaces, parks, trails, and other natural resources is an asset prized by most participants in this process. Residents mourn the loss of trees and natural areas to development, indicating the strong preference to have nature and natural features interwoven throughout the City's urban fabric. An abundance of environmental features is character-defining for Sammamish and draws visitors.



**Improved Access.** While there are many beautiful natural assets and amenities in the City, residents noted that access could be improved. New parks, open spaces (including in new development projects), trails, and access to water are strongly desired by all participant groups.



**History and Education.** As part of preserving open spaces, some advocates saw educational opportunities for natural history, cultural history, and botanical gardens features. Educational materials could be integrated into parks, open spaces, trails, and other community assets.

## Businesses and Services

There is strong support for a thriving local economy. Sammamish residents have an entrepreneurial spirit and have stated that there is a need for services, business incubators, and spaces to grow. Community members expressed excitement to patronize more local businesses, especially retail, unique restaurants, and cultural and event spaces. Business owners noted the need for a walkable commercial center with community gathering space, transit connectivity, and affordable housing options for employees. City Council discussed the importance of more services housing and retail while protecting and enhancing the characteristics of Sammamish neighborhoods and prioritize safety, peace, and quiet.

## Prioritization

When asked about topics for future planning, residents identified improved infrastructure, environmental preservation, improved transportation, and parks/recreation/open space planning as top priorities for the next 20 years. Concerns for the future related strongly to potential or perceived impacts of growth and development, which are reflected in these priorities, as well as improved infrastructure, environmental preservation, and improved transportation. Most residents feel it is important to protect the highly-valued characteristics of Sammamish, including community safety, quiet neighborhoods, and low traffic.

## An Ideal Future

To complete the visioning process, the project team asked stakeholders to describe the ideal Sammamish in just two or three short words or phrases. Similar words were grouped together for analysis, and many commonalities emerged. The describing words provided by participants can be categorized into people, places, and community, as shown below:

### Who Lives Here?

In 2044, Sammamish residents are active and engaged, collaborative, caring (for the environment, for neighbors, for the world at large), creative, participatory (in social and civic events), accepting, embracing of diversity, and friendly.



### What Are Our Neighborhoods Like?

In 2044, Sammamish’s neighborhoods will remain peaceful, safe, inviting, and livable. Neighborhoods are diverse, multicultural, multigenerational, and support a broad range of economic statuses.



### What Is Our City Like?

In 2044, Sammamish is connected (socially and with high-quality infrastructure to move around the City), enjoyable, enriched, gifted, enhanced, holistic, thriving, and vibrant. The City still means “home” to its community. It is inclusive, green, sustainable, and cohesive. There are opportunities for gathering and celebration.



This ideal future is reflected in the many responses received and discussed above. These themes are consistent across participant groups and reflect cohesion in community values and priorities.

## Community Value Statements

The project team analyzed input received throughout the public engagement process and developed key value statements. These key value statements are used to inform the community vision statement recommendations.



**Sammamish prizes diversity** in culture, ethnicity, age, family type, income, and all other human characteristics and recognizes the richness that such diversity brings to the community. **Sammamish strives to be intentionally inclusive** and respectful of all **backgrounds and supports the ability of ALL residents not just to live but to thrive.** Sammamish is a safe and welcoming community.



**Sammamish protects and enhances the natural environment** as a hallmark of community character and an asset to the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. The City preserves natural areas that provide wildlife habitat and strong ecosystem functionality, maintains and expands its existing parks and open spaces, emphasizes tree protection and landscaping in new development, provides new trails to connect a network of green spaces, and uses its natural bounty for recreation, education, and beautification of the entire community.



**Sammamish embraces a tight-knit community** while providing access to retail, restaurants, key services, and other amenities. Sammamish **residents value opportunities for social connection** that reinforce a sense of close-knit community identity, and residents take care of themselves and each other. **Residents seek to support a vibrant local economy** with a wide array of businesses and services that meet the needs and interests of the community and support an entrepreneurial spirit.



**Sammamish values a range of housing types and choices**, acknowledging that different options support the wide array of lifestyles, needs, and preferences of current and future residents. Sammamish **seeks to be a multigenerational community** that is accessible to first-time homebuyers, growing families, and empty nesters hoping to downsize. Sammamish strives to **include affordable housing options that allow teachers, police, firefighters, service workers, and other essential members of the community to buy or rent** a home within the City.



**Sammamish seeks to expand transportation connectivity** for all modes of travel. Residents see the need for **options other than driving**, including walking, biking, and transit, to support access within the City and to destinations outside the City.



**Sammamish wants to be a resilient community with a strong social network and adequate, well-functioning infrastructure.** Sammamish residents care for each other and reach out for mutual support when needed. The City is prepared to respond to emergencies of all types, including severe weather incidents, power outages, natural disasters, and the unique challenges of public health crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents want to proactively address climate change by taking local action to combat regional and global challenges.

## Community Vision Recommendations

A vision statement is an aspirational description of the future the community wants to achieve at the end of the planning horizon. It is naturally oriented toward affirmative statements, many of which may still be in progress or something the City is working to advance. The vision informs the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies, which in turn guide implementation actions and decisions by City leadership. Over time, the implementation actions lead to the future described in the community vision statement.

### Analysis of Existing Vision Statement

#### 2015 Community Vision Statement

The following community vision statement is adopted in the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. *“Sammamish is a vibrant bedroom community blessed with a well-preserved natural environment, a family-friendly, kid-safe culture, and unrivaled connectedness. From its expanding tree canopy, to its peaceful neighborhoods, to its multi-modal transportation resources, Sammamish captures the best of the past even as it embraces a burgeoning digital future and meets housing affordability through balanced, sustainable housing. It is a state-of-the-art community—engaged, responsive and generous in its support for the full range of human endeavor.”*

#### Analysis

Survey results indicated the community thinks the current vision statement only somewhat aligns with their view of Sammamish’s future. The following analysis, broken down by concept in the vision, identifies areas of agreement and support, areas of confusion, and areas in need of adjustment and updates.

2015 Vision Statement Phrase	Summary of Community Feedback
Sammamish is a <b>vibrant bedroom community</b> ...	<p>The term “bedroom community” is not well understood. Clarification of the term would benefit readers of the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Comments indicate that this term is inconsistent with the stated community desire for increased commercial services, retail, and other employment bases. There are a number of home-based businesses in Sammamish. Workers are also working remotely, with less need for commuting outside the City. These changes indicate that the descriptor “bedroom community” is no longer accurate. Public input preferred “residential” or “small-town” as descriptions of community character. Sammamish was described as having a “small-town atmosphere” in the 2003 community vision statement.<sup>1</sup></p>

<sup>1</sup> 2003 Community Vision Statement: The vision of Sammamish is a community of families. A blend of **small-town atmosphere** with a suburban character, the City also enjoys a unique core of urban lifestyles and conveniences. It is characterized by quality neighborhoods, vibrant natural features, and outstanding recreational opportunities. A variety of community gathering places provide numerous civic, cultural, and educational opportunities. Residents are actively involved in the decisions that shape the community and ensure a special sense of place. *(Emphasis added.)*

2015 Vision Statement Phrase	Summary of Community Feedback
...blessed with a <b>well-preserved natural environment</b> ...	The community overwhelmingly supports a well-preserved natural environment. It is apparent that this is a key feature for which many households have located in Sammamish. This remains an important quality-of-life feature for residents. Comments often suggest expanding access to natural features through more parks, open spaces, tree retention, and connected trails that weave the natural environment into the built environment.
...a <b>family-friendly</b> , kid-safe culture...	The community supports an emphasis on family-friendly and child-safe culture. Some responses indicate that the second half of this phrase could be expanded to "safe culture."
..., and unrivaled <b>connectedness</b> .	<p>"Connectedness" appears to mean different things to the community. Public comment reflected on social connectedness and cohesion of the people that make up Sammamish, as well as physical connectedness of neighborhoods to places where people want to go. This term should be clarified.</p> <p>Regarding social connectedness, public comment indicated the need for more opportunities and venues for gathering, including community-owned spaces, businesses, and events. Long-time residents noted there used to be more opportunities to gather in the past, and these were slowly disappearing even before the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>In the context of physical connectedness, public comment indicated the presence of many barriers, especially to those without personal vehicles. The need for greater walkability and transit connectivity was reiterated in most project engagement events.</p>
From its expanding <b>tree canopy</b> ...	Public comments indicate this does not ring true. Increased development pressure seems to be leading to shrinking tree canopy, which impacts the image of Sammamish and quality of life for residents. Preservation of existing, mature trees remains a strong community priority, especially to buffer new housing developments from roadways as a way of supporting a lush and green community character.
...to its <b>peaceful</b> neighborhoods...	This phrase was not often addressed during public outreach. This could indicate that peaceful neighborhoods have been achieved. During outreach, descriptive words such as "peaceful" and "safe" were listed. This phrase could be revised to emphasize the desire to maintain peace and safety within neighborhoods as the community evolves.

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2015 Vision Statement Phrase	Summary of Community Feedback
...to its <b>multi-modal transportation</b> resources...	Public comments indicate little progress has been made to expand multi-modal transportation access. There is broad recognition of the value of increased transit and nonmotorized transportation options to improve accessibility for those who cannot drive and address growing frustration with traffic in the City.
...Sammamish captures the best of the past even as it embraces a <b>burgeoning digital future</b> ...	Feedback indicates that this phrase is outdated and that the digital “future” is already here. Public comment suggests that a focus on technological integration and high-speed internet at accessible and affordable prices is important, given how essential this utility is in day-to-day life.
...and meets <b>housing affordability</b> through balanced, sustainable housing.	Public comments indicate housing used to be comparatively inexpensive but is now unaffordable. The general perception seems to be that affordable housing is not a priority in Sammamish under current policies.
It is a <b>state-of-the-art</b> community— <b>engaged, responsive and generous</b> in its support for the full range of <b>human endeavor</b> .	Residents value engagement – both socially with neighbors and with civic opportunities. Public comments also indicate that support for the human endeavor is an important concept but tend to prefer descriptors like “thrive.”

## Recommendation

To align more fully with current community priorities and values, this report recommends revisions to existing language in the 2015 vision statement and adoption of new language while retaining many of the core concepts that community members continue to identify as important. Recommendations are based on input from the community engagement process described in this report's Project Introduction and Public Engagement sections.

## Recommended DRAFT 2024 Community Vision Statement

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The City is a vibrant, thriving community with a strong identity built around its diverse cultures, arts and events, and bountiful green spaces.

The City’s neighborhoods are peaceful and welcoming to all, supporting robust social cohesion and engagement.

Housing is available for a variety of incomes, ages, and lifestyles.

### **A New Structure for the Vision**

The proposed structure is a slight departure from older visions. A **single summary vision statement** provides a clear and concise guide for goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan. Sentences following the summary statement provide additional context to allow decision-makers to understand the community’s perspective more fully on each theme in the summary statement.

Sammamish embraces a tight-knit character while providing access to locally owned retail, restaurants, and services that nurture the community's entrepreneurial spirit.

The City's natural environment is well-preserved and interwoven into public and private spaces to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Convenient access and connectivity between residential areas and destinations make sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, and transit viable alternatives to driving.

Sammamish is a resilient community with reliable utilities, sustainable City operations, and a culture of mutual support.

### Analysis of Recommendation

**Content.** The recommended vision statement retains many of the themes and concepts that were well-loved and continue to be supported by the community, especially the commitment to preserving green spaces, a culture of safety and welcome, and commitment to increasing housing and transportation options. The recommendation also adds ideas that were missing, such as diversity and inclusion, a stronger community identity, and support for local businesses. Finally, the statement eliminates jargon and overly technical terms to improve legibility for all readers and users of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Basis in Engagement Data.** The recommended vision statement is founded on data gathered from the statistically valid survey and back-checked against input obtained in the public online survey, nonresident survey, and qualitative outreach data collected over the duration of the project, shown in the table on the following pages.

### Helpful Definitions

Feedback on the 2015 vision statement indicated the language needs to be more easily understood by avoiding jargon and buzzwords. Where possible, the recommended vision statement uses clear and concise language to describe important concepts, but some technical terms are needed:

**Connectivity.** How well places are physically connected by transportation routes, including roads, sidewalks, paved or unpaved trails, and bike lanes. Connectivity includes the directness or indirectness of route options and nodes/intersections.

**Diverse.** The makeup of the community's demographics, such as gender, race, ethnicity, age, income level, etc.

**Entrepreneurial.** Creating a new business in the face of uncertainty and financial risk.

**Inclusive.** Valuing contributions and providing opportunities for involvement regardless of diverse characteristics. Creating safe spaces where all people can be authentic without compromising their beliefs or identity to feel like they belong.

**Infrastructure.** The basic physical and organizational structures and facilities, such as roads and utilities, needed to support day-to-day functions of society.

**Resilient.** The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. Can include physical resilience, such as flexible design in infrastructure or continuity plans for City operations that allow swift post-disaster recovery, and social resilience, such as planning for the provision of services and encouraging social cohesion that improves coping and adaptive capacities.

**Social Cohesion.** The strength of relationships and sense of unity among members of a community. May include building shared values and goals.



Recommended Vision Statement Phrase	Data Source
In 2044, Sammamish is a <b>safe and inclusive</b> community with abundant <b>natural resources, quality schools and services, and well-maintained infrastructure.</b>	<p><b>Quick Facts<sup>1</sup></b>  <i>Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes</i>            32% Quality of Schools (1<sup>st</sup>)            32% Level of Safety (2<sup>nd</sup>)            31% Natural Beauty (3<sup>rd</sup>)</p> <p><i>Future Planning Priorities</i>            73% Infrastructure Planning (1<sup>st</sup>)            64% Environmental Conservation &amp; Sustainability (2<sup>nd</sup>)</p> <p><i>Source: Statistically Valid Survey Sample, Q7 and Q19</i></p>
The City is a vibrant, thriving community with a <b>strong identity</b> built around its <b>diverse</b> cultures, <b>arts and events</b> , and bountiful <b>green spaces.</b>	<p><b>Quick Facts<sup>2</sup></b>  <i>Attributes Contributing to Quality of Life</i>            81% Natural Beauty (2<sup>nd</sup>)            67% Park &amp; Rec Opps. (5<sup>th</sup>)            32% Cultural Diversity (12<sup>th</sup>)            8% Arts &amp; Cultural Activities (19<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><i>Future Planning Priorities</i>            64% Environmental Conservation &amp; Sustainability (2<sup>nd</sup>)            58% Parks, Rec., &amp; Open Space Plng (4<sup>th</sup>)            27% Economic Dev. Plng (8<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><i>Source: Statistically Valid Survey Sample, Q6 and Q19</i></p>
The City’s neighborhoods are <b>peaceful and welcoming</b> to all, supporting robust <b>social cohesion</b> and engagement.	<p><b>Quick Facts<sup>3</sup></b>  <i>Attributes Contributing to Quality of Life</i>            85% Level of Safety (1<sup>st</sup>)            54% Quality of Neighborhoods (6<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><i>Source: Statistically Valid Survey Sample, Q6</i></p>
<b>Housing is available for a variety</b> of incomes, ages, and lifestyles.	<p><b>Quick Facts<sup>4</sup></b>  <i>Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes</i>            13% Housing Options (9<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><i>Liked Most</i>            34% Housing Styles, Types, and Sizes (9<sup>th</sup>)            4% Affordability (13<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><i>Liked Least</i>            32% Lack of Affordability (3<sup>rd</sup>)            6% Housing Styles, Types, and/or Character (9<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><i>Future Planning Priorities</i>            31% Housing Options &amp; Neighborhood Character (7<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><i>Source: Statistically Valid Survey Sample, Q7, Q12, Q13, Q19</i></p>

Recommended Vision Statement Phrase	Data Source
<p>Sammamish embraces a <b>tight-knit character</b> while providing access to <b>locally owned retail, restaurants, and services</b> that nurture the community's entrepreneurial spirit.</p>	<p><b>Quick Facts<sup>5</sup></b>  <i>Attributes Contributing to Quality of Life</i>            18% Adequacy of Retail, Restaurants, Services (16<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes</i>            30% Adequacy of Retail, Restaurants, Services (4<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Liked Least</i>            19% Distance to Groceries, Restaurants, Services (4<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Future Planning Priorities</i>            59% Character of Commercial Areas &amp; Economic Development Planning (combined)  <i>Source: Statistically Valid Survey Sample, Q6, Q7, Q13, Q19</i></p>
<p>The City's <b>natural environment is well-preserved</b> and interwoven into public and private spaces to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.</p>	<p><b>Quick Facts<sup>6</sup></b>  <i>Attributes Contributing to Quality of Life</i>            67% Park &amp; Rec Opps. (5<sup>th</sup>)            54% Quality of Neighborhoods (6<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes</i>            18% Park &amp; Rec Opps. (7<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Liked Most</i>            51% Access to Trails &amp; Open Space (6<sup>th</sup>)            45% Parks &amp; Public Spaces (6<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Future Planning Priorities</i>            64% Environmental Conservation &amp; Sustainability (2<sup>nd</sup>)            58% Parks, Rec., &amp; Open Space Plng (4<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Source: Statistically Valid Survey Sample, Q6, Q7, Q13, Q19</i></p>
<p>Convenient access and <b>connectivity between residential areas and destinations</b> make sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, and transit viable alternatives to driving.</p>	<p><b>Quick Facts<sup>7</sup></b>  <i>Attributes Contributing to Quality of Life</i>            69% Proximity to Groceries &amp; Daily Needs (4<sup>th</sup>)            51% Ease of Walking &amp; Biking (7<sup>th</sup>)            43% Proximity to Medical &amp; Dental Services (9<sup>th</sup>)            35% Ease of Access by Vehicle (11<sup>th</sup>)            21% Proximity to Restaurants (15<sup>th</sup>)            18% Proximity to Employment (17<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes</i>            21% Ease of Access by Vehicle (5<sup>th</sup>)            20% Ease of Access by Walking &amp; Biking (6<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Liked Most</i>            32% Ease of Walking/Biking (10<sup>th</sup>)            7% Location near Bus Transit (10<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Liked Least</i>            38% Too Much Traffic (1<sup>st</sup>)            19% Hard/Unpleasant to Walk/Bike (5<sup>th</sup>)  <i>Future Planning Priorities</i>            73% Infrastructure Planning (1<sup>st</sup>)            60% Transportation Planning (3<sup>rd</sup>)  <i>Source: Statistically Valid Survey Sample, Q6, Q7, Q12, Q13, Q19</i></p>

Recommended Vision Statement Phrase	Data Source
Sammamish is a <b>resilient community</b> with reliable utilities, sustainable City operations, and a culture of mutual support.	<p><b>Quick Facts<sup>8</sup></b>  <i>Future Planning Priorities</i>                      73% Infrastructure Planning (1<sup>st</sup>)</p> <p><i>Source: Statistically Valid Survey Sample, Q19</i></p>

## What's Next?

This report analyzes the 2015 community vision statement and provides recommendations and ideas to address community feedback in forming the vision statement that will guide the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. This report should be considered a starting point as planning efforts ramp up over the next year. Additional engagement and public review of the recommendations and ideas will occur during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update. This continued public engagement will provide valuable information and a greater sense of community ownership of the Comprehensive Plan, which will support its implementation.

Below are suggested areas of focus for community feedback and a deeper dive to understand community concerns and priorities:

- Offering opportunities for additional input that provide more context about preferences and/or concerns—for example, traffic is often cited as a negative in the open-ended survey comments, but the comments lack context about when, where, or how the respondent is traveling. This could also include better understanding how Town Center fits into residents’ comments related to the desire for expanded services and retail.
- Balancing conflicting or potentially conflicting desires—the survey response identified many community wants and priorities that do not dovetail neatly, such as wanting a well-preserved natural environment while also wanting a greater variety of housing types, more services, more retail, and improved infrastructure. Another example is whether the classification of bedroom community aligns with the community vision for the City’s future. Providing an educational component around these topics that includes options for consideration and the potential outcomes related to those options will be critical in ensuring that community members can provide well-informed feedback.
- Utilizing both the proposed vision statement, the revised 2015 vision statement (see Appendix C, page 2), and the additional feedback gathered through the initial outreach for the 2024 periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan, vision statement should be developed that best reflects the community’s priorities for the future.

## Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Quick Facts sourced from statistically valid survey sample. Other data sources to reference are:

**Statistically Valid & Public Online Surveys** (Appendix D)

- Greatest Asset Open-Ended Responses (Q7 pg. 24)
- Liked Most/Least Findings (Q12 pg. 29, Q13 pg. 30)
- Current Vision Statement (Q14 pg. 32, Q15 pg. 34)
- Future of Sammamish Open-Ended Responses (Q16 pg. 35)

**Qualitative & Other Data**

- Residents Data (Appendix B)
- Underserved/Under-Represented Residents Data (Appendix B)

- Commission Meetings (Appendix C)
- Youth Data (Appendices F1-F6: see select artwork F1-F2 and F5; see High School feedback F3; see Youth Board feedback F4; see select statements F6)
- Other Public Comments (Appendix G)

<sup>2</sup> Quick Facts sourced from statistically valid survey sample. Other data sources to reference are:

**Statistically Valid & Public Online Surveys** (Appx. D)

- Future of Sammamish Open-Ended Responses (Q16 pg. 35 and Appendix D's Appx. A)
- Attributes of Quality of Life (Q6 pg. 22)
- Future Topics of Interest (Q19 pg. 38)

**Qualitative & Other Data**

- Residents Data (Appendix B)
- Underserved/Under-Represented Residents Data (Appendix B)
- Chamber of Commerce Data (Appendix B)
- Commission Meetings (Appendix C)
- Youth Data (Appendices F1-F6: see select artwork F1-F2 and F5; see High School feedback F3; see Youth Board feedback F4; see select statements F6)
- Other Public Comments (Appendix G)

<sup>3</sup> Quick Facts sourced from statistically valid survey sample. Other data sources to reference are:

**Statistically Valid & Public Online Surveys** (Appx. D)

- Key Findings (pg. 7-8)
- Summary of Community Input (pg. 10-11)
- Attributes of Quality of Life (Q6 pg. 22)
- Greatest Asset Open-Ended Responses (Q7 pg. 24)
- Future of Sammamish Open-Ended Responses (Q16 pg. 35)

**Qualitative & Other Data**

- Underserved/Under-Represented Residents Data (Appendix B)
- Commission Meetings (Appendix C)
- Youth Data (Appendices F1-F6: see select artwork F1-F2 and F5; see High School feedback F3; see Youth Board feedback F4; see select statements F6)
- Other Public Comments (Appendix G)

<sup>4</sup> Quick Facts sourced from statistically valid survey sample. Other data sources to reference are:

**Statistically Valid & Public Online Surveys** (Appx. D)

- Summary of Community Input (pg. 10-11)  
*NOTE: This section notes housing choices and affordability are limited. Additional density to address this gap may not be well-supported, but closing the gap appears to be important to the community.*
- Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes (Q7 pg. 23)
- Greatest Asset Open-Ended Responses (Q7 Appendix D's Appx. A)
- Liked Most/ Least Findings (Q12 pg. 29, Q13 pg. 30)
- Future of Sammamish Open-Ended Responses (Q16 Appendix D's Appx. A)
- Current Vision Statement Open-Ended Responses (Q18 pg. 37 and Appendix D's Appx. A)
- Future Topics of Interest (Q19 pg. 38)

**Qualitative & Other Data**

- Residents Data (Appendix B)
- Underserved/Under-Represented Residents Data (Appendix B)
- Commission Meetings (Appendix C; see esp. Human Services & Arts Commissions)
- Youth Data (Appendices F1-F6: see select artwork F1-F2 and F5; see High School feedback F3; see Youth Board feedback F4; see select statements F6)
- Other Public Comments (Appendix G)

<sup>5</sup> Quick Facts sourced from statistically valid survey sample. Other data sources to reference are:

**Statistically Valid & Public Online Surveys** (Appx. D)

- Summary of Community Input (p10-11)
- Attributes of Quality of Life (Q6 p22)

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*NOTE: Adequacy of retail, restaurants, and lifestyle services is shown to be lacking.*

- Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes (Q7 pg. 23)
- Greatest Asset Open-Ended Responses (Q7 Appendix D's Appx. A)
- Liked Least Findings (Q13 pg. 30)
- Future of Sammamish Open-Ended Responses (Q16 pg. 35)
- Future Topics of Interest (Q19 pg. 38)

*NOTE: Improving the Character of Commercial Areas and Economic Development Planning are evaluated together to understand importance.*

#### **Qualitative & Other Data**

- Nonresident Survey Data (Appendix B)
- Commission Meetings (Appendix C)  
*NOTE: All Commissions value tight-knit social character.*
- Youth Data (Appendices F1-F6: see select artwork F1-F2 and F5; see High School feedback F3; see Youth Board feedback F4; see select statements F6)
- Other Public Comments (Appendix G)

<sup>6</sup> Quick Facts sourced from statistically valid survey sample. Other data sources to reference are:

#### **Statistically Valid & Public Online Surveys** (Appx. D)

- Key Findings (pg. 8-9)
- Summary of Community Input (pg. 10-11)
- Attributes of Quality of Life (Q6 pg. 22)
- Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes (Q7 pg. 23)
- Greatest Asset Open-Ended Responses (Q7 pg. 24 and Appendix D's Appx. A)
- Liked Most Findings (Q12 pg. 29)
- Current Vision Statement (Q14 pg. 32, Q15 pg. 34)
- Future of Sammamish Open-Ended Responses (Q16 pg. 35)
- Future Topics of Interest (Q19 pg. 38)

*NOTE: Environmental Conservation & Sustainability and Parks, Recreation & Open Space Planning are evaluated together to understand significance.*

#### **Qualitative & Other Data**

- All Resident Outreach Data (Appendix B)
- Underserved/Under-Represented Resident Data (Appendix B)
- Nonresident Survey Data (Appendix B)
- Commission Meetings (Appendix C)
- Youth Data (Appendices F1-F6: see select artwork F1-F2 and F5; see High School feedback F3; see Youth Board feedback F4; see select statements F6)
- Other Public Comments (Appendix G)

<sup>7</sup> Quick Facts sourced from statistically valid survey sample. Other data sources to reference are:

#### **Statistically Valid & Public Online Surveys** (Appx. D)

- Key Findings (pg. 8-9)
- Summary of Community Input (pg. 10-11)
- Attributes of Quality of Life (Q6 pg. 22)
- Top 3 Quality of Life Attributes (Q7 pg. 23)  
*NOTE: Ease of Access by Vehicle and Ease of Walking/Biking are evaluated together to understand importance.*
- Liked Most/Least Findings (Q12 pg. 29, Q13 pg. 30)
- Current Vision Statement (Q14 pg. 32, Q15 pg. 34)  
*NOTE: In Q15, Transportation Connectivity and Options for Multimodal Transportation are evaluated together to understand importance.*
- Future of Sammamish Open-Ended Responses (Q16 pg. 35)
- Current Vision Statement Open-Ended Responses (Q18 pg. 37)
- Future Topics of Interest (Q19 pg. 38)

#### **Qualitative & Other Data**

- All Resident Outreach Data (Appendix B)
- Underserved/Under-Represented Resident Data (Appendix B)

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- Nonresident Survey Data (Appendix B)
  - Commission Meetings (Appendix C)
  - Youth Data (Appendices F1-F6: see select artwork F1-F2 and F5; see High School feedback F3; see Youth Board feedback F4; see select statements F6)
  - Other Public Comments (Appendix G)

<sup>8</sup> Quick Facts sourced from statistically valid survey sample. Other data sources to reference are:

**Statistically Valid & Public Online Surveys** (Appx. D)

- Key Findings (pg. 9)
- Summary of Community Input (pg. 10-11)
- Neighborhoods Over Time Open-Ended Responses (Q11 pg. 28)
- Future of Sammamish Open-Ended Responses (Q16 pg. 35 and Appendix D's Appx. A)
- Current Vision Statement Open-Ended Responses (Appendix D's Appx. A)
- Future Topics of Interest (Q19 pg. 38)

**Qualitative & Other Data**

- All Resident Outreach Data (Appendix B)
- Underserved/Under-Represented Resident Data (Appendix B)
- Nonresident Survey Data (Appendix B)
- Commission Meetings (Appendix C, esp. Parks & Recreation Comm.)
- Youth Data (Appendix F3, High School feedback)
- Other Public Comments (Appendix G)

**Appendix A—Public Engagement Strategy**



## Memorandum

**To:** Sara Estiri  
**From:** Cristina Haworth, AICP  
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**Date:** September 14, 2021  
**Subject:** Sammamish Community Visioning Project—Public Engagement Strategy  
**Project No.:** 33398

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### Overview and Scope of Engagement

This Public Engagement Strategy describes the purpose and methods for engaging Sammamish residents and other community stakeholders during the Community Visioning Project.

### Project Summary

The Community Visioning Project will create a strong and clear community vision, a necessary step in advance of Sammamish's 2024 Comprehensive Plan update process. The project will evaluate the existing vision statement and develop recommendations for a new or revised vision statement that reflects community values. The vision will be grounded in community conversations that reflect on Sammamish's past, consider Sammamish as it is today, and look ahead to an ideal future.

This project is an essential precursor to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update because it sets the direction for future planning and development in Sammamish. The City Council will review and adopt a vision statement based on the information generated during this project.

### Outreach Goals and Objectives

Engagement will be conducted to meet the following goals:

1. Engage a wide range of residents and stakeholders with particular attention to underrepresented or underserved populations, using outreach methods designed to uncover how stakeholders feel about Sammamish historically and currently and identify preferred goals and an ideal future.
2. Ensure transparency in evaluating the existing vision statement, making recommendations, and adopting a final vision statement.
3. Obtain high-quality data necessary to support recommendations and action on a new or revised community vision statement.



## Limitations

Community engagement will be conducted as broadly as possible. Some limitations will impact the work:

- **COVID-19 PANDEMIC.** The COVID-19 pandemic and changing guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), State of Washington Governor's Office, and King County limit in-person interactions and apply specific requirements including (but not limited to) wearing masks in certain situations and maintaining social distance when conducting in-person activities. Sammamish City Hall is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19.
- **ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE.** Engagement will occur in September, October, November, and December. This timeframe is a challenge to large participation numbers due to the school year starting, several holidays, and poor weather.
- **PROJECT BUDGET.** Engagement activities are limited by available funding.

Identifying these limitations and planning around them yields the most successful engagement strategy.

## Key Stakeholders

This project will guide the future of Sammamish and, as such, nearly anyone who lives or spends time in the city should be considered a stakeholder whose feedback can inform the vision statement. Identified project stakeholders are:

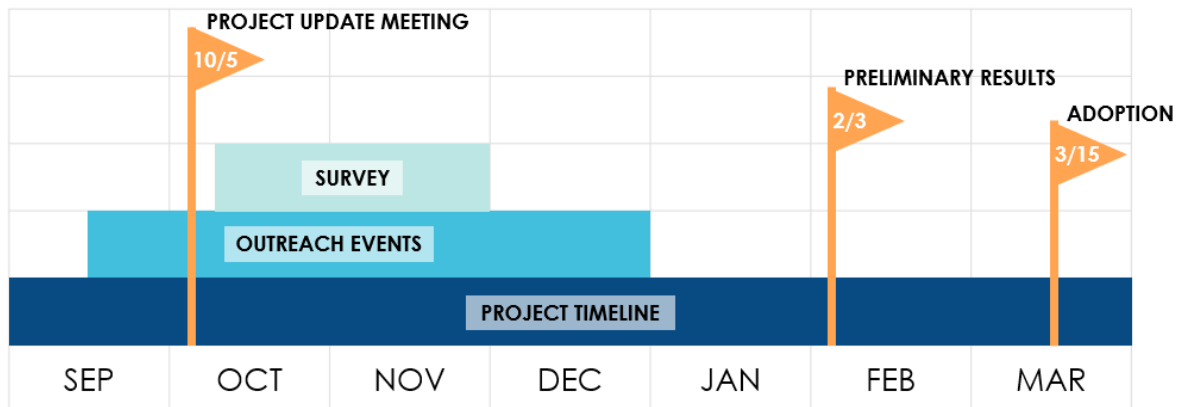
- **Residents.** Those individuals living in Sammamish, including both homeowners and renters, and all family types.
- **Non-Resident Workers/Visitors.** Those individuals who spend time in Sammamish but do not live in the city, including workers, shoppers/diners, recreation users, and other visitors.
- **Business Owners.** Those individuals who own a business in Sammamish.
- **Development Community.** Those individuals or companies who build residential, commercial, mixed-use, or other types of projects in Sammamish.
- **Community Groups and Nonprofit Organizations.** Secular and/or religious groups and nonprofit organizations that provide a sense of unity or gathering of membership in support of a common goal.

Outreach must be performed with diversity, equity, and inclusion at the forefront. In addition to the broad stakeholder groups listed above, the City will intentionally engage with underrepresented and underserved groups such as:

- Youth (those individuals under age 18)
- Seniors (those individuals over age 65)
- BIPOC groups, including translation as necessary into Hindi, Simplified Chinese, and Spanish languages to connect with those with limited English proficiency
- LGBTQIA+ groups
- Individuals with varying levels of ability or disability
- Individuals with low household income levels

Special consideration will also be given to those with limited access to and/or comfort with technology by providing alternative methods for participation as needed.

## Project Timeline and Milestones



Work is anticipated to be conducted between August 2021 and March 2022. Public outreach is expected to occur between mid-September and December 2021.

### Milestones

Key project milestones are:

- 10/05/21—Joint Planning Commission/City Council Project Update and Visioning Workshop
- 02/03/22—Planning Commission Project Update & Presentation of Preliminary Results and Recommendations
- 03/15/22—City Council Review of Final Results and Recommendations & Anticipated Vision Statement Adoption

### Engagement Toolbox

Engagement will be conducted using the following methods:

Method	Type	Description	Responsibilities
ConnectSammamish Project Website	Digital	Project content, updates	Content: Otak Tech.: City Staff
Project Briefing Video	Digital	Animated voice-over PowerPoint, approx. 5 mins.	Otak
Outreach Toolkit – Supports Meetings Hosted by Others	Digital	GENERAL: Briefing video, project info sheet, facilitation worksheet, instructions	Content: Otak Distribution: City Staff
		SCHOOLS: Briefing video, project info sheet, activity worksheet, instructions	
Meetings & Events	Virtual	OPEN HOUSE: Project-specific open house with breakout rooms for facilitated small-group discussion. Approx. 90 mins.	Content: Otak Plan: Otak Host: City Staff Facilit.: Otak, City Staff
	Virtual	TOWN HALL: Short presentation, limited discussion. Approx. 20 mins.	Content: Otak Host: City Staff
	In Person	YOUTH BOARD RETREAT: Short presentation, facilitated activity. Approx. 30 mins.	Content: Otak Facilit.: Otak, City Staff

	Virtual	SENIOR CENTER: Short presentation, project briefing video, facilitated discussion. Approx. 40 mins.	Content: Otak Facilit.: City Staff
Survey	Print	STATISTICALLY VALID: Random sample mailed survey. Translated into Hindi, Simplified Chinese, Spanish.	Otak
	Digital	OPEN LINK: Version of statistically valid survey that is open to all respondents	
School Engagement Events	TBD	To be determined after meetings w/ school principals. Anticipated to include classroom presentation(s), group activities, art (see below), and ideas to connect with parents and staff.	City Staff to lead; TBD based on activity
	Virtual	STUDENT ART GALLERY: Collect artwork prepared by students in local schools in response to community vision prompt for display.	
Other Materials	Digital	NEWSLETTER: 500-word project info.	Otak
	Print	INFO CARD: Business card-sized project summary with link to project website	Otak
	Print	HANDOUTS: Project info sheet.	Otak

### Flexibility to Respond During Engagement

Engagement will be monitored to ensure underrepresented and underserved populations are being reached, including direct outreach to community organizations to support higher response rates.

Engagement methods may be reorganized or replaced based on evolving City priorities, COVID-19 directives, and/or understanding of results and need for additional data.

### Measuring Success

Broad and inclusive outreach is a primary goal for this project. Success of the outreach plan will be measured using the following metrics:

- **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.** Participation information will be collected from each activity, including number of survey respondents, number of meeting/event attendees, number of website views (as enabled by City staff), and number of Digital Outreach Toolkit returns.
- **DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.** Where possible, demographic information will be collected and benchmarked against city census data to determine if outreach data is overrepresenting or underrepresenting any groups.
- **GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.** Where possible, location information will be collected to ensure all geographic areas of the city are represented in the outreach data.

### Post-Engagement Plan

Data collected during public engagement will be analyzed and synthesized to inform recommendations for a new or revised community vision statement. Results will be reported as follows:

- **SURVEY.** Results from the statistically valid and open link surveys will be separately analyzed. Results will be compiled and graphed in a visually appealing format with the ability to crosstab questions for further inquiry/refinement. Final findings will be presented in the crosstab document for

staff use and in a graphically rich report with commentary for public review. The report will be posted on the ConnectSammamish website.

- **OUTREACH REPORT.** A final summary report will document the timeline, methods, and feedback collected during public engagement. Data from all engagement methods will be analyzed and compiled with information from the survey to identify overall findings. The report will be posted on the ConnectSammamish website.
- **VISION STATEMENT.** Findings from the community engagement events will inform the draft and final vision statement recommendations to be reviewed and adopted by City Council.

The reports and proposed vision statement can be used to inform the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update public engagement strategy.

## **Appendix B—Stakeholder Engagement Summary**

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Entity Engaged	Engagement Method & Summary
<i>All Resident Outreach</i>	
<p><b>Print Media, Social Media, and Project Website</b></p>	<p><b>Methods:</b> <i>Project Website, Project Briefing Video, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, eNewsletter, Print Newsletter</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Sharing information only; no feedback collected.</p> <p><b>Project Website.</b> The project team used the City’s online engagement site, Connect Sammamish, to provide a one-stop-shop for project information, outreach events, and survey links. The website was updated regularly and advertised in other outreach methods such as flyers, project information cards, social media posts, direct email communications, and presentations.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> The site has had approximately 1,600 visitors to date.</p> <p><b>Project Briefing Video.</b> The project team prepared a five-minute video to educate the community about the project, the broader planning context, and opportunities for future engagement. The video was posted on the project website and shared at select meetings.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> The video has had approximately 44 views through the ConnectSammamish project website and 312 views through YouTube.</p> <p><b>Social Media &amp; Newsletters.</b> The City’s Communications team was active in publishing social media posts on the City’s regular social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Articles and promotions were also included in the City’s e-newsletter and print newsletter as well as the City’s website.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> The e-newsletter is distributed to 14,385 recipients. The print newsletter is distributed to 22,518 households.</p>
<p><b>Sammamish Community Events</b></p>	<p><b>Methods:</b> <i>Virtual Town Hall (Oct. 26, 2021), Popcorn with Planning (Nov. 16, 2021, and Jan. 27, 2022), Virtual Open House (Mar. 31, 2022)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Participants provided input in open discussion and/or question-and-answer sessions following a presentation. They indicated a strong desire to maintain environmental preservation and increase access to green spaces. The community wanted to improve transportation and utility infrastructure, create new community gathering spaces, and develop a cohesive and recognizable community identity.</p> <p><b>Virtual Town Hall.</b> The Community Visioning project was featured in the virtual town hall meeting on Oct. 26, 2021. The virtual meeting included a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> This event was recorded and had 119 views on YouTube as of February 15, 2022.</p> <p><b>Popcorn with Planning.</b> Popcorn with Planning virtual sessions were held on Nov. 16, 2021, and Jan. 27, 2022. The first session introduced the project and asked participants to share their thoughts on the current vision and trends in the City and describe Sammamish’s ideal future. The second session summarized the main themes identified from the project’s outreach efforts and asked participants to reflect on</p>

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Entity Engaged	Engagement Method & Summary
	<p>those themes. Both sessions included a presentation followed by mediated question-and-answer sessions.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> The Nov. 16, 2021 event had 22 registrants and 15 attendees. The Jan. 27, 2022 event had 27 registrants and 17 attendees.</p>
<p><b>Homeowner Associations and Property Managers</b></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Email Outreach to Contacts in 401 Associations and four Property Managers (see Att. 1)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Sharing information only; no feedback collected.</p>
<p><b>Religious Organizations</b></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Phone Calls and Email Outreach to 15 Institutions (see Att. 2)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Sharing information only; no feedback collected.</p>
<p><b>Community Orgs. &amp; Special Interest Groups</b></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Email Outreach to Seven Organizations (see Att. 3)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Sharing information only; no feedback collected.</p>
<p><b>Community Hubs</b></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Flyer and Project Info Card Posted, Email Outreach (see Att. 4)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Sharing information only; no feedback collected.</p>
<p><b>PTAs &amp; PTSAs</b></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Email Outreach to Four PTA/PTSA Organizations</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Shared information to distribute to their networks.</p>
<p><b>Surveys</b>  <i>Statistically Valid Survey, Public Open Link Survey, Nonresident Survey, In-Person Survey Assistance</i></p> <p><i>See Report Appendix D and Appendix D's Appendix A for additional information about survey results</i></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Hard Copy Survey Mailed to Random Sample of Sammamish Households, Online Surveys (2 Versions), In-Person Survey Assistance at Library</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Participants provided their thoughts about Sammamish as they currently experience it today, feedback about the 2015 community vision statement, and ideas about a future ideal Sammamish. Survey respondents also indicated top planning priorities for consideration. See Appendix D of this report for a detailed summary of survey results.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> The statistically valid survey was sent to 4,878 randomly-selected households and received 789 responses. The public online survey had 290 responses. The nonresident survey had 18 responses. The in-person survey assistance event had seven attendees.</p>
<p><b>What We Heard (Resident Surveys):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Residents feel that Sammamish’s recent growth and development is on the “wrong track” to achieve the desired future. Residents prefer to maintain a peaceful and uncrowded community without traffic issues, but the pace of current development is not perceived to support these goals. Residents agree with the current vision of a kid-safe, peaceful suburban community with great outdoor spaces.</li> <li>▪ Residents value community safety, quiet neighborhoods, low traffic, and excellent schools. Residents believe most of these have been achieved, but there is growing and significant concern around traffic related to development.</li> <li>▪ Residents noted a lack of easy walkability and transit connectivity from neighborhoods to commercial or service hubs, parks, open spaces, schools, and other destinations.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some residents noted a lack of affordable housing options within the City. First-time homebuyers, senior citizens looking to downsize while aging in place, and people making area median income or less struggle to find housing in their price range.</li> <li>▪ Transportation connectivity, multi-modal transportation options, and housing choices are issues lacking a clear consensus in the resident survey results. These issues should be considered in light of other engagement results to understand community values and priorities.</li> <li>▪ Key priorities identified by residents for future planning include: (1) preserving natural open spaces and parks; (2) keeping Sammamish safe and quiet; (3) improving infrastructure; and (4) addressing transportation to improve connectivity and support a greater range of transportation mode options.</li> </ul>
	<p><b><i>What We Heard (Non-Resident Surveys):</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non-residents recognized the parks, open spaces, and natural beauty of Sammamish as the most significant community assets that keep them visiting. Other attractors identified by non-residents were safety, a strong sense of community, and the availability of shopping and services.</li> <li>▪ Non-residents know Sammamish to be family-friendly and kid-safe with peaceful neighborhoods. Non-residents do not consider Sammamish to have a range of housing choices, be forward-thinking, or have strong transportation connectivity. Non-residents hope a future Sammamish will: (1) have a greater range of housing choices; (2) be more forward-thinking; (3) have an engaged community.</li> <li>▪ In a future Sammamish, non-residents hope to see affordable housing, diversity and inclusivity of a greater range of demographic groups, more small local businesses, improved transportation infrastructure or options, and a more socially-connected community. The highest planning priority identified by non-residents was transportation, followed by infrastructure.</li> </ul>
	<p><b><i>What We Heard (Other Methods):</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The “bones” of the 2015 vision statement still resonate strongly with most of the community, especially the following concepts:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Emphasis on family-friendly culture and tight-knit community.</li> <li>▫ Improved transportation connectivity, including nonmotorized and transit options, that links neighborhoods to schools, parks, open spaces, commercial hubs/retail establishments, and services.</li> <li>▫ Providing a greater range of housing options and affordability levels to meet the needs of a variety of lifestyles, preferences, and income levels.</li> <li>▫ Preservation of the natural environment and access to green spaces, parks, trails, and other natural resources.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The community acknowledges that many phrases and ideas in the community vision statement are still works in progress or otherwise aspirational, especially related to housing, transportation choices, and connectedness.</li> <li>▪ Some language is outdated, overly technical, or otherwise not representative of the existing community. Examples include the terms “bedroom community,” “multi-modal,” “burgeoning digital future.”</li> <li>▪ The vision statement is missing some important concepts, including ethnic and cultural diversity, an emphasis on intentional inclusivity for all populations (with specific reference to single people, seniors, youth, racial and/or ethnic minorities, and those with varying economic means), the importance of addressing climate change and resilience, and creating places for gathering and celebration as a hallmark of Sammamish.</li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The City should prioritize a social character with a recognizable identity and brand that makes Sammamish more vibrant and engaging. Participants suggested that the City leverage and expand events such as the farmer’s market and nurture a visual or performing arts scene as a basis for this identity. The community wanted gathering places and opportunities for smaller, local events and music that could attract non-residents to visit and explore the City.</li> <li>▪ Community resilience should be improved by providing community-owned high-speed internet access and underground electric utilities. Essential services such as emergency medical response, mental health services, and childcare should be accessible and affordable to residents.</li> </ul>	
<i>Underserved/Under-Represented Resident Outreach</i>	
<b>Sammamish Seniors</b>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Facilitated Virtual Meeting (Sep. 15, 2021)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Sammamish Seniors participated in a virtual event that included a brief presentation and discussion with City staff to respond to questions and gather feedback on project-related prompts. Event attendees advocated for a new community or senior center, local climate action, and a stronger community identity. Seniors also commented on the need for fast, reliable, and affordable internet service.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> This event had 22 attendees.</p>
<b>Community Orgs. And Special Interest Groups</b>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Email Outreach to Two Organizations (see Att. 3)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Shared information to distribute to their networks.</p>
<b>Religious Organizations</b>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Email Outreach to Three Organizations (see Att. 3)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Shared information to distribute to their networks. Project team was unable to schedule focused events for each organization.</p>
<b>Property Managers with Affordable Housing Units</b>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Phone Call &amp; Email Outreach to Six Property Managers (see Att. 1)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Shared information to distribute to their networks. Project team was unable to schedule focused events for residents.</p>
<b>In-Person Survey Assistance</b>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Tabled Event at Sammamish Library (Nov. 20, 2021)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The project team provided an opportunity to assist those with limited access to or comfort with technology to complete the public open link survey. Most attendees at this event used it as an opportunity to ask questions about the project; only one person filled out the survey at this two-hour event.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> This event had seven attendees.</p>

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<p><b>What We Heard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community gathering spaces are missing and can provide the needed venue to support a healthy social network. Seniors desire a community center that supports connection and provides a venue for art, music, performing arts, volunteering, and similar activities that reinforce the social aspects of the community.</li> <li>▪ The natural environment is a major asset that should be protected – in public spaces and in development.</li> <li>▪ Diversity should be encouraged and honored. Sammamish is home to people from many cultural and ethnic backgrounds, a range of ages, and various socioeconomic statuses; more celebration of this diversity would enrich the lives of everyone in the City and make underrepresented and under-served populations feel more included and valued.</li> <li>▪ A greater range of housing and transportation options should be considered. Sammamish lacks safe places to walk and bike, and sometimes youth feel isolated if they can't drive. Youth also acknowledge the challenges for first-time homebuyers and families trying to buy a home in Sammamish and suggested a combination of smaller homes, apartments, condominiums, and townhouses that include tree protection, parks and open spaces, and the availability of transit and nonmotorized transportation options. Youth and seniors felt any future growth should be well-balanced with other priorities.</li> <li>▪ Sammamish should ensure the availability of fast, reliable, and affordable internet service because this is an increasingly essential utility for residents, home-based businesses, and people working remotely. This is essential for social connection and access to support services.</li> <li>▪ The City can proactively address climate change and its impacts on City operations and the community by adopting a Climate Action Plan. Disruptions to City operations may disproportionately impact underserved and underrepresented residents.</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Youth</i></p>	
<p><b>Sammamish Schools</b></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Email Outreach to 14 Sammamish Schools (see Att. 5), Classroom Activities at Five Schools, Club Activity at One School</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Cascade Ridge and Christa McAuliffe Elementary School students provided creative pieces (art, poetry, prose, digital books, and presentations) describing what they love about Sammamish and what they hope to see in the future. Eastlake and Skyline High School and Margaret Mead Elementary School students participated in group discussions responding to similar prompts, providing feedback about what they like and dislike about Sammamish today and what an ideal future looks like. Beaver Lake Middle School's Kiwanis Builder's Club provided written responses to prompts asking them to reflect on their community and neighborhood.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> 17 students or teams of students submitted projects from Cascade Ridge Elementary School and 96 students submitted projects from Christa McAuliffe Elementary School. Nine students at Beaver Lake Middle School's Kiwanis Builder's Club submitted projects. One class at Margaret Mead Elementary School and one class each at Eastlake and Skyline High Schools participated in facilitated discussions.</p>

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<b>Sammamish Youth Board</b>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Retreat Activity (Sep. 25, 2021)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Students learned about the project via an informal presentation from staff and provided their thoughts about an ideal future in Sammamish. Students wrote, drew, and performed a skit to share their ideas. Members of the Youth Board were also provided stacks of outreach cards to share with their families and neighbors.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> This event had 17 attendees.</p>
<b>Girl Scouts</b>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Troop 42897 Activity</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Scout members provided creative pieces (art and personal statements) describing what they love about Sammamish and what they hope to see in the future.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> Five Girl Scouts submitted projects.</p>
<p><b>What We Heard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community gathering spaces are missing and can provide the needed venue to support a healthy social network. Youth want a variety of spaces (outdoor spaces, a community center, and more indoor shopping spaces were all desired) to spend time with friends, including free or low-cost options.</li> <li>▪ More parks, trails, and lake access are important because these are free and open to youth of all ages. The natural and cultural history of Sammamish should be celebrated by integrating educational opportunities into parks, open spaces, and trails.</li> <li>▪ A greater range of locally owned small businesses, especially retail, is strongly desired by youth. Sammamish youth want to spend money in Sammamish, supporting Sammamish businesses. They want indoor places to spend time with friends and prefer the unique flair and sense of community from locally owned businesses.</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Commissioners and City Council</i></p>	
<p><b>City Commissions</b></p> <p><i>See Report Appendix C for additional information about City Commission meetings.</i></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Presentation &amp; Community Visioning Exercise:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Human Services Commission – Oct. 13, 2021</li> <li>▪ Arts Commission – Oct. 25, 2021</li> <li>▪ Parks &amp; Recreation Commission – Nov. 3, 2021</li> <li>▪ Planning Commission – Dec. 2, 2021</li> <li>▪ Planning Commission – Feb. 3, 2022</li> </ul> <p><b>Summary:</b> Commissioners responded to prompts, sharing their perspectives on the current community vision statement and describing an ideal future Sammamish. Presentation and prompts at each Commission were the same.</p>
<p><b>City Council</b></p> <p><i>See Report Appendix C for additional information about City Council meetings.</i></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Project Briefing (Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting – Oct. 5, 2021), Presentation of Draft Recommendations (April 5, 2022)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Council members discussed the public engagement strategy and the draft survey. They shared their ideas to improve engagement efforts and response rates and reach underserved and underrepresented groups. Council members provided feedback and identified future work items for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update process.</p>

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<p><b>What We Heard:</b></p> <p>Please see Appendix C for an overview of comments from each Commission workshop.</p>	
<p><i>Business Community</i></p>	
<p><b>Sammamish Chamber of Commerce</b></p>	<p><b>Method:</b> <i>Business Owner Forum (Nov. 18, 2021)</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Business owners shared their perspective on the economic environment, especially following adjustment to COVID-19 restrictions. They also shared ideas about how the City can support local businesses on startup and through growth to create a thriving local economy.</p> <p><i>Reach:</i> This event had 15 invitees.</p>
<p><b>What We Heard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sammamish should provide more support for business incubators and startups, solicit flexible work options (i.e., WeWork or similar work share provider) to locate within the City, and develop programs to assist businesses in purchasing rather than renting their spaces. Sammamish can become more business-friendly by reducing the permitting burden, providing adequate locations for businesses, ensuring the availability of necessary facilities and infrastructure, and streamlining the development process.</li> <li>▪ Business begets business – Sammamish needs a walkable commercial center with gathering space, transit connectivity, and a diversity of affordable housing options to provide the necessary employee base.</li> <li>▪ Sammamish would benefit from a brand, tagline, or stronger identity recognizable to the community and the region.</li> </ul>	

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### Attachment 1 | Homeowner Associations & Property Managers Contacted

#### Homeowner Associations and Property Managers in Sammamish:

- Aldarra Estates
- Alexanders on the Lake
- The Alexander Farm (Eagle Ridge)
- Arbor Circle (in Timberline)
- Arbors at Pine Lake
- Asbery Place
- Ashford Chase (Benham Ridge)
- Ashton Woods
- Aspen Grove
- Astera (Cedar Hill)
- Audubon Park
- Aurea
- Autumn Meadows
- Autumn Wind
- Balmoral
- Barrington Park
- Bartell's Pine Lake
- Beaudette Short Plat Homeowner's Association
- Beaver Crest
- Beaver Lake Park
- Beaver Lake Woods
- Beaverdam (including Windsor Greens and Chambord)
- Belcara
- Bellasera
- Blackstone (at Trossachs)
- Bordeaux (Vintage)
- Boulder Creek
- Bradford Place
- Braemore
- Brandt's
- Brauerwood
- Brighton Estates
- Brixton (Washington Park Estates)
- Broadmoor Acres
- Broadmoore Estates
- Brookemont
- Brookshire Estates
- Cambria
- Camden Glen
- Camden Park Estates
- Cameron Woods
- Canterbury Park
- Carlisle (at Trossachs)
- Carlton Heights
- Carrier (Stone Creek)
- Cascade Sunrise
- Castle Pines
- Cedar Cove
- Charleston Short Plat
- Cheektowaga
- Chestnut Estates
- Cheswick Lane
- Chrysalis Estates
- Cimarron
- Cimarron Glen
- Claremont
- Coffman
- Columbia at Sammamish Highlands
- Connemara (Madison Apartments)
- Cornerstone
- Cory Brandt Short Plat
- The Crest
- Crestwood Forest
- Crofton
- Crosse Creek
- Crossings (The Crossings at Pine Lake Community Organization)
- Crosswater
- Crownfield
- Dalton Park
- Danbury
- Darien
- Dartmoor at Redford Ranch
- Dedeo Estates
- Deer Park (in The Villages on the Plateau)
- Deer Ridge
- Demery Hill
- Devereux
- Discovery Grove
- Dobb's Mill
- Eagles Glen
- Eagle Shores
- East Lake Sammamish Townhomes
- Eastlake Sammamish Community Association
- Eden Creek Estates
- Eden Glen
- Eden View
- Edgemoor HOA
- Elston Ridge (Pine Ridge / Symphony Ridge)
- Eltovar
- Estates at Sammamish Ridge (Sammamish Ridge Estates / Propst)
- Evanscreek Pond
- Evergreen Garden (Lane)
- Evoke at Pine Lake
- Field Rush
- Fieldstone
- Fir Tree Meadows
- First Branch
- Firstmark
- Fowler
- Gabrielle's Place
- Gardens at Eastlake
- The Glen (at Redford Ranch)
- Glencoe (at Trossachs)
- Glenhome Estate
- Gramercy Park
- Green Acres
- Greenbriar Estates
- Greentree Park
- Hahnee
- Hamilton (at Trossachs)
- Hampton Woods
- Heather Hill
- Heights at Beaver Crest
- Heritage Heights
- Heritage Hills
- Herrington
- Hidden Ridge Crest
- Hidden Ridge at High Point
- High Country
- Highcroft
- Highland Creek Estates, Division 1 and Division 2

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- Highland Parc
- Highland Park (Sammamish 95)
- Hudson
- Hunter’s Meadow
- Hunters Run
- Illahee / Llama Landing
- Indian Acres
- Inglemoor
- Inglewood Acres
- Inglewood Beach Club
- Inglewood Glen
- Inglewood Landing
- Inglewood Ridge
- Inglewood Station
- Irongate Estates
- Ivy Estates
- Jacob’s Creek
- Joy Luck
- Katera Park (The Pines at Beaver Lake)
- Kempton Downs
- Kestrel Ridge
- Ketcha Village
- KEW Short Plat
- Kinloch (at Trossachs)
- Kirkwood Terrace
- Klahanie
- Lac Riant
- Lake Sammamish Estates
- Lakeview Estates on Sammamish (Sammamish View East)
- Lake Vista
- Lakewood Lane (Pine Acres)
- Lancaster Park at Klahanie
- Lancaster Ridge
- Laurel Hill Estates
- Laurel Park (part of Timberline)
- Laurels
- Lawson Park
- Lincolnshire Woods
- Loree Estates
- Madison Sammamish Apts.
- Magnolia Lane (part of Timberline)
- Marchet Meadows
- Marivaux (Ravenhill)
- Mason’s Lakeside
- Meadow at Redford Ranch
- Meadow Creek
- Meadowleaf
- Middleton Estates
- Ming Square
- Monarch Ridge
- Monohan Park
- Montage
- Montecello Estates
- Montecino Estates
- Monterey
- Montrachet
- Moonshadow Estates
- Morningside
- Moulinet
- Mountain Sun Estates
- Muirfield
- Murmuring Firs
- Mystic Meadows (Selby)
- New Country Estates
- New Monohan Addition
- Norris Estates
- North Camden
- Old Mill Point
- Outlook Park
- Overlook Ridge (Palermo)
- Pacific Estates
- Pacific Homes SP
- Pallas (Plateau 228)
- Palomino
- Park Crest
- Park Place at Pine Lake
- Park at Pine Lake
- Park Glen
- Park Hill East
- Penhurst
- Pennington
- Pennington Court
- Penny Lane
- Peregrine Point
- Pine Acres (Lakewood Lane)
- Pine Brook Meadows
- Pine Creek
- Pine Grove
- Pinehill
- Pine Lake Estates
- Pine Lake Glen
- Pine Lake Heights
- Pine Lake Park & Pine Lake Woods
- Pine Lake Ridge (The Ridge Plateau Homeowners Association)
- Pine Lake Village
- Pine Lake Woods & Pine Lake Park Home Owners Association
- Pine Meadows (Segur)
- Pinnacle at Inglewood Hill (Rose Terrace)
- Plateau Point
- Ponderosa Trails
- Pop Estates
- Porter’s Run
- Preswick (at Trossachs)
- Quail Ridge
- Redhawk
- Redford Ranch
- Reese’s Run
- Renaissance Ridge
- Rhodes
- Ridge at Pine Lake
- Robin’s Ridge
- Rockmeadow East
- Rockmeadow Farm
- Rosaia Estates
- Rosemont at Timberline
- Sagebrook
- Sahalee Greens
- Sahalee Hills (Heritage Hills Division 1 & 2)
- Sahalee Maintenance Association
- Sahalee Park
- Sahalee South
- Sahalee Village
- Sahalee Woods
- Sahara Hills
- Salal Ridge
- Sammamish Court
- Sammamish Crest
- Sammamish Firs
- Sammamish Heights Estates (Sammamish Heights Homeowners Association)
- Sammamish Highlands
- Sammamish Highlands Shopping Center

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- Sammamish Plateau Estates
- Sammamish Ridge Estates
- Sammamish Springs
- Sammamish Sunset
- Sammamish Townhomes
- Sammamish Trails
- Sammamish View Park
- Sammamish Woods
- Sammamish Wood Highlands
- Sammamish Glen
- Sara’s Crossing (part of Redhawk)
- Saxony
- Seneca
- Shannonwood
- Shorelane Vistas (Sammamish Orchards)
- Sienna Lane
- Simone Lane
- South Hampton Estates
- Stanton Wood
- Sterling Square
- Sterlingwood
- Stirling Lane II
- Stirling Manor
- Stone Field at Pine Lake
- Stratmoor
- Suffield (in Deer Park)
- Summer Ridge (including Plateau Estates and Summer Ridge Park)
- Sunny Hills Estates
- Sunridge Estates (Sunridge on the Pine Lake Plateau)
- Sunrise Park
- Sunrise Summit
- Sutherland SP
- Swan Ridge
- Sweden Glen
- Symphony Ridge
- Tamarack
- Tamee Glen
- Tanglewood at Klahanie
- Tanska’s Pine Lake
- Tarrington Place (Bel Aire)
- Taylor Lane
- The Country
- The Crest
- The Crossings at Pine Lake Community Organization
- The First Branch
- The Glen
- The Greens at Beaver Crest (Vintage)
- The Heights at Beaver Crest (Provence)
- The Knolls at Inglewood Hill
- The Laurels
- The Pines (Strand)
- The Preserve (The Preserve Owners Association)
- The Reserve (Renaissance Ridge)
- The Reserve at Inglewood / Inglewood Plateau Estates
- The Uplands
- The Woods at Beaver Lake
- Thompson Hill
- Three Willows
- Tibbett’s Station
- Tiburon Estates
- Timbercrest on the Plateau
- Timberline Highlands
- Timberline Park
- Timberline Park Assoc. of Lot Owners
- Timberline Ridge
- TJ Square
- Tlingit
- Todd’s Landing (The Park at Pine Lake)
- Torina Short Plat
- Traditions at Klahanie
- Tree Farm Association of Lot Owners
- Tremont
- Trillium Pointe (part of Timberline)
- Trossachs Division No. 1 Homeowners Association
- Twin Cedars / Twin Ridge
- Twin Cedars Lane
- Uplands
- Vansell
- Vintage (including Bordeaux, Cameray, Keswick/Vintage I, Touraine/Vintage II, Pomerol/Vintage III, Bouchard/Vintage IV, Toulon/Vintage V, The Greens at Beaver Crest, Latour)
- Vistas at Beaver Crest
- Washington Park East
- Waterbrook (in Hidden Ridge)
- Waverly Hills
- Waverly Shores
- Weber’s Ridge (in Hidden Ridge)
- Wesley Park
- Westmont at Sammamish Highlands
- Willamette at Sammamish
- Windham Square
- Windsor Fields (Coyote Country)
- Windsor Grove
- Wisteria Court
- Woodbridge
- Woodbridge Creek (Woodbridge Homeowner’s Association)
- Woodcreek Acres
- Woodhaven
- Woods at Beaver Lake Phase II
- Wyndham Court
- Wynnrose at Pine Lake



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### Affordable Housing Developments & Apartments in Sammamish:

*NOTE: Outreach was to all community residents regardless of housing type.*

- Highland Gardens
- Sammamish Cottages (Habitat for Humanity)
- Sky Apartments
- Sammamish Townhomes
- Samm Apartments

### Homeowner Associations and Property Managers in Redmond

*NOTE: These Associations requested inclusion in City communications.*

- Archstone
- Hunters Glen at Union Hill

### Homeowner Associations and Property Managers in Issaquah

*NOTE: These Associations requested inclusion in City communications.*

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| ▪ Aspen Meadows             | ▪ Jazz Run   | ▪ Providence Point   |
| ▪ Audubon Ridge at Klahanie | ▪ Kenloch  | ▪ Umbrella Association   |
| ▪ Avery Pointe              | ▪ Klahanie (including Ashley Park, Oxford Park, Summerwalk Apartments, The Arbor, Winslow Place) | ▪ Providence Ridge   |
| ▪ Barclay Square Condos     | ▪ Lake Park Townhomes at Klahanie  | ▪ Rainbow Lake Ranch   |
| ▪ Bellewood                 | ▪ Lake Pointe at Klahanie  | ▪ Sierra at Klahanie   |
| ▪ Brookshire Crest          | ▪ Lake Ridge   | ▪ Skye Landing at Klahanie   |
| ▪ Brookshire East           | ▪ Livingston   | ▪ Spiritwood Retirement & Memory Care Community                    |
| ▪ Brookshire Ridge          | ▪ Montaine at Aldarra  | ▪ Summerhill Village   |
| ▪ Cambridge (Copper Ridge)  | ▪ Overdale   | ▪ Summer Meadows   |
| ▪ Canter Grove              | ▪ Overlook at Brookshire (The Overlook at Brookshire Homeowners Association)                     | ▪ Summer Pond  |
| ▪ Fairfield Green           | ▪ Pine Lake Meadows  | ▪ Summit at Klahanie   |
| ▪ Forest Village            | ▪ Pinewood Lane  | ▪ Sundance at Klahanie   |
| ▪ Glenwood                  | ▪ Plateau Park   | ▪ The Heights at Issaquah Ridge Townhomes                          |
| ▪ Hawks Estates             |  | ▪ The Overlook (The Overlook at Brookshire Homeowners Association) |
| ▪ Heatherwood               |  | ▪ The Village at Klahanie  |
| ▪ Highland Gardens          |  | ▪ The Willows at Klahanie  |
| ▪ Hunter's Place            |  |  |
| ▪ Hunter's Ridge            |  |  |
| ▪ Jacobs Landing            |  |  |
| ▪ Jacob's Meadow            |  |  |



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### Attachment 2 | Religious Institutions Contacted

#### Religious Institutions in Sammamish:

- Sammamish Presbyterian Church
- Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
- Eastridge Church
- Regeneration Church
- Pine Lake Covenant Church
- Mary Queen of Peace
- Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church
- Timberlake Church
- Sammamish Mosque
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Foundation Baptist Church
- Spirit of Peace United Church
- Faith Church
- ISKCON Vedic Cultural Center
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

#### Institutions in Sammamish Working with Underserved & Under-Represented Communities:

- Mary Queen of Peace (St. Vincent de Paul)
- Sammamish Mosque
- ISKCON Vedic Cultural Center

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### Attachment 3 | Community Organizations & Special Interest Groups Contacted

#### Community Organizations and Special Interest Groups in/near Sammamish

- India Association of Western Washington
- Sammamish Stewards
- Sammamish Botanical Garden Society
- Washington Native Plant Society
- Friends of Sammamish
- Sammamish Kiwanis
- Sammamish Rotary
- Eastside Friends of Seniors

#### Community Organizations and Special Interest Groups Working with Underserved & Under-Represented Communities:

- India Association of Western Washington
- Eastside Friends of Seniors

*NOTE: See Attachment 4 for outreach to Community Hubs.*

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### Attachment 4 | Community Hubs Contacted

- City Hall
- Sammamish Branch, King County Regional Library
- YMCA
- Boys & Girls Club
- Central Washington University
- City Businesses Posting Flyers and/or Project Information Cards:
  - Pine Lake Shopping Center
    - » QFC
    - » Starbucks
    - » Columbia Athletic Club
    - » MailPost
  - Klahanie Shopping Center
    - » QFC
    - » Starbucks
    - » Anytime Fitness
  - Sammamish Highlands Shopping Center
    - » Safeway
    - » Mail Post
    - » Chase
    - » Starbucks
  - Saffron Square Shopping Center
    - » Vinason
  - Sammamish Lakeside Plaza Shopping Center
    - » Big Block Brewing
    - » World Tae Kwon Do
    - » Glass House Dance
  - Town Center
    - » Metropolitan Market
    - » Tanoor

*NOTE: The project team contacted other businesses throughout the City, but they were not able to post project information due to company policy.*

## Appendix B—Stakeholder Engagement Summary

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### Attachment 5 | Sammamish Schools Contacted

#### Public and Private Schools in Sammamish

*NOTE: Schools identified in **bold text** participated in classroom activities and/or submitted creative pieces for the Community Visioning Project.*

- Elementary Schools
  - » **Cascade Ridge Elementary School**
  - » **Christa McAuliffe Elementary School**
  - » Creekside Elementary School
  - » Discovery Elementary School
  - » **Margaret Mead Elementary School**
  - » Rachel Carson Elementary School
  - » Samantha Smith Elementary School
  - » Sunny Hills Elementary School
  
- Middle Schools
  - » Beaver Lake Middle School
  - » Inglewood Middle School
  - » Pine Lake Middle School
  
- High Schools
  - » **Eastlake High School**
  - » **Skyline High School**
  
- Private Schools:
  - » Eastside Catholic School

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## **Appendix C—Commission and Council Meeting Summary**

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### August 13, 2021—Project Kickoff Meeting

The City of Sammamish and its selected consultant, Otak, kicked off the project at a virtual meeting. The meeting reviewed the scope of work and project schedule to confirm the City's expectations. Council members and City staff provided guidance for developing the project's Public Engagement Strategy, including identifying planned events that could include or be centered around the community vision.

### October 5, 2021—City Council & Planning Commission Joint Project Briefing

The project team provided a project status update, presented the draft Public Engagement Strategy, and shared the draft community survey for City Council review. Council members and Commissioners asked clarification questions and provided feedback to improve the reach and scope of engagement. Commissioners expect a balanced approach to engagement with a strong response to the statistically valid survey. Results should be able to be reviewed independently and through aggregate findings. Residents, including youth, should be the most important group.

### October 13, 2021—Human Services Commission Visioning Exercise

The project team shared the project briefing video and led Commissioners through a community visioning exercise. The exercise was a discussion of three prompts that reflected on the current vision statement and asked Commissioners to consider an ideal future:

- Which words or concepts [from the 2015 community vision statement] resonate with you & why?
- What words or concepts are missing [from the 2015 community vision statement]?
- Describe Sammamish's ideal future in just 2-3 words.

Human Services Commissioners liked concepts of connectedness and family-friendliness. They felt diversity was a major missing element they hoped to see reflected in the 2024 vision statement. They noted that housing affordability and multi-modal transportation choices are still aspirational.

### October 25, 2021—Arts Commission Visioning Exercise

The project team provided the same presentation and led the same community exercise at the Arts Commission. Commissioners provided feedback on each prompt to contribute to the evaluation of the 2015 community vision statement and the development of an updated vision statement. Arts Commissioners liked the emphasis on balanced housing, multi-modal transportation options, and family-friendly culture. A key priority is safeguarding the natural environment through parks and open spaces that allow people to gather. Commissioners felt that local climate action and diversity were missing elements that should be reflected in the 2024 vision statement. They noted that Sammamish could work more cohesively with other Eastside cities to become a powerful coalition.

### November 3, 2021—Parks & Recreation Commission Visioning Exercise

The project team provided the same presentation and led the same community exercise at the Parks & Recreation Commission. Commissioners provided feedback on each prompt to contribute to the evaluation of the 2015 community vision statement and the development of an updated vision statement. In the current vision statement, Parks & Recreation Commissioners liked the emphasis on preserving the natural environment, connectedness, and family-friendly culture. They noted that multi-modal transportation and housing affordability are still aspirational. They want to see sustainability, a community of sharing and support, and inclusivity reflected in a 2024 vision statement.

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### December 2, 2021—Planning Commission Visioning Exercise

The project team provided the same presentation and led the same community exercise at the Planning Commission. Commissioners provided feedback on each prompt to contribute to the evaluation of the 2015 community vision statement and the development of an updated vision statement. Planning Commissioners liked the concept of a safe culture, a well-preserved natural environment, and peaceful neighborhoods in the current vision statement. They noted the need to plan for vibrancy through community gathering places and expanded events and activities. They also acknowledged that many concepts in the current vision statement are still works in progress.

### February 3, 2022—Planning Commission Project Briefing & Draft Recommendations Review

The project team presented its initial draft public engagement findings and vision statement recommendations. Commissioners asked questions and provided detailed and thoughtful feedback to improve the clarity and data-driven basis of the community values statements and resulting recommended vision statement. Commissioners desired an actionable vision statement and indicated the vision statement should rely most heavily on the statistically valid survey data, with additional context provided by the public open survey, nonresident survey, and qualitative outreach data sets.

### April 5, 2022—City Council Project Briefing, Final Recommendations Review, & Adoption of 2024 Vision Statement

The project team presented its revised draft findings and vision statement recommendations. Councilmembers provided comments, asked clarifying questions, and noted specific areas for future work in understanding engagement results. Councilmembers emphasized the need to respond directly to the top community priorities identified in the statistically valid survey, reconsider the term “bedroom community” and how it (or a similar term) could be used more effectively, and resolve conflicting desires. City Council also expressed the expectation that additional community outreach (including both education and conversations about topics raised in the Community Vision process) be conducted prior to adopting a vision statement for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

A few City Councilmembers requested as an alternative to the proposed vision statement, that the Consultant revisit and revise the 2015 vision statement. The revised 2015 vision statement based on the feedback captured in Appendix D, pages 32-34, is below. The intent behind this alternative is to provide Council with another option to use as a foundation in reviewing and updating the vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan.

*Sammamish is a safe, diverse, and vibrant community with a home-grown feel, a well-preserved natural environment, and strong social cohesion.*

*From its abundant tree canopy to peaceful neighborhoods and many transportation options, Sammamish captures the best of the past while planning proactively for its future.*

*Sammamish is an engaged, responsive, and innovative place where all can thrive.*

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## **Appendix D—Community Visioning Survey Report**

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# City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey 2021







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# Introduction

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- The Community Visioning Surveys for Sammamish were conducted from October 27-December 1, 2021.
- The main purpose of this research was to gather community feedback about the current vision statement and resident priorities to inform recommendations on the 2022 Community Vision Statement for Sammamish.
- As secondary goals, this survey research also focused on resident concerns and specific areas of focus for planning efforts to maintain and improve the community's quality of life.



# Methodology

The study consisted of two surveys. The first was a Statistically Valid survey sent to a random sample of Sammamish households to create a Statistically Valid representation of resident feedback. The second was a Public Online survey that was available to anyone interested in participating. The survey was also available in Spanish, Hindi and Simplified Chinese. Six surveys were received in Chinese and two in Spanish.

The total of 789 responses for the statistically valid survey represents a 16% response rate which is quite high relative to most invitation surveys. The average response nationwide is around 10%. This high response is characteristic of affluent, educated and engaged communities like Sammamish.

## Statistically Valid Invite Survey

- Mailed survey with an option to complete on paper or online via a password protected website
- Mailed to 4,878 random households in the city limits
- 433 paper surveys received and 356 online

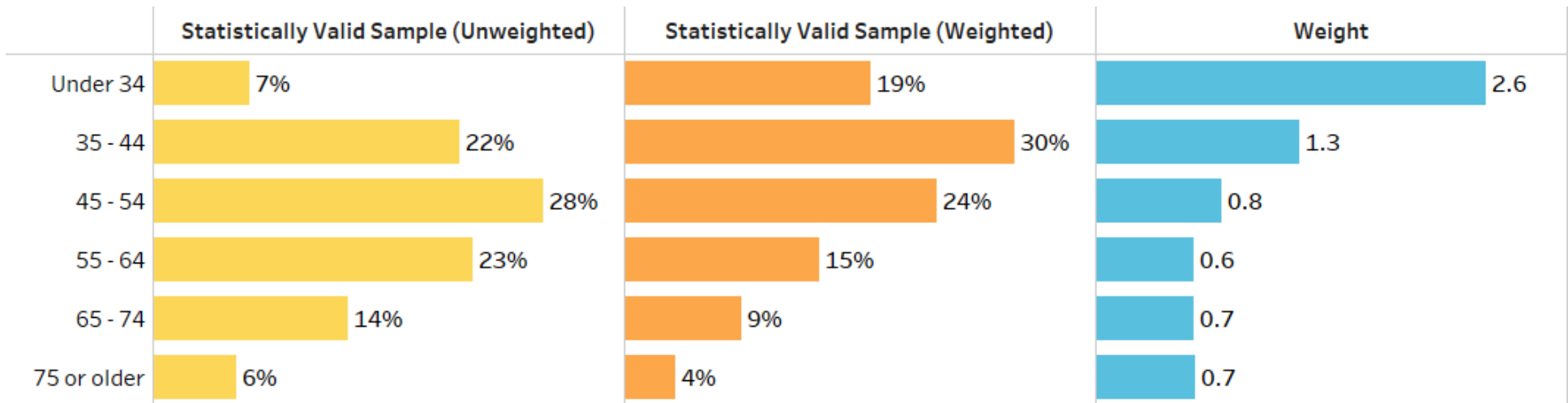
## Public Online Survey

- Available online to anyone interested in participating
- Survey content was the same as the Statistically Valid version
- 290 Public Online surveys received

# 1,079 Total Surveys Received

# Weighting the Data

The underlying data from the survey were weighted by age to ensure appropriate representation across the age spectrum and ensure the input of younger residents is proportional to their share of the population. Using U.S. Census Data, the value of each response was adjusted so that the age distribution of the survey sample more closely matches the actual profile of the City of Sammamish. The figure below shows the Statistically Valid sample before weighting, after weighting, and the weights applied to each category. No weighting was applied to the Public Online sample.





# Key Findings on Future Vision & Planning





# Key Survey Findings

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After a thorough analysis of the results for the Statistically Valid and the Public Online surveys, including an in-depth look at the open-ended comments, the following themes emerged from the data.



The visioning process is timely. Significantly more people feel that Sammamish is on the “wrong” track vs. the “right” track with half saying they are “uncertain.” This signals concerns that should be addressed in the vision statement.



Growth is an issue. Concerns about the future are mostly fueled by the impacts of growth and development. People want to maintain a peaceful, uncrowded community without traffic issues.



Residents place high value on safety, quiet neighborhoods, low traffic, and great schools. Sammamish currently rates highly on all of these amenities.



There is concern about growing traffic issues related to development. Nearly 40% of Statistically Valid respondents cited traffic as negative.

# Key Findings

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Walkability and affordability are also concerns with about 1/3 of Statistically Valid respondents identifying these areas lowest when asked what they liked most about their neighborhood.



Residents agree with the current vision of a kid-safe, peaceful suburban community with great outdoor spaces.



Residents are more split on ease of getting around, housing choices and multi-modal transportation options. There is not a clear consensus on prioritizing these needs.



Top priorities for the next 20 years are preserving natural spaces and keeping Sammamish safe and quiet.



# Key Findings

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Next tier priorities are improving transportation connections and multi-modal options – though these were well under 50%.



The current vision is not seriously flawed but needs adjustment. A significant majority of residents feel it “somewhat” represents their view, but less than 40% say it accurately captures their own vision for Sammamish.



For future planning, residents want a focus on infrastructure, preserving open spaces and improving parks and transportation options.



Regarding communication, residents want a mix of channels including printed newsletters, social media and a robust website. Predictably, communication preference varies by age.

# Summary of Community Input

## Sammamish Community Visioning

Questions 14-19 ask about the current Vision Statement and thoughts on revisions for the future. Below are highlights of overall themes found in the responses:

- Residents clearly agree with the current vision for a quiet, safe suburban community with great outdoor spaces and schools.
- However, they do not feel that Sammamish offers good multi-modal options or a range of housing options and affordability.
- Improving transportation and overall infrastructure are priorities to deal with the impacts of recent growth.
- However, there is not a clear consensus that residents want to increase housing density in the pursuit of affordability. Concerns about growth in Sammamish are prevalent.
- Any changes to the vision should address controlling growth and overall impacts from development to ensure that the quality of life in Sammamish is not diminished.
- The vision statement and future planning efforts should also address walkability and improved access to retail, restaurants, and key services for residents.
- Infrastructure needs ranging from telecom/connectivity to roads, bikeways, and schools should also be addressed as part of the future vision of Sammamish.

# Summary of Community Input

## Sammamish Community Visioning

As the priority of the study, questions 14-19 which ask about the current Vision Statement and the future Vision Statement, areas of consensus and lack of consensus are highlighted below:

### **Areas of Consensus:**

- Residents love the quiet, safe and suburban environment of Sammamish. Quality of life is good.
- Enhancing outdoor amenities and lifestyle are critical to maintaining quality of life.
- Strong desire for improved infrastructure to handle impacts of recent growth.
- Schools are a plus in Sammamish and should be a priority in the future.
- Housing choices and affordability are limited.

### **Lack of Consensus:**

- Adding density to promote housing affordability does not garner strong support.
- Growth in general is a concern and seen as a negative by some residents.
- While transportation is cited as a concern, there is not a strong consensus to improve transit options. More transit is likely seen as equal to more growth.
- Residents are split on need to improve access to retail and restaurants.

# Living in Sammamish

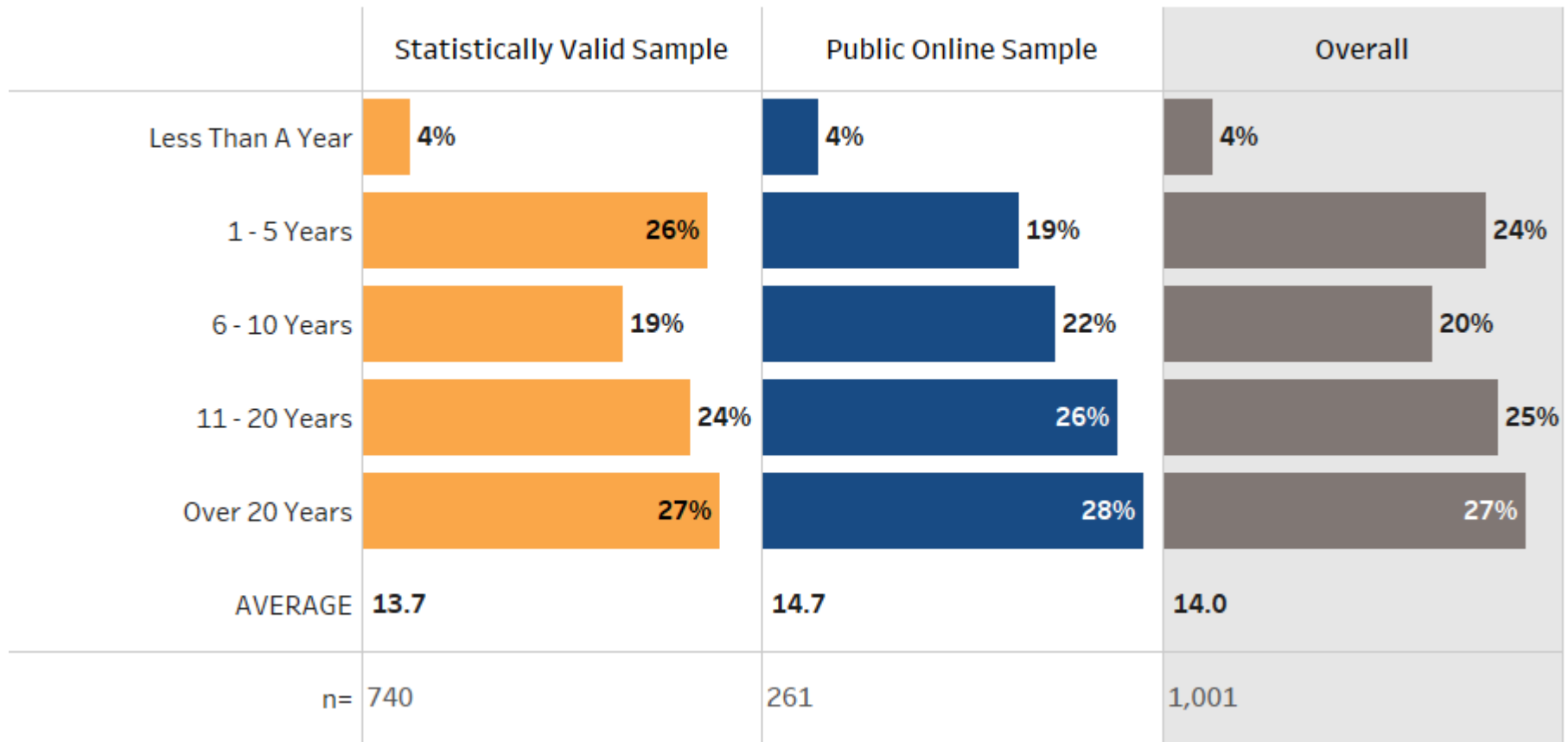
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# Length of Residency in Sammamish

Respondents represent both long-term and shorter-term residents. Roughly half of those completing the Statistically Valid survey have lived in Sammamish for more than 10 years.

## Q1: How many years have you lived in Sammamish?

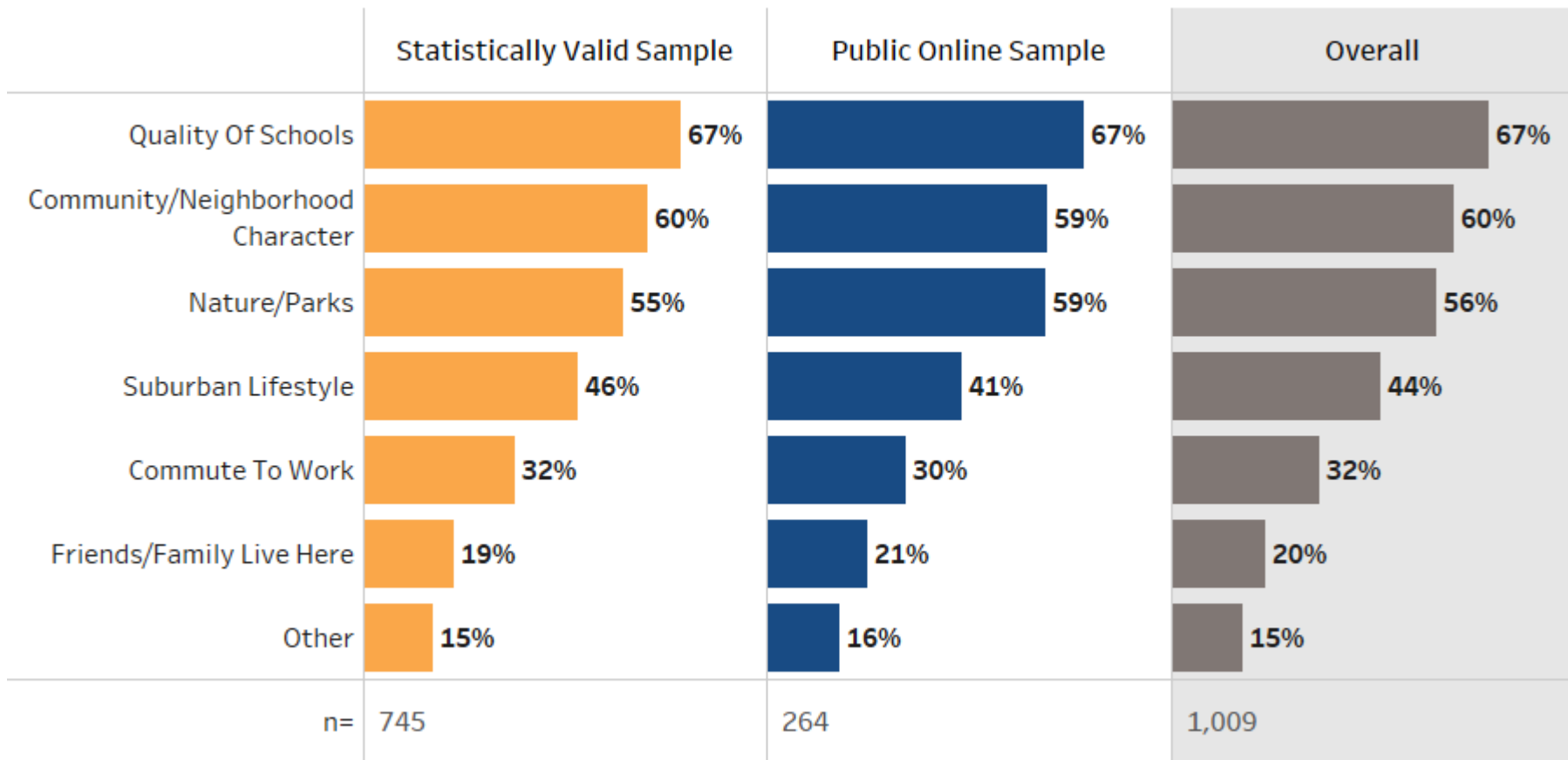


Source: RRC Associates

# Reasons for Moving

Great schools, neighborhood character and natural amenities were the top reasons people moved to Sammamish. Proximity to work was further down the list with about 1/3 of respondents citing it as a primary reason. This may be due to the number of remote workers in Sammamish (44%).

Q2: What attracted you to move to Sammamish? (Please mark all that apply)

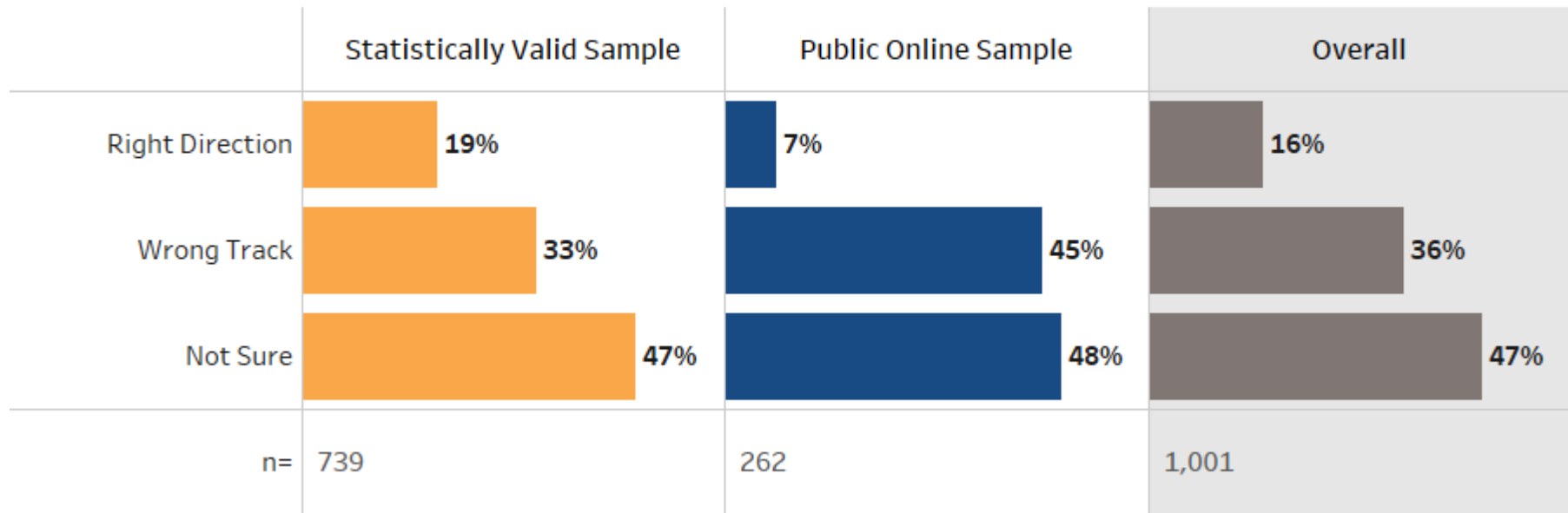


Source: RRC Associates

# Right Direction/Wrong Track

There is both uncertainty and concern regarding planning for the future in Sammamish. Although the Statistically Valid survey respondents were more positive than the Public Online participants, both groups were more likely to say things are on the “wrong track.” Almost half of both groups were not sure.

**Q3: Do you think the City is on the right or wrong track when it comes to planning for the future?**



Source: RRC Associates

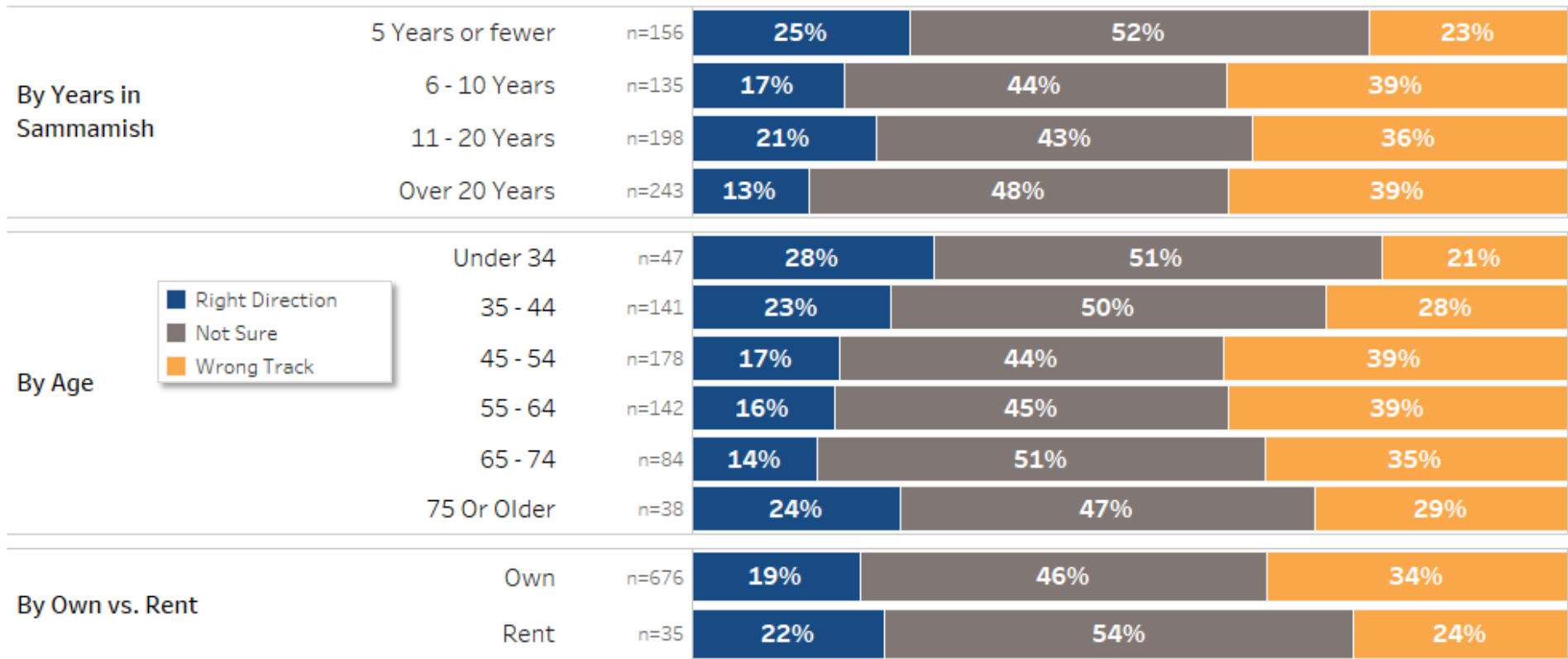
# Right Direction/Wrong Track

## Selected Segmentations

Differences in the Statistically Valid sample responses exist by segment. Respondents that have lived in Sammamish 6 years or longer were more likely to indicate the City is on the “wrong track” relative to newcomers. Viewed by age, respondents ages 45 – 74 were more negative relative to younger respondents and those age 75 or older.

Q3: Do you think the City is on the right or wrong track when it comes to planning for the future?

\*Invite Sample Only





# Right Direction/Wrong Track

## Open-ended Responses

Question number 4 collected a total of 661 comments. The overall comments were analyzed to draw out common themes. For a list of all comments, please refer to Appendix A.

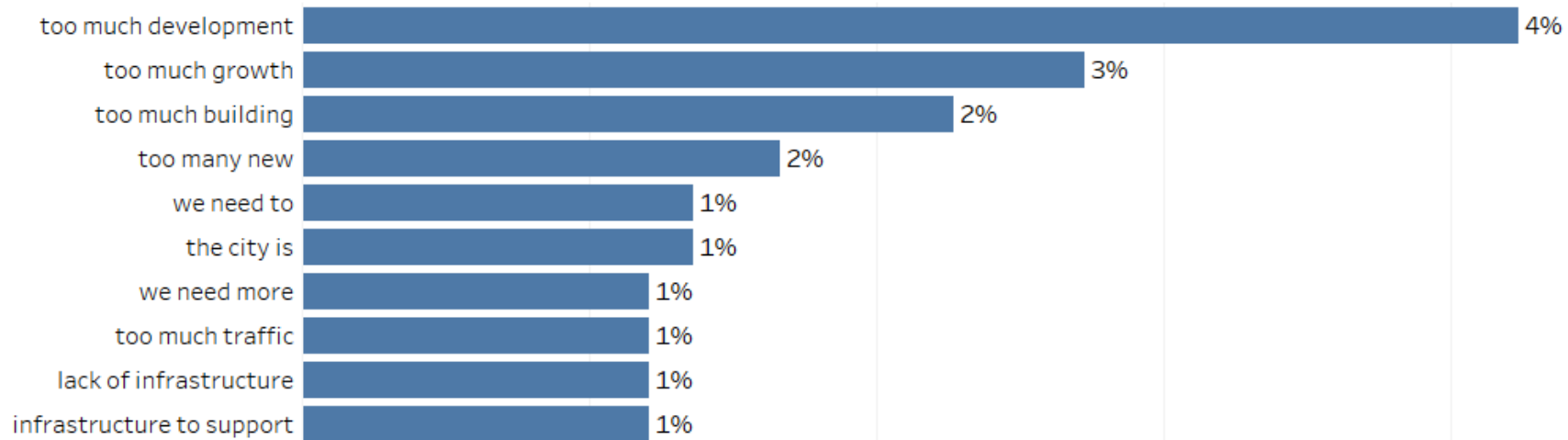
Some themes from these comments include:

- Too much development, too much growth, too many houses
- Lack of infrastructure to support recent development
- Increased traffic due to rapid growth
- Positive feedback on community schools

The top 10 most commonly used three-word phrases are listed below. The bar chart helps to illustrate some of the most frequently mentioned themes.

**Q4: Do you think the City is on the right or wrong track when it comes to planning for the future? In a few words, why do you feel that way? (661 Total Comments)**

### Top 10 Most Commonly Used Three Word Phrases

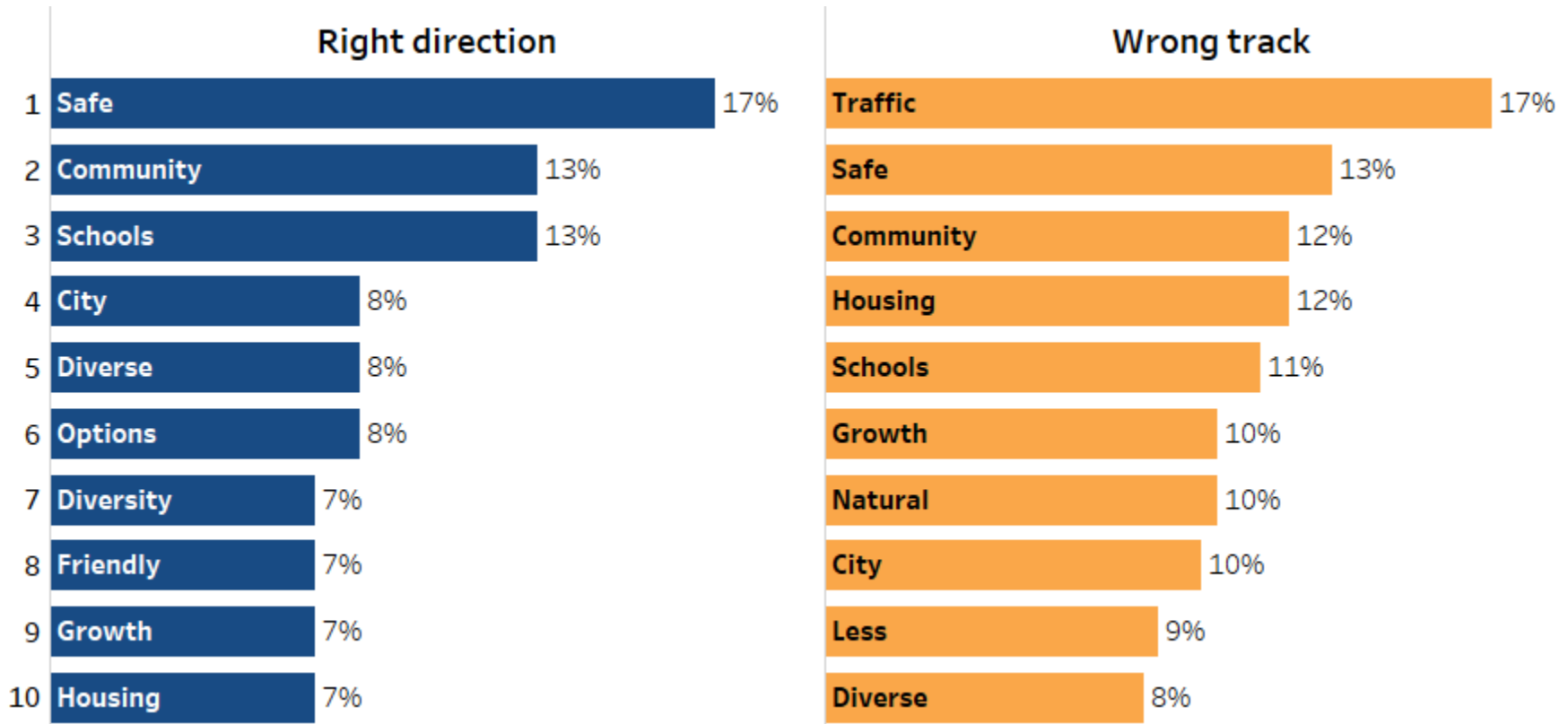


# Right Direction/Wrong Track

## Open-ended Responses by Direction

Both those who said the City of Sammamish is on the right track and wrong track agree that there is increased growth and development within the City. Traffic and lack of infrastructure were more concerning topics for those that said it was on the wrong track. Safety, a good school system, sense of community and natural assets were large contributors to why Sammamish is on the right track for those who were positive.

### Top 10 Words by Response:





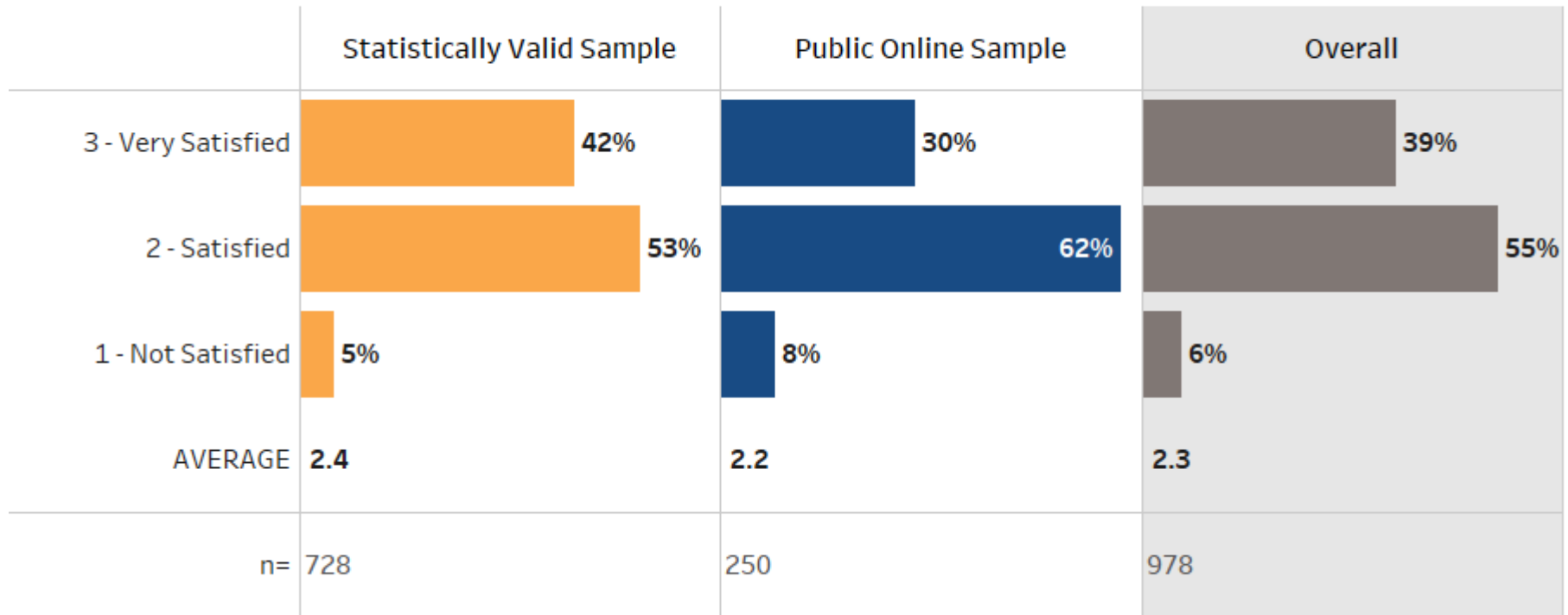
# Quality of Life in Sammamish



# Satisfaction with Quality of Life

Despite some concern about the future, most people are satisfied with the quality of life in Sammamish. Again, the Public Online respondents were more negative than those responding to the Statistically Valid survey which is typical. Residents who are unhappy are more likely to seek out ways to provide feedback.

## Q5: Overall, how satisfied are you with your quality of life in Sammamish?



Source: RRC Associates



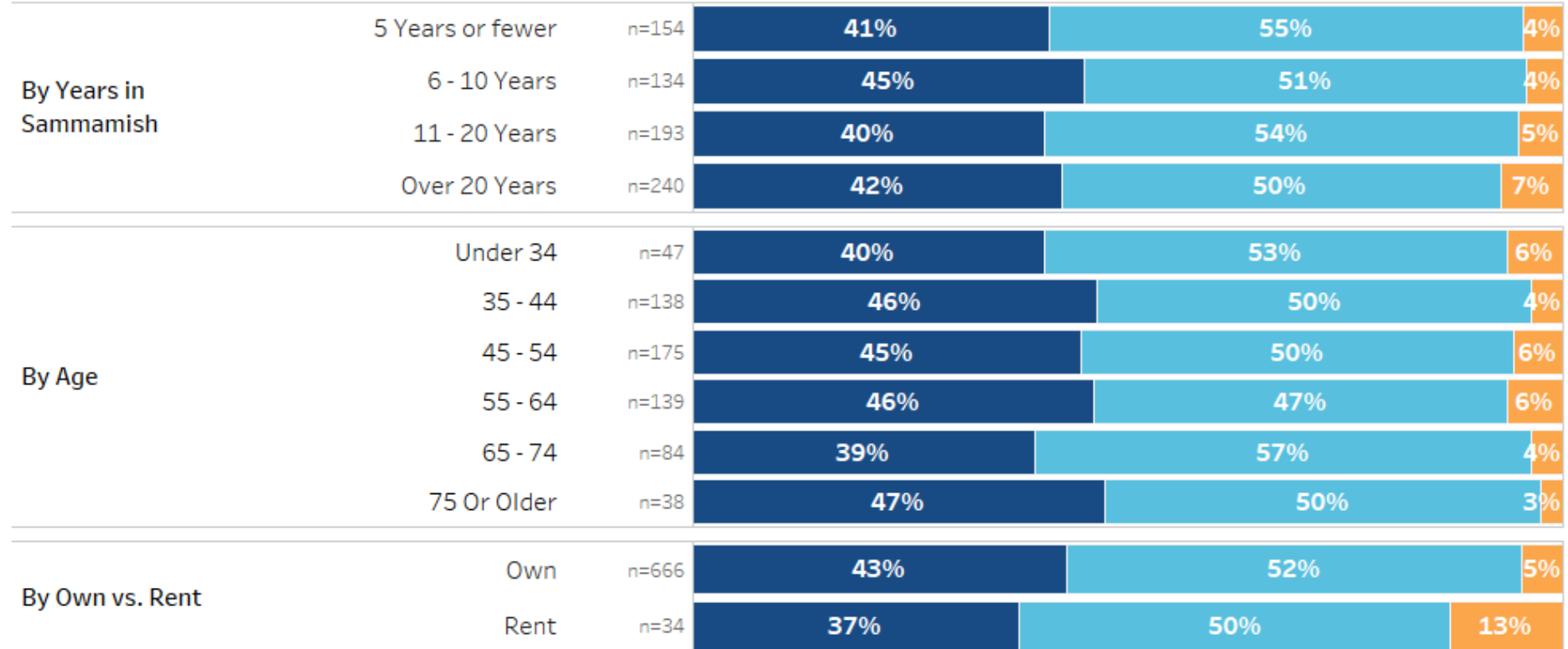
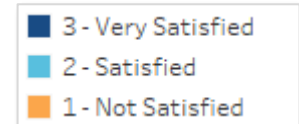
# Satisfaction with Quality of Life

## Selected Segmentations

The shares of respondents satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of life in Sammamish were consistent regardless of age or years in Sammamish. Those who rent their residence were more likely to respond “Not satisfied” relative to those who own their residence.

Q5: Overall, how satisfied are you with your quality of life in Sammamish?

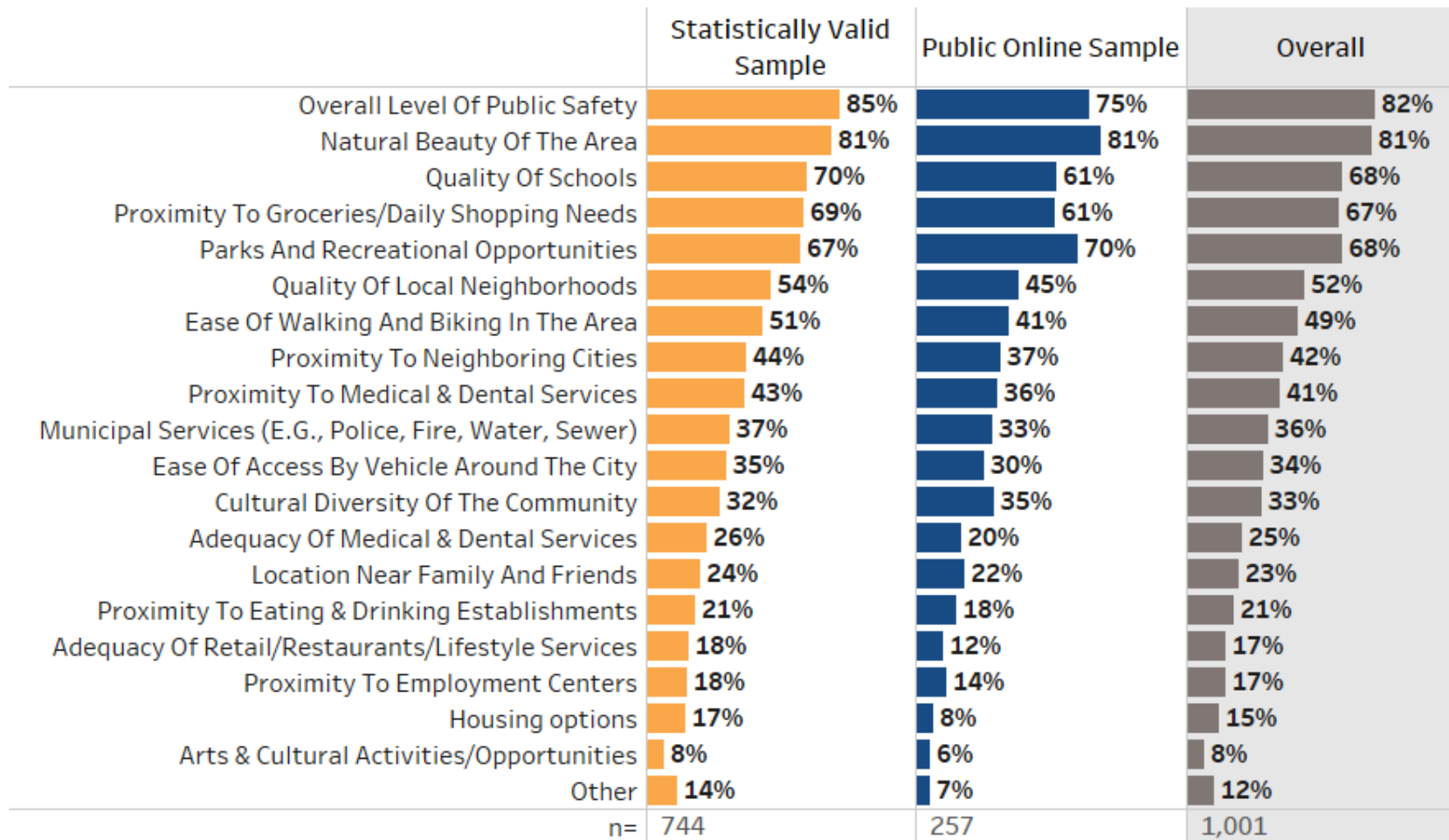
\*Invite Sample Only



# Attributes of Quality of Life

Residents believe Sammamish is a safe, beautiful and convenient community with great schools, parks and neighborhoods. Overall, they are less positive about the city’s proximity to employment centers, housing options and cultural amenities.

**Q6: Using the checkboxes below, check the attributes that best contribute to your quality of life in Sammamish (Please check all that apply)**



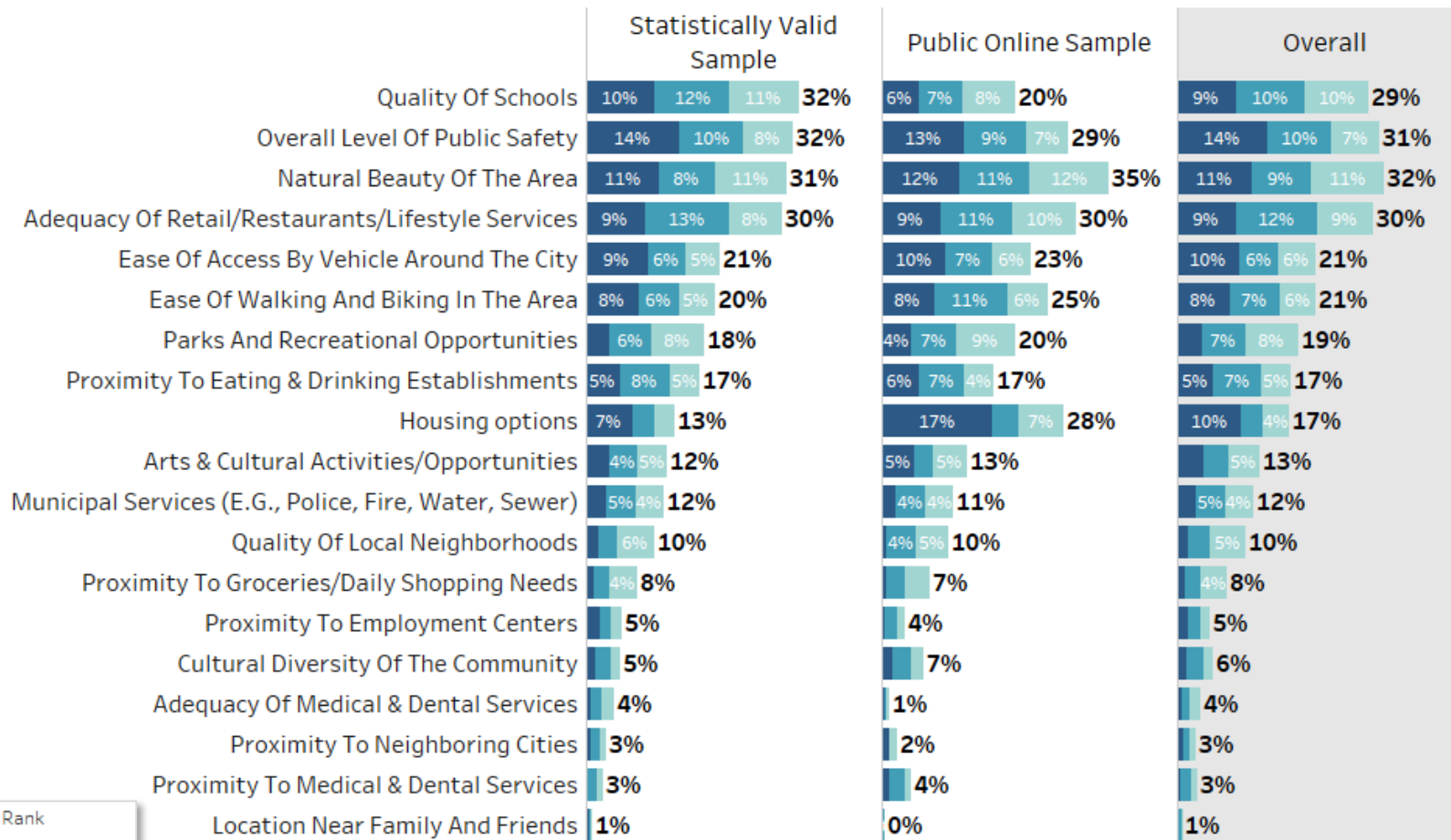
Source: RRC Associates



# Attributes of Quality of Life – Top 3

The dominant priorities for Statistically Valid survey respondents were quality of schools, public safety, natural beauty of the area, and retail/restaurants/lifestyle services. Public Online respondents were much more likely to prioritize housing options.

Q7: From the list above, please indicate up to three priorities that you think should be given the most attention to improve the quality of life in Sammamish in the next 10-20 years:



Source: RRC Associates

# Sammamish's Greatest Asset

## Open-ended Responses

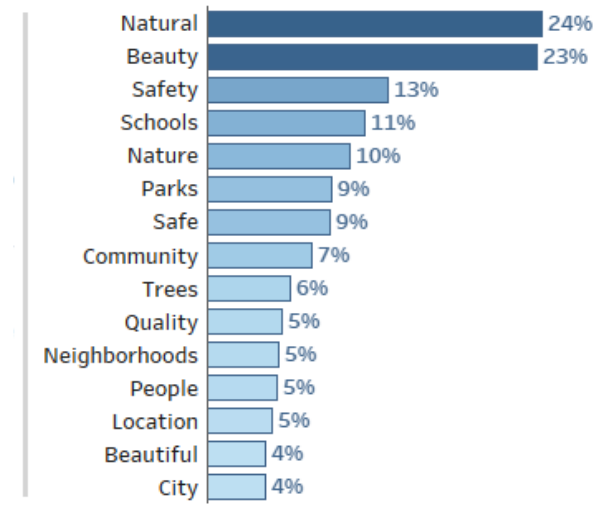
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The survey asked respondents what they believed to be Sammamish's greatest asset. A total of 851 comments were collected from both the Statistically Valid sample and the Public Online sample. Common themes are listed below. For a list of full comments, please reference Appendix A.

### Common themes:

- The beauty of the area including natural assets such as trees, lakes, open space and parks
- Good schools
- Safety
- Family-friendly community
- Connection to community, people and neighbors

### Top 15 Most Common Words:





# Neighborhoods





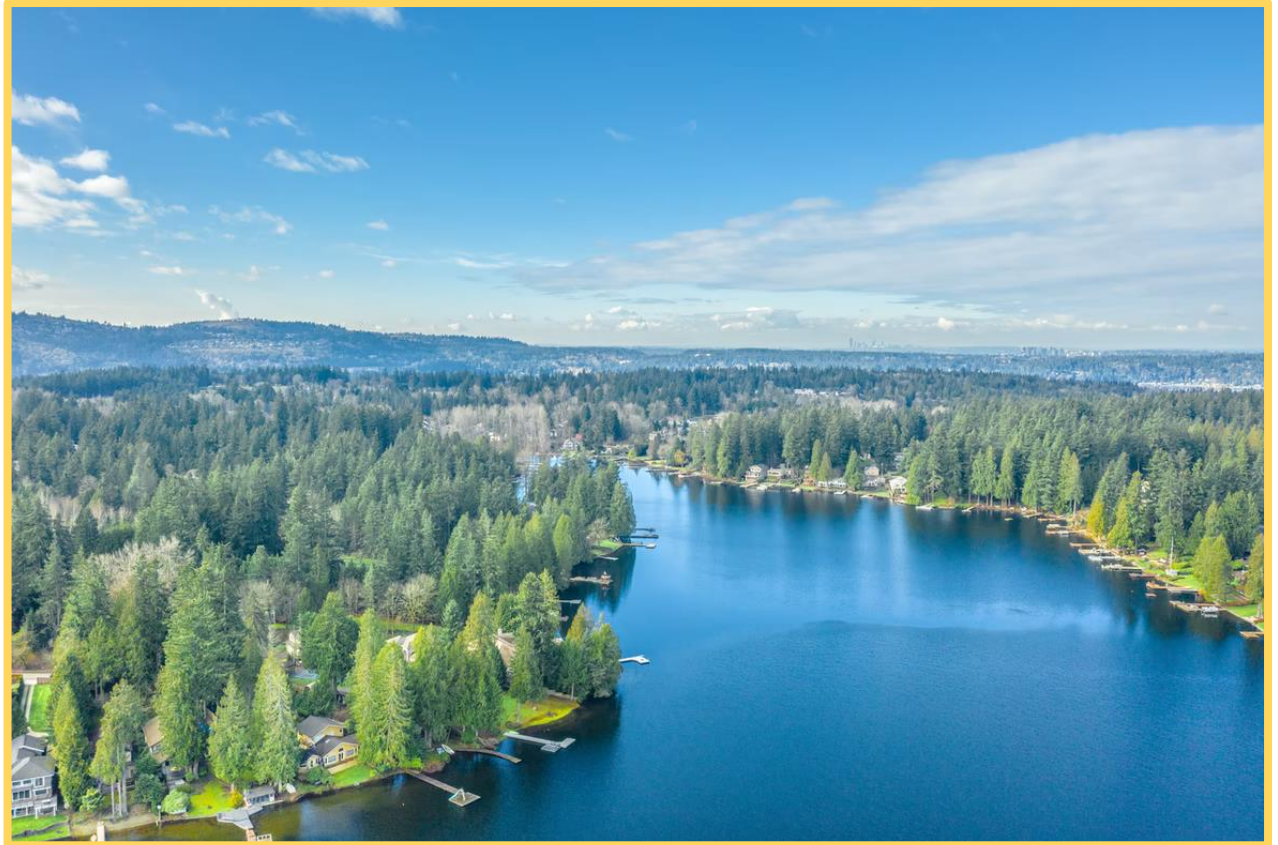
# Neighborhood Names

## Open-Ended Responses

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Question 9 asked respondents “What do you call your neighborhood?”. A total of 808 comments were collected from both surveys. Below is a list of the top 10 most popular neighborhood names. For the complete list of Responses, please refer to Appendix A.

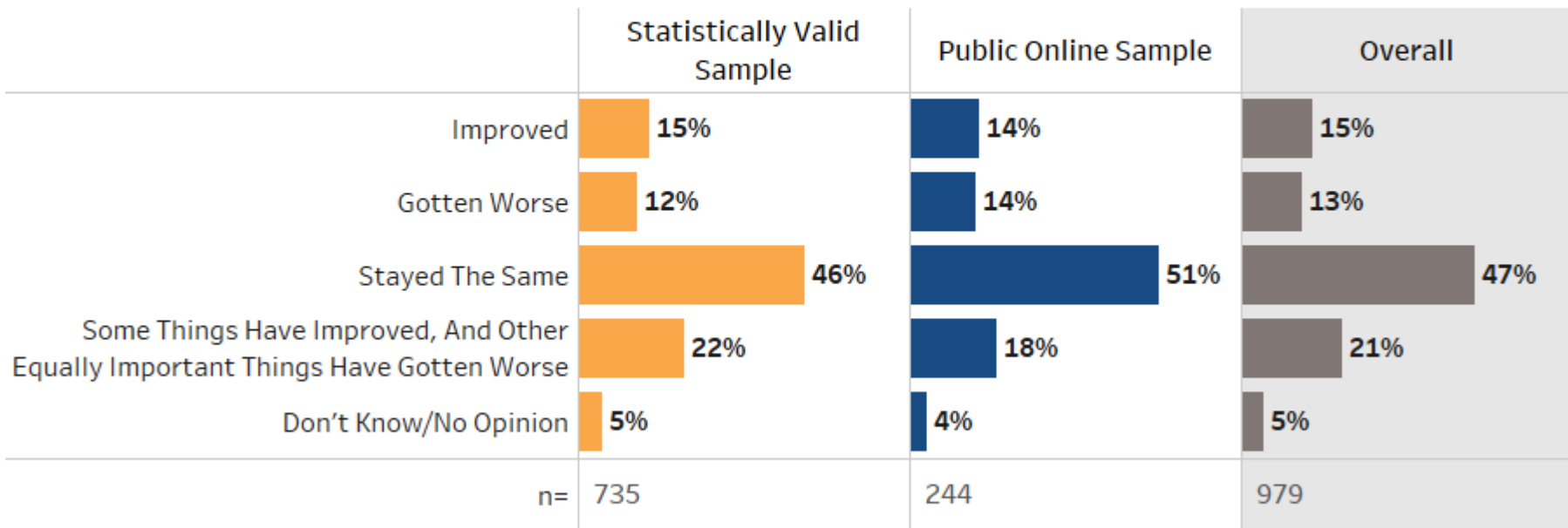
1. Klahanie (78)
2. Pine Lake (47)
3. Trossachs (44)
4. Inglewood (34)
5. Timberline (28)
6. Heritage Hills (22)
7. Summer Ridge (21)
8. Beaver Lake (17)
9. Hampton Woods (11)
10. Inglewood Hill (10)



# Neighborhoods Over Time

Most people feel that their neighborhood has either stayed the same or experienced a mixed bag of positive and negative changes over the last decade. Relatively few report overall improvement or decline.

**Q10: Over the past 5 to 10 years (or since you have lived there), has your neighborhood improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same as a place to live, taking all things into consideration?**



Source: RRC Associates

# Neighborhoods Over Time

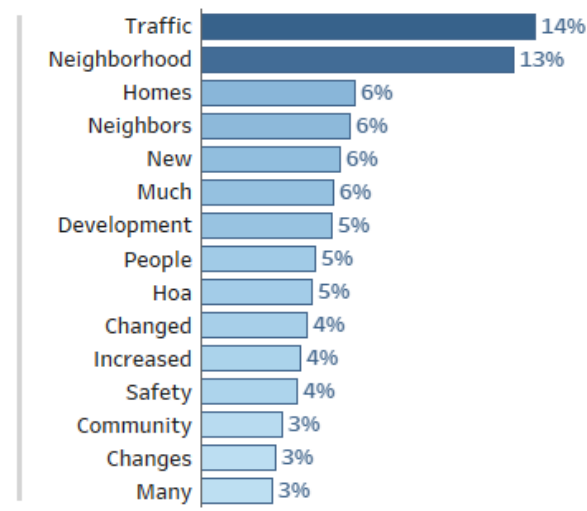
## Open-Ended Responses

Question 11 asked respondents to elaborate on their response to question 10, whether their neighborhood has improved, gotten worse or stayed the same over time. A total of 774 comments were collected. With about half of respondents saying that their neighborhood has “stayed the same,” many of the comments to question 11 echo that sentiment. For a list of full comments, please refer to Appendix A.

### Common themes:

- Increase in traffic
- Increase in development
- Importance of maintenance of homes in their neighborhood
- Lack of improvements on infrastructure such as streetlights and sidewalks
- Important connections to neighbors

### Top 15 Most Common Words:



# Liked Most about the Neighborhood

Responses to this question reinforce the conclusion that residents value safety and feel that Sammamish offers a safe, clean and quiet environment for them and their families. Quality schools and predominance of owner-occupied housing also rate highly.

Q12: What do you like MOST about your neighborhood? (Please mark all that apply)

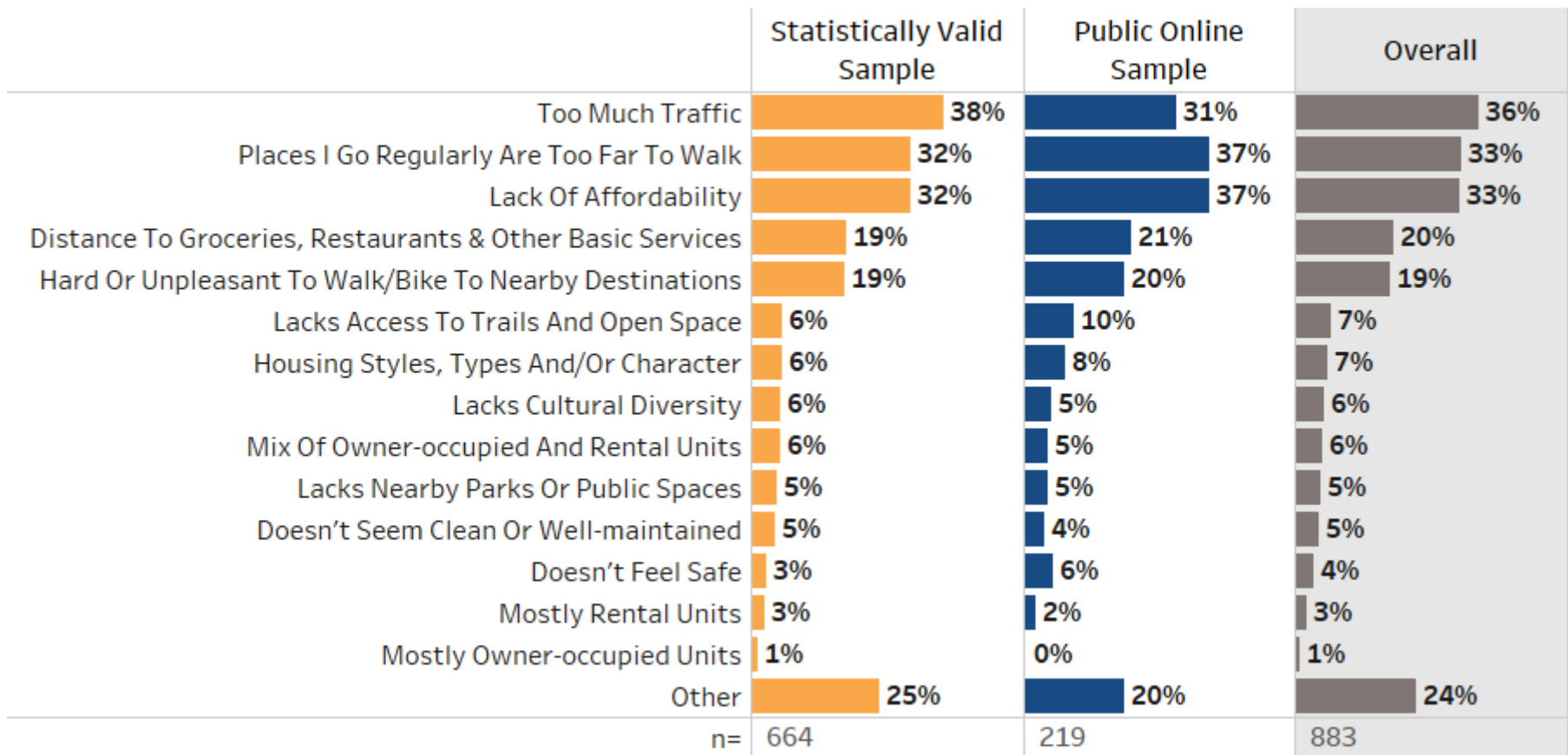
	Statistically Valid Sample	Public Online Sample	Overall
General Level Of Safety	82%	74%	80%
Quiet/Low Noise And Traffic Levels	58%	49%	56%
Overall Cleanliness And Maintenance	58%	52%	56%
Proximity To High-quality Schools	57%	52%	55%
Residences Are Mostly Owner-occupied	56%	49%	55%
Access To Trails And Open Space	51%	49%	51%
Proximity To Groceries, Restaurants & Other Basic Services	45%	38%	44%
Parks And Public Spaces	45%	36%	43%
Housing Styles, Types, And Sizes	34%	31%	33%
Ease Of Walking/Biking To Places I Regularly Go	32%	26%	30%
Cultural Diversity	24%	24%	24%
Location Near Bus Transit	7%	8%	7%
Affordability	4%	5%	4%
Residences Are Mostly Rental Units		0%	0%
Other	4%	4%	4%
n=	737	242	979

Source: RRC Associates

# Liked Least about the Neighborhood

On the negative side, no single neighborhood issue was cited by a majority of residents. However, traffic, walkability and lack of affordability did surface as areas of concern. With prices continuing to rise along with traffic, these are key issues for future planning efforts.

**Q13: What do you like LEAST about your neighborhood that you would most like to improve?**  
(Please mark all that apply)



Source: RRC Associates



# Sammamish Now and in the Future



# Current Vision Statement

## Invite Sample

Feedback on the current vision statement reinforces residents' perception of Sammamish as a safe, friendly and peaceful suburb with great outdoor amenities.

### Q14: How well do the following phrases taken from the current vision statement describe Sammamish currently?

#### Invite Sample

Rating Category	Avg.	n=	1 - Not all & 2	3	4 & 5 - Very well
Family-friendly and kid-safe	4.5	706	2%	7%	91%
Peaceful neighborhoods	4.4	702	3%	9%	87%
Well-preserved natural environment	3.9	709	12%	16%	72%
Vibrant bedroom community (A bedroom community is a residential suburb occupied mostly by people who commute to a nearby city for work)	3.8	640	11%	22%	67%
Engaged community	3.6	649	12%	33%	55%
Forward-thinking	3.2	602	24%	34%	42%
A range of housing choices	3.0	653	36%	29%	35%
Options for multimodal transportation (Multimodal includes walking, rolling (bikes, wheelchairs, etc.), vehicles, and transit)	2.8	658	42%	32%	26%
Transportation connectivity (ease of getting around)	2.8	683	43%	30%	27%

\*Categories are sorted in descending order by the average rating

Source: RRC Associates

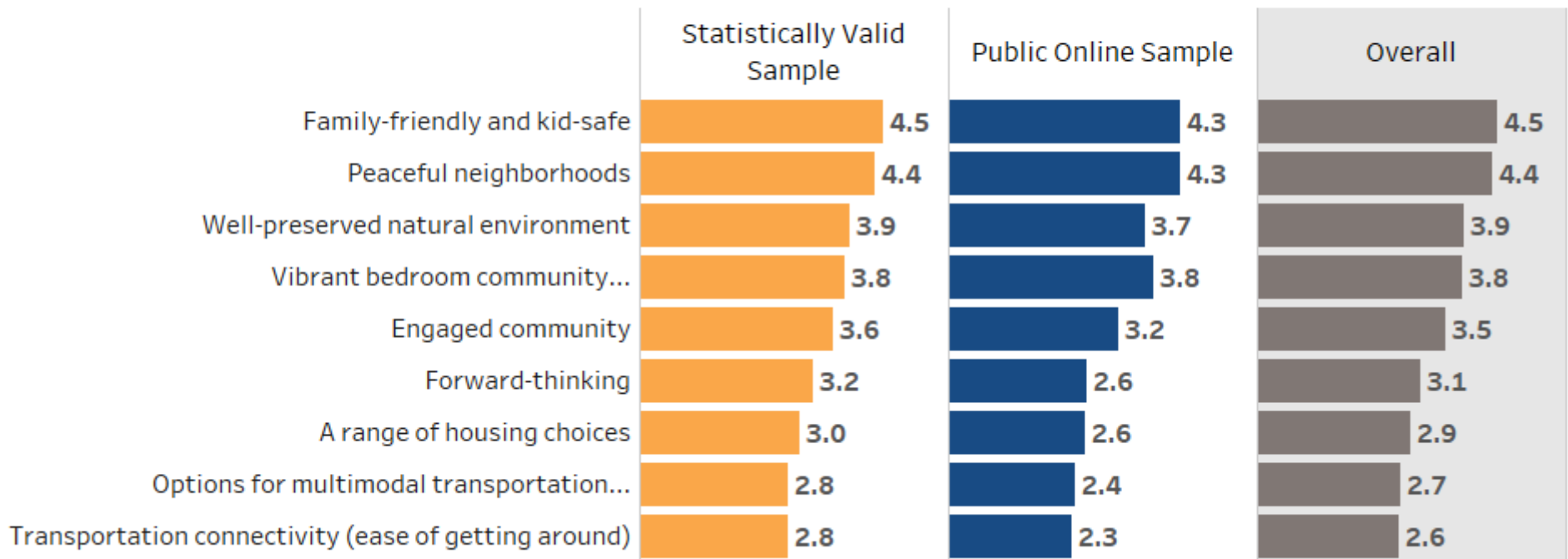


# Current Vision Statement

## Average Rating by Source

Transportation options and connectivity show up as areas of concern when looking at the average ratings of community amenities.

Q14: How well do the following phrases taken from the current vision statement describe Sammamish currently?  
Average Rating by Source



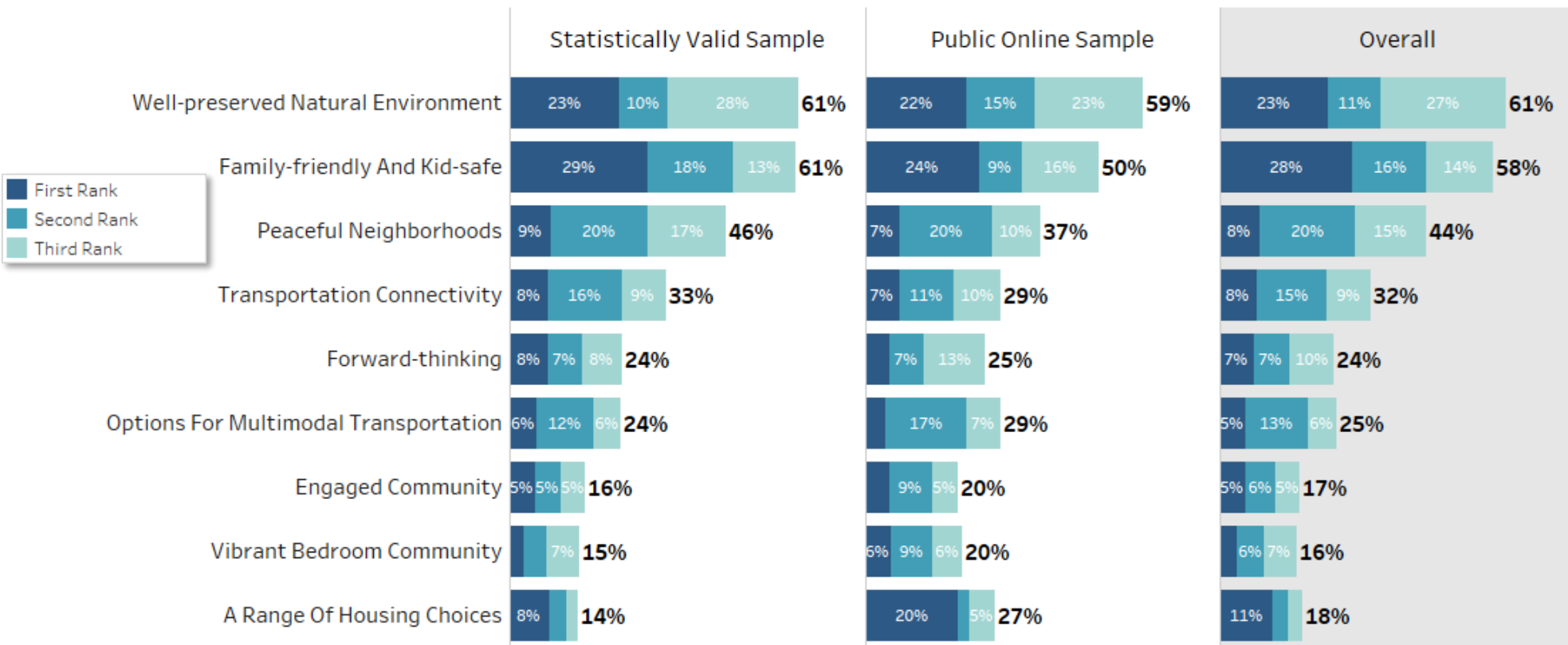
Source: RRC Associates

# Current Vision Statement

## Top 3 Elements

Sammamish residents want to see planning efforts focused on outdoor/natural amenities, public safety and maintaining quiet, peaceful neighborhoods. About a third of respondents want a focus on transportation connections, and a quarter cited multi-modal options as important.

Q15: As you think about the future of Sammamish in 15 to 20 years, which three phrases from the list on the previous page describe the most important elements to making the city you want Sammamish to be?



# Future of Sammamish

## Open-Ended Responses

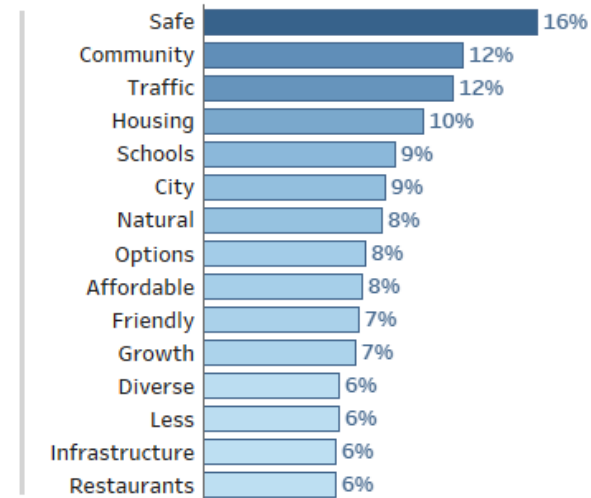
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On question 16, respondents had an opportunity to provide up to four words or phrases to describe the future of Sammamish. A total of 1,801 comments were collected. Please see Appendix A for a list of all comments.

### Common themes:

- Increasing/maintaining level of safety
- Maintain the sense of community
- Address traffic issues
- Preserve natural environment
- Slowing down growth/development
- Improving infrastructure
- More restaurant/retail options

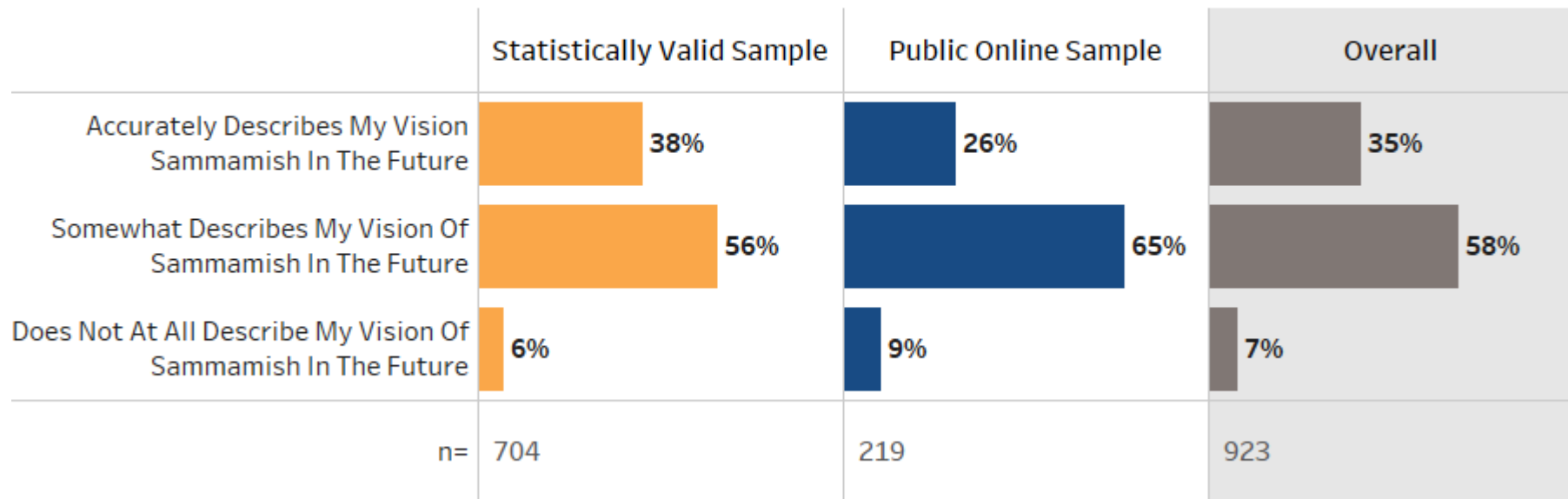
### Top 15 Most Common Words:



# Current Vision Statement Alignment

Most residents state that the current vision “somewhat” describes their ideal path for the future with Statistically Valid survey respondents notably more positive than Public Online respondents.

**Q17: How well does the current Vision Statement (in italics below) align with your view of Sammamish in the future?**



Source: RRC Associates

# Current Vision Statement

## Open-Ended Responses

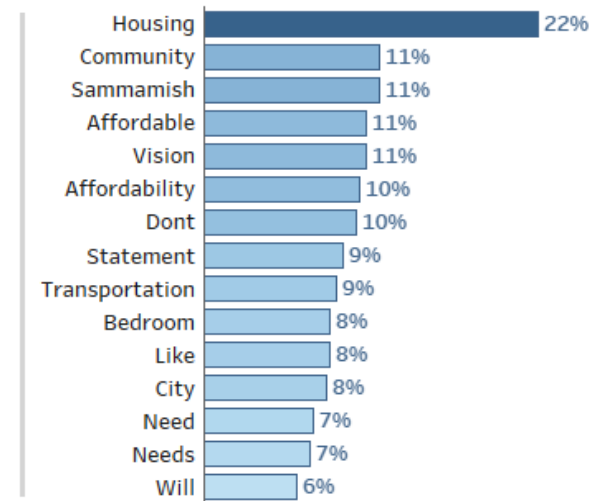
Question 18 asked respondents if they had any specific comments on the current Vision Statement. A total of 484 comments were collected for this question. There is some disagreement in the community with the current language in the Vision Statement.

Residents take issue with prioritizing affordable housing and the destruction of the tree canopy caused by new development. They are not generally satisfied with regional transit connections and feel that the current statement is too wordy and could use refinement. A list of all comments is provided in Appendix A.

### Common themes:

- Affordable housing may not be realistic in a City like Sammamish.
- Maintaining the tree canopy does not currently seem like a priority, but residents would like that to change.
- There are not currently many multi-modal transportation options and residents would like better connectivity to surrounding cities.

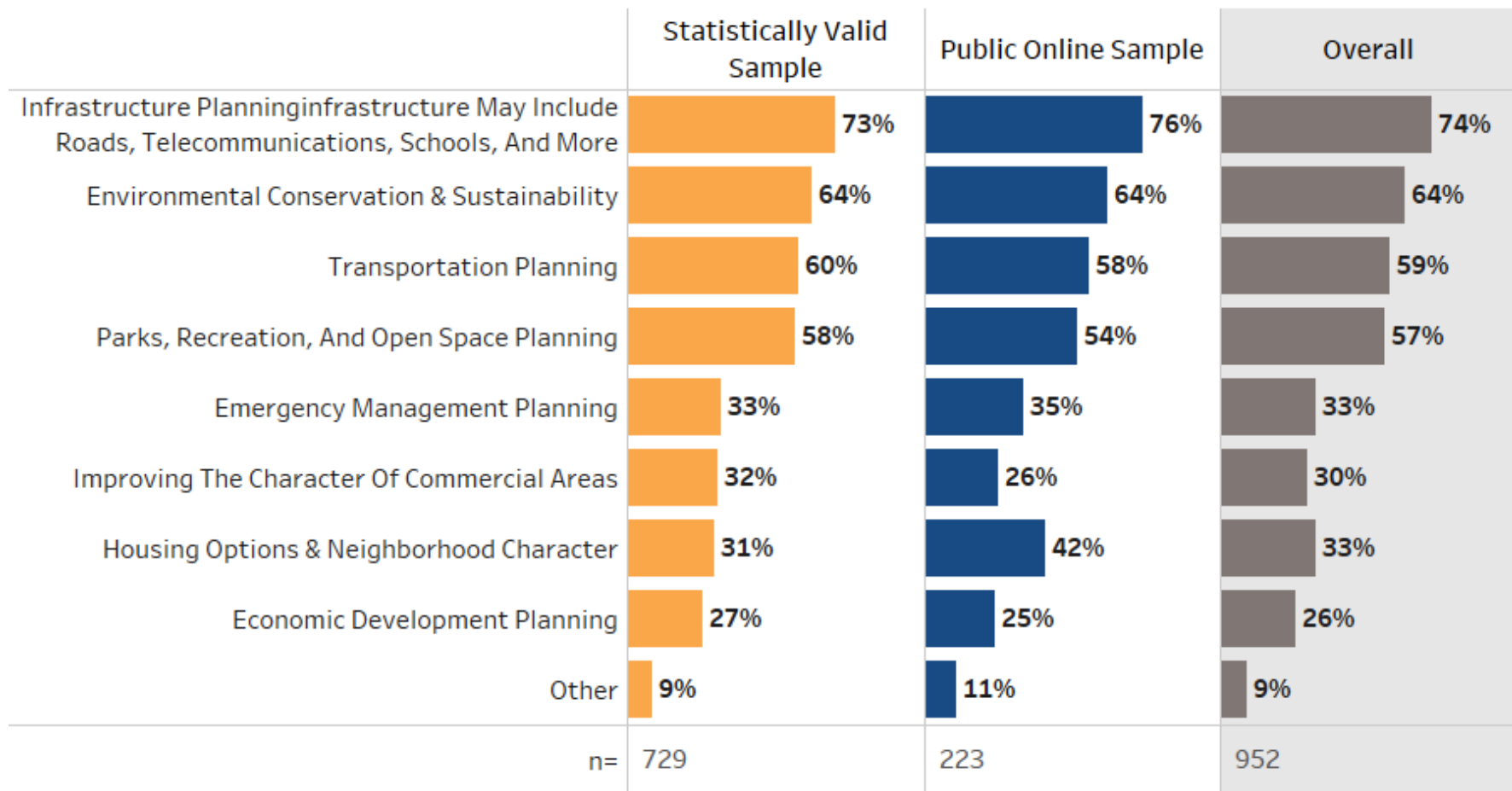
### Top 15 Most Common Words:



# Future Topics of Interest

In sync with comments about new growth straining infrastructure, residents want more emphasis on planning to upgrade roads, schools, telecom and more while maintaining sustainable and abundant open spaces.

**Q19: What topics are most important to you when planning for the next 15-20 years in Sammamish? (Please mark all that apply)**

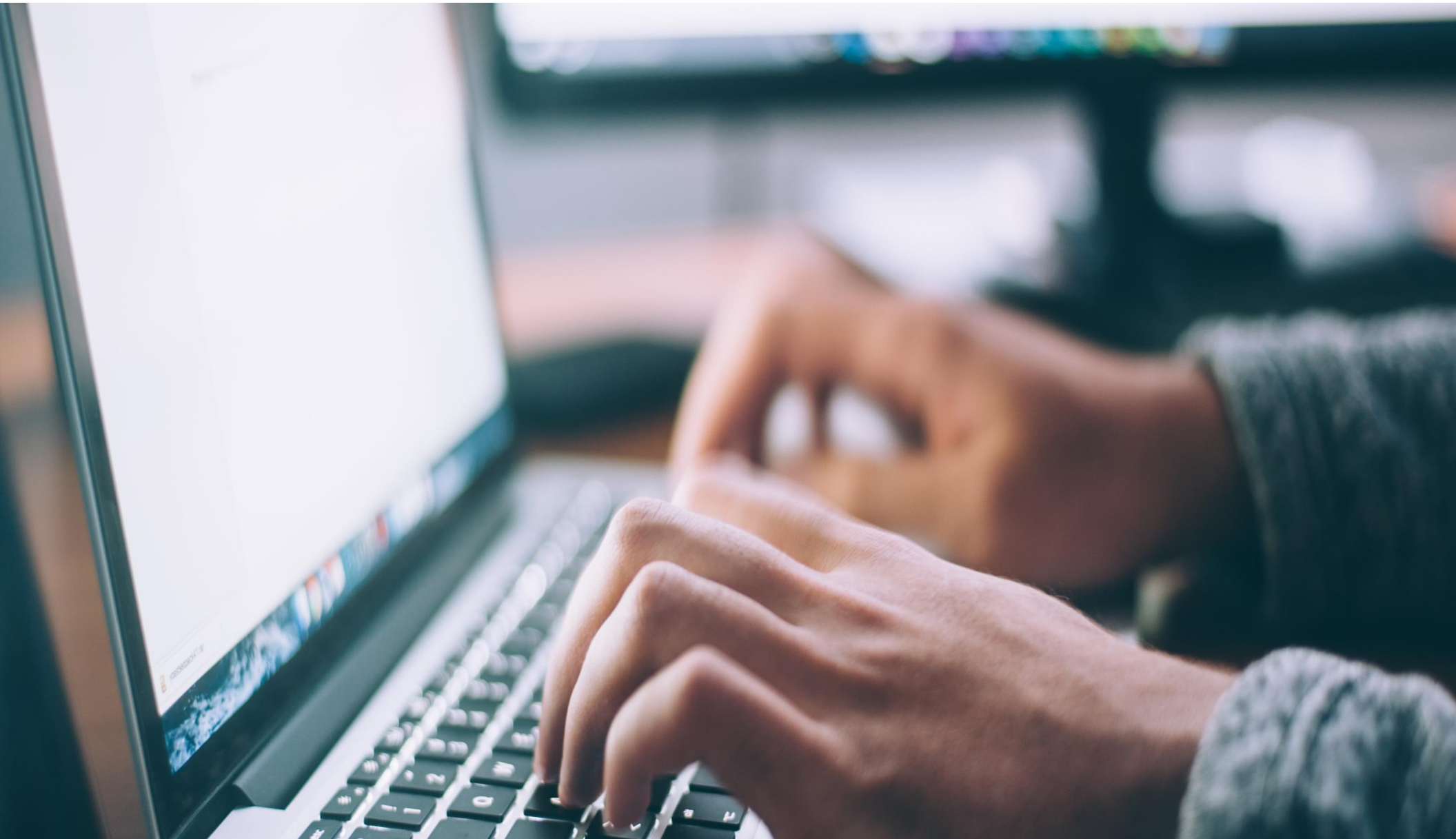


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# Communication

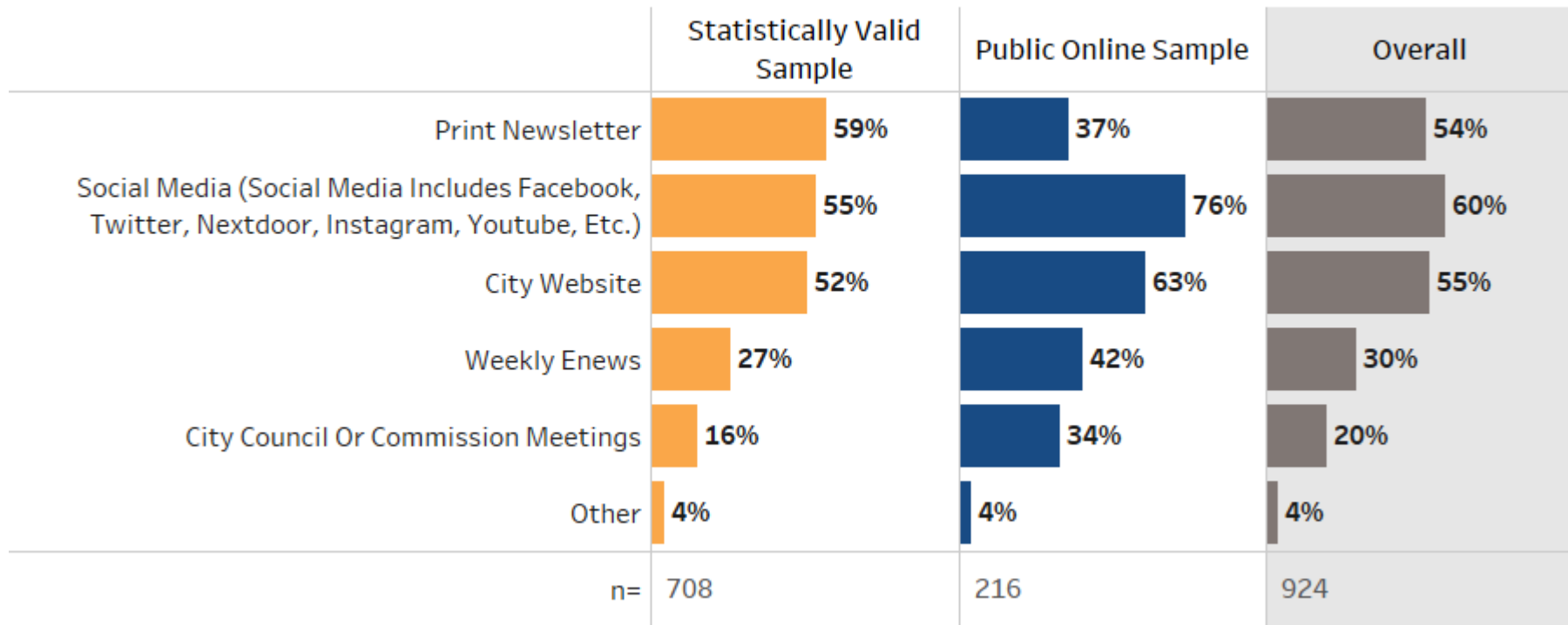
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# Communication Tools

The printed newsletter, social media, and the city’s website are the primary communication channels on which residents rely. Open-link respondents are far more likely to follow city council and local commission meetings.

**Q20: What communication tools are you aware of and/or use to stay up to date with the City?**  
(Please mark all that apply)

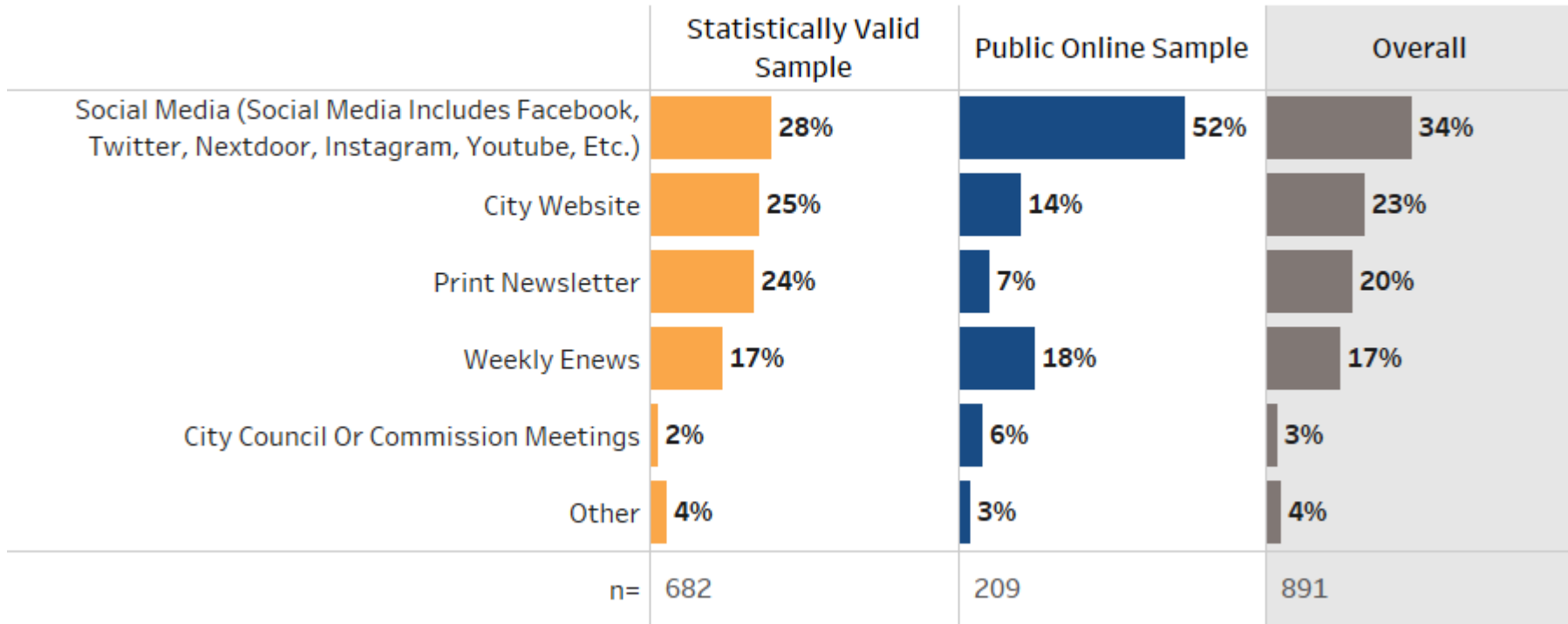


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# Communication Tools

Respondents to the Statistically Valid survey are relatively split between best communication tools. Those who responded to the Public Online survey feel much more strongly that Social Media is the best communication tool for the City to stay in touch with its residents.

**Q21: Which of these communication tools have you found to be the best way to stay in touch with the City?**



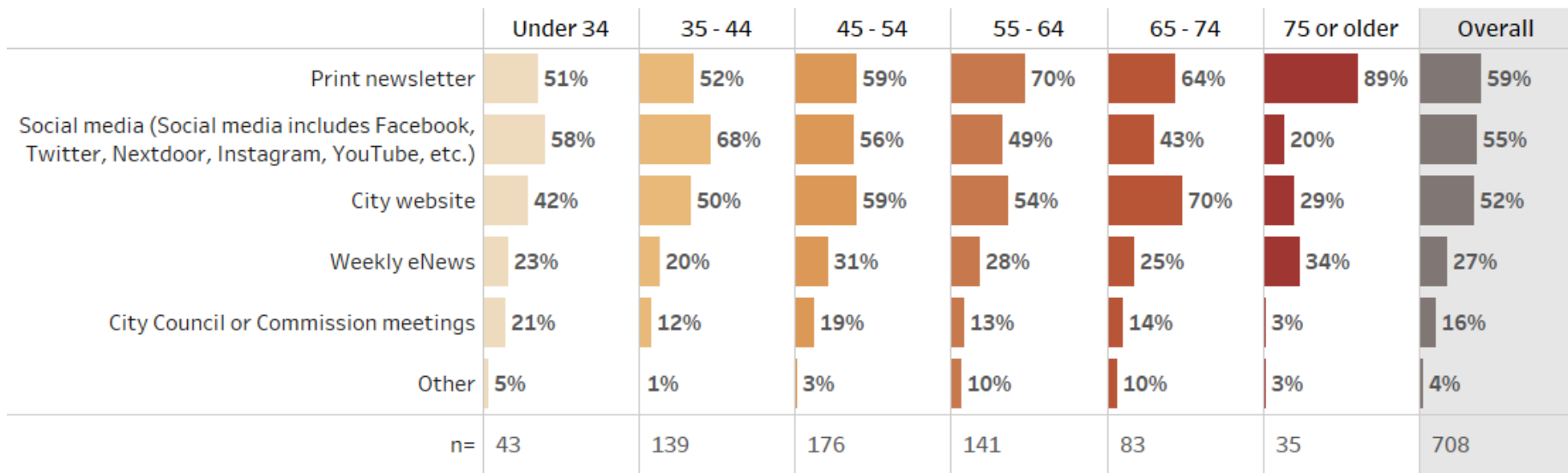
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# Communication Tools

## Invite Sample by Age

Predictably, older residents are far more reliant on the printed newsletter, and younger people are more likely following social media. But even in the younger demographic groups, more than half are familiar with the printed newsletter.

Q20: What communication tools are you aware of and/or use to stay up to date with the City? (Please mark all that apply)



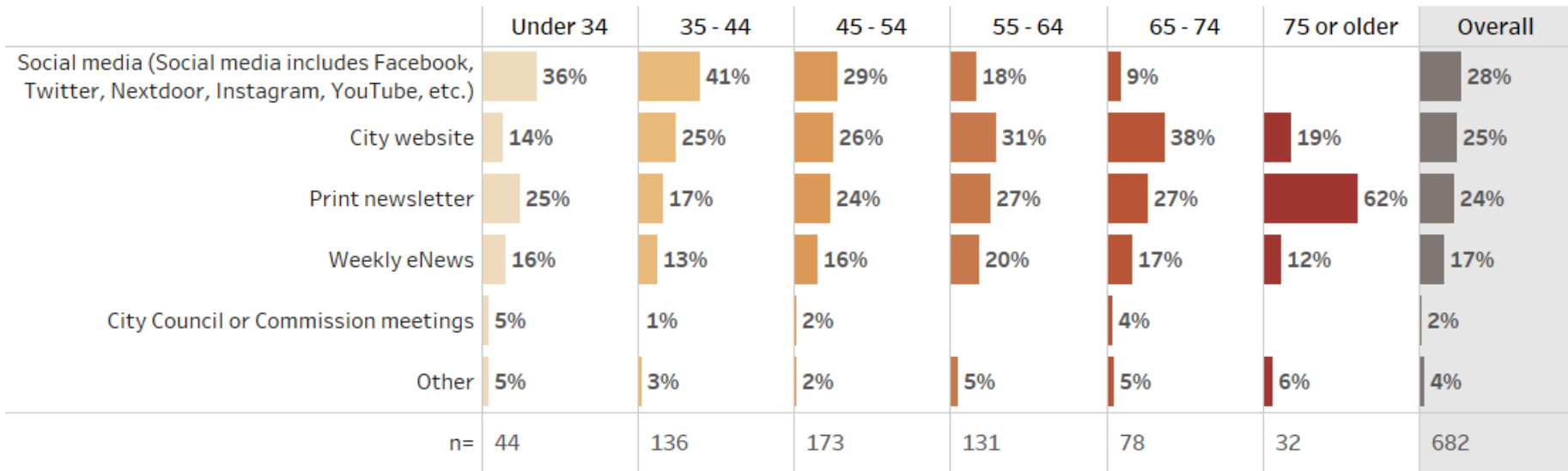
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# Communication Preferences

## Invite Sample by Age

The variety of channels used to reach residents is effective. Older residents prefer printed newsletters and younger people opt for social media. Offering a choice of ways to stay in touch is working across all age groups.

Q21: Which of these communication tools have you found to be the best way to stay in touch with the City?



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# Communication Suggestions

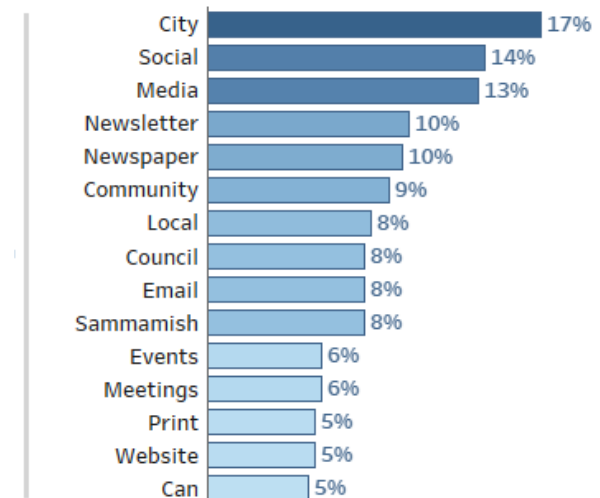
## Open-Ended Responses

Question 22 asked respondents for any suggestions for new/different ways to reach Sammamish residents with information about the community. A total of 319 comments were collected. As demographics continue to evolve, comments suggest that social media will continue to increase in importance for communicating with residents.

### Common themes:

- Increase the use of Social Media, including sites like Nextdoor.
- People would like to see the printed Sammamish Review newspaper return.
- Residents like using the City's website.
- Email works well for communication.
- Residents would be interested in more neighborhood outreach.

### Top 15 Most Common Words:





# Demographics

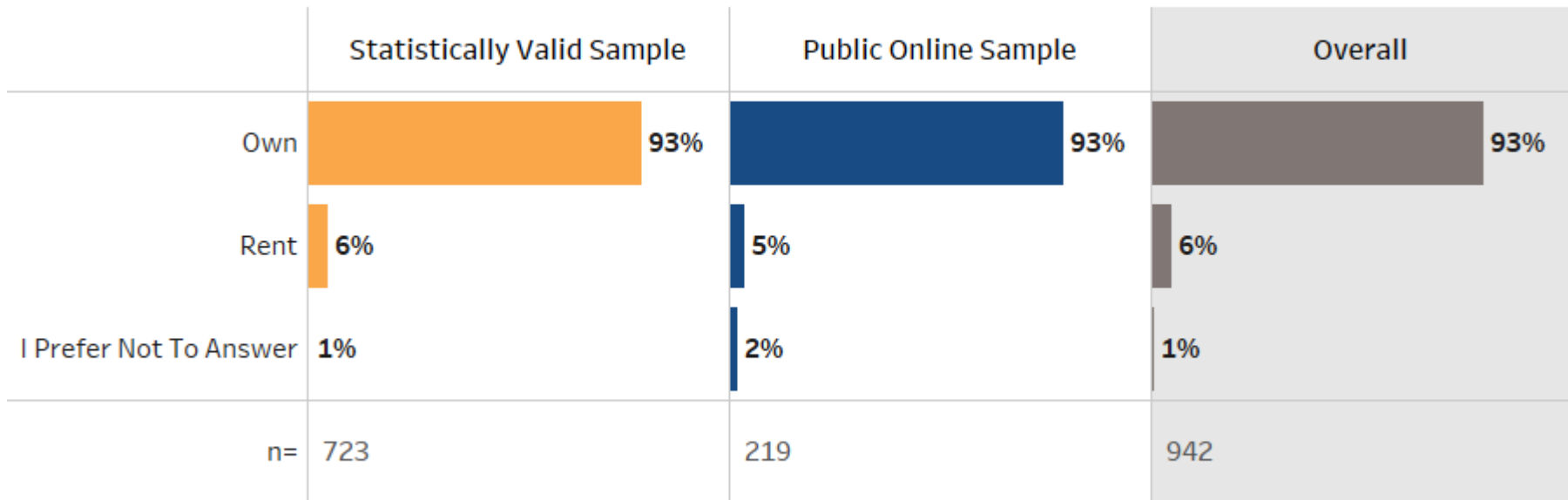




# Rent or Own

The vast majority of respondents both for the Statistically Valid and Public Online survey are homeowners in Sammamish (93%). This is slightly higher than the Census number for the community which is 86%.

## Q23: Do you own or rent your home?

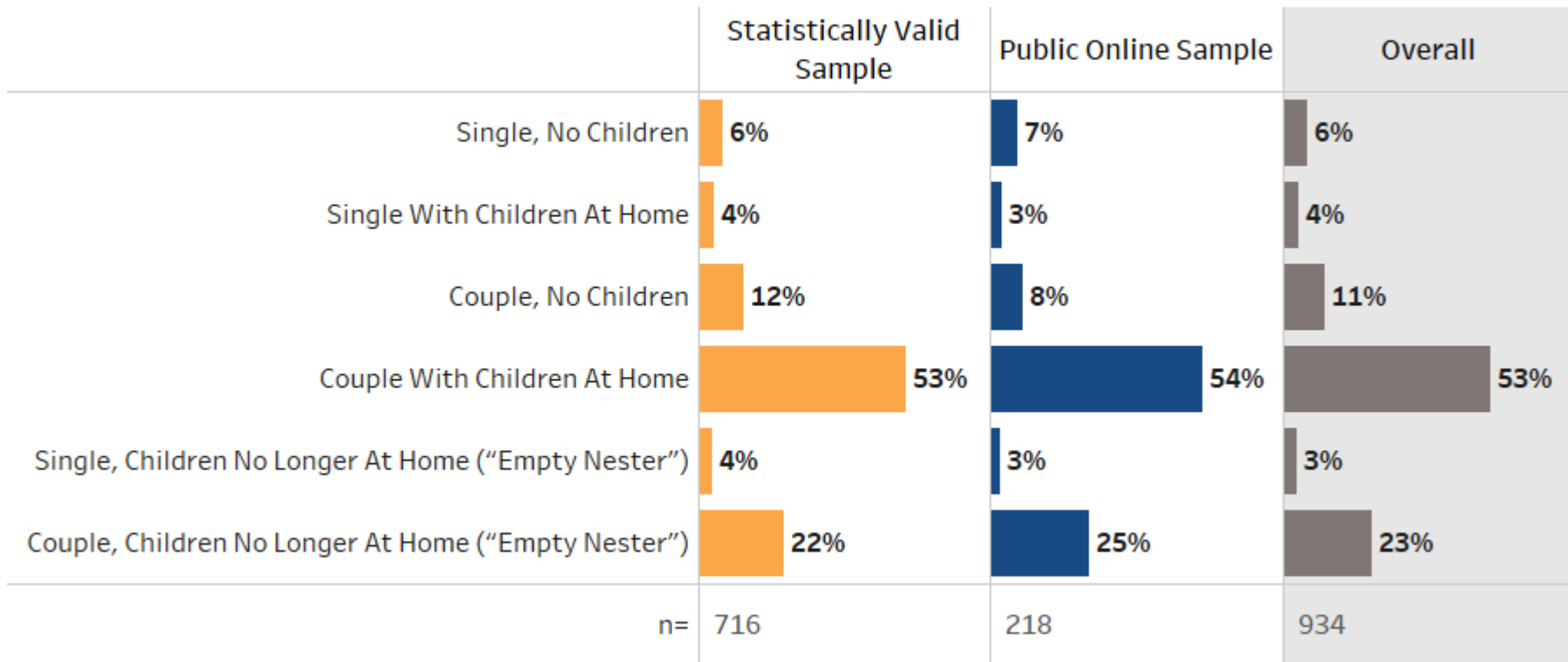


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# Household Makeup

Respondents are predominantly couples with more than half stating they have children at home. Just 10% of those responding are single.

## Q24: Which of these categories best describes your household?

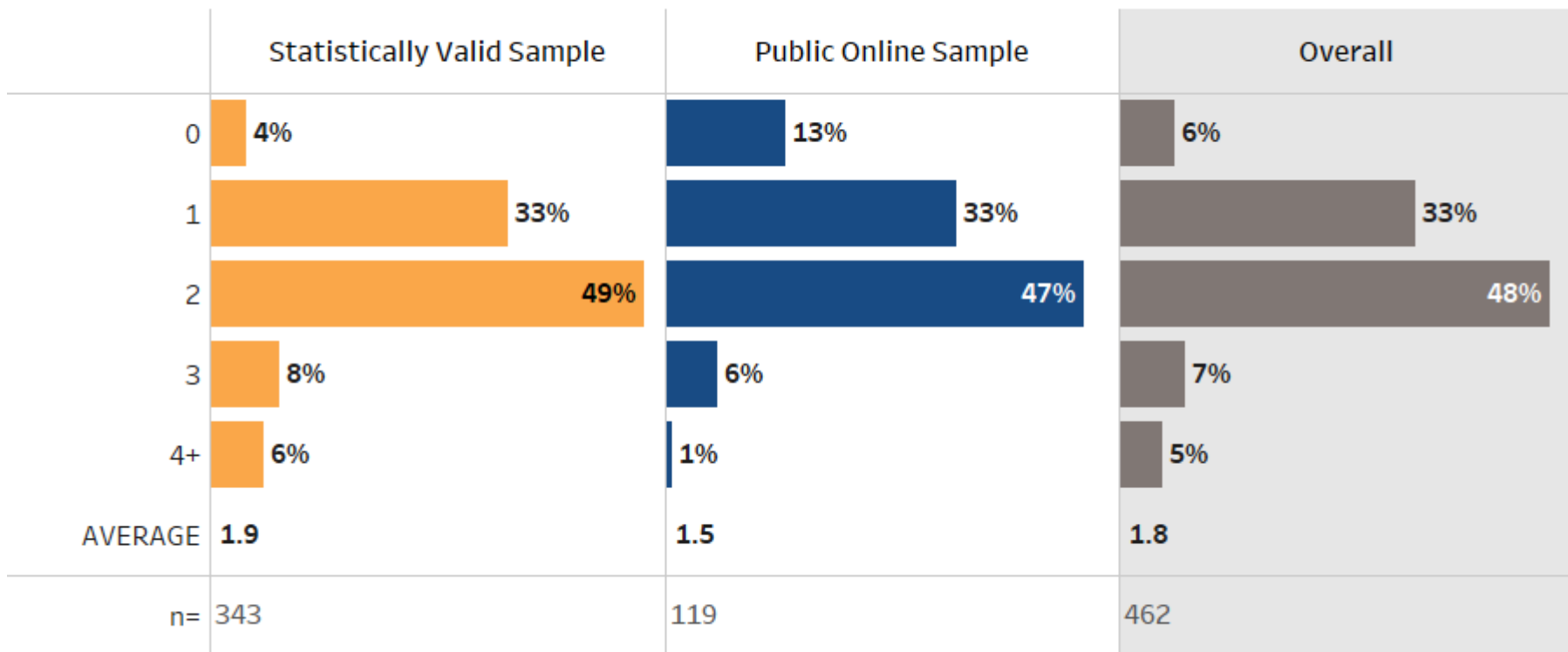


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# Children at Home Under 18

Sammamish closely tracks the overall U.S. population with an average of just under two children per family household reporting having kids at home under 18.

Q25: If you have children at home, how many are under the age of 18?



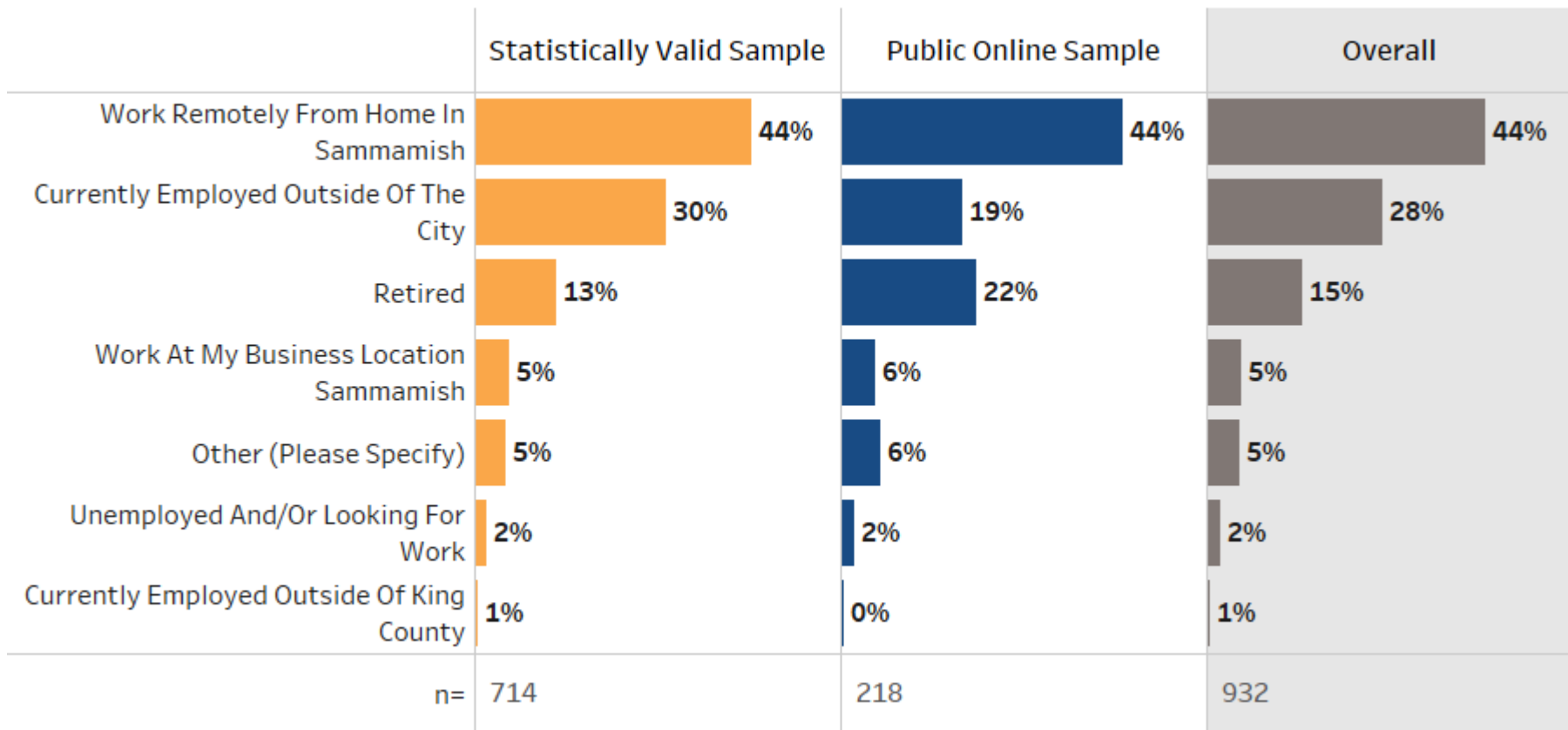
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# Employment Status

Sammamish residents are about twice as likely to work remotely from home than the average across the U.S. This likely reflects the community's relative affluence.

Q26: Which of the following best describes your employment status?

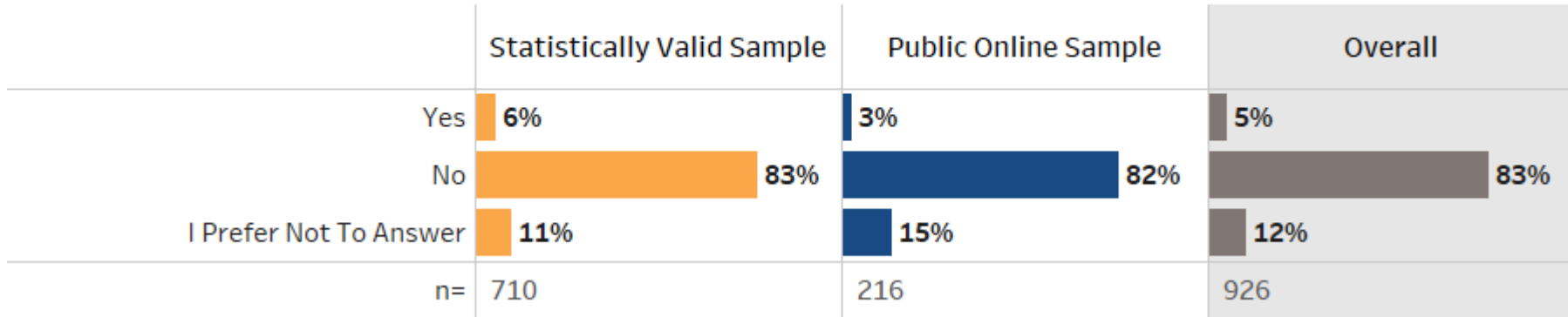


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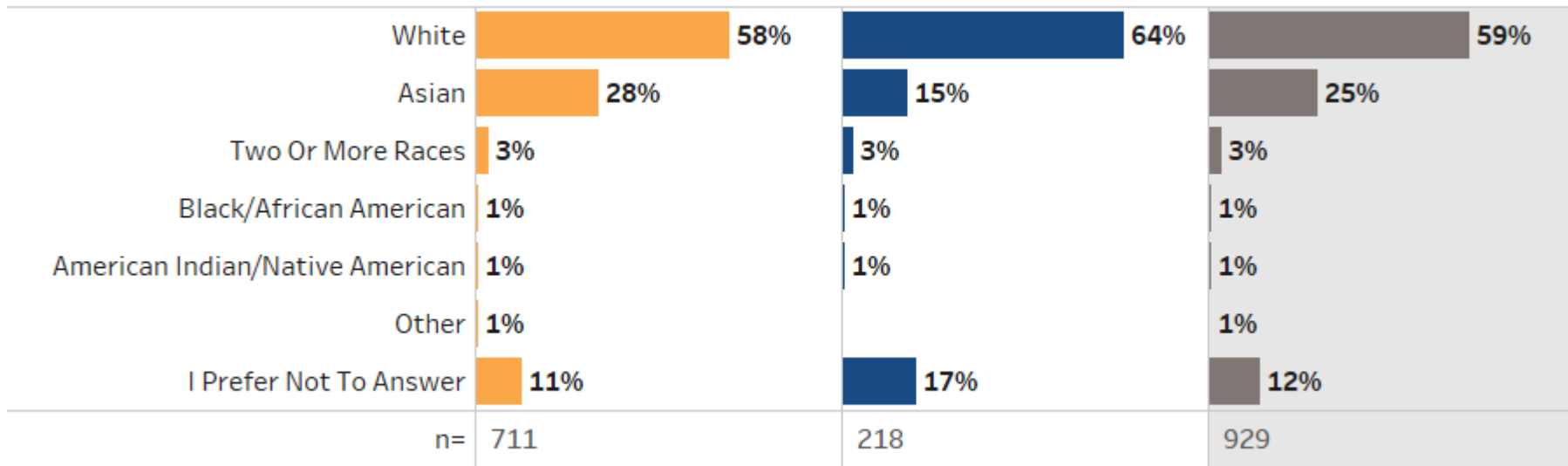
# Race/Ethnicity

Ethnicity of respondents tracked fairly closely to Census data.

## Q27: Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?



## Q28: What race best describes you?

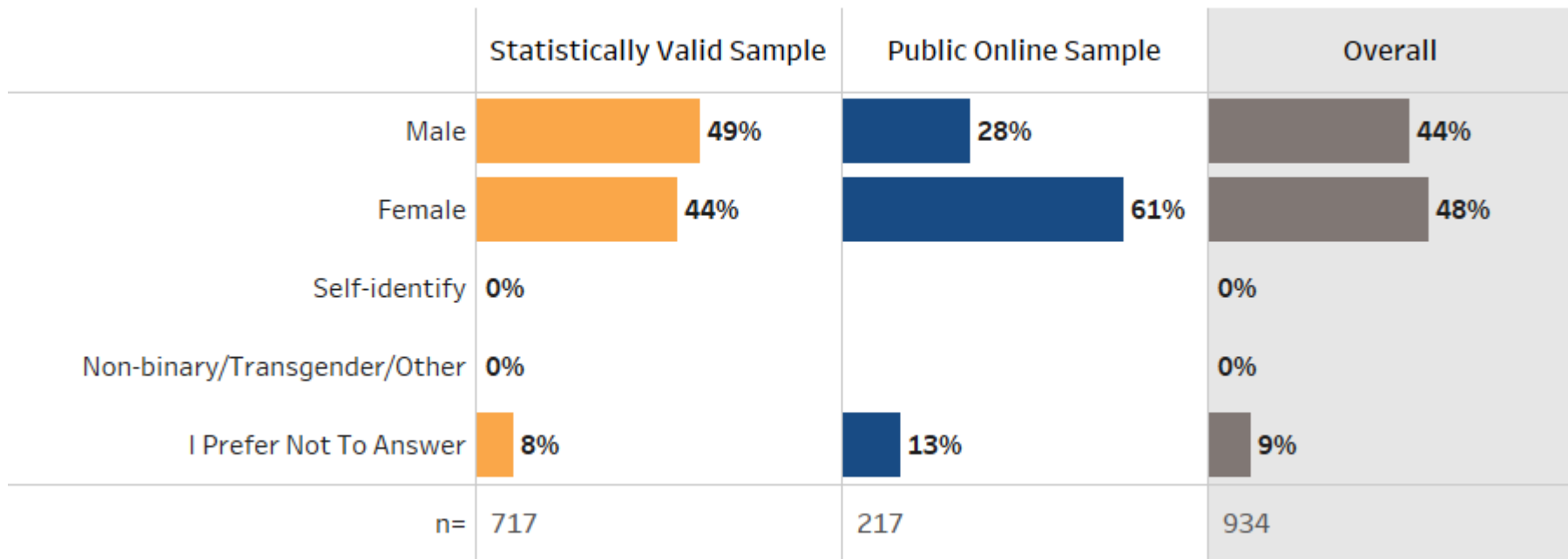


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# Gender

Interestingly, the Statistically Valid sample skewed slightly toward more male respondents, but the Public Online was dominated by females.

Q29: What is your gender identity? (Please mark all that apply)

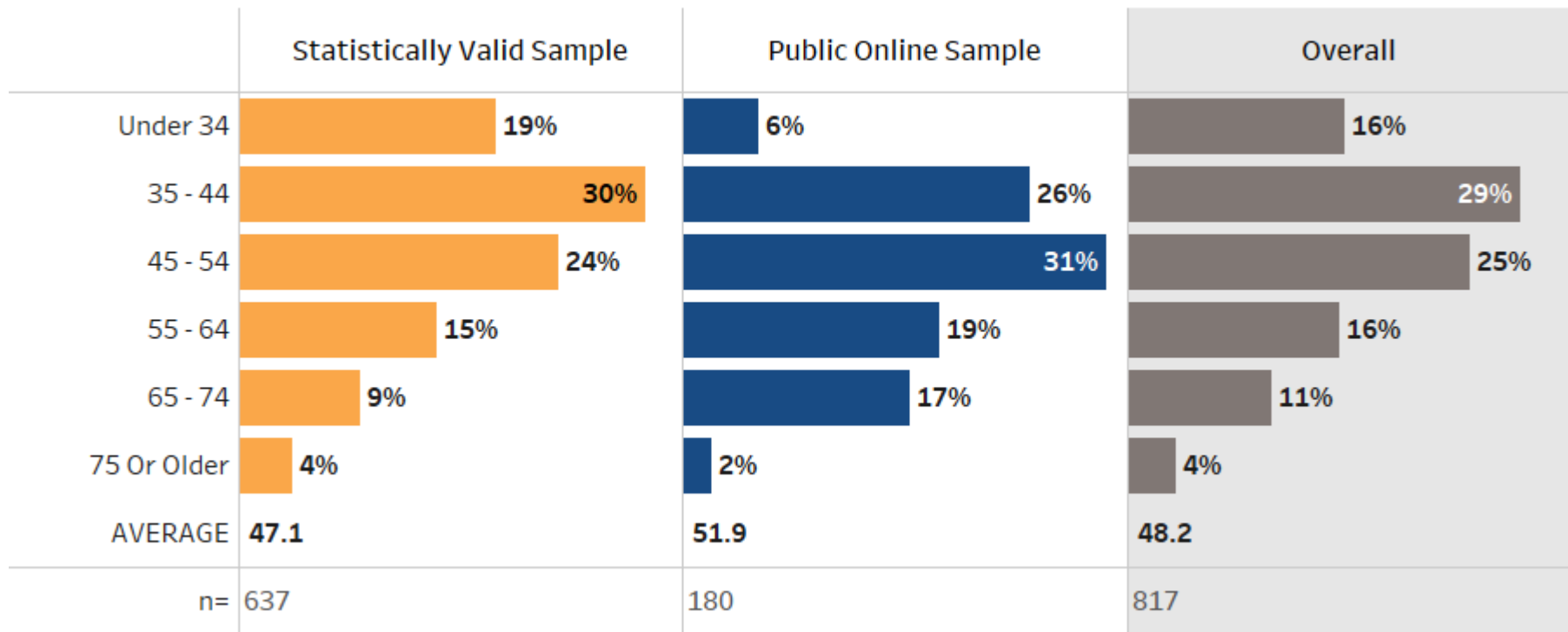


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# Age

As noted in the methodology section, responses for the Statistically Valid survey were weighted by age to reflect Census data. Public Online responses were not weighted.

## Q30: Age of respondent

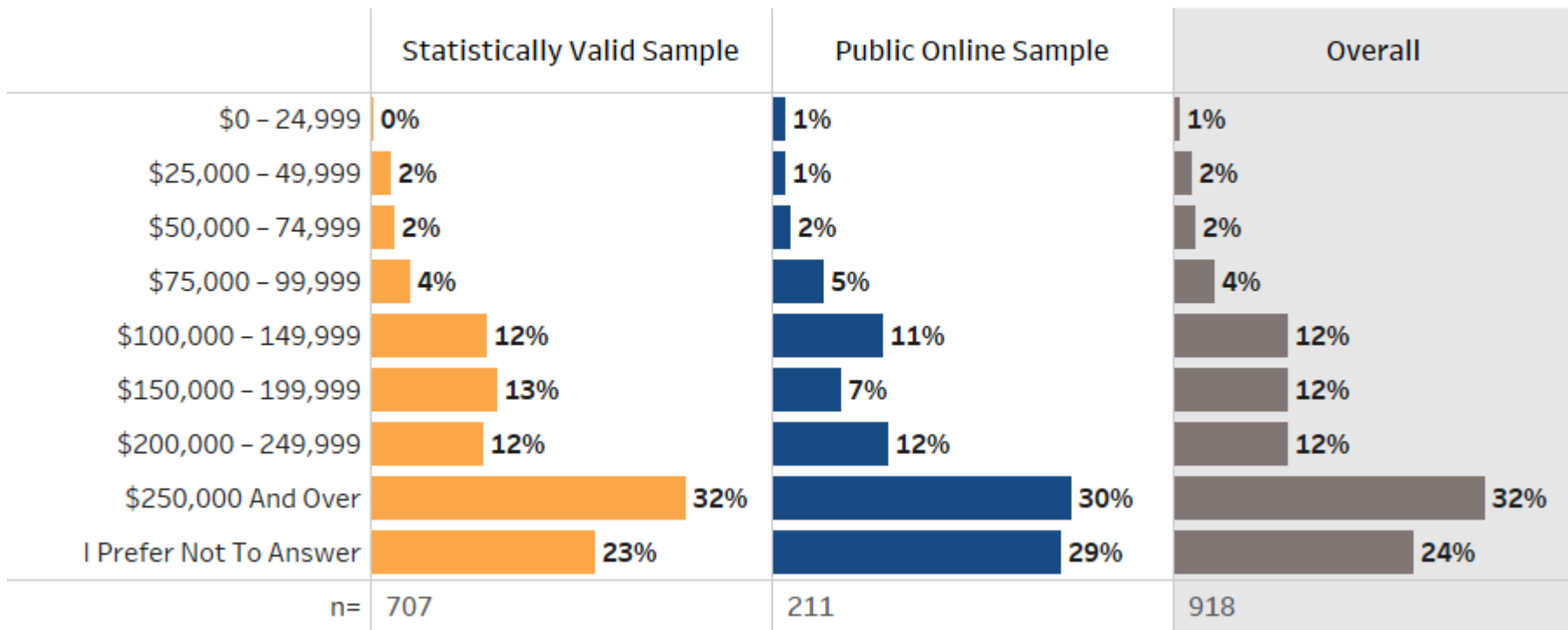


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# Income

Sammamish is a very affluent community with over 90% of respondent households reporting annual income of more than \$100,000 per year.

**Q31: Which of these categories best describes the total gross annual income of your home (before taxes)?**



Source: RRC Associates





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# City of Sammamish

## Community Visioning Survey 2021

### Open-Ended Comments

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## Q2: Other (please specify): What attracted you to move to Sammamish?

Access to lakes

Affordability

Affordability (at the time)

Affordability of apartment and then home purchase

Affordable home

Affordable house in 1987

Affordable house we liked

Affordable housing

Affordable in 1964

Annexed

At the time, more affordable than Kirkland or Bellevue

At the time, you could get more house for the money compared to Redmond or Bellevue

Away from Seattle politics

Beautiful neighborhoods

Big yard, big trees

Born here

Cheap in 2000

Choice of housing options

Country living

Enough land for horses, close enough to commute to work

Forests/undeveloped areas for recreation/natural filtering of rains/watershed going into lakes

Found a house that we liked

Found a house we could afford at that time

Found the right house

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Got annexed

Greenlands preserved and not over developed environment

Grew up here

Grew up on Plateau (14 years before moving away)

Hindu Temple

Home/Property

Homes with 3 car garages

House style

Houses were not on tiny lots, crammed together....there used to be space.

Housing Price

I grew up here

I was born in Sammamish

It was affordable in 1987

It was not crowded

It was rural unincorporated Redmond

Job

Klahanie annexed to Sammamish

Lack of development

Lake

Lake Sammamish

Land

Large lot and privacy

Large lots

Large parcel of land

Less crime & homelessness and clean

Less density, less traffic than Bellevue, Seattle, Renton

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Low crime

Low crime, good police, middle class values

Lower cost of housing compared to Seattle

Marriage

Metropolitan Market

More affordable than Bellevue in 1993

More affordable than Seattle

Natural beauty/small population in the 90s

New homes

Newer homes

Nice houses

Originally affordability, what a joke now

Pine Lake

Price of homes cheaper than Bellevue

Privacy, large yards

Property value

Proximity to Lake

Proximity to Seattle

Proximity to mountains

Public safety and services

Purchased home close to family

Quiet

Raised here

Relocating for work

Rural atmosphere

Safety

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Safety, traffic

Safety/quietness

Security

Small house

Small population

Space

The house

The house that we found.

This is where my home purchase offer got accepted.

View of mountains

Wanted to live in the county! Not a city!

Was clean then

Water/lake

Waterfront

Wildlife

ability to live on a lake

affordability (39 years ago)

home cost and lot size

husband lived here (1974)

it's where the house that I bought was

lack of HOAs

perceived safety

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A semi-rural community with amenities close by.

Affordability in 1980

Cost of housing compared to Seattle

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Future Town Center Planned

Green space and rural feel.

Grew up here

House with full bed and bath on main floor for aging parent.

It was more rural at the time

Lack of traffic present in other nearby cities and the open potential future this city could grow into

Lake Sammamish view

Larger lot size and less traffic meant my small children could play outside and walk to friends' houses

Lived in Sahalee since 1986 moved to FL June 2021

Location to mountain biking and skiing

Low crime rate

Low crime, high volume of families, natural beauty

Our neighborhood had a park and the school was close. Back then it was affordable to live here.

Owned the property in family since 1968

Parks, lakes and schools

Perceived safe neighborhoods

Picked sahalee because of large lots, but still developed, with curbs, etc

Price

Price of homes

Rural lifestyle.

Safety

Safety,

Small-town feel and convenience; safety

Trees

Trees, mountain views, lakeside drive near Redmond & Issaquah

View property

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Was country and more wilderness , away from busyness

We have lived in Klahanie since 1988 but annexed to Sammamish in 2015

When we moved here, it was to be in the country, not the suburbs.

affordable housing prices

mixture of open spaces and developed neighborhoods

price of house, at the time

proximity to Lake Sammamish

relatively low housing price at the time

the forest was still here

we kept looking further away from Seattle until there was something available in a crazy real estate market

wooded lot

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## **Q4: Do you think the City is on the right or wrong track when it comes to planning for the future? In a few words, why do you feel that way?**

228th is our only thoroughfare. Too many homes built along it. Need to widen entire length to 5 lanes.

Adding more parks while trying to fix traffic and infrastructure issues

Addition of new amenities while managing growth

Allowing growth at measured pace

Allowing too much building resulting in more people

Allowing too much development without adequate infrastructure

Approving a lots of housing; Not funding schools using existing funding. Not investing in infrastructure. only focus on increasing cash inflow.

As long as we limit massive new home construction

Attempts to build way out of traffic such as widen ELST - over development, extensive tree cutting, over crowded

Balance between development and nature

Based on where we are today, what our city looks like now

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Because property taxes (and I assume city spending) are increasing too much

Because we are new to town, it's unclear what the long term urban plan is for Sammamish. I'm in favor of housing but don't want to see the beautiful/natural/surrounding area gone.

Becoming Bellevue

Better metro connection to the bigger cities (faster)

Bold action and creative thinking is required to solve impediments to Sammamish City Plan. City council needs to solve sewer limitations, traffic issues and evolving water quality issues to permit the city to thrive as a stand alone community.

Building moratorium.

Building new schools

Building too many homes and apartments before infrastructure and schools

Building too many houses in one development. It used to be one house on a nice large lot!

Can't (shouldn't) compete with Redmond and Issaquah without viable public transportation

City Council thinks they can stop ALL development and spent all the time/money with stopping ALL development. They should work to create the best plan to accept the development that will come.

City council seems combative and reluctant to be transparent. Also, I have not encountered a pronounced focus on mitigating climate change.

City governance is now framing everything as climate change (not good governance), and too much what government can do for you, rather than what citizens can do for Sammamish

City is doing the best they can with the tremendous growth our region is experiencing for so many years.

City seems to be struggling with balancing what makes living here attractive with growth management mandate

Concerned about density. Don't be like Redmond!

Concerned about homeless moving to area, crime, theft, vandalism

Construction out of control, infrastructure can't keep up

Construction- way too many

Continued development, but limited roads, poor ease of transportation in community

Continued housing growth with lack of infrastructure

Controlled growth

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Council does not align with my values

Crowded new houses, bad traffic

Current growth is enough, not sure what may come

Cutting down trees for more houses

Developers are incentivized to keep building huge developments

Developers clear cutting large tracts of land, destroying tree canopy and natural environment, increased traffic congestion

Development and growth are WAY too aggressive!

Development has it's blessings and curses

Development has outpaced infrastructure!

Development without infrastructure is disastrous for residents, environment, and Lake Pine/Sammamish/Beaver Lakes. Very concerned about our lakes.

Different city officials have different perspective- some right, some wrong

Do not like the conservative makeup of current city council

Do not understand building plans

Don't feel that I know how the city is planning for the future

Don't have information. Would like to see less house development and more community services.

Don't have much information on this

Don't know current directions; property tax too high

Don't know the plan

Don't know what future plans are

Don't know what the future plans are

Don't know what the long term plan is?

Don't know what the plan is? Is there a plan? No newspaper. Not clear what council is doing.

Don't know what the track is

Don't understand the city plan for preserving nature setting

Embracing dense development and public transport



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Ensuring a mix of affordable, high density with single family homes

Environmental damage and lack of conservation

Everybody likes better, but that is subject to interpretation

Excessive housing construction

Exorbitant country taxes!! Development equals destruction!!

Expansion of Issaquah/Fall City Road

Explosive growth: housing

Falta de opciones de transporte (público y vias para autos)

Feel it's growing in density too fast. Increased traffic, increased housing density, less trees and rural areas

Few good restaurants, nothing comparable to U village, limited trails/bikepaths, no convenient playground

Focus on managing growth (infrastructure improvements, etc.)

Getting over crowded, less trees, bad traffic

Getting really crowded

Given traffic bottlenecks, city cannot support dense development

Glad to see more people of color moving here and bringing new and needed perspectives to this area

Gold-plated infrastructure projects; binary thinking about development; excessive regulation

Good balance between development and preservation of more established neighborhoods

Good balance of growth and conservation

Good decision making by city leaders

Good neighborhood quality, plenty of road expansion and improvement, we have always loved this area

Great city with great safety and clear direction

Great job caring for the needy, kids, and families

Growing but keeping the small home town feel

Growing too big and too fast

Growing too quickly, losing Sammamish charm

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Growth and development are happening at a pace that is eroding many of the features that we most like about the city. We are in the midst of what feels like dozens of new subdivision projects, many of them quite unattractive, the schools are overflowing with student to teacher ratios rising and new school development not keeping pace.

Growth and development, sense of community

Growth control

Growth is going to happen. We should do what we can to manage it

Growth is inevitable, so far, so good

Growth is too fast and being over populated

Growth needs to be balanced with preservation of open space and infrastructure. We love our large, quiet lot and are bothered by push for high density housing

Growth too fast- not roads, infrastructure to accommodate

Hard to know what's happening with the city council. Have heard stories of conflict but no local newspaper coverage. Sammamish Comment tries but is inadequate.

Have not kept up with council/city plans; live elsewhere part of the year

Have taken away every little piece of land to make this very crowded. Not beautiful anymore.

Haven't followed it

Haven't followed it closely

Haven't paid attention while raising kids

Haven't seen anything to make feel one way or the other

High end single family homes create an exclusive community

Higher density housing is the way to go to enable more people to live a suburban lifestyle without cutting down forests

Houses built too close together- UGLY. Natural beauty- GONE. Three high schools too close together. Density too high, traffic bad.

Houses on narrow lots

Housing development/take away natural land

Housing imbalance needs to be addressed. More transit options for residents are needed. Collaboration with neighboring cities is poor.

However disappointed you killed Ace Hardware

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I am concerned about what seems to be OVER development, land clearing, and not enough infrastructure or care for the local environment and the impacts of all this development on our streams, forests, and wildlife.

I am not against growth, just smart growth with infrastructure to support it

I am not familiar with the plans

I am not following the news in Sammamish

I am not fully informed of Sammamish plans

I am not up to date on current planning, so I can't say

I could do better at reading the newsletters. I look at them, but do not read them well

I do not know plan details

I do not track civil progress

I don't feel I have enough info

I don't hear from Sammamish council

I don't know the plan

I don't know what the plan is

I don't know what the vision is

I don't really know the direction

I feel that there are too many neighborhoods going in with no planning regarding traffic infrastructure. We were attracted to the trees and nature, please stop building and making the plateau more congested.

I have a hard time understanding leader positions

I haven't followed planning discussions closely enough

I like Sammamish, but not the increase in density, especially apartments, condos, and townhouses

I like that it is carefully growing.

I like the direction in terms of the freedoms and stuff

I like the push toward a true town center, but it needs transportation infrastructure along with it.

I moved to Sammamish to live in a quiet bedroom community with less traffic and problems

I need to hear more about the direction the city is taking

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I see developing with clear cutting, then have to pay for an arborist to check the trees that are dying on my 8 acres so I can cut them down. Also, not enough sidewalks with streetlights in older neighborhoods.

I see no increase in the number of schools and services to accommodate the influx of new residents. Also, it is incredibly unaffordable to live here

I see that many of the council candidates are campaigning with a no/low growth platform, and I don't think that is constitutionally sustainable

I see the improvement on the roads.

I see tremendous growth

I still enjoy living here

I think it is too late to correct the lack of planning for the population density of the city

I think the city needs to be careful about how much development is allowed, and remain sensitive to the rural character of the city

I think the housing is out of control. I like the small town feel and the more people who move in, it makes it not feel very welcoming. It's also got to the point it's very expensive to be able to survive up here.

I think there is too much new building without needed infrastructure

I want to see more connectivity (non car or public transport) between areas and neighborhoods. Not have someone tell me I can't ride a bike down their road.

I'm all for not over developing

I'm not aware of future community initiatives planned by Sammamish or its master land use plan

I'm not aware of the plan for the future of Sammamish

I'm tired of continued growth

I'm tired of the majority of the council blocking progress and spending money on attorneys to fight a losing battle. This city used to be so well-run. It's gone downhill in the past ten years. City employees are frustrated and have left in droves. They can't replace people because no one in city government wants to work in Sammamish. Living here has gotten so expensive that people who work here can't afford to live here. Too much NIMBY behavior.

I'm unsure of the plans

I've heard pieces of information on both sides of the growth /development, and am not sure of the right way forward

If we avoid pressure for more high density, we're okay

If we take steps to limit growth, we're on the right track

Improved infrastructure, new YMCA, new schools, etc.

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Inadequate attention to ease of movement- transportation or car

Infrastructure (lack of roads) is a concern as well as not enough basketball gyms and sports fields for our youth

Infrastructure (schools, roads, etc.) before more development

Infrastructure is being built to accommodate growth. Amenities added as well. It's still clean

Infrastructure is not keeping up with rapid growth

Infrastructure must be updated before thinking of new developments. I feel the city is not focusing on immediate needs (upgrade of power grid, water facilities)

Infrastructure seems to be lagging behind development. Community amenities are lacking (YMCA is NOT community center!)

Infrastructure to support growth- traffic, too many homes

Infrastructure! Too much development, too much traffic and the roads are crumbling

Investment in parks, education system, public utility improvements are some of the key areas any resident would expect to see - which is happening

It appears that everything that drew us here is disappearing (trees). Apartments are not appealing.

It appears we are trying to manage the growth that we must absorb in a thoughtful manner. Other than the occasional car prowl we feel safe at home and in the community. Our property value has not decreased.

It attracts more and more families in the recent years.

It does not prioritize quality of urban development. It is random and left to the whim of the developers. There vision of what a city would like to be, is void of any real ideas

It feels like Sammamish doesn't have a community like Redmond or Issaquah

It has been overdeveloped

It is a safe save to live

It is fast becoming a dull bedroom community with very few cultural and community or points of interest. For anything of interest, we are having to drive down to Issaquah, Redmond, Bellevue, or Seattle downtown.

It is not clear what the plans are

It is ok to not have 'high density'

It's a beautiful, peaceful area

It's a safe place with dynamic community

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It's expanding with moderation and with consideration for residents

It's named America's best small City

It's safe and quiet; many good school choices, although, I don't have a kid

Its able to keep a good part of the nature as part of development

Its getting too congested. There is construction everywhere and you see big machines pulling down tonns of trees on a daily basis.

I'm so glad to see that the city put a moratorium for new building in place to allow infrastructure to catch up

Just moved here

Keep better traffic flow on and off Plateau. Too much building- loss of green space.

Keep growth in check

Keep it quiet, keep it safe

King County and Seattle are definitely on the wrong track and I am concerned that Sammamish will follow them. Please support the police. No mask, they should be optional. I miss the local newspaper, it was my primary source of community information.

Lack of communication, no local paper, council members who can't agree

Lack of road infrastructure and new development

Land gets sold to developers that they build to only make money and roads can't support it

Less crime, safe to live in this area

Less development

Like Town Center idea, don't like the housing onslaught and overcrowded schools

Like single family home construction, not high density

Lots of developments, lack of robust infrastructure (roads to Sammamish, sewer, water, etc.)

Lots of housing development, no main access road improvements

Lots of neighborhoods, but EXPENSIVE!

Lots of turmoil in city council, etc.

Love the improvement on 4th Street and new retails

Love the parks but concerned about high density and traffic



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Low number of employees, use of contractors

Make growth pay for impacts to our infrastructure

Managing traffic, schools, growth

Many plans...little action

Minimal impact to existing communities, but still fixing areas to be better

Mixed messages and major changes to plans for building and development. I.E. one day a builder can cut down 500 trees while one resident gets fined for cutting an invasive tree on their property.

More commercial development needed to service the community. Need more restaurants, bars, retail

More emphasis on infrastructure and mitigation from over building

More new construction took away trees; kept hearing about homeless camp close to schools and drug concerns

Need better transportation and mixed use shopping development, gathering, pedestrian only development

Need bigger, wider roads to accommodate new housing developments

Need infrastructure BEFORE allowing development. Too many waivers on regulations given to developers (i.e. road width, clustering houses, etc.)

Need infrastructure before a bunch more housing

Need infrastructure for town center bldg

Need more economic and racial diversity

Need more information

Need more infrastructure- roads, stores, restaurants

Need more reasons to stay here after kids finish school

Need to develop town center

Need to fix ways on/off plateau

Need to plan better for growth, traffic, and schools

Need way more GOOD restaurants!!

Needs to build a downtown, but needs better infrastructure and affordable housing

Neighborhood is safe

Nice inclusive community

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Nice place

No clear direction last few years

No freeway

No infrastructure to support development.

No low-income housing. No medium-income house

No visible, earnest efforts to improve infrastructure, just a steady stream of 'No' votes on growth. I do like Sammamish's low density, but Seattle regional growth is inevitable and we are going to get left behind and isolated.

Not allowing crazy condo/apartment complexes to exist and remain mostly affordable single family homes with good sized land is vital to keep the city not too crowded

Not aware of what changes the city is making (substantial)

Not been engaged on where the budget are spent

Not cycling-friendly; no performing arts

Not developing necessary infrastructure

Not educated enough on planning issues

Not enough 'community-within-community' engagement

Not enough affordable and dense housing; not enough bike infrastructure

Not evident if enough is being done to keep up with growth

Not following the GMA and ignoring thorough research that was done to create and pass the Town Center plan in 2008! The council is manipulating traffic studies to stop growth and we need smart transit oriented growth for the prosperity of Sammamish.

Not happy with clear cut, mega housing. Happy with attention to road maintenance.

Not planning for quality of life, including more pedestrian facilities and pleasant walkable downtown, even when roads are redone, for example snake hill, no pedestrian facilities are added.

Not providing adequate infrastructure to accommodate all of the development

Not sufficiently informed

Not sure traffic is planned well

Not sure what 'track' the city is on

Not sure what the current plan is

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Not sure what track we're on

Not up to date on what is going on

Organized development

Our valuation of our homes/prop taxes being priced out of living here

Outrageously overdeveloped

Over developing every square inch of land gets 10 houses built

Over development

Over development and lack of conservation

Over development and traffic congestion

Over development without the appropriate infrastructure

Over development, horrific traffic, crowded schools, city infighting

Over development, traffic, crime increase, homeless people and begging increase

Over development, traffic, crowded schools

Over development; it is getting too crowded

Over-development, losing its charm, less safe

Overall development and quality of life and security have scaled reasonably well

Overbuild already with homes. Needs more diverse restaurants and areas for teens to socialize.

Overbuilding

Overbuilding and tree removal

Overbuilding characterless homes on tiny lots

Overcrowding everywhere

Overdeveloping housing without commerce

Overdevelopment and traffic

Overdevelopment too fast

Overdevelopment, bulldozing forests, disregard for nature and wildlife

Overdevelopment, trees cut down for developers

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People on the city council have been in land development and have taken advantage of the area.

Permit process for cutting my own trees is so stupid

Plan for traffic, police/fire, water/sewer

Planned development

Planning for an inclusive community

Planning for the future means eliminating carbon pollution and I'm not sure they city has a plan for that

Planning should drive development

Police support, road improvements

Poor planning and misplaced priorities.

Poor visibility of the philosophy of planning

Population density and traffic

Population expansion is too much for current infrastructure

Power outages

Preparation for population growth

Preserving the environment

Questions are being asked and decisions reevaluated

Rapid housing construction without infrastructure

Reality is that urban planning is necessary

Residential building is outpacing the educational capacity and roads on and off the Plateau

Road and School seems to keeping up with new influx of new residents

Road construction, bringing retail etc

Road improvements; more commercials

Roads and transportation need to improve

Roads- too many newer housing developments without appropriate infrastructure. Roads, electric services, lack of public transportation (light rail in 2046)

Safe community that prioritizes families.

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Safe, clean, amenities, schools

Safe, quiet, plants

Samammish is a great place to live

Samammish needs to grow and be accessible

Samammish should be developed as a suburban residential city where residents feel safe and comfortable. Samammish has a great location accessing nearby cities, Redmond to the North, Issaquah to the South and Bellevue to the West.

Samammish should be focusing efforts on road infrastructure before services and shopping

Save trees; minimize developer impacts

Schools are too crowded. We don't need more houses, we need more new schools.

Seems to be a lot of traffic and development

Seems to be managing growth and maintaining community character

Seems to have the right balance to grow but with infrastructure keeping pace.

Serious lack of roads/horrible traffic issues

Severe overbuilding and lack of infrastructure to support

Slowing development and tree removal for development

Slowing down housing permits; density

So far, development has been minimized

So many mistakes when unincorporated. It's hard to plan for future up here.

So many new houses are being built

So much building. I'm very worried about congestion of roads, overcrowding schools, etc.

Some choices have been accepted, but others not.

Sometimes its difficult to see what track we are on through the awful Facebook drama between council members. Its extremely stressful to read and unprofessional.

Starting to feel overbuilt

Still learning

Stop development. If I live in urban environment I'd move to Bellevue or now Redmond

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Stop growth, preserve parks & forests, great with roads and service workers

Stop overdeveloping the area

Sustainable growth

Taking too much control of private property, like trees and drainage issues

Taxes going up

The City is tied up in too many legal costs and legal decisions

The building needs to stop. It is getting to populated.

The city appears behind for increased traffic

The city council has not opened the barricades that it promised to open 20 years ago

The city council is preoccupied with the 'tree canopy' and moratoriums, rather than working on a comprehensive plan

The city has expanded so much. I rarely see the back of it. Trees are going down!

The city remains focused on responsible, sustainable growth

The city seems to think it can remain a small higher income bedroom community. That needs to change.

The community is growing and feels so friendly, safe, and inviting!

The current city council continues to block the town center which would allow for multiple home dwellings and allow our civil servants to live and work here.

The current mayor, Karen Moran, 'bragged' on her current campaign flier that she has voted for 7 six month building moratoriums in her term, that is 42 months of just say no! That is NOT governing!

The density of housing (too dense) has dismayed us

The goals seem to change often- I don't want to become the Issaquah Highlands twin

The infrastructure, roads primarily, are not keeping up with influx of residents

The lack of planning for proper growth

The new homes are packed in and the mass population of these new neighborhoods overwhelm a single school, over and over again. In two years, I saw my children's elementary school increase by more than 500 students.

The planning and problem solving process seems to churn without clear results. The City seems to lose sight of established goals

The push toward ecological issues over the local infrastructure, getting more like Seattle, especially the schools



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The rhetoric from the council is confusing

The roads have not kept up with the building

The schools do NOT support the amount of total students. Very crowded!

The threat of a town center without infrastructure/transit plan

The transit options are very limited, the rampant new housing construction and constant surge in traffic, absence of a downtown

There are too many bis, very dense developments going in already without enough roads/schools

There has been tremendous growth/little infrastructure

There is a lot of pressure to develop the city, and uncontrolled growth might destroy the character of our community. I observed over the years the number of cars driving in my community grow, and the behavior of the drivers get worse (higher speeds, disregard for the safety of residents and wild life). New residential areas are also reducing habitat for wind animals.

There is no movement on building the Town Center

There is too much construction of homes without the right infrastructure like roads. There is too much deforestation and negative impact to wildlife. The deer, bears, cougars, coyotes and the amazing wildlife of samammish is being destroyed very quickly. Overall quality of life is going down due to this.

They are approving too many high density neighborhoods

They are holding up future development which will further grow the infrastructure of our city.

They are proceeding thoughtfully

Things are pretty good as is. Traffic could improve though

Things move too slowly

This is a rural suburban community and the current pace and density of development is not keeping it that way.

To Much Growth, losing that small town feel.

Too anti-development- we need affordable housing and homes too

Too complex question for simple answer

Too congested, more traffic, people, housing, does not feel spacious

Too expensive, no affordable housing, not enough rentals, no affordable rent

Too focused on development

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Too many UGLY housing developments are making it feel cramped and overcrowded

Too many construction, lot of traffic, congested roads, less restaurant options

Too many cut trees

Too many high end single family houses; no/limited transit options

Too many homes going into very small space. We are not set up to allow for the added traffic.

Too many houses but not enough roads

Too many houses taking down too many trees

Too many houses, not enough arterial streets or retail to support

Too many housing developments. Cutting too many trees

Too many lights (need more roundabouts), low walkability to stores/restaurants

Too many moratoria (Town Center, Ace Hardware, housing) stall for businesses (and smaller homes for downsizing and affordability)

Too many new building houses

Too many new developments causing loss of wooded areas and traffic congestion

Too many new developments, protect our nature

Too many new home constructions being allowed without enough focus on infrastructure

Too many new houses being built and not enough roads to accommodate

Too many new housing developments; increasing traffic; schools are operating beyond capacity

Too many new multi-housing units and construction

Too many new subdivisions with homes super close together.

Too many people

Too many residences for the few arteries we have to get off the plateau and our schools cannot sustain the amount of students. It's ridiculous.

Too much building

Too much building of large homes and not keeping up with infrastructure, i.e., roads, etc.

Too much building, crowds, not enough businesses. Need to go into Bellevue to do anything.

Too much building, need better roads (wider)

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Too much building, which is taking away from original Sammamish character and charm

Too much building- cramming in homes; congesting traffic; run down

Too much building- keep green space. We don't have the infrastructure or water to support the infrastructure.

Too much building- not enough green corridors, too much traffic

Too much building; losing green space and views

Too much construction

Too much construction with no good infrastructure. High tax for homes. Better power infrastructure. Better restaurants in the city. Have to go to Issaquah for restaurants which is sad.

Too much construction, increased traffic, too many traffic lights

Too much density for current infrastructure

Too much density growth. NO SIDEWALKS!! Loss of nature and schools are overcrowded.

Too much density without enough transportation infrastructure (roads)

Too much development

Too much development and poor traffic planning

Too much development, and too many small park lots

Too much development, leading to too much traffic, school crowding, etc.. Also, I can't cut any trees down but developers can clear cut huge areas.

Too much development, losing suburban lifestyle

Too much development, not enough infrastructure

Too much development, not enough roads, not enough PD

Too much emphasis on urbanizing- keep Sammamish as a family suburb

Too much growth

Too much growth allowed without infrastructure to support so traffic

Too much growth allowed/poor infrastructure planning

Too much growth and too much traffic

Too much growth in the last 5 years= traffic and space shortage in schools

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Too much growth too soon. It does very much feel like developers planned the community with little foresight of future living.

Too much growth, no middle schools, traffic

Too much growth, too much density, too much traffic.

Too much growth- too fast and too expensive

Too much house development

Too much housing development

Too much housing development- losing our community feel, traffic

Too much housing growth without infrastructure in place

Too much housing in clustered locations

Too much information from various sources

Too much new construction

Too much overcrowding of housing developments, clear cutting of land for these developments

Too much overdevelopment with no consideration for infrastructure

Too much tree protection

Too much unrestricted growth

Town Center threatens environment and should be opposed until infrastructure supports it, as well as it's environmental impact is studied

Town Centre will allow for required home growth and allow other areas to remain less dense

Traffic and infrastructure. We cannot stand that we need to worry about power outage for every storm.

Traffic congestion. Too much building

Traffic is horrible, but parks are great

Traffic is insane and yet no public transit!

Traffic, crime, lack of infrastructure (restaurants, entertainment), over building

Traffic, over crowding

Traffic, too much development

Traffic, vegetation is coming down

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Transportation (road structure), lack of diverse businesses

Unchecked growth that exceeds capacity of infrastructure (particularly roads) and is destroying natural beauty of area

Unclear what the current vision is

Understand limits of city and population

Unplanned growth, traffic congestion, lack of diversity in representation

Unresolved traffic issues, no effort to build a real downtown with gathering places (i.e. coffee shops, bars)

Unsure about what development is in pipeline

Uptick in property crime

Very good at conserving green spaces, but worry about housing being developed so much so fast

Very overpopulated, not enough resources

Very right way to planning a future

Vision/direction not being communicated to residents

WA State policy: Growth Management Act is a flawed process

Want to see more business but concern for traffic

Watching traffic grow, glad for parks! Don't expect to live in bedroom community- want more 'community' feel. Too many wooded areas lost! Houses densely situated...I miss neighborhood feel with nature combo.

Water supply is the new gold; plant more trees

Way too much development has been allowed; way too many RUE's granted to builders

Way too much development, schools overcrowded

Way too much new construction, not enough infrastructure to support it. Traffic is awful. ELSP should not be a freight route, especially at night

Way too much over-development without proper infrastructure

We are growing too quickly. We need more planning to accomodate the unrestrained, exponential growth.

We are limiting development before infrastructure is in place

We are not sure if the city is planning for more and better infrastructure, roads, restaurants, shops, entertainment venues, etc.

We are overdeveloping and not keeping up in infrastructure

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We are part of the Urban Growth Boundary and the current Mayor and City Council are wasting tax payers dollars fighting high density development. In reality, they are xenophobic at best and likely racists trying to keep potentially lower income people out of the area by pricing them out.

We can have growth if done participately. Council does not work together like they did in the beginning

We don't have visibility of city actions

We have not been able to get permits to build

We haven't kept up on news/progress

We like that growth is managed

We like the expansion of the city center while still having the small town feel

We live along E Lake Sammamish Pkwy and are not affected by issues on the plateau

We need careful planning for growth

We need less houses and more community resources as we have no community gathering downtown feel here

We need more affordable housing

We need more high quality park!

We need more housing, but we also need better infrastructure

We need to continue to both build infrastructure and preserve wildlife/parks. A balance is needed and seems to be the direction we are going.

We need underground electric wires

We're turning into Redmond/Bellevue; stop cutting trees and build new buildings

What made Sammamish great is that there was (used to be) breathing space. Housing was generously spaced apart...it didn't have a dense city feel. With all the dense housing, traffic has gotten horrible.

What's the track? Traffic is horrible, development without infrastructure, property taxes hard on seniors.

With more and more people moving in, traffic would become a problem

Without a local paper, we know little about the city anymore

Would like to see more places for dinner/drinks

Would love a Town Center- a gathering place

Would prefer to slow growth

Wrong people on the city council with self serving motives



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You need to first expand the infrastructure before growing (addl real estate development) the city. It does not look like that is the process being followed.

Zoning needs to be changed to encourage more retail and restaurants. This will also reduce traffic on and off the plateau by reducing the need to go to Issaquah and Redmond for services.

bike/ped options, high density housing, mixed-use retail/living spaces

car break in are in the rise, in some cases with the robber going inside homes after getting a hold of garage remote controls. Quality of schools is decreasing as well.

city is with folks equitable income and quality with like minded families

city looks updated

congestion at peak hours

development is priority but not building infrastructure to support it

growth exceeds critical infrastructure, especially roads and school capacity

over development

over development, lack of infrastructure, stripping the environment, over population, contributing to global warming

overdevelopment

poor infrastructure and planning with rising populace

proactive planning and care

safety and quality of life

specifically what is happening with the development of Providence Heights for schools and the extra traffic

stores, restaurants, amenities

the current infrastructure cannot support the current population. There is lack of adequate planning for growth. Too much suburban sprawl

too many new constructions around

too many new developments, not enough roads

too much building w/o the needed roads and schools.

too much construction

too much development



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I disagree with the plan for Town Center

I feel the city is allowing development that our current infrastructure cannot handle, and are doing so at an alarming rate.

I pay A LOT of taxes but do not see any improvements. I still have to drive to Redmond or Issaquah to find any other thing than groceries. There is no more greens, all has been replaced by compact housing without any land, the traffic is horrible.

I think the city council has not been forward thinking and has only been interested in stopping change. They have not been proactive in finding solutions to the problems of sustainable living and transportation. Other cities of our size have many more support services for our seniors and children. Sammamish is not an island and the city council has not been proactive in working with other cities to find solutions.

I thought we would have a town center by now and community pool is too hard to access (even precovid)

I'm opposed to the location of the City Center

In an emergency, how can we get off the plateau if we continue destroying our beautiful community with massive growth and building a TC. We live on an 'island' with limited access off plateau.

Inconsistent growth policy and practices

Infighting, resistance to any development, failure to complete town center; complaining about traffic with zero solutions put forth

Infrastructure upgrades and retail access.

Instead of taking a 'no-growth ever' stance, we need to take a 'smart growth' stance that takes into account infrastructure and the health of our natural world around us.

It appears our growth is being managed well

It feels like the city isn't recognizing that growth is inevitable, so it isn't planning how to handle it.

It is too Democratic

It needs to grow and build tax revenues, stop the moratorium.

It seems to me that environmental responsibility and limiting growth in this city is a political bumper sticker, no one actually makes any meaningful changes to slow irresponsible development and the more I see the details of the political factions and council infighting the more I just feel that no one in charge is good enough at their jobs to have the luxury to sit around and play game of thrones with the politics in this city. Get serious about your responsibilities and stop playing petty games with public resources it's embarrassing to live here.

It's a beautiful community

It's lack of affordable housing and being an inclusive city

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It's very family friendly

Lack of control and accountability

Lack of infrastructure and lack of improvements to infrastructure

Lack of infrastructure eg sidewalks and buried utility lines

Limit overbuilding

Missing housing people need & want. Too traffic focussed

My perception is the city is focused on trees and not planned growth. For example, starting and stopping the Town Center project.

Need better infrastructure so we can get to Bellevue/405 within 10 mins. More schools. Too much constructions, cutting trees that we will not co-exist with animals. Bears are rampaging our neighbor hood now since they lost theirs.

Need more shops/items here instead of having to leave to get everything except groceries

Need to plan for wise growth

No growth control Not managing schools, traffic, etc

No new major housing construction

Not allowing all preserved area to be cut down.

Not consistent planning, are we going for full on suburbia or are we protecting our forests, lakes and streams?

Not enough services, places for kids to hang out, infrastructure, essential services, housing options

Not inclusive. Corruption in local officials.

Not planning for all citizens for all life span needs. No senior housing, no moderate income housing for people who work here.

Not planning for different types of housing for different stages of life.

Not planning housing for all ages of life (senior housing, downsizing), and no housing for service workers and lower paid city staff. dysfunctional relationship with Chamber of Commerce. Need for some more business so there is a tax base besides property tax.

Over building given the existing infrastructure.

Over development is taking away wild spaces

Overcrowded ugly cookie cutter hoa city

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Overdeveloped in some areas

Overdeveloped land and lack of alternative transportation options which also includes road infrastructures

Overdevelopment. (While I can see that part of the current city council is against it, i don't see it as a part of the long time strategy yet)

Poor public transport. High density of new developments.

Putting in plans for managing growth

Still too much traffic and growth. Otherwise I love it , the library and YMCA have been great additions over the years. Instead of more housing let's look at our park and common areas. We have no common walking area, I suppose the city hall area is kind of like it, but Redmond's new park surrounded by places to eat is a great place in the summer and you see people outside a lot

The City doesn't do enough to support our local businesses which drive residents to Issaquah, Redmond and Bellevue

The City has to address concurrency issue and GMA goals that are established for sustainable growth.

The Town Center growth project should be stopped; it is making city worse for all residents just so home builders and developers can get richer!

The city grows a lot recently

The city has been stuck on one sole topic:traffic, and has not addressed any of the many needs we have—diverse housing options, retail and dining, seniors, etc. Infrastructure is critical, yet despite promises, they have not made any meaningful investments in infrastructure. All they do is waste tax payer money on lawsuits that they continue to lose.

The city has overly focused on trying to freeze time on development and growth rather than embrace it.

The city isn't doing enough to support new housing.

The city should be planning to shape growth rather than trying to stop it

The proposed town center is a disaster. Going to add more congestion on the streets, and degrade quality of life.

The roads can't accommodate the increased housing

There are no skyscrapers or tall buildings, which is good.

There is no plan for climate change. There is very little focus on environmental leadership for reduce, reuse and recycle programs that start at the city hall level.

There is too much building of homes on land that should be kept natural

They are fighting those who want to provide housing for residence who age out of their single family homes.

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They continue to focus on things that I hear my fellow citizens are not worried about. The city seems to focus on what the council seems important, not what citizens are asking for.

They seem more interested in new people than the existing residents that own homes for more than 10 years

Too focused on anti-development; not enough focus on quality of life, mental health, other issues, Budget seems way out of whack -- to much \$ being spent on litigation, fights, consultants, and lawyers.

Too many homes, people. Loss of nature, original character.

Too many houses

Too many houses, too many people, losing the charm and nature that has made Sammamish special

Too many housing developments without the school infrastructure to support them thus making classroom sizes too big. The houses are all \$1M+And thus unaffordable by any family that is not 'tech'. I no longer feel like I fit in culturally.

Too many new houses but not enough infrastructure (roads, schools, power supply etc)

Too many unaffordable big cookie cutter homes

Too much growth without keeping in mind the infrarstrure and roads

Too much 'growth' is sacrificing the small town feel. The high density housing has wiped out so many of the trees and open areas and it's ruining our town.

Too much building of homes without proper infastructure like roads and schools

Too much connection to bad King County policies

Too much construction

Too much construction with no improvements to infrastructure. Just keep building building building

Too much density!!! Lack of infrastructure before growth

Too much developer influence in our city council and allowed at city council meetings. Just stop letting them participate if they can't prove a sammamish address. I am really sick of this and it is such an easy fix, the lack of interest in keeping developers out of our decisions is sad.

Too much development and poor infrastructure

Too much development happening and the new houses have basically no yard. We thought we bought a house with small yard 5 years ago, it's even smaller now! Plus the traffic and schools have become crowded. Not the way I want sammamish!

Too much development that is hurting our natural environs and wildlife and causing danger for evacuations, etc.

Too much development too fast without the infrastructure keeping up.



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Too much development without infrastructure, need things to do

Too much development, not enough space in schools

Too much development/wrong development

Too much development; feels like a totally different place.

Too much growth

Too much growth and clearcutting

Too much growth without the roads to support the population.

Too much new development

Too much traffic. Infrastructure not in place. Not enough restaurants and businesses

Traffic is horrible. It has lost its charm.

Traffic/Building out of control

Urban town center area and focus on parks, walking trails

Way too many houses going up. It's taking away from the beauty of the small town.

We are now trying to manage development growth in a sustainable way

We have too much traffic and have not managed growth well. We have virtually no affordable housing. We need to dramatically reduce our carbon footprint. We need to proactively support retirees.

We need more common sense when it comes to spending. We need to develop but responsibly.

We need more diverse housing to make Sammamish more affordable.

We need more shops and cafes, something to help our community with taxes

We need to address transportation, traffic, growth, emergency management

We need to plan for more high density housing to make Sammamish more affordable

We only have one chance to preserve what is here. High density, losing the views of nature around us will forever take away the character of the area and

When we moved to Sammamish we love the quiet and green neighborhoods. Now I see more traffic and long commute to get into freeway .

anti-growth and the high legal fees wasted on fighting urban growth requirements instead of focusing on planned growth

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appropriate growth such as with Town Center is better than anti-growth and the high and legal fees wasted on fighting the urban growth requirements

<https://samammishindependent.com/2021/10/to-move-our-city-forward-we-need-a-paradigm-shift-in-thinking-on-our-city-council/amp/>

losing nature and charm of suburban life due to development

no planning for growth and slow (or non-existent) response to growth

over-developement

overdevelopment for infrastructure in city and larger area South and North around Lake Sammamish

poor development codes and overly dense and ugly housing

the 'bedroom community' concept doesn't work

traffic issues, issue with crime, no inside family activity/place at affordable price

way too many houses/congested

## **Q6: Other (please specify): Using the checkboxes below, check the attributes that best contribute to your quality of life in Sammamish (Please check all that apply)**

Access to Lake Sammamish

Access to outdoor recreation/cascade mtns.

Access to public transit on west city of city

Access to religious services

Access to the lakes! (Duh)

Adequate infrastructure compared to growth (particularly roads)

Almost everything we need or want to do is in Redmond or Issaquah and beyond

Alternate transportation options, pedestrian gathering areas, town center medium density

Better control of drug and homeless

Better roads on/off plateau

Bike trails

Broken lanes on key roads

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City manager run

Close to I-90

Close to mountain adventures- skiing, hiking, biking, etc.; public transportation; trails between neighborhoods; maintaining tree canopy

Community Center/pool (not private gym)

Commute

Connect sewer to King County line; growth in accordance with city plan; traffic solutions

Continue community activities (concerts at Pine Lake or Wed. Market/Beaver Lake etc.)

Curb growth; coordinate construction projects; no homeless in the retail, intersections, and highway passes

Diversity of restaurants

Ease of getting to I90 or 520.

Economic diversity

Environment, affordable rent and housing, traffic

Evans Creek Watershed; bury powerlines

Fewer socialists/communists

Governance

Growth, traffic

Housing prices

Improve restaurants; green space; people diversity

Infrastructure

Lake Sammamish

Lake protection, wetlands protection

Less churches; split from LWSD and form own district

Less housing development, dog parks, restaurant options

Library, community garden, Farmers Market, Holiday events

Limit growth; climate change; encourage bus transport

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Local transportation from/to axial neighborhoods (not near 228th)

Managed development

Minimize growth

More convenient, not enough retail

More non chain restaurants

Municipal broadband; public transit

No CRT in schools, less development roads and congestion, less city regulations on businesses

Noise control

Parks

Parks, but not recreation

Permits for remodel; more accessibility to city workers; managing traffic better

Personal pride in home ownership

Planned and conserved green spaces

Planned growth; road/sidewalk development

Power outage

Proximity of hiking

Proximity to mtns and h2o lake

Proximity to retail

Public transit

Public transit options

Public transportation

Quality of churches

Quality of life is worse!

Reduce taxes, traffic

Reduction in construction

Road improvement

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Roads

Roads, limit new houses, hardware store

Roads, stores, accessibility

Roads, taxes, off-shore housing purchases/speculation

Roads/traffic; maintain trails for running/walking

Roads/transportation/traffic; bury power lines; fiber internet; more public transport

Roads; less houses

Safe

Senior needs

Sense of community!

Sidewalk for walking or biking

Slow development

Slow development; get infrastructure up to par; stop granting RUE's to builders

Stop building, less traffic, no more schools

Stop growth/density; sidewalks connect neighborhoods; maintain and add greenspace

Stop new construction. The infrastructure can't keep up with it, e.g. 228th

The public transportation in sammamish is very bad.

Traffic

Traffic relief; sidewalks; parks

Traffic, power grid upgrade

Traffic; control development; maintain parks and trails

Traffic; emergency planning; roadside care/gutters/reservoir/drainage

Transportation

Types of stores (auto supply, hardware, and just more variety)

Walking area

Walking trails like Klahanie Park

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Widen 228th; lower house taxes; create alternate routes to get off plateau

Wildlife

YMCA

natural environment

no town centers, no homeless shelters

on #3 not given a space to answer about being on right track to planning future like on printed form.

Developing Town Center with senior and more balanced housing

Distance away from areas like medical/dental/shopping. Issaquah/Redmond are close enough.

Neighbors and civic engagement

No homeless people/low crime

Opportunities for citizens to engage in and learn about how the city functions and mental health support for our children,

Primary attraction is the ability to enjoy nature, forests, wildlife and the lakes

Proximity to trails in Soaring Eagle and Duthie

Public transit

Stop the building

Transit access

Tree canopy and parks.

can walk to park and ride

it's not bad?

need better public transport in connecting roads like SE 8th St / 244th AVE NE

the forests have been replaced with large homes, unmanaged stormwater and flooding, and people who don't know how to traverse roundabouts

traffic in city and around either end of Lake Samm due to overdevelopment

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## Q8: In a few words, what is Sammamish's greatest asset?

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'City in the Trees,' emphasis on and support for volunteerism

A vibrant community to participate in city life

Access to green spaces (parks and nature)

Area beauty, good policing, and activities

Average earnings of residents

Balance of nature

Beautiful Nature and nice neighborhoods

Beautiful and safe place to live

Beautiful area, low crime, safe neighborhoods

Beautiful land, parks

Beautiful nature

Beautiful nature and safety.

Beautiful neighborhoods and natural landscape

Beautiful safe neighborhoods, great schools and close to natural green spaces.

Beautiful sceneries, nature, safe, clean, great schools

Beautiful trees

Beautiful views

Beautiful, safe community

Beauty

Beauty and safety

Beauty of nature

Beauty of nature; safety of the area

Beauty of open spaces

Beauty of the green spaces, safe environment, beautiful homes

Beauty of trees

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Beauty, close to mountains and city, quality of life

Beauty- while it lasts

Beauty/outdoor recreation

Being in calming natural beauty while raising a family in a quality and safe location.

Being so near more established cities such as Issaquah and Redmond

Between 520 and I90.

Big town, somewhat small town feel

Caliber of residents

Calidad de vida, belleza natural, cultura de los vecinos

Caring for its citizens

Centrally located

Character: safe and friendly

Charm

Clean and safe area

Clean, safe and green (getting less green by the day) neighborhood, which aren't congested (but are getting congested)

Clean, safe inviting parks and public spaces

Clean, safe, natural beauty

Communication with citizens

Community

Community!

Community; natural beauty

Conducive to raising a family here. Love the small town attractions (i.e. 4th of July and Farmers Market, etc.) Lots of lake options nearby.

Cultural diversity

Cultural diversity and educated workforce

Development of a true Downtown Center

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Diverse community members

Diverse community surrounded by natural environment

Diversity

Early planning of retail areas

Ease of getting around to everything needed, in a safe, friendly environment

Ease of getting to all required services

Easy commute to Seattle; natural beauty

Environment

Escaping from city life, higher quality lifestyle

Everything except power outages

Excellent school systems

Family forward

Family friendly and open spaces

Family friendly atmosphere, safe, organized

Family friendly suburban lifestyle among beautiful natural surroundings.

Family friendly- good schools and safe neighborhoods

Family oriented feeling of community with good schools and outdoor spaces for recreation

Family-friendly community and green space

Far away from Seattle

Feel safe, nice neighbors

Feels very safe and you can tell the people that live here take pride in the area. We have little crime and homeless and that is very important to me.

Forest, trees, and lakes but close to metro area

Friendliness of its people

Friendly

G-rated! Minimal crime, no homeless (yet). When light rail comes, I fear crime and homeless.

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General quality of life

Geographic beauty, low crime rate, great schools

Good neighborhood.

Good quality of life - safety, beauty, nature, public services

Good school and safe neighborhood

Good school and safety

Good school with suburban life ---- don't destroy it with over development!

Good schools

Good schools and lots of green open spaces

Great community

Great community feel, wide open spaces, neighbors that care about keeping it that way

Great neighborhood from diverse cultures; friendly people

Great neighborhoods and close to other cities

Great quality of schools

Great school options, very friendly and safe neighborhoods, well-protected natural environment

Great schools and safe

Great schools and safety

Great schools, diversity, natural beauty

Great schools, walkable/bikeable neighborhoods.

Great schools/safety

Great to raise a family

Greatest asset is now GONE!

Greatest asset is our wealth

Green areas and parks

Green cover

Green space; nature; schools

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Green spaces

Greenery

Greenery and proximity to daily shopping needs

Greenery, Open space, school, community

Having access to everything within a close proximity

Highly educated and diverse population

Highly educated and wealthy citizens

Highly educated population and great neighborhood

Highly educated professional living in the city

Highly educated, high income, safety

I believe cultural diversity improves quality of schools which attracts more people

Improvement on roads and infrastructure to handle traffic growth.

Incredible safety, good schools

It doesn't feel like Seattle at all. That is its greatest asset.

It has felt like a small town

It is a beautiful and safe city

It used to be that small town feel but not anymore. Too much building is destroying it. Ding is dests

It was lack of crime. Now?

It was safe, suburban yet urban

It was safety and greenspace. We all chose to leave Seattle for a reason!! Don't recreate it.

It was spacious and nice. Today Sammamish is congestion and poorly planned.

It was the fields and forests that supported fish, wildlife, clean air and water. But the city has destroyed that.

It was the natural resources and few deer left. Nothing anymore.

It's a beautiful and safe place for my family to live

It's a beautiful place to live

It's a safe community

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It's a small community

It's beautiful parks and diverse population

It's beauty and neighborhoods

It's beauty and proximity to neighboring cities, and Seattle

It's centralized location between the mountains and the city, as well as all the nature parks, lakes, and paths readily available

It's location and natural beauty.

It's location and resources

It's location to neighboring cities, employment and access to rural parts of county.

It's natural beauty and green spaces

It's natural beauty and rural lifestyle - do not over develop with apartments and high density condos

It's natural beauty, safe neighborhoods

It's natural environment

It's natural environment and beauty

It's nature, neighborhoods and schools

It's nice and quite

It's not Renton

It's not too big, and it's pretty

It's people

It's people and community

It's people and schools. This is a friendly and beautiful area, I love it here and want to raise my children here. I have no plans to move.

It's perfect to raise a family

It's proximity to Bellevue

It's quiet atmosphere, close to nature

It's quiet, green, uncrowded



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It's remaining wildlife corridors and proximity to other larger cities where goods & services (incl. Swedish Hospital) can be obtained without paving over our own city & polluting our night sky with light.

It's small town feel and community spirit.

Its Natural beauty is its greatest asset

Its beautiful trees and mountains

Its beauty

Its central location and views

Its location, near lots of cities- Seattle, beautiful topography, beautiful views, clean air and water

Its low profile buildings and look

Its natural beauty

Its natural beauty: trees, lakes, and forests

Its people

Its schools and its safety

Its situation as a good place to live that is near the mountains and Seattle.

Lack of over development

Lack of violent crime/feeling of safety

Lake Sammamish

Lake Sammamish Trail

Large Tax base.

Less crowded and close to employment

Livability

Local police enforce laws so it is a safe place to live

Location

Location & natural beauty

Location and natural beauty

Location and people

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Location and wealth of the area to afford good schools and safe environment

Location to natural resources/recreation

Location to the outdoors; quick access

Location, access to both I-90 and 520

Location, location, location

Location, natural beauty, people

Location, parks and rec, quality of life, natural surroundings

Location, schools and lakes

Location, schools, safe

Lots of trees and natural beauty, great drinking water and safe place to live.

Low crime rate

MODERATE SIZE = SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Microsoft, Amazon, Costco

Mix of nature, education, and quality of life

Money

More educated population

NOT having abundant retail, restaurants, bars, lifestyle services

Natural Beauty and Diversity

Natural Beauty and Safety

Natural areas

Natural areas and great schools

Natural beauty

Natural beauty (what's left of it)

Natural beauty and access to parks

Natural beauty and environment

Natural beauty and green space

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Natural beauty and its parks and trails

Natural beauty and parks

Natural beauty and people

Natural beauty and proximity to outdoor recreation

Natural beauty and public safety

Natural beauty and public safety without homeless shelters

Natural beauty and quality schools

Natural beauty and residents that want to protect the trees and lake

Natural beauty and safety in public

Natural beauty and schools

Natural beauty due to the tree canopy

Natural beauty of area and quality of neighborhoods

Natural beauty of parks; safety

Natural beauty of the area

Natural beauty of the area and high level of public safety

Natural beauty of the area, not too much urban sprawl yet

Natural beauty of the area; serenity

Natural beauty on Plateau with parks, pines, and mountain views

Natural beauty that needs to be preserved

Natural beauty!

Natural beauty, amazing schools, and public safety!

Natural beauty, community involvement, interest in retaining Sammamish character

Natural beauty, less crowding, less construction

Natural beauty, not too far from cities

Natural beauty, parks

Natural beauty, safe neighborhoods

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Natural beauty, safety

Natural beauty, suburban lifestyle

Natural beauty, walking trails, suburban, safe, quiet

Natural beauty/community events

Natural beauty/parks

Natural beauty/setting

Natural beauty; green spaces

Natural beauty; high education residents

Natural beauty; proximity to nature as well as Seattle, Bellevue metro areas

Natural environment

Natural environment, neighborhoods safety

Natural environment, trees

Natural location and greenery

Natural open spaces (Soaring Eagle Park) as well as city parks

Natural parks and walkable trails and neighborhoods

Natural resources and public safety

Natural setting

Natural setting, community are good

Natural setting, good schools, some good business and decent public administration

Natural surrounding

Nature

Nature Parks with hiking trails

Nature and good-hearted residents

Nature and rather wide space for everyone and animal to live together

Nature and safety

Nature and schools

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Nature and wildlife. Please do not destroy it.

Nature setting, parks

Nature, cultural diversity

Nature, low population density

Nature, parks and wildlife

Nature, quality of life, good people

Nature, safety

Nature, schooling quality, community composition

Nature- parks, trails, access to lakes and mountains

Nature/diversity

Nature/trees

Nature/trees/people

Nearness of quality parks- Soaring Eagle, Beaker Lake Preserve, Evans Creek Preserve

Neighborhood (small town) feel (for now)

Neighborhood character and public safety

Neighborhoods and location to employment centers

New community; diverse population

Nice place

No homeless and not the multiple lawlessness of Seattle. Public safety for everyone (kid safe). Recent violence and property destruction in Seattle in NOT tolerable!

No mall city...we can go to Redmond and/or Issaquah for Malls and cinemas

Not a 'drive thru' community; not used as a commuting alternate

Not being Seattle

Not very congested; beautiful, peaceful town

Nothing stands out

Open space and family community

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Open space and parks

Open space, parks, schools

Open spaces

Open spaces and natural beauty

Open spaces, proximity to mountains and City of Seattle

Originally, it was its quietness, not overbuilt with monster homes, natural beauty with trees and farms, and larger properties.

Our natural beauty and parks

Our proximal access to what we need/want. Sammamish still offers small town, neighborly feel, while being close enough to major metro for big city experiences.

Overall level of public safety

Overall safety

Overall safety and schools

Parks

Parks and beauty

Parks and connection to green spaces

Parks and natural beauty/trees

Parks, natural setting

Parks, safe neighborhoods, family friendly

Parks, school but we are lacking on restaurants and retails

Parks, trees

Peaceful

Peaceful neighborhoods

Peaceful, nature, family-friendly, good schools

People want to be local. Not enough to keep them in the area.

People who live here, nature

People, close to medical, close to I-90, etc.



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People, great well-funded schools, public safety, natural beauty, good city service (etc. clean, well maintained roads/streets, parks and other public facilities)

People. Money

Plenty of trees/nature. Does NOT feel like a city

Pockets of natural areas and lack of billboards

Police

Potential for growth while retaining a community feel

Property value

Proximity to Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah- we moved here for access to I90 - SR 520/405

Proximity to I-90, safety, diversity, beauty

Proximity to Seattle

Proximity to Seattle/Redmond and their associated employers

Proximity to city and country; safe place

Proximity to excellent schools and family recreation

Proximity to nature

Proximity to nature while having access to services and employment, great place to raise a family

Proximity to nature, layered with the vibe of the community

Proximity to trails and outdoor activities.

Proximity. Sammamish is going to be unrecognizable in 20 years. That change needs to be embraced and the city needs to be allowed to grow up

Public safety

Public safety and good public schools

Public safety school and neighborhood

Public safety, beautiful parks, natural areas

Public safety, proximity to retail shopping

Public safety- we love our police!

Quaintness. Before all the trees were chopped down and land overdeveloped

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Quality neighborhoods

Quality neighbors resulting in safety

Quality of great natural environments, people and neighborhood.

Quality of life

Quality of local neighborhoods and schools

Quality of neighborhoods

Quality of neighborhoods.

Quality of neighborhoods; natural beauty of the area

Quality of schools & Public Safety

Quality of schools, proximity to jobs

Quality of single family homes

Quiet

Quiet and peaceful

Quiet and safe

Quiet community

Quiet neighborhoods

Quiet suburban life in a beautiful/scenic area

Quiet upkeep neighborhoods, nature trails and beauty

Quiet, safe area.

Quiet, safe, natural areas

Relatively new infrastructure, roads, water, schools, stores, etc.

Relatively safe, beautiful neighborhoods

Residential wealth

Rural/suburban lifestyle

Safe

Safe and beautiful town, close to everything!

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Safe and family friendly community with a lot of open space.

Safe city

Safe community

Safe neighborhood where you can walk, even after dark

Safe neighborhoods

Safe neighbourhood, proximity to necessity

Safe place to live

Safe place to raise a family

Safe quality of life

Safe to raise family

Safe, beautiful, nice homes, rural

Safe, family friendly city with lean government

Safe, very outdoorsy, between cities on the west and nature on the east

Safe/school districts

Safety

Safety & clean environment.

Safety and clean

Safety and natural beauty

Safety and sense of community

Safety and small town feel

Safety in the community

Safety neighborhood

Safety of the neighborhood

Safety with Fantastic police force

Safety, access to major cities

Safety, beautiful nature

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Safety, clean

Safety, natural beauty, local community

Safety, natural beauty, parks

Safety, nature

Safety, parks, schools

Safety, schools

Safety, schools, and outdoor activities

Safety, schools, very green

Safety and great school

Sahalee Golf Course

Samammish has no assets, just asses

Samammish's greatest asset is great schools, public safety, natural beauty. Road infrastructure has been a weakness but it has gone from bad to severely bad due to increasing density without concomitant increase in the road capacity.

School District - Skyline

School and safety of community members

School, neighborhoods, parks

School, park, nature beauty

School, parks, safety

Schools

Schools and families who invest in their children's future.

Schools and houses and lakes

Schools and parks/lakes/trails

Schools and public safety

Schools and safety

Schools and suburban lifestyle

Schools for children with the natural beauty surrounding

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Schools, nature

Schools, neighborhoods, parks

Schools, parks, safety

Schools, safety, surrounding beauty

Security

Semi rural atmosphere near Seattle

Small city

Small town feel

Small town feel and natural beauty

Small town feel and safety

Smiling happy people

Space

Suburban environment

Suburban lifestyle

Suburban lifestyle with city amenities

Suburban lifestyle, large lots, few multi family units

Suburban lifestyle, rural and open natural spaces

Suburban/rural

Tax base

That is should have the funds/money to be able to realize a more cultural city. re

The Eastlake Sammamish Trail and the Landing

The Lake / Nature

The beauty - let's preserve it

The beauty and suburb lifestyle

The beauty of the area.

The city is safe and walkable

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The city's trees, parks, and wildlife!

The community and schools

The community that supports it

The environment

The eventual completed Lake Sammamish Trail (King Co.)

The family friendly, safe and diverse community

The forest and the water

The income of the residents

The lake, and proximity to recreation

The lake, the trees, and the schools

The lake, the trees, the outdoor activities

The lakes

The lakes (Pine Lake, Beaver Lake and Lake Sammamish)

The lakes (Sammamish, Beaver, Pine, etc.)

The lakes/large lots/green

The location and overall safety of the city

The natural areas and trees

The natural beauty

The natural beauty of its park, forests, and trails

The natural beauty of the area

The natural beauty of the area is one of the city's best assets.

The natural beauty, low crime, very livable, and friendly people

The nature

The nature we have left

The neighborhoods

The people and the fact that it has trees

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The people that live here and how safe the community is.

The people who prioritize community values here

The people, schools, parks, safety

The people.

The physical beauty of the neighborhoods

The quality of its school attracts strong family orientation and people living here feel safe

The quiet beauty of my neighborhood

The quiet community

The residents - people who live here.

The residents are, generally, well employed and earn good money. This keeps crime low, neighborhood clean, and school performing well.

The school and walking community that surround them

The schools.

The small-town feel but big-city amenities

The snobby people

The suburban feel of the city, the fact that we are away from the big cities!

The trees! Natural surroundings and wildlife

The trees, green spaces and views of the mountains. This may go into the slush pile, but as a long-term resident, I've experienced these things as proven assets that should be preserved. In becoming too crowded and too polluted, quality of life suffers and, in turn, the economy will suffer and the value of the area will decline. It's already happened in areas of the south sound and, like the climate crisis, we are in a pivotal time of protecting it.

There is still open space

This is a relatively safe area

Trees

Trees and beautiful suburban area

Trees and greenbelt

Trees in older neighborhoods

Trees!



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Trees, lakes, and green space

Trees, natural beauty (not planting strips)

Trees, open spaces

Trees, parks, and nature

Trees, parks, nature

Trees/nature

Untouched wildlife

Upscale yet diverse in culture and demographics

Used to be space and safety

Wealthy residents

Well run city

Well-planned community.

Wooded areas, wildlife, and lovely setting

a great place to raise family, enjoy the natural beauty

address over development

comfortable, safe suburban environment with easy access to big cities

environment and position

great nature coverage

great schools and involved community

great schools, safe neighborhood, quality of life

high quality school

high tax base allows better infrastructure but feel much is poorly managed

i actually think the ones i did not click need the intention

it's natural beauty that we need to take care of; stop allowing all of the development

it's... sadly, diminishing... beauty

its natural beauty

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its natural beauty. Trees. outdoor life.

its natural habitats

its neighborhoods and diversity

its proximity to high-wage companies

keeping nature and the environment in tact

kind and friendly people

location

location and natural setting

location, diversity, safety

low population density

natural beauty

natural beauty and use to be uncrowded

natural environment

natural environment and quality of neighborhoods

natural environment, proximity to outdoor recreation

nature

nature beauty, safety

nice neighborhood, safety, good schools

nothing anymore

open spaces

proximity to major employers in Redmond

proximity to neighboring cities while maintaining natural beauty

proximity to trails, lake, etc.

public safety

quality of local neighborhoods and natural beauty of the area

quality of school and neighborhood

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safety of neighborhood

safety, good neighbors, schools

safety, schools and nature

safety, schools, natural beauty, lakes,

schools

schools, people, parks, close to other cities and Microsoft

schools, safe feel, natural beauty

small town feel

suburban feel.

suburban nature, out doors, diversity, low crime

suburban, neighborhood feel

there were two primary reasons we moved here. The quality of the schools and the trees. Within a year of moving here, the latter had diminished noticeably and it continues. I realize that we are in the urban core, but we should concentrate growth in fewer areas and preserve the forests. There is too much suburban sprawl in Sammamish.

trees

very safe

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A lot of parks

A safe and beautiful place for families to live.

A smallish suburban city close to the Cascades, with a small town feel.

Access to nature

Access to nature and good schools

Access to outdoors

Beautiful n accessible

Beautiful nature and public safety

Beautiful parks, trails and lakes. Good schools. Spirit of volunteers in the community.

Beauty

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Beauty and nature

Beauty location community feeling

Beauty of area

Bedroom community feeling (now lost with construction), natural beauty

Calm laid back suburban life style

Clean & green environmental setting

Clean air

Cleanliness safety, school quality

Close proximity to more established cities & services, but small town feel and space away from super dense populations

Close to nature & still has access to basic shopping amenities

Community

Contract City. Minimal Government.

Current Comp Plan with Town Center buildup proceeding along.

Diverse people and natural beauty

Diversity

Diversity and the quality of schools

Diversity of population and terrific schools

Escuelas de buen nivel, áreas verdes y seguridad

Family friendly

Family friendly, diversity, beauty

Far away from urban centers like Seattle

Great schools, natural parks and lakes

Green enclave near major amenities and safe

Green space

Green with open space. Homes on large lots. (Sadly these are dwindling)

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Highly educated population that needs to engage more

Home values

Housing and schos

I think our parks are one of our best assets. The city has done a great job creating and maintaining our parks. I'm also very grateful to Mary Pigott for her foresight and King County for keeping Soaring Eagle in great shape.

It has beauty and Community but we were ready for warm and beach and now enjoy that as well.

It is a very spread out city with that said I can drive to shops, recreational activities, library stores etc.

It is safe and beautiful.

It's a beautiful city and easy to get around and very green.

It's beautiful and safe

It's beauty

It's beauty and safety

It's beauty. The beauty it had before 5 acre lots turned into 20 houses crammed in looking totally ridiculous.

It's diversity

It's home

It's nature

It's position in King County

It's trees.

Its community spirit and small city feel.

Its natural beauty

Its natural beauty, preserved forests, abundance of wildlife, the lakes, streams and wetlands, and the view properties

Lake

Lakes and parks

Location

Location - perfect distance away from metro Seattle area while still preserving suburban lifestyle

Location and people

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Location is in Pacific NW with good weather, clean air

Location, nature, high standard of living, good school, safety.

Location, neighborhoods

Low crime and natural beauty which is being threatened by the overbuilding

Low crime rate

Low high density of housing

Natural Beauty

Natural Beauty, Lakes, Parks and Hiking trails.

Natural Beauty, diversity and quality of schools

Natural beauty

Natural beauty (e.g. tree canopy, parks, well hidden transmission towers)

Natural beauty and excellent schools.

Natural beauty and safety

Natural beauty and trees!

Natural beauty and views.

Natural beauty in an urban area

Natural beauty which is being destroyed now with too many new houses

Natural beauty, don't let them cut all the trees down to build!

Natural beauty, good schools.

Natural beauty, proximity to Seattle

Natural beauty, sense of community

Natural beauty. Access to recreation. Quiet and safe communities

Natural trails

Natural, Forested Character - beauty

Nature

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Nature (we loved gorgeous trees and farms and lakes on our first visit to Sammamish, and we love them today where they still exist). Reasonable city council

Nature and access to parks

Nature and good school

Nature and proximity to business

Nature and rural feeling

Nature, parks, school

Nature, wildlife

Nice people, good education opportunities for kids, beautiful nature

Old growth forests so close to city life

Open natural space and parks

Our people we meet through our community (neighbors, shared activities) and our outdoor spaces (trees, parks))

Our remaining trees, and the acknowledgement of many people that actually live here that we want to keep these trees and knock cut them down under the guise of affordable housing or whatever they make up to justify destroying our nature despite being way ahead of our growth targets.

Outdoor Spaces (Soaring Eagle Park, Duthie Hill, Grand Ridge Park)

Parks

Parks and Recreation

Parks and lakes

Parks and natural areas and wildlife

Parks and recreation

Parks and trails

Parks, but need to be more connected.

Parks/Natural Beauty

Peaceful

People and amenities

People are very friendly. Lovely parks, lakes, trails



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People with money

Physical beauty, great schools

Public safety and neighborhods

Public transportation

Quality of life, controlled growth

Quality of neighborhood

Quality of schools, beauty and safety

Residential bedroom community great for raising families

Rural, quiet, and neighborhood feel

Sadly, it's greatest asset is it's overall wealth. Too bad the current city council is squandering it on poor decisions.

Safe community

Safe neighborhood

Safe neighborhoods

Safe, clean neighborhoods with good public services, like water, fire and police protection

Safety

Safety & Great Schools

Samammish has two great assets. The first is the natural beauty and wild lands. The second, though largely untapped, is our senior population with its wealth of experience and wisdom.

Samammish is a hidden gem, that we should strive to protect the beauty of while continuing to expand housing options

Samammish is proud of its exclusivity, but, but everybody's kids are moving to Everett and Renton for affordable apartments. We should be much more inclusive than we are.

Schools

Schools and public safety

Semi-rural atmosphere with diverse, highly educated people with excellent schools.

Sense of community with neighbors

Sense of community, good schools fresh air

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Small community nestled within nature with access to nearby city and employment centers

Small community with pristine parks and lake

Small town feeling, which is slowly disappearing

Smart, diverse, friendly people

Some of its neighborhood and community feel

The Lake and the Parkway. Look at what is happening to west lake Samm, because residents in Bellevue don't view the waterfront owners on that side with so much disdain that they fail to recognize their own public interests. As a result there is a massive parkway improvement project for multi mode transportation that will be an asset for everyone to enjoy for decades. Meanwhile Sammamish is trying to figure out how to convert ELSP into a 4 lane freeway it's so backward it's pathetic.

The answer should always be people.

The beauty and nature

The beauty and proximity to Seattle

The calmness and mother nature.

The diverse group

The diversity of its residents.

The environment. Bedroom community.

The lake

The natural beauty of the area

The natural beauty of the area.

The natural environment.

The parks and the Stewardship that Parks and Rec promote and allow citizens to participate

The parks, wildlife, trees, and friendly

The people

The preserved nature

The quality of life.

The scenery. Lakes, trees, parks.

The schools.

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The small suburban feeling!

The trees, the natural beauty, the trails, the parks, and the single family neighborhoods. Not the new development areas which have houses too close together

The wilderness that still provides wildlife Habitat

Tree canopy

Trees

Trees and amazing nature, parks, access to trails.

Trees. But I'm not in favor of some of the plans in the UFMP. The plan is too aggressive.

Uncrowded neighborhood feel

Was the natural beauty

Wealthy, white-collar community values

Wilderness

family friendly safe neighborhoods

green spaces

high quality schools

it's schools

its natural beauty and parks

lots of trees and bigger yards in older neighborhoods

natural setting

natural spaces and safe community

our open areas

parks and bodies of water ( It was not clear how to answer the priority question)

parks and less packed neighborhoods

potential to preserve the uniqueness

proximity to the mountains

recreation opportunities

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roads in good shape; green spaces preserved

safety

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## Q9: What do you call your neighborhood?

20th Street

218th in Pine Lake

A bedroom community

Across the street from Issaquah

Aldarra

Aldarra Estates

Alexanders on the Lake

Ashford chase

Ashton

Ashton Woods

Aspen wood

Audubon

Audubon Bridge

Audubon Park

Audubon Ridge

Autumn Glen

Autumn Wind

BEHA-I

Beaver Lake

Beaver Lake Estates

Beaver Lake area

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Boulder Creek

Brixton

Broadmoore Estates

Broadview Estates

Brookshire

Brookshire Estates

Buchard

Caliterra

Cambridge

Camden Park

Canterbury Park

Carlton Heights

Castle Pines

Chambor

Chambord

Chestnut Estate

Chestnut Estates

Cimarron

Cimmarron

Closest is probably Thompson Hill

Columbia at Sammamish Highlands

Country Wood? A mile west of Pine Lake

Crossings

Crossings at Pine Lake

Deer Park

Deerfield

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Deerpark....thats the name of the neighborhood

Demery Hill

Don't really live in a neighborhood

Eagle Ridge

East Lake

Eden Glen

Edgemoor

Evoke at Pine Lake

Fieldrush

Friendly diversity

Glencoe

Glenhome

Glenwood

Good Samaritan

Greenbriar Estates

Hampton Woods

Heatherwood

Heatherwood/Klahanie

Heritage Heights

Heritage Heights - Inglewood Hill

Heritage Hills

Herritage hills

Hidden Ridge

Hiddenridge

High Country

Highcountry

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Highcroft

Highland Creek

Highland Creek Estates

Highland Parc

Highland Park

Hunter's Ridge

Hunter's ridge

Hunters Ridge

Ichijo townhomes

Ilahee

Inglewood

Inglewood Beach Club

Inglewood Beach Club I think

Inglewood Glen

Inglewood Hill

Inglewood Landing

Inglewood landing

Kempton Downs

Keswick

Klahanie

Klahanie (Ashley Park)

Klahanie (Skye Landing)

Klahanie (aka the south Sammamish ghetto)

Klahanie - Summit

Klahanie - The Arbor

Klahanie, the best of them all



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Klahanie-Lancaster Park

Klahanie/Brookshire

Klahanie/Commons area

Lake Pointe

Lake Sammamish

Lake Vista

Lake Vista Community

Lakeside

Latour

Laurel Hill

Laurel Hills

Laurels

Lawson Park

Lincolnshire Woods

Livingston

Loree Estates

Margaret Mead neighborhood

Meadow Creek

Meadow creek

Meadowleaf

Mint Grove

Monahan

Monarch Ridge

Monarch ridge

Monohan

Monohon

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Montage

Montaine

Montaine at Aldarra

Montaine by Aldarra

Montere

Montrachet

Muirfield

Neighborhood

Pacific Estates

Palermo

Park Hill East

Peaceful

Penhurst

Pennington

Peregrine Point

Pine Creek

Pine Hill

Pine Lake

Pine Lake Cove

Pine Lake Estates

Pine Lake Heights

Pine Lake Heights, AKA the ghetto of Sammamish

Pine Lake Highlands

Pine Lake Meadows

Pine Lake Woods

Pine Lake area

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Pine lake

Pine lake preserve

Plateau

Plateau 228

Plateau Estates

Plateau Point

Ponderosa Trails

Provence

Reanossant Ridge

Redford Ranch

Redhawk

Reeses Run

Relaxing

Renaissance Ridge

Rock Meadow

Rockmeadow

Rockmeadow Farm

SE 8th St.

Safe and Peaceful

Sahalee

Sahalee Estates

Salal Ridge

Samammish

Samammish Glen

Samammish Highlands

Samammish Hills roundabout

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Samammish Klahanie

Samammish Plateau

Samammish Town Homes

Samammish Townhomes

Samammish Woods

Samammish Woods (I think)

Samammish in general

Samammish plateau

Sara's Crossing

Saxony

Shannonwood

Shore Lane

Shore Lane Vista

Shorelands

Sienna Lane

Skye Landing

South Sammamish

Stanley Park

Sterling Square

Sterling Woods

Stratmoor

Summer Meadows

Summer Pond

Summer Pond / Summer Meadows

Summer Ridge

Summer Ridge the Ghetto of Sammamish, but the nicest neighbors

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Summerridge

Summit

Sunny Hills

Sunny Hills Estates

Sunridge

Sunridge Estates

Sunrise Summit

Symphony ridge

TROSSACHS

Talia

Tamarack

Tamee Glen

The 'Dirt Road' road

The Country

The Cove

The Crest

The Crossing

The Firs

The Laurels

The Ridge at Pine Lake

The Summit

The Uplands

The Uplands on the Plateau

The Villages

The Woods at Beaver Lake

The reserve

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The villages

Thompson Hill

Thompson hill

Tibbets Station

Tibbett Station

Tibbett's Station

Tibbetts Station

Tiburon

Tiburon Estates

Timbercrest

Timberline

Timberline 5

Timberline Park

Touraine

Trassahs

Tree Farm

Tremont

Trossachs

Trossachs (Sterling Sqr)

Twin Cedars Lane

Villages

Vintage

Vintage (Pomerol subdivision)

Waterbrook

Waterfront

Waverly Hills

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Waverly Hills

Waverly Shores

Wavery SHored

Weber Point

Wesley Park

Westmont

Windsor Fields

Windsor Green

Winslow Place

Winsor Greens

Woodbridge

Woodbridge Creek

Woodhaven

audubon park

cross water

deerfield

field rush

green acres

klahanie

name

plateau 900

renaissance ridge

summer ridge

timberline

vintage

wesley park norris estates



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where you feel safe and comfortable

244th and 8th

A very independent spread out neighborhood

Adelaide

Arbors

Arbors lane

Ashford Chase

Aspen Grove

Audubon Park

Autumn Meadows

Autumn Wind

AutumnWind

Beaver Lake

Beaver Lake Estates

Big Rock Park North

Broadmoore

Broadmoore Estates

Broadmoore estates

Brookshire Crest

Carlton Heights

Castle Pines

City center

Clairemont

Close to nature

Crossings

Crosswater

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Deer Park

Deer park

Deerpark

Demery Hill

E Lake

Edgemoor

Field Rush

Friendly

Glenwood

Good Samaritan

Green Acres

Green acres

Hampton Woods

Heritage Hills

Heritage hills

Hidden Ridge

Highland Parc Townhomes

Highland Park

Home

Inglewood

Inglewood Glen/Demery Hill

Inglewood Glenn

Inglewood Hill

Jacobs Creek Condominiums

Kempton down

Kirkwood Terrace

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Kkahanie

Klahanie

Klahanie - The Heights

Laaural

Lake Samm Estates

Lake Sammamish

Lake view estates

Laurels

Livingston

Loree Estates

Margaret Mead

Meadow Creek

Meadowleaf

Montage

My street

North Plateau

Not quite Klahanie

Pacific Estates

Pacific estates

Palermo

Park Hill East (no signs to indicate that, though) or 'the neighborhood above Green Acres'

Paxton place

Pine Lake

Pine Lake Estates

Pine Lake Heights

Pine lake

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Pine lake crossings

Pinehill

Plateau Estates

Provence/ Vintage

Renaissance Ridge

SE 18th Place

Sagebrook

Sahalee

Sahalee - high Heavenly Ground.

Sahalee Woods

Sahalee woods

Samammish Highlands

Samammish Woods

Samammish meadows

Sara's Crossing

Sara's crossing

Saxony

Shannonwood

Shore lane

SkyeLanding, Klahanie

Summer Meadows

Summer Ridge

Summer meadows

Summer ridge

The Country

The LAURELS

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The Villages

The villages

Thompson Hill

Thompson Hill/ Lk Sammamish

Tibbett's

Timberline

Timberline Ridge

Tlingit

Town Center

Tree Farm

Trossachs

Vintage

Waverly Hills

Wesley Park

Windsor Greens

Woodbridge Creek

Wynnrose

illahee

klahanie

safe place, easy to navigate, with opportunity to spend time with the family for active entertainment

tree farm

**Q11: In a few words, what factors most influence your response to the previous question? (Over the past 5 to 10 years (or since you have lived there), has your neighborhood improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same as a place to live, taking all things into consideration?)**

20 year old houses being maintained

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Additional Parks added, sidewalks added, streetlights added, crosswalks

Additional construction, traffic congestion

Additional homes built

Age- neighborhood is about 25 years and has been family oriented since

All the woods my kids played in are now replaced with high end McMansions... 1/2 of them ugly as sin

Already nicely planned community

Attention to property maintenance

Bad street, no streetlights

Basically the same

Beach access

Becomes a little bit more lively, but remain safe and quiet

Better than other cities

Building in area

Building of new homes that don't fit the neighborhood

Buildings are not being maintained

Can hardly get out of our driveway-traffic

Car break-ins

City allowing development before infrastructure to support it. Burdens current residents

City services and utilities

Cleanliness in general has come down and safety is a concern with fast speeding cars.

Clear cutting green spaces to build McMansions and zero affordable housing is a big negative trend.

Common area improvements; annexation to Sammamish

Community

Community spirit

Community upkeep

Commutes suck; better walking score

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Condition of neighborhoods and public/commercial areas

Condition of roads and neighborhood homes/properties

Congestion, housing prices

Construction almost complete and trails to walk/run nearby

Convenience to commute to work

Cost of housing/rent and traffic

Cost of living (property taxes have increased tremendously); traffic (too much going too fast on roads)

Crime

Crime has gone up.

Crime, porch pirates, car prowlers, traffic

Crimes (theft and drugs), traffic, poor pruning and house maintenance

Dead end street staying same

Destruction of natural habitat

Development

Development around the neighborhood, such as the city center

Development was allowed at the end of our street near Lancaster Way

Diversity

Diversity and education

Diversity of people living in the community

Do not like the amount of housing developments

Don't want change

Drug activity, no police presence, break-ins, no street lights!

Due to Covid, people have gotten to know their neighbors more

Duration of living here

Duthie Hill Mt Bike Park, Grand Ridge Trail, preserving Soaring Eagle

ELST was paved



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Ease of life, sidewalks, restaurants

Edgemoor

Efforts of homeowners and HOA

Environment, safety

Established neighborhood

Established neighborhood with not much change over the years

Established neighborhood, no new development here. Could use some streetlights and sidewalks.

Everything was ok, everything is ok now

Food Truck Fridays; diversity

Food/beverage choices

Foreign absentee owners take the place of neighbors

Foreign investors renting homes out

Friendly community

Good neighbors, clean, safe

Good to have sidewalks; worry more for public safety

Gotten worse: More burglary / package thefts. Improved: Better grocery and restaurant proximity.

Gotten worse: trees have been cut for new development; increased traffic. Improved: access to the town

Great neighborhood

Great neighbors

Great neighbors who maintain their yards and property

Green space

Grocery store commute is better

Growth

Growth is unnecessary/excessive

Growth matched with development

Growth- my street went from 6 to 18 homes

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HOA

HOA board

HOA has done a good job, traffic has gotten much worse

HOA is good

HOA is too controlling

HOA limits, not able to subdivide

HOA neighborhood, same as when we bought it

HOA requirements

HOA too strict with exterior maintenance/landscaping

HOA very pro active

Hasn't changed much, other than neighbors moving in and out

Have moved in recently

Haven't been here long

Haven't seen major changes

High density housing is ugly

High speed traffic, increased crime

High taxes, crowded schools, too many people

Higher bandwidth, smoother streets, neighborhood remodels

Home condition and safety

Home expansion by builder

Home sold to investors and then rented

Home values

Homeless issues, safety is less than it was, schools have gone woke

Homelessness when tent town was present

Homeowner updates

Homeowners keep their houses up to date!

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Homes are not being maintained (and yards)

Horrible parking situation in our neighborhood and more construction making it worse

House prices

House pricing is going up crazily

House value

House values have risen

Houses being remodeled; quality of homes improved

Housing

Housing cost is not affordable to middle class families

Housing improvements

Housing is fine, no one seems to be taking stewardship of the lakes and creeks (Yellow Lake)

Housing market is outrageously high

Housing values up; traffic is worse

How homes and yards are kept up.

I have (in the past month) moved to this particular house, so I'm learning a new part of Sammamish

I like a restrictive covenant neighborhood that is zoned R-1

I love my neighborhood and appreciate the HOA keeping things in check.

I see safety worsening. I know of cases of stealing from cars and in some cases using garage remote controls to access homes. I feel the quality and curriculum of local schools has dramatically worsened

I'd like to see the city council work through growth barriers so that the moratorium on development can be lifted. (I moved to my current location because the growth promised in the Sammamish commons area)

I'm new to the neighborhood

I've lived here less than a year Imao

I've only lived here 1 year

I've only lived here about 10 months

I've only lived in the neighborhood one year

Impact of development in neighborhood

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Improved and gotten worse= stayed the same

Improved roads

Improvement to Issaquah Fall City Road

Improvement to Klahanie and open spaces, crime has increased

Improvements to Klahanie Park

Inability for building and sewer

Increase in number of houses/traffic

Increase in rental properties in the neighborhood that are not always well kept up

Increase in value

Increased noise pollution from I-90 due cut trees

Increased on neighborhood road

Increased traffic and parking on street

Increased traffic, increased development

Increased traffic, used to take 5 min to get to Issaq., now takes 20-30

Individual homes have not been taken care of, landscaping left to creep into/onto sidewalks

Infill development that is not affordable

Influx of new owners who do not follow HOA rules...and an HOA that doesn't enforce city code nor its own rules

Infrastructure

Issy, Fall City Rd

It has not changed

It has stayed clean and safe

It is a new neighborhood that has completed and filled in with families

It seems as though some people don't care about keeping the same level of care and thought into the community.

It stayed the same

It was good then, it is good now

It's an estate on the plateau with an HOA that wants to keep the character of the neighborhood

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It's stable

It's true

Just not sure

Keep the Belvedere Barricade shut

Kindness; clean and tidy

King County taking away our community beach

Klahanie is a pretty old subdivision so I don't think it's changed all that much

Klahanie strong HOA

LOUD traffic noise!

Lack of attention to yard maintenance, lack of community

Lack of house maintenance by some

Lack of improvements to infrastructure (sidewalks, power outages, etc)

Lack of neighbors not taking care of their homes; not respecting HOA

Lack of public transportation

Larger lots, green space, sidewalks, HOA, maintenance

Las condiciones de tráfico, pavimentación y limpieza

Lawn upkeep and lack of streetlights on main drive are factors

Less than a year

Less theft activities

Limited time to observe

Littering, illegal street parking

Little resident turnover

Livability, diversity

Live on the lake

Lived in Klahanie for 25 years

Lived in two established neighborhoods

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Living here 24 years

Lot of improvement- development/housing

Loud traffic

Low crime, safe

Mail thefts increased

Maintenance

Maintenance of the sidewalks, parks, etc.

Many houses are becoming rental properties

Many new neighborhoods

Massive new developments

Minor changes, but no big impacts.

More and more zero lot line homes lead to increase in traffic; roads aren't keeping up

More cultural diversity

More diversity in our neighborhood

More families have moved in, but living here is expensive

More houses

More houses are becoming rentals

More houses had been built up in last several years

More parks, less responsive to citizens issues, too many apartments/condos, poor infrastructure

More police activity

More public restrooms installed

More renters, originally none

More retail

More sidewalks and parks

More traffic/faster

More traffic; lack of affordable housing

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Most in the neighborhoods have not changed nor have growth of homes

Most properties have not been rezoned to higher density

Multi-family homes with lack of care an upkeep

Municipal services

My area is stable

My neighborhood is unbuildable. It's perfectly situated on a wetlands.

My neighbors

N/A

Need sidewalks! Sammamish wastes tax money always, see it everywhere.

Needs better architects and greater leadership for the city

Neg: Development and too high price housing; Pos: Library and YMCA renovation/building schools

Neighbor involvement

Neighborhood

Neighborhood better, but more traffic due to 5 acre lots adding 20+ homes

Neighborhood improvement

Neighborhood is established. City has not done any improvements or changes.

Neighborhood is kind

Neighborhood outlook/appearance, community activities, landscape

Neighborly feel

Neighbors

Neighbors are friendly and they keep their yards and homes looking nice

Neighbors not taking care of their homes/yards

Neighbors remodeling

Neighbors upkeep

New HOA board

New families do not maintain their property



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New families moving in with kids of a similar age

New houses and new neighbors

New metropolitan market

New neighborhoods taking away from rural feel

New neighbors are great

New parks/trails vs more traffic in Sammamish

Nicer, newer homes are improving neighborhoods, traffic is worse and the ease of going to work worse

No changes

No changes really to our area

No large developments

No more traffic

No new development

No new retail

No notable changes except for changes in neighbors

No one moves, we have great neighbors

No real changes

No regular maintenance of retention pond and surroundings.

No restaurants, no cinema

No significant changes

No stop light to exit out of Sahalee onto Sahalee Way

Noise

Noise increased, safety reduced

Not a lot of changes

Not in my backyard vs planning

Not much change in our neighborhood.

Not much change noticed

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Not much change, except drug dealers that moved into empty house

Not much changed, except improvement on I-FCR adding roundabouts

Not much difference

Not much has changed

Not much has changed near the surrounding area

Not much has changed on Pine Lake

Not much has changed, but not much needed to be changed

Not much has changed.

Not much in common

Not terribly overdeveloped

Nothing has changed

Nothing has changed.

Nothing really changed

Nothings changed.

Nowhere to build new homes

Number of apartments being built

Number of people

Number of people, traffic, reliable power

Nneighbors

Older development but well maintained

Older homes with land and tree canopy

Older neighborhood; well maintained by owners; safe

Older, established neighborhood

Only 19 homes

Only houses; no commercials being developed

Only lived here 1 1/2 years

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Only lived here 12 months

Other than street being redone once, the city has done nothing

Our HOA is on top of making improvements and beautifying our neighborhood.

Our HOA keeps neighborhood nice, but most of the people that were here when we moved in have moved on

Our community just got completed which is great since we have new neighbors. On the flip side Sunny hills elementary does not offer a bus service to our community because of which traffic is really bad during rush hour.

Our neighborhood (we've lived here for 32 years) is the main reason we still live in Sammamish. Although good friends have moved on, our neighborhood is still friendly, safe and fun

Our neighborhood has remained the same.

Our neighborhood has stayed the same but a lot of new developments have been built nearby.

Our neighborhood hasn't changed much

Our neighborhood is changing from one home per acre to several homes per acre

Our trails/parks are super well maintained, even after adverse weather

Outdated infrastructure

Over 140 homes built within 1/4 mile of our house in last 8 years

Over-development; traffic problems; trees cut down for over-development

Overall improvement of the homes around us. Lack of infrastructure has led to not enough development

Overall safety and development of the area

Overall upkeep and better road access

Overconstruction and lack of care for our environment

Package theft and shoplifting

Parks are well kept, green space fences replaced

Peaceful

People

People aren't as friendly

People around, facilities

People changed, buildings the same

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People generally take good care of their property

People have maintained property- houses and landscape

People investing in community

People keep up their homes and yards

People moved in recently don't keep up yard or house

People moving in park too many cars on the street and do not maintain their yards

People no longer care about their homes

People; not high turnover

Pine Lake is impacted by stormwater, there have been multiple discharges due to construction. No sidewalks near us in the 24 years we have been here

Pine lake regulations are not enforced, it is crowded by non-residents

Police not enforcing speed limits on residential streets (i.e. 25 mph)

Poor upkeep of homes/landscaping by owners, rental units, parking overflow onto our streets/corners

Poorly controlled infill development on challenging lots change the character of the neighborhood and add constant construction noise

Population has increased, traffic has increased, infrastructure has not been built to keep up.

Positive changes, some fear changes

Power Outage

Power failures..ie: Loss of power with every storm....really??

Power grid is bad and goes out very easily

Power lines influenced by weather

Pride in ownership; strict HOA

Pride of ownership

Pride of ownership, access, convenience

Property is fully developed

Property tax

Property taxes

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Public safety decreased

Quality neighborhood

Quality of neighbors

Quality of new homeowners dropped

Quality of services

Quiet, safe, commute time (Bellevue), friendliness of neighbors, minimal construction in our neighborhood

Quietness, not as crowded as Bellevue, etc.

Reduced property upkeep

Remodels and additions

Rental houses

Restaurant selection is bad. Power lines never improved and multiple internet providers is not there. Also no good walkways

Restaurants in walking distance and Metropolitan Market

Restrictions by HOA doesn't allow changes

Rich owners that have the means to move to other locations and rent their properties, or the influx of foreign ownership (Mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong, India) that have come in and purchased properties, then rented

Road capacity, increasing traffic, hard to get to schools quickly, getting stuck in school traffic.

Road conditions to/from Trossachs

Road improvements

Road quality and power outage

Road/sidewalk improvements; development

Roads and parks are better but drivers are dangerous and people are self-centered

Roads, traffic, retail, restaurants

Roads/infrastructure

Roundabouts!

Rude, inconsiderate neighbors

Rude, inconsiderate, threatening neighbors

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Runoff from plateau overbuilding and inadequate mitigation cause major flood and water quality issues to Lake Sammamish

S.F. neighborhood mostly developed but some nice remodels

Safety

Safety and security of the neighborhood

Safety is not the best- too many break-ins

Safety is still good, however, there is no night life in Sammamish and property taxes are all time high

Safety, car, investment

Safety, property values

Safety, traffic; would be nice to have speed bumps and stop signs/mirror before hill

Same quality

Sammamish Parks Dept; Klahanie Assoc.

Schools, police, crime, safety

Schools, road improved; yard maintenance has deteriorated and shop vacancies have increased

Schools, roadways, green space, dining and retail

Schools, shopping, maintenance

Services and sidewalks

Side walks, 4rth street road and shopping complex

Sidewalks

Sky high property taxes for nothing!!! Overbuilding!

So difficult to drive anywhere and hard to see over building everywhere

Some lack of upkeep on property (homes) is evident as time goes by

Some neighbors have not kept up their front and back yards

Some of the older homes need maintenance

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Some people move here from other countries and don't follow our HOA even though they agreed to it upon the closing of their home. This can decrease the neighborhood property value. On the other hand, dog stations were added which is great.

Some yards are not well kept; too many renters

Speeding has gotten worse, crime has gotten worse

Speeding, disregard for neighborhood speed limit

Stability

Stable community, low crime

Status of common areas

Still a quiet, green place to live

Still good neighborhood, some concern about car break ins

Still great neighborhood

Still safe and friendly!

Still safe; not too much high density development nearby.

Still seems safe and kid-friendly.

Street lights added

Strong community and safety

Subdivision and development poorly regulated around the neighborhood

Substantial number of homes have turned into rentals and are not being maintained

Support for police

TRAFFIC HAS WORSENERD

Taxes have gone up considerably and house prices have dramatically increased, only allowing a few to move in

The HOA keeps it exactly the same

The building of 250 houses withing a quarter of a mile of my house and the corresponding lack of associated support for proper biking/walking and cultural places for people to go. Literally everyone lives in a box of a house and then jumps in their cars. Cars are prioritize enormously over everything else in Sammamish



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The city installed a stop light at Issaquah Pine Lake Rd & SE 47th Way ensuring that increased traffic from massive growth & developments to our North didn't trap us in our neighborhood or make us continue to risk our lives with a lefthanded turn toward Sammamish.

The growth of the neighborhood has brought theft that has never been here

The landscaping around here seems a little too aggressive (particularly with respect to mowing grass areas by the stormwater retention ponds), but otherwise things seem pretty good.

The neighborhood has been kept up pretty well

The neighbors all care about their properties and respect one another.

The neighbors and who they are

The neighbors are still kind

The new sidewalks and street lamps

The quality of neighbors and physical appearance of the neighborhood

The road is terrible and has been for two decades.

The street has stayed the same, but 170 homes have been built off of Main St

The traffic is hella worse. The traffic circles are incredibly confusing for new drivers and we are a community of families (young drivers) and foreign nationals with little driving experience. I'm not complaining, I love the diversity, I just respect that they don't quite have the experience to navigate challenging driving patterns.

The traffic that cuts through

The trail is being added to our back yard

The trail is our biggest asset

The widening of SR 202 made traffic better, but then the increase in cars put us back where we were. The number of aggressive/dangerous drivers increased and in general I see less respect for the community and selfishness (focus on the value of properties rather than building an inclusive and harmonic community). This is not just in Sammamish, but is especially impactful considering how good was the community when we moved in.

Theft, break-ins

There are a few more rental options now, more traffic, less rural now, fewer trees, more crowded, lost Ace Hardware, gained TJs

Things have been generally good

Things have stayed the same, except for the four new homes being built across the street. Those homes have been under construction for the past four+ years.

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Things haven't changed much, if anything it's gotten better, just gotta stop cutting trees

Those that don't maintain their homes, yards

Too many cars parks in neighborhoods. Lack of pride of home ownership

Too many election commercials on the roads.

Too many housing developments

Too many lots split to build big houses without yards

Too many renters; kids tearing things up

Too many trees cut down for houses

Too much UGLY developments. Ok, if they are planned but most new are just slapped up quickly and cramped.

Too much added housing development

Too much building of housing developments and cutting/clearing all trees. Way too large houses being built

Too much construction

Too much development

Too much development, getting crowded

Too much growth/housing

Totality of circumstances

Traffic

Traffic and crime

Traffic and development

Traffic and poor public transit

Traffic and rooster noise. Paying taxes on million \$ home and can't open windows in heat of summer due to rooster noise.

Traffic congestion, too many construction

Traffic control has make it safer to be outside

Traffic density, increase population

Traffic got worse; roads, pedestrian zones, parks improved

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Traffic got worsen but number of schools and roads have improved

Traffic improvements (speed)

Traffic is a bear

Traffic is getting worse

Traffic is horrible

Traffic is terrible! Sidewalks and walking lanes are nice.

Traffic noise

Traffic noise, oversized homes, lot size shrinkage

Traffic on 212th Ave SE has gotten a lot worse

Traffic on 228

Traffic roundabouts, neighborhood's front yard maintenance

Traffic volume

Traffic, neighborhood maintenance

Traffic, overdevelopment

Traffic, peeling lamp posts, lack of diverse retail

Traffic, property taxes

Traffic, quality of life

Traffic/crowding worse but no change in immediate neighborhood

Traffic; developments over natural areas; Sammamish is growing too fast impacting traffic and environment

Traffic; trail construction; taxes

Trail (ELST)

Trail improvements

Trails and parks

Trees being cut down everywhere

Truth

Unchecked growth outstripping infrastructure (particularly roads)

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Undesirable changes--infrastructure needed, preservation on trees and natural areas, nature trails, restaurants and hardware store needed, arts center for music, theatre and concerts (non-rock).

Update SE 4th St.

Upkeep of homes

Used to live in the Park at Pine Lake- no room for growth

Vehicle traffic on 244th has increased substantially and the road has not been improved to accommodate all of the development and traffic volumes

Very little change

Views of mountains are now blocked by trees. Neighbors pollute the air with wood smoke.

Visual/neighborhood; the city does NOTHING about neighborhood garbage cans and used furniture on side of road. Bears have gotten into them and we look trashy

Volume of traffic

Walkability around neighborhood, safety

Was good and stayed good, well maintained/pleasant neighborhood and good location

Way more traffic

Way more traffic speeding in 25mph zone

We are in a 19 lot subdivision built in the mid 1990's, nothing has changed

We are on a private road. Growth has been enormous and new people do not honor our privacy and private road. We cannot get help to fix this!!!

We had a development go in behind us and we see less wildlife, took away trees, but mostly has stayed the same.

We have a great HOA that is not heavy handed with generally great neighbors who care about their neighborhood.

We have lived in the same neighborhood for 31 years!

We have only been here for one year.

We haven't lived here long

We live in an older neighborhood

We live in an older neighborhood with larger lots and because the lots are still on septic, it has not allowed the current zoning to dictate mass development on these lots.

We live on private property, so nothing has really changed.

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We now have more children and diversity in the neighborhood

Wooded areas disappearing; few restaurants and need more retail; bad traffic

Worse part is the construction from land spit will take 2-3 years

You can walk safer

Zoning for single family housing and no sewers

addition of retail and services

car break-ins, cars stolen, just in last 2 years - no issues before that

city planning

cleanliness

crime seems to be increasing while rising home prices are nice, I am being taxed out of my community

development and traffic

development of the area

electrical grid has gotten better. People who are moving in from out of the country do not take care of their homes...it detracts from the quality of the neighborhood. Also, schools get pressured to not teach traditional American subjects due to political pressure from people who think they are woke

heavier traffic

homes and yards not taken care of

housing

i am not sure

in spite of 2 new LARGE houses, mostly remained the same

increase in theft and traffic

lack of crowding and feeling safe

less families moving in/out of area

long power cuts, lack of road services when it snows, road noise from ELSP

main roads got congested. Good way to keep homeless managed to create public safety

maintain common parks, roads and amenities

mostly owners, general upkeep

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neighborhood remains very solid, but the growth and stress on infrastructure is very frustrating

neighborhood vibe, parks

neighbors, safety, quality of infrastructure

new families with children moved in, but increased traffic from development

nothing changed

nothing has changed that matters to me

on a culdesac with only 8 large properties and most of us have been here for 20+ years

over development

people taking care or not taking care of their homes

protection of natural areas

safety and friendship

school and accessibility to nearby employment hub

small, quiet and peaceful neighborhood

stable 1985 neighborhood

stable neighborhood. Would be nice to have speed bumps on 266th Ave SE and plan for sewer.

the mega housing development on the Kampp property that stripped the land of natural elements w/out replacing and the traffic impact

theft and breakins have increased

too many new developments, not enough roads, people not obeying traffic laws, too fast and too noisy

too much suburban development and removal of wild areas. However, we have benefited from the development of the city center. For example, Metropolitan market and the restaurants in that area.

traffic

traffic and general crowding

traffic has gotten worse but city hasn't managed it

traffic is becoming more of an issue

traffic is ridiculous

unkept houses and yards.

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visual info

we are fairly small (70 homes) and well maintained

wild animals on the loose

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A lot of areas being hyper developed (housing) with negative affect to roads, traffic, accessibility to services, shops etc. From this there's also a lot of loss of the natural beauty/scenic benefits that sammamish used to have. Housing is also incredibly expensive to feel like anyone without extreme salaries can live here and many jobs close by would not provide that

ADUs and lack of codes such as Motorhomes parked on narrow streets, failure to maintain yards such as parking non running/registered vehicles in front yards. We do not have a HOA so we rely on City Codes.

Aging of homes, upkeep of yards

Changes in HOA ccr

City does not protect sensitive areas or protect neighbor residents from development damages

Cleanliness of houses, landscaping and overall experience w/ neighbors

Continued density of development and poor catch-up of infrastructure

Crazy construction activity taking down forests

Crime is worse, surrounding amenities are better

Diverse caring residents

Don't feel as safe

Excessive vehicle speeds

Family friendly neighborhood and safe

Feels the same as when we moved here

Frequency of loss of power

Frequent long-duration power cuts, and apathy from PSE.

Friendly neighborhood of diverse people living ina community that kept its natural surroundings intact.

Garbage, graffiti, speeding, inconsiderate neighbors

Great addition of YMCA and library but beautiful nature is lost due to development

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Great neighbors

Great neighbors original owners moved on, replaced by younger but also great neighbors.

HOA, friend and neighbors

Haven't noticed any changes.

High turnover, no contact with neighbors

Homes are aging, but most neighbors are keeping up with home improvement. More crime- mail box theft and smash and grab car thefts. Fire response time could be better. Great neighborhood community

Horrific traffic!

I am new to the area

I am new to this neighborhood specifically.

I live in an older neighborhood and it is now a mix of young and old Residence

I live on a small cul de sac of only five homes so not much changes

I've only lived here 2 years

Improved parks, neighborhood is a mostly the same

Increased crime

Increased diversity

Increased retail medical and dental services

Increased theft , traffic and power cuts

Increased traffic

Increased traffic on roads without safe sidewalks. Dangerous to walk anywhere.

Interaction with neighbors

It has stayed the same.

It is hard to get on and off the hill, there are few things to do or business to visit. It has been and still is a very safe place to live.

It looks about the same!

It was unincorporated and a country feel when I moved here. There are now more services. I remember the first grocery store, but we have so much more potential, like an area with transit oriented development.



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It's an established neighborhood

It's an older neighborhood and hasn't been affected by clear cutting for new development

It's been consistently a nice place to live

It's been nice to see upgrades in the Safeway shopping center to upgrade the look, and similar upgrades around the area to keep up the looks and keep them modern

Just a general feeling

Landscaping and utilities have been upgraded, local parks have added new facilities/activities. The local strip mall needs better retail/restaurants

Length of time

Less sense of community

Level of service for all amenities have pretty much stayed the same over 5 years we have lived here.

Lived here for 1 yr

Lived less than 1 year

Loss of wildlife, mature trees and major overdevelopment without apparent controls or planning

Mail theft

Maintenance and upgrades

Mature landscaping and well preserved trees

More construction has changed the surrounding for worse

More diversity

More mailbox/car break-ins, more cultural events that focus on minority groups which really makes Sammamish feel more inclusive

More pride by owners

More sidewalks is nice but a ton of development and increased population has not been wanted

Most neighbors follow the HOA and keep their homes and yards looking nice.

Mucha gente pasea con sus perros y estos defecan en las áreas verdes privadas. La iluminación pública es muy poca y es difícil manejar de noche sin tener el peligro de atropellar a un peatón

My area of sammamish hasn't changed since we moved here.

My immediate community is great because it's private. I'm concerned with the city

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Neighborhood connections

Neighborhood hadn't changed, literally.

Neighbors

Neighbors not caring for their homes

New community

New neighborhood on one side and interrupted growth on the other side

New residents are not as interested in our community.

No appreciable change

No big changes happened

No changes have been made to my neighborhood

No major changes

No new development

Not inclusive no growth poor leadership

Not many changes have happened to my neighborhood

Not much has changed in my neighborhood

Not much has changed since we moved in

Nothing changes in this development

Nothing new

Older Sammamish, built out, no change

Older established neighborhood

Older neighborhood 20+ years established with green spaces that's not the case for new neighborhoods

Older neighborhood already built out so no changes

Our area was built out prior to our arrival so we haven't had to watch/listen to big swatches of land being clear cut for yet more homes.

Our neighborhood is lovely. SE 48th is an unsafe nightmare thanks to the new addition of hundreds of new homes with out a sidewalk installed!!

Our neighborhood is quiet, relatively friendly, safe. Traffic has gotten worse around it though.

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Over development in the area has destroyed natural habitat and increased traffic

Overall, love the area, but we we've read that crime has increased and our catalytic converter was recently stolen

Overdevelopment, construction traffic street noise

People

People are investing in home improvements

People are stable

People behaving badly; congestion on the roads; overbuilding

People have moved in and moved out during our time here, but most homeowners in general tend to take pride in taking care of their homes/yards. It's a very nice area to walk.

Perceived safety for kids and adults. Still we have crimes like car breakins, mailboxes opened and mail stolen

Physically about the same, but neighborhood leadership is dysfunctional. Not a focus on building a community, more focused on enforcing rules.

Property maintenance

Public safety, lack of police, increased traffic and no traffic / speed enforcement by police

Quality of affordable houses

Quality of housing,community culture

Quantity if residents; traffic; lack of local restaurants and stores

Rampant construction

Relationship with neighbors

Relatively small (48 homes) with 1/2 acre lots so our homes are not 'on top on one another' like the current developments being built.

Residents are of educated with higher moral character who take pride in the home ownership and maintaining it for value appreciation

Road construction and lack of sidewalks

Road widening near PCMS

Safety

Same feel

Samammish failure to manage surface water

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Seems the same, friendly & supportive

Significant turnover to renters

Single family homes require a lot of maintenance.

Single family neighborhood, with more young families moving in

Some road improvement, some retail improvement

Speeding has become an issue; private roads hinder law enforcement

Stability of neighbors

Street maintenance

The City issued building permits for a couple of dumpster fire McMansions on my block, they violated code repeatedly, code enforcement was revealed to be an absolute joke, city blamed us for exposing the charade, developers sued us over easement issues that the city was objectively responsible for sorting out prior to issuing permits, but obviously they didn't because they sold the land to the developers to build in the first place so politically there was no way they were going to do anything about it except cover their own crooked self dealing through gaslighting and pathetic inaction.

The elementary school got rebuilt

The extra money we have to pay HOA for something that was not disclosed before we bought home.

The internals of the neighborhood itself, and the lack of offerings Sammamish has close to it

The neighborhood has matured.

The neighborhood is great but the number of power outages has only increased every year, we are now even considering moving out of Sammamish for that reason

The neighborhood is pretty well maintained.

The number of homes being built

The safety of walking and riding bikes and walking has improved with sidewalks and crosswalks and signage. Adding roundabouts has helped. I still think that there are too many people living up here and not many roads to accommodate the people. We need a senior center here . I am happy with the YMCA and the stores that are here.

The traffic

The upkeep of the homes and pressure by the HOA on underperforming homeowners to maintain a standard of appearance.

The way in which some residents care for their homes has declined. Less care for personal property.

The work done by the neighbors.

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There are too many million dollar box homes not enough affordable housing and hardly any community meeting places like cafes and restaurants

There hasn't been much change. It's stayed the same level of high quality

There is more traffic and it's dangerous to walk around

This is an old neighborhood that doesn't have much change.

Time in city, nature

Too many cars on 216th ave ne, but no road maintenance or sidewalks

Too many leaf blowers and power washers. Otherwise nice!

Too many new homes. Cutting down all the trees to build these homes

Too many people and cars

Traffic

Traffic and congestion. Busy road, no bike lane, no sidewalks, narrow shoulders, high speed.

Traffic and lights to get into 228 and traffic circles are terrible

Traffic has gotten much worse and new parks have been added.

Traffic is worse

Traffic patterns are worse, need restaurants

Traffic suuuuuucks, more stoplights get put up all the time

Traffic, construction are pretty much the same.

Unsure

Upgrade on private properties

Very conservative HO leadership.

We are an established neighborhood, we have little things changing and great HOA

We are on a quiet cul de sac not influenced by developers

We got new roundabouts by my apartment and it looks nice and helps keep speed down. H

We have a strong HOA

We have problems with the HOA that is not taking care of public spaces, not replanting dead and dying street trees in entrance to neighborhood, and charging too much.

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We haven't been in the area long enough to see substantial change

We've had a lot of crime lately in our neighborhood which makes me worried about going away for a weekend or vacations

Well maintained HOA and common areas in klahanie

Wider roads, street lighting

Younger families moving in. Houses being renovated

active community of caring neighbors

contribution and awareness of the neighbors

development

dues are too high; Board decisions arbitrary

established neighborhood, trees, larger yards

few changes to our neighborhood

improved walkability

increased crime, traffic

increased unmonitored traffic; park preservation

it is the same since we moved here

more people that don't care to maintain their property

n/a

no changes have occurred

no major improvement in services, roads or parks

people coming and going/AirBNB issues are criminal/who bought their home to have swinging doors next to them!!!

people maintaining and updating their homes, HOA common area care

public transit in walking distance

reduction in drive time to Redmond, slight improvement in neighborhood park

stability

there was no change except the neighbors

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## Q12: Other (please specify): What do you like MOST about your neighborhood? (Please mark all that apply)

/country-like atmosphere,natural beauty

Beautiful neighborhood

Clean and well-maintained

Cooperative, neighborly spirit

Could be way better through- more dedicated bike lanes and walking paths needed

Family, otherwise would consider moving

Friendly neighbors

Great neighbors

I live there!

It is close to great elementary school and middle school

Lake access

Large lots

Limited strip malls

More growth/vitality per the Sammamish Commons Plan adopted by the city

Natural setting

Neighbors are friendly

Not in a snooty subdivision so that's a plus

Our neighborhood is mixed density. Now infill and wooded tracts are being destroyed to pack in expensive tract homes changing the character of the neighborhood.

Reserve of nature

Sense of community

Single family detached homes owner occupied

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The lake

The size of my lot; the wetlands

This list is way off!

Up the hill from the lake

We don't have an HOA!

What nature that is left

better house footprint to lot ratio - bigger yard.

easy access to I-90, and Issaquah where 95% of our activity lies. We VERY rarely go in to Sammamish for ANYTHING..

friendly neighbors

social events!

Community beach

Great friends and neighbors with a diversity of ages and cultures

Lots of trees and shade

Property values are worth the investment.

Proximity to sounds and sights of nature (owls, frogs, deer)

Safety and highly educated occupants with young families to bring up their children.

Sense of community with neighbors

Still has wildlife Habitat and life

Strong HOA

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## Q13: Other (please specify): What do you like LEAST about your neighborhood that you would most like to improve? (Please mark all that apply)

Abusive county ELST policies

Access off Plateau is SLOW

Access on/off Plateau can be jammed

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Access roads

Affordable for us, but not for newcomers

All is great

All the homes have been sold at 1.2 million-1.6 million

All trees are getting cut down, over building everywhere

Becoming too urban-like,

Boat launch needs maintenance and routine garbage pickup

Build trail from Big Rock Park North to Sammamish Commons; this would improve access

Cars tend to speed

Completion of Sammamish Commons growth plan

Conflicts between HOA and residence

Cost of living, property tax

Culture of lane changing from middle class to uber rich

Dangerous entry due to inattentive drivers

Difficult to turn left onto Sahalee Way from our neighborhood. Wish we had a light at NE 36th St and Sahalee Way.

Electricity infrastructure- power outage during weather storms

Encourage others to maintain property

Excessive street parking

Expensive

Expensive Housing market

Far from high way

Far to restaurants

Few internet options

General noise level has increased on 228th

HOA

HOA (new HOA is too much money and too strict)

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Have to go outside Sammamish for most dining/entertainment options, build the Town Center!

Home ownership changed with Asian influence of homes being a rental investment therefore neighbors moved in/out. No pride of owning a home- maintenance was not important, unaddressed and wear and tear reduced value of homes

Homes with larger lots are targets by developers to clear the land and build a bunch of expensive tract homes. No trees, no wooded areas, more traffic and fees put on existing homeowners (water, sewer) due to development

Housing development

I don't have any complaints.

I have to walk 45 minutes to nearest bus stop!

I like our dead-end street

I love our neighborhood

Increasing drug use in schools

Infrastructure improvements (water pressure, electrical and internet reliability)

Insufficient restaurants and retails

Internet speed is below broadband

Its pretty hilly

Its starting to not feel safe. Also school quality is decreasing.

LWSD has gone way down

Lack of 'Last mile' access to transit/buses

Lack of convenient bus access

Lack of good bus service

Lack of good restaurants

Lack of local transportation

Lack of police to monitor traffic violators

Lack of public transit

Lack of rental diversity

Lack of restaurant choices on the Plateau

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Lack of restaurants

Lack of restaurants and bars

Lack of restaurants, cinema hall, classy stores and malls, art galleries

Lack of sidewalks

Lack of sidewalks on some main streets

Lack of sidewalks. Cars drive too fast on SE 4th St, turn SE 4th St into walking trail only!

Lack of streetlights

Lacks of public transportation

Lacks sidewalks, but could be walkable if it had them

Lacks sidewalks, especially for kids walking to school along

Law enforcement

Less safe, more property crime

Limited public transit

Loud high school cars!

More food options and retail

More resilient to natural disasters e.g. less power outage during windy season

My neighborhood is one of my favorites here in Sammamish.

My street (NE 20th Way) is used as a cut through by motorists that don't live in my neighborhood between Sahalee Way NE/228th Ave NE and 216th Ave NE. The roundabouts to cut their speed so either install speed bumps or close the entrance where NE 20th Way and 216th Ave NE meet. Or install a gate for neighborhood only use.

Need more restaurants

Need more street lights

Need public improvement

Need sidewalks! With the taxes we pay, add them asap! Not a 5-10 year study!

Need speed bumps on 266th AV SE

Needs sidewalks for safe walking; noise control i.e. roosters only on 2 acre lots

Neighbors are not engaged

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New houses on tiny lots

New religious establishment on 20th St changes residential character of neighborhood and should be along 228th St.

No access to public transit

No bus nearby; even one stop outside the neighborhood would help

No city sewer so cannot build

No good restaurants on Plateau; traffic bad getting off plateau

No local hardware store

No sidewalks; no easy public transportation to anywhere

No street lights

No streetlights or sidewalks (222nd PL NE)

Noise from 228th

Noise pollution from I-90

None

None of the above

None of these

Not enough restaurants/food truck

Not enough social/economic diversity, people have way too much money, entitlement

Older style homes

Only one way getting in/out from the community to main road 228th

Our neighborhood is changing from one home per acre to several homes per acre. Our neighborhood will be much noisier, more crowded, with more traffic.

Our neighborhood is cut off by major roads with no pedestrian walkways

Outside the neighborhood, roads are too congested

Over building

Over-development without proper infrastructure

Overground power cabling

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Overly high tax rate, now due to mansions going up all around US

Owners that live out of the country and don't maintain

Owners using their homes as rental units; renters have no regard for keeping level of sound low. Dogs barking, parties until late at night, etc.

Parks are beginning to cause overcrowding in residential areas, with no sidewalk or parking for overflow

People speeding through our neighborhood and very heavy traffic (major back ups) from Skyline students in morning and afternoon.

Poor cell reception

Poor street lighting

Power always goes out during storms; need lines buried

Power outage

Power outages

Power outages almost every winter

Power outages- bury power lines!

Property taxes are too high; no bus service

Rent as well as rent for businesses is too high resulting in overpriced property/goods for their quality

Residents' respect for each other- drive the speed limit, yield to pedestrians, central dog barking, pick up dog poop AND throw away

Road noise on parkway

Roads do not adequately support current and future growth

Round about usage training

SE 48th is dangerous!!! Too many homes crammed in with no sidewalks.

Sad about rise in housing costs which means higher taxes and fewer young families being able to move here!

Shoplifting and package theft

Some overly noisy cars

Speed limits not enforced

Speeders, drivers doing 55 in a 35mph zone

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Speeders, lack of lights (street lights)

Speeding through the neighborhood

Speeding vehicles

Sports facility and kids play area

Starting to feel unsafe with regular mail and car thefts

Takes a long time to build connections with neighbors. It happens, but feels much slower/harder than in other places we've lived.

Taxes are high and not sure what we really get in return

Terrible parking situation results in unsafe and messy street. (Peregrine Point Way)

The barricades on NE 42nd St

The character of the community is shifting towards selfishness, not many volunteers or inclusive/respective behaviors

The road is terrible. Needs to be fixed

There is no Covered Bus Stop at the nearest stop to SE 47th & Issaquah Pine Lake Rd.. Low flying aircraft rattle our windows (someone's private helicopter, I've heard). Sammamish ordinances about nighttime lighting need updating to include allowable amount of blue wavelength light, etc. This link is a start: [https://www.darksky.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/16\\_MLO\\_FINAL\\_JUNE2011.PDF](https://www.darksky.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/16_MLO_FINAL_JUNE2011.PDF)

Things to do outside of parks; no arts buildings, etc.

Too far away from the nearest postal office

Too many electric blackouts

Too many new constructions

Too many prowlers and nothing gets done to prosecute these criminals

Too many trees in the area. Afraid they will fall down during a storm.

Too much change in home ownership

Too much development

Too much development; overcrowded schools

Too much traffic during Eastlake/Inglewood start/end times (consider staggering school start/end times to alleviate)

Too much traffic on 228th once out of the neighborhood.

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Traffic management

Traffic noise, less wildlife

Traffic too fast on 25 mph street

Traffic, Traffic, Traffic, did I mention Traffic is HORRIBLE?

Trail construction will lead to privacy issues. Water level issues unresolved.

Trees being cut down everywhere!

Trees should not block views and wood-burning should be against the law (air pollution)

Vegetation (e.g., large trees and branches) is not maintained along City right of way causing utility damages during storms, impacting surrounding neighborhood with longer power outages and inconvenience

Very limited public transportation

Washington state senator and reps are taxing us too much

We are more than a town and we need more retail and restaurants.

We need more fields for sports

a lot of growth in a limited space

commute options to downtown Seattle or Bellevue

lack of bus service

lack of sidewalks

lack of sidewalks when neighborhood is a walking neighborhood for elementary and middle schools

level of growth seems poorly planned

limited cultural and community engagement opportunities

more public transportation

no fun activities

power goes out often, for extended periods

power outage and mobile signal lacking

power outages

road noise, long power outages, lack of clean roads when it snows

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some neighbors don't take pride in maintaining their home to the HOA guidelines

very little local public transportation

would like power lines to go underground

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Access bus availability on weekends, bus access for college students to come in/out of Sammamish

City slow to sweep needles and twigs from roads

Don't like rental units close by as people there do not respect the neighborhood

Excessive vehicle speeds

Far too many power outages when compared to other similar suburbs like Redmond, Issaquah, Bellevue

HOA focus on rule enforcement. This maybe temporary as often board culture changes when officers change.

Has stayed the same. Still livable

High property tax

Home prices

I have to drive everywhere and there is nothing for our pre-teens and teens to do except hang out in the grocery store parking lots when not in schools or other structured activities. Also have to drive to other cities for almost all of my shopping needs (aside from groceries), entertainment, community arts, etc.

I think the city, given all the taxes we pay, should better manage all the leaves around here. Maybe it's on my HOA, but hey I got nothing else to complain about.

Lack of public transportation

Lack of public transportation outside of peak commute hours

Lack of sidewalk on SE 48th makes it unsafe to walk or bike to neighboring neighborhoods or shopping or nature attractions. Sammamish has become a series of sidewalks to nowhere. Cedar trails elementary has to paths for kids to walk to it!!! We all have to drive

Lacks families with younger kids that are similar to mine.

Moved to FL as it was time to go! Loved our time there though.

Need much more bike centered parks, pump tracks, trails. Surrounding cities all have pump tracks, etc. Much more family friendly, MUCH safer for kids than riding on sidewalks and shoulders.



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New development ignores the character of the neighborhood and destroys the wildlife corridors and the sensitive areas we chose to live in

No close bus stops

None

Not enough lighting on the street , pretty dark on the night

Not enough restaurants nearby

Not having Town Center

Nothing

Occasional unkept homes

Only one entrance and exit to neighborhood

Over development of Sammamish

Overdevelopment of remaining forests

Quality of the schools is not as great as expected

Rental homes are not maintained, diminishing our property value

Rental properties aren't always maintained well

Road to/from Issaquah is not safe for bikes or pedestrians.

Ruidoso

Speed of traffic regularly greatly exceeds posted speed limit

Speeding in neighborhoods

Still on honeymoon phase- can't think of. Anything I don't like.

There's no walking path for me to safely leave my house and walk to either the town center or down to the Lake Sammamish trail. I can only stay in my neighborhood.

Too many overgrown trees that aren't on my property but dump leaves in my yard all year.

Too much construction nearby where trucks use neighborhood as cut-through

capricious decisions of Board

developing as people leave the city or seniors leave the earth and the home is sold

little bus service if you can't buy your kids their own cars. commute is terrible.

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need something to do (senior/community center, entertainment center, better public transportation, hardware store  
some neighborhoods are way to packed and unpleasant, vegetation is excessively removed because of that,

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## **Q16: What other words or phrases belong in a statement describing your vision for what you would like Sammamish to be in the future? (Provide up to four suggestions)**

A City gathering place like Town Center's plan

A City that cares about its infrastructure, roads, etc.

A City that cares about open space and nature.

A City that has a mixture of affordable housing in our neighborhoods

A City that welcomes all diverse cultures and supports those cultures in its City programs

A central community gathering place (Town Center)

A city council works for all, not just some. A city council keeps its promises to the public.

A city government that keeps its citizens informed about council policies and decisions

A city government that not only asks for citizens input, but incorporates it

A city that cares about the environment

A city that supports our regions goals for economic and environmental sustainability as expressed in the GMA

A community area with restaurants and retail like Lake should be developed

A community where people are respectful of one another and of the law

A growing city who leverages its wealth to raise everyone's prospects

A high-density core of retail and living connected to our neighboring cities

A municipal code that delivers on intent of goals

A performing arts center

A place for all people

A place where dogs are kept leashed (just kidding, wishful thinking!)

A place where everyone is welcomed, belongs and is included

A place where the community lives, plays and work (NOT a bedroom community)

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A place where the community shares an identity and community pride

A place where we thoughtfully respect the natural environment while planning for future generations

A plan to put wires underground so power outages are less frequent

A quiet place where nothing happens

A safe community for all people

A self-sustain city with enough restaurants and retails that i don't need to drive to Bellevue/Issaquah

A small city engaged in the goals of our region

A small nature oriented city

A smart city showcasing how human and nature could enjoy the place together without over development

A vibrant area with an identifiable downtown

A walkable shopping area with shops, restaurants, and venues for outdoor entertainment

A well connected city with good transportation. This will help ease transportation

Able to walk/bike to services

Abundance of outdoor spaces

Abundant Wildlife

Access to great schools

Access to services on plateau

Accessibility

Accessibility for all

Accessible

Accessible to other local cities

Accountable city leadership

Accountable to progressive values, not builder values

Active

Active and friendly

Active older adult community

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Active, vibrant senior population

Active/recreation

Activities and Events

Activities for singles and couples w/o children

Add some affordable housing too

Add street lighting to East Lake Pkway

Add/preserve open spaces

Additional housing choices

Additional tree planting and natural landscaping, Attractive lighting on 244th SE and SE 30th.

Admired

Adult activities/sports

Advanced high tech infrastructure

Advocate for homeless- housing options

Affordability

Affordable

Affordable (i.e. low taxes, control what you can)

Affordable for young families

Affordable houses as well as smaller home options

Affordable housing

Affordable housing for single income

Affordable housing for those working in Sammamish i.e. teachers

Affordable housing options

Affordable housing options needed

Affordable housing/rental properties

Affordable living, premium experience

Affordable to live here

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Air quality, no wood burning!

All my friends have left the area looking for what we use to have here

All underground electrical grid

Alternative energy utilized everywhere

Always connected infrastructure

An affordable and safe place to live

Art

Aspire to consistently be rated one of the top best cities to live in nationally.

Attractive for new businesses

Avoid overcrowding

Bakeries

Balance programs with sustainability

Balanced

Balanced budget

Balanced development

Balanced diversity

Balancing infrastructure with growth

Banking services near Klahanie

Be the Next Bellevue!!!! Meaning allow high density and TALL condos, and commercial building up to 30 stories or more

Beautiful

Beautiful and clean parks and walkways

Beautiful, natural environment

Beauty

Beauty of neighborhood and stop the crammed in homes

Bedroom community

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Bedroom community surrounded by employment hub

Better access on and off the plateau

Better access roads

Better biking options

Better bus service

Better commercial offers

Better detour routes

Better drivers (I see people drive dangerously every commute)

Better food options

Better government

Better infrastructure for walk and commute

Better infrastructure such as cable internet and power lines

Better maintaining of condos

Better moder schools

Better options for family restaurants

Better planning

Better public transport connectivity

Better restaurant services

Better road and traffic conditions

Better road conditions

Better road maintenance in neighborhoods

Better roads

Better school planning so kids don't end up in portables

Better schools

Better shopping (no hardware for example)

Better traffic control

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Better traffic, transportation

Better transportation to Seattle/nearby cities

Better variety of restaurants and gathering places for sports teams to meet after games

Bike friendly

Bike safe paved trails connecting the city

Bike track

Bring back history of area

Bring in more businesses

Bringing together (community and senior center)

Bus/light rail into Seattle - I currently go to Eastgate or Mercer to catch bus

Business friendly

Business friendly (restaurant)

Business friendly commercial zoning

Business friendly, small biz

Business opportunities

CITY OWNED & OPERATED FIBER BROADBAND

CONTINUED HIGH QUALITY 1-12 EDUCATION

Calm

Cap on property taxation for seniors

Carbon Free

Carbon-negative by 2026 and otherwise remediating negative impacts on the environment

Carbon-neutral

Careful development

Careful, judicious development

Caring

Celebrate the various cultures

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Celebrating diverse heritages

Center of opportunity

Centrally located

Charming environment

Citizen access to City staff and services

Citizen input

City does not respect the Lake Sammamish Trail easement

City too strict with building

Classy entertainment and shopping facilities

Clean

Clean and keep the trees

Clean and naturally beautiful, safe

Clean plentiful water

Clean water

Climate change (working against/preventing)

Climate change responsive

Climate friendly

Climate neutral growth/management

Closer to walk places

Collaborative and balanced city council.

Commitment for slower growth

Commitment to the King County Cities Climate Collaborations

Community Engagement

Community

Community Fiber/Digital Connectivity

Community activities

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Community based

Community building for everyone

Community driven

Community events

Community events and opportunities to be involved

Community gatherings

Community service-minded

Community services available to all (not just those who pay for YMCA access)

Community spirit

Community walkability due to sidewalks

Commute options

Commute problem is getting worse. New houses are appearing like mushroom but compare to those, roads and public transportation are not getting improved.

Commuting options

Compassionate

Competency and efficiency

Concern for the current residents well being and commitments to Sammamish.

Concerned about sustainability

Connected

Connected (fast Internet)

Connected neighborhoods

Connected technology

Connected to light rail

Connected to light rail system

Connected to regional transit

Connected trail system for better walking and biking experience

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Connection to neighboring cities is smooth with large roads to accommodate commuters

Connectivity

Conservation focused

Conservation of open spaces

Continue community events (concerts, markets, etc.)

Continue to be flexible when it comes to growth. You can't stop it, but you can plan for it.

Continue to have top schools!

Control growth

Control speeding trucks on ELSP

Control traffic that uses a neighborhood as a passthrough

Controlled growth

Controls profit driven development

Convenient

Convenient public transportation and bike roads

Cosmopolitan

Council accountability

Creating more affordable housing choices

Crime free

Crime-free, safe

Crowded not my vision but the truth

Cultural diversity

Cultural diversity- not just Indians at Microsoft

Culturally and ethnically diverse

Culturally diverse

Culturally diverse/embracing (anti racist values and initiatives

Culture supports aging in place, affordability

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Culture/history

Cycling and walking are encouraged

Decrease in amount of traffic on main roads

Dedication to reducing climate change

Dense and affordable housing

Denser population housing

Dependable utilities

Dependable utility infrastructure

Desirable shopping/restaurants, etc.

Destination location

Development that pays for the required infrastructure (water, sewer, power, roads, schools)

Diner and shopping friendly

Dining, entertainment options

Discount at YMCA for seniors (Issaquah has \$72/year rate for seniors)

Diverse

Diverse and inclusive community

Diverse community

Diverse community while peace and kids/elder safe

Diverse dining/retail

Diverse in activities

Diverse in dining

Diverse population

Diverse, rich culture

Diverse/inclusive

Diversify restaurant/groceries

Diversity

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Diversity & inclusion

Diversity in city and police officials

Diversity in housing and community

Diversity of Restaurants and Shops

Diversity of cultures

Do NOT defund our police or move money into other resources

Doing our best for the planet

Don't have to leave for dining

Drug free

ELSP not a freight route

EV charging stations standard in new homes/multifamily dwellings

Ease of Transportation

Ease of access in and out of the communities

Ease of getting around, don't continue to build houses on top of each other this isn't Iss Highlands.

Ease of traffic

Ease of traffic bottlenecks

Easily accessible parklands

Easy access to nearby cities

Easy access to services

Easy commute by car

Easy commute to big cities for work (public transport)

Easy to access amenities by bike

Easy to live

Easy transportation to downtown and Bellevue

Eco friendly

Eco friendly/green

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Eco-friendly

Economic diversity

Economically diverse

Educated

Effective government, accessible and accountable

Efficient (low taxes)

Efficient management

Efficient transportation - easy to get in and out of city since we are a bedroom community

Embrace the future

Emergency exit plan

Enforce tree requirements

Enforceable code of farm animal noise

Engage local residents in decision making

Engaged

Engaged and connected residents who feel included and appreciated

Engaged community

Engaged, caring and active Community

Engagement with the arts

Engaging

Ensuring adequate infrastructure (roads, water, utilities)

Entertainment

Entertainment center- theater, cinema, etc.

Environmentally Friendly

Environment-minded

Environmental Conservation

Environmental care

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Environmental friendly

Environmental responsible

Environmental social governance

Environmentally conscious

Environmentally focused

Environmentally forward

Environmentally friendly

Environmentally friendly/green

Environmentally mindful

Environmentally pro-active

Equitable

Estate or large lot homes predominately. A place to get away from density of urban settings

Every street should have a sidewalk and bike lanes where it makes sense

Everyone has room to move and grow

Excellent schools

Exceptional schools

Family friendly

Family oriented

Family oriented and not transient

Family-friendly

Fast internet speeds

Figure out traffic issues

Financial stability

Financially sound

Find everything you need without leaving the city

Fiscally responsible

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Fixed wireless, 5 g

Focus on safety. We have been seeing increasing cases of burglary, etc.

Focus on schools

Food

Food trucks!

Forward planning

Forward thinking

Forward thinking with nice infrastructure for power, water and sewer

Forward thinking, ready to adapt and adopt new things

Friendly

Friendly Community

Fun atmosphere, more businesses, shops, culture, art vibe, local cool restaurants

Fun local activities

Fun place to live

Fun to explore

Funding for Police, Fire and Rescue is a priority

Future thinking

Gathering spaces for teens and seniors

Get more restaurants

Going to the store on a bike/walk should be easier than a car. Look at the new shopping with Metropolitan market, it is a parking lot first and pedestrian second. It all all about getting in a car. There is no public space to hang out in.

Good city service provided at low taxation level with fiscally sound city finance

Good place to find restaurants and bars

Good place to live (Great schools and healthcare)

Good schools

Good schools that teach the basics well- reading, writing, math

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Good schools, parks, retail

Good water/sewer services

Gorgeous

Great Walking and Biking trails

Great community and neighborhood

Great law enforcement

Great public transportation and bike infrastructure

Great schools

Great schools and kid-safe environment

Great schools, need much improvement to be the top in the state

Green

Green city

Green energy initiative

Grocery and restaurants nearby

Growth commensurate with infrastructure capacity

Growth will happen! Allow all types of housing.

Have PSE bury power lines

Have a Real Town Center

Have a Town Center

Have a community feel

Have a foodbank for low income residents

Healthy programs for kids and seniors

High Density Housing

High density housing surrounding by acres of green space

High end restaurants & retail

High quality

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High quality education option

High tech waste management

High volume of traffic not what it was but has become

Higher housing density

Highest level of education options

Housing/rent affordable

I would like to see an organized senior center

Ice Skating Rink

Improve ingress/egress from plateau

Improve traffic flow

Improve traffic routing

Improve transportation

Improved bus service

Improved roads off plateau

Improved roads to reduce congestion

Improvements on SE 30th, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, trees. Klahanie Park could be the central park of Sammamish for passive activities.

Improving traffic flow

In neighborhood services

Inclusive

Inclusive for all generations

Inclusive

Increase infrastructure to accommodate CURRENT HOUSES

Increase retail

Increase traffic efficiency

Increased acceptance

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Increased choice schools availability

Increased safety patrols

Indoor community tennis court

Infrastructure BEFORE development

Infrastructure improvement

Infrastructure in place to reduce traffic congestion

Infrastructure needs to keep up with the development

Infrastructure planning

Innovation

Innovative

Integrate with wildlife

Intelligent

Interesting shopping and dining experiences

International Dark Sky Community designation

Internet problem - speed is super slow compared to east coast

Job opportunities

Jobs/housing balance

Keep Natural beauty instead of cutting trees for houses

Keep Sammamish small. Do not approve new homes if nearby schools are already at capacity.

Keep cleanliness and maintenance

Keep ease of access to I90/520.

Keep green spaces

Keep it natural (don't clear cut)

Keep open space

Keep schools to provide quality, non partisan education and have quality teachers

Keep services at high level

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Keep the beautiful nature, trees, and wild animals

Keep the great schools

Keep the safety awesome

Keep the trees

Keep the trees!

Keep zoning in line with city's goals

Keeping farmland

Keeping nature

Kid centric

Kid friendly areas

Kid-friendly

Kids friendly

Land use planning

Large selection of nice/locally owned shops

Larger lots for homes

Larger variety of housing prices

Law abiding citizens

Laws enforced

Less Traffic

Less apt buildings or condos

Less bedroom community

Less building leading to cutting down the trees and natural spaces

Less car dependance

Less car dependent

Less congestion

Less congestion getting off the plateau

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Less construction

Less crowded

Less dense housing

Less density

Less development, fewer apartments

Less developments, no multi-family units

Less housing density

Less land split

Less or no more building

Less people

Less racing cars on the roads, more traffic police

Less regulations/more flexibility

Less rental

Less rentals

Less traffic

Less woke

Less zero clearance neighborhoods

Lessen climate change impact

Lessen traffic impacts

Life vivid

Lifestyle

Light rail connection

Light traffic

Light-rail extension to the city

Limit Development; Sammamish will lose its charm if it gets crowded anymore

Limit growth

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Limit new growth (commercial and rental)

Limited development to preserve the natural beauty of the city

Limited new construction

Limited strip malls

Little town with lots of family owned restaurants/bars/etc

Livability (restaurants, dr office, shopping)

Live, work, play

Lively

Local beauty - environment

Local businesses

Local employment

Local industry

Local transit options

Lots of police

Lots of trails

Love and diversity

Low Crime Rates

Low Traffic

Low crime

Low crime- enforce laws

Low crime/safe

Low property crime

Low taxes

Low traffic

Low traffic / Better roads

Low traffic congestion going into and out of the city

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Lower crime/increase consequences for crime

Lower property taxes

Lower taxes

Lowered food/grocery costs

Maintain excellent schools

Maintain green spaces

Maintain high quality schools

Maintain native growth in parks/areas

Maintain natural areas

Maintain open, natural spaces, promoting fish and wildlife

Maintain or expand parks and recreation (trails, etc)

Maintain quality of life

Maintain safety

Maintain tree, not just keep

Make certain residents aren't taxed out

Make it beautiful

Make it natural

Make it peaceful

Make it quiet

Make the city friendly for outdoor activities like walking, biking, etc.

Making it easier to safely bike

Mall free

Manage and prevent power outages

Managed growth

Managing traffic as the city grows

Many local restaurants, services, and groceries

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Minimal or no additional construction

Minimal traffic congestion during commuting hours.

Minimize multi-family dwellings to control traffic

Modern

Modern and bright/artistic

Modern power/energy infra

Moratorium on building

More 'rambler' style housing

More Affordable Housing

More Roads

More accommodating for people of different income levels

More affordable

More affordable housing

More businesses, less homes - little shops, etc

More choice of traffic

More commercial business support and growth

More community building events

More community events

More community feel

More convenient to commute

More cultural activities for African Americans

More cultural events and restaurants

More dining options

More employers

More employment opportunities

More engagement of city leaders with general public

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More entertainment choices

More freedom for homeowners to manage trees that belong to them

More frequent street sweeping

More green public space

More green space

More home owner freedom to remove trees and repave without need for permits

More land

More local stores like Gilman Village

More middle schools

More opportunities black businesses

More options for public and private school system

More parks to support growing population

More parks, open space

More places to eat outside

More police

More public fun events

More public transportation

More resistant to natural disaster

More restaurant options

More restaurant variety

More restaurants

More restaurants (retail)

More restrants and places to shop

More restrictive development standards for developers

More retail business

More retail options

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More roads if possible

More schools

More services for senior adults

More social areas

More streets of off the plateau

More traffic friendly

More trails and parks

More transport options

More varieties of restaurants and retail stores

More vibrant art community

More welcoming of others/all people

More youth involvement

Most daily needs met within the community

Movie theater

Multi cultural/art to reflect it

Multi modal transportation

Multi-generation living

Multi-generational (including retired ages)

Municipal Fiber

Municipal Internet

Municipal services

NO CHEAP HIGH-RISE HOUSING UNITS LIKE IN ISSAQUAH/REDOMND

Natural

Natural Beauty

Natural beauty

Natural environment

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Natural environment intact

Natural environment preservation and expansion

Natural open space

Nature

Nature (again!)

Nature filled

Nature preservation

Nature preservation and green - live with renewable energy and animals

Nature, environment setting

Need for quality dining options, a arts center for music (non-rock), theatre, movie theater, hardware store, department store.

Need more restaurants and stores (similar to Issaquah)

Neighborhood building activities, a sense of community

Neighborhood businesses

Neighborhood safety

Neighborly

New energy town

New housing, particularly high density housing only built if the infrastructure (road, water, sewers) can handle it with acceptable surge margin.

Nice and calm neighborhood

Nice selection/variety of restaurants and coffee shops

Nightlife activities

No after school traffic

No building permit waivers

No construction

No crime

No development until infrastructure has caught up; traffic is awful

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No masks required, masks should be optional. No vaccine mandates.

No more apartments

No more building

No more building/construction

No more constructions

No more growth, maintain small city

No more new construction

No more traffic

No news is good news

No power outage

No rentals

No tent cities

No town center

No traffic

No traffic jams

Non political' schools

Not Redmond

Not congested

Not crowded

Not like Seattle

Not lose its local charm

Not overcrowded

Not overcrowded schools

Not overly developed or too much traffic

Open Space

Open to change for the better

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Open/unbuilt space

Opportunities for engagement, activities

Opportunities for extra curricular activities for children (sports, arts, science)

Opportunities to engage youth in community

Opportunity for seniors to age in place and not be taxed out

Options for transit other than cars

Our own police

Owner occupied housing

Owner occupied residential focus

PNW character

Parades

Parks

Parks and recreation

Parks and trails

Pay more attention to seniors

Peaceful

Peaceful and safe

Peaceful environment

Peaceful neighborhood

Peaceful neighborhoods

Peaceful/quiet

Pedestrian friendly

Pedestrian friendly core of restaurants and services

Pedestrian links and trails connecting neighborhoods

People do not go to work anymore- need more local stuff!

Pet friendly

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Philanthropic

Places for community to hang out

Places for residents to gather

Places to meet for dinner or a drink

Places to work where you live

Plan for traffic

Please don't congest traffic further

Please maintain the level of nature in Sammamish

Plenty of interesting and fun eateries

Popular restaurants

Positive activities for teens

Post office

Power problem in case of wind, snow

Pragmatic

Prepared plans for wildfires

Preservation and education of natural green spaces (e.g., more robust community engagement program)

Preservation of habitat

Preservation of natural areas

Preservation of nature and lake.

Preservation of the natural beauty of the area (lake, woods and plateau)

Preserve green spaces

Preserve natural environment. It is being destroyed very rapidly

Preserve nature

Preserve open space

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Preserve the natural beauty. In last 5 years, forests are getting cleared for new houses. It is required but may be row house then individual houses, or size of houses should be restricted so we cannot cut more trees

Preserve wildlife habitat

Preserved

Preserved (Heritage)

Preserved Open Spaces

Preserved and beautiful nature with well maintained trails

Preserved environment, we're losing too much to housing and increased traffic

Preserved natural areas

Preserved natural beauty

Preserved natural environment

Preserving natural spaces

Preserving open space

Preserving the environment

Prioritize lakes health

Pristine

Private

Progressive

Protect forest

Protect natural environment

Protect wetlands

Provide affordable housing

Proximity to a clothing store

Proximity to food and life style choice retail

Public Safety

Public engagement

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Public safety

Public transit

Public transit on Lake Road

Public transport

Public transportation

Public transportation access

Purposeful event planning

Put utilities(power posts,wires) underground

Put utility lines underground

Quaint

Quaint 'downtown' with local retailers

Quaint downtown area

Quality of Schools

Quality of electrical power distribution so we don't lose power multiple times every winter

Quality schools

Quality, UNCROWDED schools

Quicker connectivity to adjacent cities

Quiet

Quiet and peaceful

Racial awareness and equity

Range of housing options

Reasonable dining options

Reasonable personal property tree removal and replacement polies

Reduce Crime, it is getting worse; Cannot even park cars outside

Reduce congestion

Reduce new buildings

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Reduce taxes

Reduce the number of developments going in

Reduce traffic congestion

Reduce traffic- more group commute choices

Reduced housing density and growth

Regional influence

Regional look at transit issues

Regulated development

Relaxed

Relaxing

Reliable electrical service

Reliable electricity

Reliable government

Reliable public utilities

Remain Safe and Peace

Remodel work friendly

Remove speed bumps on 216th Ave NE.

Renew shopping centers

Reopen City Hall and city offices ASAP

Residential suburb

Residential, not rentals

Resilient infrastructure (e.g., vegetation management plan to improve power, broadband during storms)

Resisting over-development

Respect for nature

Respect for property owners' rights

Respecting diversity and differences



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Responsible and sustainable growth

Responsible citizens

Responsiveness to residents' needs

Restaurants

Restaurants actually in Sammamish

Restaurants and bars

Restaurants incl. outside service

Restaurants/cultural diversity

Restraint in growth

Retail diversity

Retail variety

Retail/dining options

Retail/restaurant growth

Rich cultural lifestyle choices

Roads are very crowded on school mornings trying to get across the plateau

Roads are well maintained and support of existing population

Roads connecting to other cities need to be widened

Roads not keeping up with growth

Robust law enforcement

Rural

SANCTUARY FROM KING COUNTY MADNESS

Safe

Safe - Low Crime

Safe and clean for all

Safe and quiet

Safe and well-protected from crime

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Safe community

Safe for bicycling

Safe for everyone

Safe for families

Safe neighbourhood

Safe place to live

Safe with No power loss during critical storms

Safe!

Safe, family friendly

Safe, low crime

Safe, support the police

Safe: live, visit, play

Safer neighborhoods (crime watch)

Safety

Safety and security

Safety due to burglaries/theft needs to be improved

Safety from Crime

Safety, safety, safety

Samammish can be more than just a nearby commuter city.

Samammish has diversity of culture and can utilize this more it is advantage bring in more diversity

Samammish summer festival, such as music festival in pine lake

Saving or creating more natural spaces for wildlife, hiking, etc.

Saying NIMBY isn't a solution

Scenic

Scholastic

Schools and Security

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Self contained city not solely reliant on property taxes

Self-sufficient city with a range of options for eating out, activities

Semi rural

Shopping

Shopping (not grocery)

Shopping center

Shopping malls

Should have corporate campuses

Sidewalk access for all

Sidewalk accessible

Sidewalks everywhere

Simplify the statement.....please!

Single family housing neighborhoods (takes care of the other three)

Sit-down dining options

Skating center

Slow Growth

Slow development

Slow down East Lake Pkwy

Slow down development

Slow, thoughtful growth

Slower growth

Slower or halt growth

Small and Efficient City Government

Small businesses thrive here

Small city

Small community

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Small parks/squares closer to all

Small town feel

Small, quaint 'downtown'

Smart city (e.g., infrastructure improvements that integrates technology)

Smart infrastructure growth

Social activities

Social/community events engaging all ages

Socioeconomic diversity

Solar speeds signs on ELSP to control speeding

Solid infrastructure (roads and power lines)

Solid infrastructure plan

Some more retail

Sound infrastructure

Spacious

Sports facilities, opportunities for kids

State of the art digital infrastructure

Stay Green and Beautiful

Stay safe for kids and adults

Stay safe!

Steady growth

Stop building more houses and apartments, enough!!!

Stop deforestation

Stop granting RUE's to builders

Stop referring to the suburbs as the city

Stop residential growth until roads catch up

Stop residential growth until schools catch up

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Stop the growth

Stop the growth, we can drive to that. Keep as sleepy town.

Stop the sprawl

Street safe - i.e. no overcrowded street parking, no heavy traffic

Streets are designed for beauty and accommodate volumes of cars i.e. Sahalee Hill and East Lake Sammamish Parkway

Suburban

Suburban feel

Super environmentally voracious

Support for first responders

Support for youth services

Supportive

Supports, serves, and provides services for the betterment and satisfaction of its residents' total well-being

Sustainability

Sustainable

Sustainable and self-sustainable

Sustainable growth

Sustainable society

Sustainable solutions (e.g., LEED certification mandates for new construction or retrofits)

Sustainable, green

Sustentable

Take better care of our police

Take over private road as public

Take the chemicals that have been added into the water

Tax free

Tax friendly

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Technologically advanced (fiber internet?)

Technology leading

Teen center for teens/community center

Telecommunications infrastructure

The city should be inspired by other cities that put citizens quality of life before development.

Thriving on internet-based work in a small city with myriad options

Thriving restaurant scene

Time it takes to get to the freeway is my largest complaint and potential reason I would move

To get a cinema

To have all amenities of a bigger city

Together

Too many condos, small plot homes have been added

Top tier schools in the state using standards typical for such measurements

Town center

Traffic

Traffic congestion figured out

Traffic flow improvements

Traffic free

Traffic mitigation

Traffic planning

Traffic reduction

Trail system connecting neighborhoods and services

Trails

Train/light rail to Seattle/Seatac/Redmond/Issaquah

Transit

Transit oriented development

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Transit/future visions

Transparent city leadership

Transparent city management

Transport

Transportation

Transportation connectivity

Transportation facility

Transportation options

Tree city

Tree cutting requirements

Tree retention

Trees

True community center, not membership based

Two lane both directions on 228

Uncluttered

Uncongested, family safe environment

Uncrowded

Unique shopping/restaurants

Unique, not cookie cutter Seattle

Upgraded infrastructure

Upscale

Upscale neighborhood/community

Utility availability (bury power lines)

Value home ownership

Value independent thoughts

Value individual property rights

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Valuing and appreciation of all (race/culture/religion)

Valuing the common good

Vibrancy

Vibrant

Vibrant and engaging

Vibrant downtown

Vibrant salmon runs

Views! Cut trees when there are mountain views.

Visionary

Walkability

Walkable

Walkable (sidewalks)

Walkable Community with safe sidewalks on main roads

Walkable and bike-able city for people who don't own a car

Walkable and bikeable

Walkable community

Walkable. How do so many streets not have sidewalks?

Walkable/bikeable

Walkable/sidewalks

Walking & biking routes incl. over/under passes

Walking access to all parks

Walking trails

Water Waste Free: Stop allowing home owners associations and the city to waste potable water on landscaping

Way better restaurants

We are losing too much of the beautiful area spaces

Welcoming

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Welcoming diversity

Welcoming to those who live, visit, and move here

Well established infrastructure and transportation

Well maintain

Well maintained

Well maintained neighborhoods

Well maintained trails

Well planned

Well planned for ease of getting around

Well planned infrastructure to support traffic on and off plateau as well as addressing congestion around schools.

Well preserved natural environment

Well preserved nature

Well-functioning and well funded law enforcement and emergency

Well-maintained

Well-preserved natural environment

Well-preserved natural parks and facilities, maybe even the ability to rent kayaks/SUP for our beautiful lakes

Widen streets

Wider roads

Wildlife

Wired for the future

With more employment opportunities that aren't in the service industry

Working towards housing affordability and diversity

Worry less about tax income and slow down Building of new houses, etc

Year round entertainment

Youth minded

Zero growth

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a family-friendly, kid-safe community

a post office

a safe place for kids to grow up

a stop light at the intersection of Sahalee Way and NE 28th PI

accessible connections to neighborhoods

an inclusive approach to all communities when change is needed

bedroom community

better enforcement of traffic laws, obeying speed limits, stop sign, prevention of littering

better infrastructure support and amenities for the current population

better weather adaptability

bigger neighborhoods single family homes

boasts 100's of miles of protected bike lanes/trails

climate resilience

complete moratorium on new residential building

controlled growth

convenient

create better infrastructure and stop growth without it

culturally diverse

culture of equality and inclusion

diversity

downtown

easier to get around

easy commute

easy to get around

easy to get around without traffic gridlock

encourages local dining/meeting establishments

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enhance livability

environmentally updated

establishment of conservation/natural areas with nature trails and informational kiosks.

excellent schools

family friendly neighborhoods

fiscally responsible, balanced budget

flexibility and adapting to change

forward thinking

full of nature

good schools

great schools

improve overcrowded schools

infrastructure that supports current population and growth

inspires residents to actively participate in improving the community

investment in public parks and services

keep the trees

keep trees

kids and family friendly natural environment

less congested

less traffic

light rail

limited new housing developments

maintaining a cultural balance

many transportation options

more bus routes

more dining/coffee/bakery and retail options (not chains)

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more groceri stores

more park

more recycling options and hazardous waste disposal

more restaurants to visit

more school

more shopping centers

more trails

more trails and parks

multiple housing options with quality architectural details

no more new houses

no more cookie cutter homes

no more destruction of natural habitats

no more power outages

no outside influence (corporations, foreign)

not congested

open spaces

organized community eventsw

parks

parks within each new development

peaceful

places for wild animals to live

population growth control for better commute and safer communitcy

prepared for inevitable changes in climate

preservation of the natural environment

preservation of wildlife habitat and coexistence with wildlife

preserved as is

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protection of our parks and forests

proximity gym and restuarants

retail establishment

safe

safe drinking water

safe neighborhoods

safe neighborhoods with police availability

safety and police enforcing rules

senior living

sensitivity to income disparities

served by 2 outstanding school districts and 2 community-supported schools foundations

small

smart city with data driven decisions

stop building

stop over development

strategic growth strategy over multiple economic cycles

sustainable development

sustainable environmentally sensative choices

sustained qaulity of life

things for teens to do

thoughtful development and willingness to expand and grow

thoughtfully planned

to get underground electric wires

traffic

transportation options

vibrant

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walkable and bike friendly

well connected

well maintained infrastructure

well managed

work with what's here

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A balanced environment, containing both housing AND preserving adequate natural spaces

A center with a variety of shopping options (Hardware store, small independent stores...not more big box, book store)

A leader in green technology

A place for generations

A place where people can live through all stages of life

A post office

A prosperous city

A resident first community that proactively rejects interest groups that want to influence growth and development in samammish for financial gains.

A senior center or activities for families

Abundant native plants and wildlife.

Accessible to all

Adequate and well-maintained roads

Adequate street lighting

Aesthetically pleasing

Affordable

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Affordable and diverse housing

Affordable housing

Affordable housing for all

Affordable housing options for essential workers

Affordable housing-this a a big problem that housing is so expensive and there aren't small starter homes for people

Affordable to all

An honest community that stands together in rejecting the efforts of non residents to troll our community through organized social media attacks.

Anti-racist

Appreciation for integrated natural beauty of the Northwest and family living

Attractive and beautifully maintain shared spaces

Beautiful

Beauty by way of nature incorporated into housing

Bedroom community

Better connectivity to major hubs like Bellevue, Seattle downtown

Better governing for better financial stability is needed

Better range of housing and transportation options

Better roads and public transport

Bike paths

Bike paths for main routes

Build more schools

Can live and work without leaving it

Carbon neutral

Carbon-neutral

Central service providers for services like plumber, electrician, handyman, carpenter

Charming downtown like Edmonds

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## Citizen Safety

Citizen participation determines decisions

City Council decisions ruled by their residence's preferences and not by councilman's personal agenda

City in the forest, not just a bunch of backyards

City-sponsored recreational activities for both the young and old

Civility of city council members and city employees

## Clean

Clean and safe

Cleanliness and beatification

Climate-forward

Climate-resilient

Collaboration between school districts and city, as well as collaboration between neighboring cities (Redmond, Issaquah)

Collaborative and functional city council

Collaborative partnership with neighboring cities, towns, and county

Confident and at peace with remaining a middle to upper class suburb

Connected

Connectivity

Consistency in utility services, especially power

Creating a sense of community and belonging

Cultural awareness

Cultural hub

Culturally diverse with North American and European qualities and influences.

Develop road infrastructure

Different, diverse and smaller housing options for life

Diverse



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Diverse (economic & racial)

Diverse Lifestyle (not just community but amenities too)

Diversity reflecting our region

Do not encourage low cost housing

Don't let the Samm Plat Tower be the last Tree

Don't need to Issaquah/Redmond

Downtown Core or Hub

Driving rules sensitive, learn the actual rules.

Ease of traffic

Ease of traffic. As city grows, roads should as well ie 228th

Easy quick public transportation to cultural and sporting events in downtown seattle

Easy to get around

Economic development - more restaurants, services etc

Educational Excellence

Effective, sufficient and reliable municipal services

Efficient taxation and spending

Elon and Bezos want earth to be a nature preserve so we can use space and other planets for industry. We should do the same with sammamish and people can keep traveling to issaquah and Redmond to access things we don't have immediately locally. But we don't need everything here, that's stupid.

Embrace Technology/Nature

Emerald Necklace

Empower law enforcement

Enforce the protection of sensitive area tracts for wildlife

Engaged

Engagement not just for families with school-aged children, but for older people who no longer have their children at home.

Environment preservation

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Environmental conscious and proactive leadership envisioning a carbon neutral city

Equitable

Equitable, workforce and affordable housing mix

Equity in outcomes

Excellent schools at all levels including colleges/universities

Exceptional schools,adequately funded

Exceptional, exemplary public safety

Exclusive, safe bedroom community

Family friendly and kid-safe

Family friendly small city

Family-friendly and kid-safe

Fix cellphone connectivity (some dark zones)

Fix electricity connections

Fix potholes in roads

Flexibility

Focus on native plants and wildlife habitat

Focused on connections - traffic improvements, neighbor engagement, community events

Forested, nature friendly

Forward thinking

Forward thinking for a growing and diverse community

Friendly

Friendly to all ages - children to seniors

Friendly to small businesses and restaurants

Full range of comprehensive social services

Fun

Functional city government that plans and implements proactive ideas for a healthy city.

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Get fiber connectivity for internet

Good investment

Great downtown

Great schools and family- oriented

Green

Green open space and forest preserved

Grow with Care

Halt on new residential living buildings

Has a strong focus on cultural, art and music venues, workshops and performances

Healthy and Safe environment

High housing prices

High quality, well staffed fire and rescue

High value for tax existing burden

Housing for all

Humans living in harmony with nature

Hybrid of suburban and rural feel

I can commute to my work

I can hear the birds at any time of the day

I don't need my car to get my daily needs

I live in a close community like a village

Inclusive

Inclusive for all (ethnic and economic diversity)

Inclusive for all creatures

Inclusive of all

Income-diverse

Increase police staffing, especially on personal theft, school safety and war on drugs

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Increased police presence

Integrated with nature

Invested in infrastructure

Keep housing developments low.

Keep the beautiful nature, trees, and wild animals

Keeping Natural beauty

Kind

Kindliness highly regarded.

LOW density housing

Leader in environmental policies and protections

Less building of houses- yes this contradicts affordable housing but we don't need every inch of space with houses

Less crowded schools

Less cutting of trees.

Less development

Less growth

Less traffic

Less traffic and congestion

Limit growth

Limited growth to preserve what is good about Sammamish

Live where you work

Lively

Local employment opportunities

Logically growing with an emphasis on quality and aesthetics

Lots of traile

Low crime

Low crime rate

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Maintain bedroom-community feel

Maintain greenbelt rules for new construction, im sad to see the trees removed from 228 to make room for housing

Maintain nature

Maintain the safety

Maintained

More access roads

More access to market and restaurants

More bike trails

More community events - like fourth of July and others

More events for the society like art exhibits, drama/music festivals of diverse cultures

More law enforcement to help with speeding, car prowlers and package thieves

More local employment opportunities

More local shops/amenities are needed

More parks and trails.

More pedestrian amendaties, i.e. crosswalks

More places for teens to gather

More quaint retail core - either at Town Center or near Grey Barn location that can draw visitors

More shopping/retail options

More small local shops

Multi-cultural

Multi-modal transportation

Multi-model transportation options

Multiple housing options for young and old are needed

NOT a virtue-signaling, politically divided town

NOT over-developed

Nationally ranked schools with small class sizes.

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Natural

Natural beauty

Nature & wildlife preserve

Nature cohabitation and intentional inclusion role model for America

Nature sensitive

Nature-integrated (or nature interwoven) city

Neighborhood traffic controls for speeding

Neighborhoods working together to form a compassionate city

Nepotism laws should be applied to city employees

Net-positive growth meeting internal needs and adding community values

New roads to keep up with growth.

New schools to keep up with growth.

No clear cutting

No high density housing

No high rise

No high rise buildings

No low income apartments

No more huge developments with houses right on top of each other, all looking the same

No more new construction

No traffic nightmare

Non business area

Not so many new neighborhoods

Offer more internet provider options (currently only Comcast)

Offers a wide range of wonderful and diverse arts/cultural events and restaurants

Offers options for senior living and engagement

Open green spaces and natural areas

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Open to all

Options

Options for higher education

Outdoor recreation

Peaceful

Peaceful neighborhoods

Peaceful suburban city

Pedestrian friendly community

People centric

Pickle ball courts- have to go elsewhere

Plan for snow events, sheesh!!!

Planning and incentivizing alternative energy sources for housing stock, businesses and city offices

Power lines should be below ground

Preservation of mature trees and legacy forests

Preservation of openspaces

Preserve natural beauty

Preserve the natural environment

Preserves natural spaces

Priorities for nature and open spaces

Progressive

Promotes e-bike transportation and has the infrastructure (safe travel lanes and bike racks)to support this

Protect the environment

Provides a robust center for older residents with programming to engage people physically, intellectually and emotionally

Provides affordable options for all income levels

Provides support services for seniors

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Publicly provided recreation options

Quality of cell / data service during power outage

Quiet

Range of affordability

Range of employment options

Range of housing options

Reduce traffic or provide new routes off the plateau

Reduced traffic

Reducing power outage frying appliances and electrical

Regionally connected and involved

Replanting aging trees near homes

Residential

Responsive to the citizens

Restaurants

Restaurants and cafes

Restrict growth to account for public services (ex, school space)

Roadside curbs to encourage walking.

Rural

Safe

Safe environment good city council and police

Safe to walk/bike on all roadways including those that lead to neighboring towns such as Issaquah

Safe, low crime

Safe, well maintained network of bike paths and trails.

Safety highly regarded with both police and mental health care covering together and all understand where to get help.

Safety/adequate law wndorcement



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Samammish exists on tributaries to the Lake Samammish Kokanee

Samammish is a community that offers a variety of housing options so that we can maintain a diverse population.

Samammish is a community that values nature.

Samammish is a place where you can live, work and play

Self sustaining

Self-contained

Senior center offering a multitude of programs

Sense of community

Shopping

Shops that would enable local shopping like LOFT, Ann Taylor, Talbots and more diverse places to eat besides Indian, Chinese and pizza

Shops to help off set all of the raises in taxes

Sidewalks on all major roads and side roads

Sidewalks, Trails, and Wildlife Corridors should be required

Slow the speed of housing development especially multi-unit buildings

Small town feel

Smart people working together to protect our community with LOGICAL RESIDENT CREATED solutions. No more solutions from Samwick.

Spacious natural environment

Stay true to identity

Stop building all the houses that are so close together

Stop the growth just for the sake of growth

Strong City Brand that supports Work, live and play philosophy

Support growth for new businesses

Support local business growth

Sustainable

Sustainable Suburban

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Technologically advanced

The entire city, including personal transportation, home heating, etc. is carbon neutral by 2030

Think outside the box to advance Sammamish

This is a crap question. The choices are loaded for the response the city wants. These priorities may not be the ones people want but they are restricted.

Thriving business community

Town center, not whatever met market area is today, it's no town center

Transit options to reduce traffic

Transparent government operations (city council and city manager)

Transpiration options

Transportation improvements

Transportation without owning personal car

Trees

Trees, parks and open spaces

True to its roots

Unique businesses adding to unique character

Using technology and smart systems to support community

Utilizing the cultural diversity of residents for greater understanding of cultures and practices

VERY thoughtful development with supportive infrastructure.

Valuing others.

Variety of housing to cover one's life span

Variety of services and retail options

Vibrant

Vibrant and exciting

Vibrant restaurant scene

Visually appealing

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Walkability

Walkable

Walkable (more sidewalks - i.e. to Big Rock Park from Ebright)

Walkable and bikeable

Walking paths throughout the community

Water wise, you have some of the best water in the US we miss it!

We need a place to enjoy outside dining and shopping like they have in Oregon and California

Welcoming

Welcoming community space

Welcoming to diversity

Well funded police force

Well maintained

Well planned traffic flow.

Well-managed

Well-preserved natural environment

Wildlife corridors and protection of streams, wetlands and steep slopes

Wooded

Work on traffic congestion

Work with HOAs to encourage homeowners to plant more native, drought resistant plants

a bedroom community

a non partial newspaper that publishes important, pertinent local news

a sanctuary for nature lovers

abundant community sports for adults/seniors

accessible

adequate facilities for adult sports such as pickleball

affordable housing

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bringing us together

celebrate diversity

community driven

community gathering spaces

community minded

create connectedness

culturally rich

dedicated sport courts ie like Pickleball, Volleyball and Badminton

developers (and/or buyers of their homes) pay for the full longer term cost of more residents (roads, schools, etc.)

economic and environmental sustainability

enjoying added multi-dimensional civic benefits

family and kid-safe, all neighborhoods have sidewalks!

family and kid-safe, can easily find playground that fits different kids ages

family friendly neighborhoods

fiscally sound community

friendly to newcomers

get rid of all the AirBNB units

green - focus on energy conservation and pollution reduction

green and sustainable

housing misdevelopment has been alleviated

improved infrastructure

inclusive (or diverse)

interconnected trail system

job bank, as a way to have more person to person engagement

keep working towards earthquake preparedness

less packed neighborhood to preserve enough vegetation

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livable

more diversity

multi-cultural

multi-generational opportunities

neighborliness

no traffic congestion on the street, easy to ride a bike or walk

opportunity for senior citizens socialization

preserve wildlife habitats

preserving what's left of our open space

proactive in solving transportation issues

provide for all stages of life

reasonable commutes

require developers to pay their share for roads, schools and services....require smaller units per development

require solar power

safe

safe and secure (from crime as well as natural disasters)

self sufficient

separate from King County

services (shops, restaurants) and gathering places conveniently located and create a sense of community

services for our residents that do not require trips off the Plateau

supportive of seniors

the best parks

town center providing a heart and soul to Sammamish

vibrant and engaging

walkability

welcoming

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welcoming and friendly

well maintained natural parks and recreational areas

where people get together to talk, support each other, solve issues

where you feel safe, no house or car robberies or vandalism, no drugs dealt

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## Q18: Do you have any specific comments on the current Vision Statement?

'bedroom community' does not sound a positive term: term seems to describe a place where people are disengaged, no sense of community, no sense of belonging, where I don't know my neighbors, I go there just to sleep (like Issaquah highlands...)

'full range of human endeavor' sounds wordy and unclear

'well-preserved natural environment' seems disingenuous given all the land being cleared for giant expensive houses with no yards

Add caring and supportive to human endeavor

Add digital lifestyle transformation, electric vehicle car support facilities, low tax

Add something that fits today's technology trends such as AI, new energy, modern

Affordability

Affordable for my family, but not the teachers, police, fire fighters that serve our community

Affordable for whom? Not really the majority.

All fluff, not reality

Any city in Washington can say the same thing

Aspirational, but not currently accurate

**BUILD A CITY OPERATED BROADBANK NETWORK AVAILABLE TO ALL CITIZENS**

Balanced and inclusive!

Bold and will be a challenge, but a good vision summary

Can't have it all.

City Council member have had personal financial gains with growth.

City does not follow it

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Connectivity needs to improve in Sammamish- Bus/Rail/Transportation Hub

Control crime rate

Creating easy multi-modal transportation corridors is a nice idea, but it is too hilly around here.

Cultural diversity, affordable housing

Current long term residents don't seem to want 'outsiders'

Currently lacks connectedness, diversity, affordability

Debe incluir la diversidad cultural

Define 'housing affordability.' I don't think adding rentals, condos, high rises is where we should go.

Delete bedroom and add community cohesiveness

Developers methods do not preserve environment

Developing faster public transport to Redmond and Issaquah would be ideal

Dining/shopping destination added somewhere?

Diversity focused

Does not accurately say the current state of the city; looks backwards, not forwards

Does not address: drug free, homeless vagrant free, supportive of police

Does not commit to specific choices that would apply equitably to all sections of the society.

Does not include the environment- it visions a sea of plateau chateaus

Does not meet housing affordability

Doesn't accurately describe today's conditions. I've heard it before.

Doesn't set specific ceiling for growth

Don't care about multi-modal transportation and affordability

Don't care much about: A. multi-modal transportation resources; B. housing affordability (with the exception of housing for essential workers, law enforcement, emergency personnel and teachers); What is 'full range of human endeavor'? Some human endeavor is destructive. Does it mean that Sammamish should support it? I think not.

Don't feel there is a multi modal transportation; technology lags other cities, such as internet

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Don't like 'affordability through balanced, sustainable housing'- too much government intervention. Don't want low income housing.

Don't like phrase bedroom community limiting label

Don't over build; don't become Redmond

Environment is not preserved and not connected due to lack of sidewalks and trails. Sammamish has really let us down.

Expanding tree canopy? Not if you keep allowing clearcutting for neighborhoods.

Expanding tree canopy? Is this a joke?

Expanding tree canopy? Really? Have the developers read this?

Feels long way away from implementing

Few of these goals have been achieved.

Flowery BS

Full of pleasant platitudes- good umbrella for real plan

Future development (or preserving what we currently have) is not addressed

Get rid of housing affordability. Please refrain from adding any 'wokeness' to this vision statement.

Get rid of this bedroom term. Bedroom is the whole problem with Sammamish. Even the city management wants its citizens to go elsewhere for everything. Nonsense. Stay local for everything.

Given the remote work revolution, most remain in Sammamish throughout most days. Need more restaurants and retail businesses to support this shift. Bedroom community is a thing of the past, most still work from home and will continue to do so.

Gonna be tough to grow if we don't advance sewer access issue

Good summary- each part of vision should be connected with a plan as to how to achieve the vision

Grandiose vision

Great Vision Statement

Great vision, but implementation is not happening

Having affordability is unrealistic. A very long way to go to be state of the art.

Honestly, it sounds like a bunch of bull. A vision statement should be brief and easily memorized by our reps. This is not Pepsi's mission statement or was 'Beat Coke'.



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Housing affordability is not a current reality!

Housing affordability should NOT be a concern

Housing affordability/balanced housing is not reality now, especially for aging seniors

Housing affordability= town center growth (over growth)

Housing affordability? Really?

Housing is not affordable now. If you keep allowing clear cutting for development, there won't be any trees.

Housing is not affordable or varied

Housing is not affordable. I'm not sure it's meant to be based on the location of Sammamish.

Housing is not sustainable; stop building so many houses

Housing isn't really affordable. New neighborhoods with tight/cramped houses going for \$1.6 million

Housing not always affordable for people that work in Sammamish

Housing prices not going down anytime soon

How does the city support 'housing affordability' without adding more stressors to the already stressed infrastructure?

I am not sure I agree with affordability. It has become a two income community. It use to be a one income community.

I am unsure of affordable housing. Housing prices continue to rise.

I challenge the 'meets housing affordability through balanced, sustainable housing'

I do not see 'affordability through balanced sustainable housing' as a priority.

I do not understand preserving tree canopy, while allowing clear cut for new housing! You are implementing punishment/fines on homeowners managing large/dying trees on their property.

I don't believe the Vision Statement. Not doing it! Not expanding tree canopy, public transportation is a joke, sprawling multi unit housing, inviting crime, and excessive cars on roads.

I don't see how we are state of the art as we have no amenities to support that statement

I don't see what's getting done for 'digital future'

I don't think a city with very limited bus service can say it has unrivaled connectedness

I don't think housing affordability fits here

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I don't think investing in multi-modal transportation will be a good return on investments as current resources are underutilized

I don't think it reflects the current Sammamish

I don't think we have good public transportation options to Seattle, Bellevue, and other close neighborhoods

I doubt affordable housing and quiet/safe neighborhoods can both be achieved here

I hope this is true! It would be amazing if Sammamish were like this!

I like it

I like it and it fits my vision.

I like it!

I like it- I would add an emphasis on an inclusive walkable downtown area

I like the vision statement. It doesn't describe the current situation...

I love it

I really like the parts about preserving the environment, being responsive and supportive of human endeavor, and meeting future needs with respect to transportation and housing. The phrase 'captures the best of the past' is unclear to me, however, and it sounds like it could be overemphasized in a way that stymies change, adaptability, and meeting the needs of the present.

I see the way the city was 30-40 years ago. It's so much different

I think it needs to make clear that growth will be balanced by capacity of infrastructure (particularly roads) and maintenance of natural beauty

I think it's accurate and agree with it

I think parts of the Vision Statement is correct - however, there is much improvement needed to fulfill the full Vision Statement.

I think you should prioritize the natural environment and rural nature of the area and make it clear those things are here to stay

I worry about the preservation of the natural environment

I would like to acknowledge cultural diversity in Sammamish's mission statement

I would not use the term vibrant, losing tree canopy

I would really like to see the vision come true

I would say it accurately describes my vision except that I see no limit to density

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I'm confused about the housing affordability portion of the statement. The median home price is over \$1M. I don't see this being an affordable place for most people to live. That said, I'm okay with this. My wife and I have worked very hard for many, many years to be able to put our family in a place like this. Introducing low income housing is not something we are interested in at all. We pay a premium to live here and we willingly do this for a reason. It's safe, family friendly, has excellent schools and we don't have to put up with violence or other crime. Be realistic about your constituency, not sure they want low income housing in the city.

I'm not sure how 'vibrant' and how 'well preserved' the environment is

I'm wondering if residents wish Sammamish to be a bedroom community, or if residents would enjoy more amenities for shopping and restaurants, with less traffic getting on and off the plateau

If balanced sustainable housing means houses close together and a lot of apartments, I DON'T like it. The wording should be 'we will preserve the natural environment we are blessed with.'

If it is this crazy now, I can only imagine what it will be in 20 years

If our sewer/water systems are at capacity, why are we allowing more development?

Improve Broadband, wifi, sewer for all homes

Incorporate environmental responsibility

Is connectedness about tech or transport?

Is the tree canopy expanding? Trees are coming down for development.

It feels a little outdated

It glosses over the fact that developers are allowed to mow down trees and native growth, just for profit and taxes

It is aspirational for sure but we lack some of the basic foundational elements for a truly great place to live.

It is far from current reality

It is not close to reality but it is a great vision statement.

It is not kid safe; it is not a state of the art community

It is not state of of art. We have 1 option for internet (Xfinity) which is really poor. Other cities have fiber. Also, safety often trumps housing affordability and should not come at that cost.

It is too long...if you have to use that many words, you do not have a clear vision of your city. Seems like a catch all set of statements!

It is unrealistic given the development that has already taken place. For example, 'the best of the past' has already been ruined by overdevelopment.

It is unrealistic. The 'best of the past' has already been ruined by overdevelopment.

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It is upsetting to see the vision of Sammamish being a 'bedroom community'. We need to develop an identity as a community and provide opportunities for local activities.

It is way too long, it should be one sentence.

It is well preserved

It needs to be totally rewritten. While it is a safe city, there is too much building going on and is unaffordable for most families.

It says nothing about reducing our consumption of resources and the impact of climate change. ALL new housing should be required to have solar and heat pumps installed. See this guidance. <https://e360.yale.edu/features/from-homes-to-cars-its-now-time-to-electrify-everything>. This is first and foremost from which the other can build of. There are certainly good element in this vision, the city would be best to evaluate it score card.

It under emphasizes the importance of rich cultural experiences, classy entertainment, shopping, and lifestyle opportunities

It will never be affordable, stop trying and forcing it. It's making it worse

It's a bunch of words, however, the city has already been run down and using creative words won't bring back the beauty and offerings of a once amazing city.

It's a fantasy but I'd like to see each statement linked to real plans to achieve it

It's a wonderful vision of the future, but a lot of those areas have a ways to go before Sammamish gets there. For one example, 'unrivaled connectedness' is everyone getting in their own car to leave for work.

It's hard to 'embrace a burgeoning digital future' with DSL

It's hard to think of Sammamish as 'housing affordability'

It's natural environment is not as well-preserved as it could be - certainly not expanding ('shrinking tree canopy'). It's transportation services are not very user friendly.

It's not housing affordability at all

It's not the cities job to set housing affordability standards for its residents. The city should focus on services and amenities.

It's not true at the present time- our houses are only affordable by upper class and public transportation is virtually nonexistent

It's not unrivaled connectedness yet (no light rail plans)

It's too much.

Just remove bedroom community. With hybrid work growing not sure if makes sense anymore

Lacks focus on improving roads and transportation options

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Lacks vision for a most desirable living area. Need a grid plan for infrastructure, too many dead-ends. Preservation of trees and additional parks and natural areas for trails. Restaurants and a performance arts center needed. Additional small business needed---hardware store and general merchandise. Minimum lot size should be a half acre.

Land area of nature and parks should equal developed area

Less emphasis on affordable housing. Let Sammamish be a place that is an alternative to high density housing.

Living in Sammamish is not affordable for many

Lots of police

Maintain the level of safety

Many work from home now. Do we have to be 'bedroom and commute' if most don't commute?

Mass transit poorly equipped to go to business centers

Maybe we try to follow it

Meets housing affordability through balanced sustainable housing.' The current city council does NOT want ANY high density housing which provides opportunities for ALL income levels.

Minimize the mega-development!! No mega-developments please!

More emphasis on what a 'burgeoning digital future' could include.

More focus on transport and commute strategies

More frequent cleaning of the community by sanitation vehicle

Mostly looks good

Much of this is off, and not realistic. Words like affordable, well-preserved natural environment, tree canopies, affordable, sustainable.

Multi modal transportation'...it's not happening

Multi-modal transportation is not true

Multi-modal transportation or digital future- how is this currently reflected or will be reflected in the future?

Multi-modal transportation- I question this?

Must include: infrastructure resiliency for future growth, community engagement for green space preservation, and sustainability goals (with robust comm engagement component)

NA

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NOT well preserved natural environment; is NOT affordable

Need to think about nature reservation and no over development, and could also bring green energy in the concept with good forward thinking infrastructure like power, water, sewer and internet

Needs more connectivity

Needs to address criminal activity

Needs to be fixed

Needs to emphasis public safety more, crime prevention and response

Needs to focus as well on influencing the creation of local business through grants/subsidies to prevent gentrification which is killing other local cities. Lowering business property rental costs to give local business a chance to compete with corporations.

Needs to meet multi-modal transportation resources

Negatives for older adults and empty nesters - family-friendly, kid-safe, peaceful neighborhoods. I don't see the multi-modal transportation here; maybe i'm not looking or dont understand the statement

No

No - I love living in Sammamish so much and that sums it up!

No I don't have

No comments

No housing affordability

No mention of infrastructure

No mention of infrastructure investment to keep pace with affordable housing

No more housing, it needs to stop!

No specifics

Nobody cares about public buses up here

None

Not 'unrivaled connectedness' without a car!

Not accurate, development has removed a lot of the natural beauty, zero transportation options, not balanced or sustained housing

Not clear on how Sammamish 'embraces a burgeoning digital future'

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Not multi modal transportation community

Not multi-modal

Not sure about housing affordability

Not the best of the past, but the best of nature (timeless).

Not there yet, but on the right track

Not too sure housing affordability is happening

Nothing about preserving look and feel. Growth is out of control!

Overall a very good vision

Overbuilding, density, and growth having negative impact on community

Particularly glad to see affordable housing options in the statement. We can't have services, restaurants etc if people who work at these establishments can not afford to live in Sammamish.f

Preserve natural/environmental conflicts with affordable housing

Prioritize green space overdevelopment!

Property tax and cost of home ownership is not affordable

Quit trying to jam 'affordable housing' into the community

Really? Nothing about diversity??

Regarding the phrase 'unrivaled connectedness', I wasn't sure if it was talking about transportation connectivity or internet/cell connectivity

Remove 'bedroom community'- Cliche realtor term, should be 'Sammamish is a vibrant community'

Remove bedroom community. Does not reflect current population at all.

Restrict future growth

Retirement opportunities

Sammamish Does not capture the best of the past, it does its best to curb the mistakes of the past. Leave that part out and include the great safety and emergency services.

Sammamish cannot remain a bedroom community forever. That needs to be recognized and embraced

Sammamish does not need 'expanding tree canopy'! 228th Ave and City Hall used to have a view of Seattle and Olympic Mountains, but now all blocked by trees!

Sammamish is currently only meeting about a third of its vision goals

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Samammish needs core services and a heart of the community. Remaining a bedroom community will only increase traffic. Core services do not need to be overdevelopment, but a pleasant place that people can walk or bike to gather for events, food etc.

Samammish needs to have a freeway or smooth access to freeways in order to be a vibrant bedroom community.

Samammish should have its own movie theater and shopping center

Samammish will never be affordable for most and that's ok. That's the reality, take that statement out.

Seems like King county uses the city as a cash cow without providing commensurate services.

Seems more aspirational than realized

Seems very ambitious and all-encompassing. Needs to be more focused.

Seems very idealistic and hard to accomplish

Should include a commitment to sustainability

Should include digital connectedness, multiple options for high-speed data

Smoke and Mirrors, hyperbole written by a marketing wonk paid to tell you what you think we should hear. The sooner you address reality, the faster the Smoke and Mirrors advertisement will be realized.

Some assertions are blatantly false: well preserved environment, expanding tree canopy? Give me a break.

Sounds good

Sounds like a lot to achieve not sure if feasible. Would recommend to focus on the fews that matters the most

Sounds more like a sales pitch than a vision statement- would love to see a vision statement that provides info on plan to ensure we maintain and/or improve what we currently have

State of the art how? what multi modal trans resources? - the rest is good

Stop tearing apart the 'expanding tree canopy'

Stop worrying about vision, cut things down

Take out 'blessed'. It's too religious sounding. Not everyone is religious here. Not professional.

Take out housing affordability

That statement tries to do too many things, diluting focus

The 'well preserved natural environment' is at severe risk with every new high density development eliminating trees and open space.

The Laughing Jacobs lake development (mess) does not agree with vision statement!



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The Magna Carta is shorter in length

The city has allowed the destruction of MANY MANY trees along both Issaquah Pine-Lake and Issaquah Fall City roads & SE 48th St. for new homes. Where is the expanding tree canopy going if you let it all get built upon?

The connectivity is a real challenge. It is currently very inconvenient to go to nearby towns with public transport.

The connectivity part needs to be worked on as there is one main artery and traffic congestion during rush hour makes commuting difficult

The current city council seems to work against it

The current reality is starkly different from this vision

The description is nice, but it is something residents must work through rather than simply feeling entitled to

The housing is not affordable and will get more unaffordable unless different housing types are zoned. All development is currently centered on luxury/high end.

The idea of a statement like this is a joke. The residents do not want housing affordability. We want to keep what we have and be able to continue living in the city that we have been a part of. We don't want new people moving into Sammamish that want to change what we have. Family friendly and Kid safe are the key items in this statement. Everything else are wish list, feel good items, for liberals. 'Engaged, responsive and generous in its support of the full range of human endeavor'

The parts that don't ring true with my current experience: unrivaled connectedness (from a human interaction point of view), best of the past, generous in its support.

The phrase 'burgeoning digital future' feels like we're still behind the ball. The digital future is here.

The statement about the 'multi-modal transportation' is just a cute buzz-word that all cities have to say. We have buses. 90% of people are in cars and will remain in cars because buses are only convenient under certain circumstance. What we need is a great road infrastructure and less building. Though even with 228th widened all the way, there is only so much traffic it can handle. We need to stop building.

The statement is a lie about the current and future direction of Sammamish. Great marketing hype, but where is the specific action by the City to make this happen after the developers finish strip mining neighborhoods.

The statement is great, but we are not living up to key parts: sustainable housing, multi-modal resources, connectedness to rest of metro area.

The transportation call out maybe a bit skewed as public transit is lacking. There needs to be a call out on life style options so that we work on improving it as an engaged community.

The unbridled growth does not provide for a well preserved natural environment or expanding tree canopy

The underlined statement 'meets housing affordability through balanced, sustainable housing' does not apply to Sammamish

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The vision statement should be more targeted. It goes from talking about family friendly to digital future and sustainable housing. Seems its trying to please everyone.

The vision statement should include senior adults as well as kids and families. Emphasis on multi-generational connections. Encourage tree planting, but less restrictions on homeowners cutting down trees on their property. Less congestion, less traffic, no high density housing.

The word blessed is well-intentioned, but choose a different adjective

The words sound good but I feel/believe it to be true

There is a lack of affordability, and the natural environment is not well preserved.

There is a need for more housing diversity and the importance of good schools, even though acknowledging city is not responsible for schools

There is not affordable housing!

There will no longer be a tree canopy if you continue to allow developers to cut the trees down for their own gain!!

Thinking Sammamish will be a 'bedroom community' is naïve. In future, it needs to be more than that with digital growth.

This area is NOT affordable and there are too few low energy transportation options

This is too wordy for a vision statement. Vision statements should be condensed to 2-3 sentences.

This statement is badly written! It sounds like word salad, lots of 'buzz words', but not much substance; the vision still needs to be based in reality.

This vision statement is too verbose, trying to include too many things fails to highlight the key values we need to focus on. 'Bedroom community' does not resonate with me and conflicts with 'engaged, responsive and generous'. I see the future shifting towards tele-commuting and flexible office hours, with more focus on contributing to the local community through volunteering. Hi tech infrastructure is falling behind, we don't have competitive and diverse offerings for high speed telecommunication and the cell phone coverage is very poor in my area.

To keep this, you must limit current building

To meet growth requirements without destroying more of the beautiful openness that brought many of us here, we need higher density housing and to move beyond being a mere bedroom community.

Too ambitious and contradictory, unrealistic

Too busy, need to focus

Too many annexation in sammamish area which needs to be part of city of Sammamish as this is giving chances to builder to cut trees and build homes and impacting privacy

Too many things

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Too much building will overcrowd everything!

Too much traffic- need more ease of access on/off plateau for cars

Too vague and flowery language

Too wordy. I don't see houses being affordable ever. Dislike the work 'blessed.'

Transportation is lacking here

Tree canopy and peaceful- cannot have this if you're removing trees and adding more housing

Uh...Sammamish is never going to be 'affordable'

Unrivaled connectedness and multi-modal transportation phrases are not applicable

Unrivaled connectedness is not true. Maybe in future. Much else reads as buzz words.

Unrivaled connectedness- so much traffic makes this untrue. Housing affordability- majority is million dollars or more.

Vacant words only

Very well stated

Vision is good. Need to execute. I don't believe connectedness (transportation) is there yet.

Wanting affordable housing seems disingenuous. That is the opposite of Sammamish

We are cutting down forest trees and have little public transport

We are losing the beautiful green space due to over development

We are losing tree canopy at a rapid pace, multi-modal transportation resources are a joke, not sure Sammamish can every be affordable as it is neighboring a 2 Trillion dollar corporation. Not sure if city should even waste resources on that.

We are no longer a 'bedroom community' so eliminte that wording. We departed from the 'bedroom community' definition when we added some commercial centers.

We are nowhere near meeting this vision. Too crowded, not smaller starter homes for people to build wealth with, too large homes crammed way too close together with trees that are not suited for lots 5 years from now. The internet options are terrible and the quality of what is here is poor.

We aren't there yet

We do not have affordable housing, for first time buyers

We have a long way to go to achieve this, especially in affordable housing. I also think the divisiveness is getting out of hand. There's a faction who don't allow people with differing opinions to engage and express their ideas.

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We need a free Community Center with a gym and indoor/outdoor pool, not run by the YMCA

We need an Asian market. We need less boring but sweet. We need more arts and culture. The vibe makes you want to come home to Sammamish for fun and relaxation

We need more affordable housing in order to staff the retail centers

We need more than just a pretty place...we need more restaurants that are actually good and better shops!

We need to actually preserve the current natural environment by not overdeveloping as rapidly as has been done.

We need to embrace the Lake and provide more access to it

We need to make sure development doesn't overtake our vision. We are giving away our 'well-preserved natural environment' and the 'tree canopy.'

We should not be a 'bedroom community'!!! We should enable a high density housing and commercial core

We're not yet there

Weird question? Toom many 'catch phrases.' Connectedness? Is that even a word Multi-modal- don't care.

Well designed attractive smaller housing options with abundant green space is essential to our future.

Well done

Well preserved natural environment should be a bigger deal!

Well stated and aspirational vision statement

Well-preserved isn't equal to do nothing. Well maintain trees

What does 'connectedness' mean? Is it about transportation or digital connection or people? It can't be 'all of the above' because that means 'none of the above.'

What does it mean to embrace and be in full support of the full range of human endeavor?

What exactly does the phrase 'bedroom community' mean?

What is 'unrivaled connectedness'?? (jargon)

What past do you think you have embraced?

When you say housing affordability thru balanced sustainable housing, that is bad news.

Why just 'kid safe' - instead of safe for all

With Sammamish always hitting the highest income in state, I don't think housing affordability is correct

Won't be living here

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Worry that affordable housing causes traffic and we don't have the infrastructure to support it

Would be great if the vision came true, doubt it will happen

Would like to have more dining and recreation options.

Would like to read something about preserving nature and slowing growth

Your social engineering is BS- not your job!

Your vision statement is crazy and how much money did that cost!?! Cut your statement down. Sounds like Republican evil saying.

affordable housing is almost a comical statement at this point!

does not need more transport needs and does not need more housing

emphasize the outdoors and tree canopy

family friendly kids safe and unrivaled connectedness

it is aspirational, but not consistent with how growth has compromised the vision

it isn't super affordable

no

no housing affordability, very expensive

not sure what this mean, 'a burgeoning digital future and meets housing affordability through balanced, sustainable housing'.

re housing affordability, we should not sacrifice the quality of living keep building condos and town house to over crowd the community

too much lingo - what is a 'burgeoning digital future' - ? Don't know what 'balanced, sustainable' housing means; if that's code for denser building, more apartments, not in favor

we need more options for eating and shopping that are within walking distance or a short drive

whoever started the description with ' vibrant bedroom community' should be replaced. there is nothing attractive about that statement. Much of it is to appeal to young high tech individuals who generally do not care about the future of Sammamish. They move here for the name and status and have zero vision toward future of this city ; least of it toward the nature.

with all of the building going on there is certainly no expanding tree canopy

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'Affordability' is going to change the character of the residential flavor because that spells Apartments. Redmond n Issaquah already provide that and very close by with freeway access.

'Blessed' is an unusual word choice for government

1. Calling out 'bedroom community' in our vision statement keeps us from working to engage as a community. We need to be more than a place where sleep. 2. Finding the word 'blessed' in a vision statement is very odd. A vision is something that is worked toward and need to take action to make happen. 3. We are a diverse and multicultural community and this should be called out as a positive and something to be encouraged. 4. There is nothing in the statement about supporting our citizens in a generational way. We need to be more forward in our thinking about how we use our resources for our youngest citizens through our seniors.

Actions must reflect the statement. Do not let it be just words.

Affordable housing should not be a concern of city council. Maintaining quality of life for existing residents, not lowering standards to bring in new renters.

Affordable housing will turn the town into kent

Affordable options surround Sammamish- may not need to be prominent within Sammamish

All roads should be expanded for walking paths and accessibility

Balanced sustainable housing is smart but not needed to a large extent.

Bedroom Community is inaccurate

Being a bedroom community is no longer sustainable way to operate in an era of climate change. We need to change.

Better internet options would be nice and better power when storms

Contains buzz words for developers to take advantage of the ability to make a profit here.

Don't want people to expect too much connectivity. As most people own cars here

Excludes climate change and infrastructure

Expanding tree canopy? Connectedness? Hmm. Only one choice for internet in my neighborhood, trees coming down right and left, no real family activities

Expanding tree canopy? This would be nice but not true.

Expanding tree canopy??? It's decreasing rapidly

Fix the frequent power cuts

Focus on what connectedness means; also get rid of multi-modal transportation and focus on ease to get around. Get rid of balanced housing or it will grow exponentially.

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Housing affordability is a market function not a city government function

I am not sure the city is meeting all of those goals

I am not sure we should remain a bedroom community given that a bedroom community does not foster environmental sustainability nor does it support goals of reducing carbon emissions

I cringe at these phrases: Unrivaled connectedness; vibrant bedroom community; embraces a burgeoning digital future; state of the art community.

I don't agree that affordable housing needs to be included in the vision statement. I don't believe that we need to apologize for being an affluent community

I don't currently see strong commitment to housing affordability and sufficient transit expansion.

I don't see how it can meet housing affordability, not realistic in this housing market

I don't think 'well-preserved natural environment' should be the first 'blessing' mentioned. While it is important, other things listed are more important. Overall, it sounds like nice, vague words.

I don't think that affordable housing goes together with preserving the natural environment and the attractive housing style of Sammamish. With packed neighborhoods too much vegetation is removed, the style is ruined and the place is unpleasant to visit. Sammamish natural feel is ruined. I would actually limit the housing projects to maintain a certain houses density and preserve enough vegetation. If that can be done in an affordable way, than yes I am for it, but not otherwise.

I don't think the city needs to be in the business of making adorable housing.

I don't think we should stay as a bedroom community—would like a town center

I hope you will follow what you said

I know based on what I have seen over the last four years, that our city owes it to the tax paying residents to keep developers out of city meetings and to make the public aware of any ties that candidates or current council members may have to developers. If people were more aware of what's going on there would be more community support to reject development push. People just don't understand what is happening.

I like it

I like the statement. We are not there yet and not sure if we are on the path to get there.

I share the message. However, the words about transportation have no connection to the reality. Neither we can make better roads to the main arterii (without support from the county that has no such plans), nor we can expand the bus service (same reasons). I.e. either there would be an actionable plan (agreed with the county), or the words will still be just words in 20 years

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I think our city is currently far from the vision. Affordable housing has not seemed to be a priority. We need to be forward thinking and create ways to force builders to build houses of many sizes and with many levels of finishing work to make them affordable. Who needs a 5 bedroom house with a bonus room? We also need to have elected officials that will work together to create traffic solutions.

I think we are saying we have tree canopies that are quickly disappearing to over development

I'm not concerned about Sammamish remaining a bedroom community, and it would be great if the vision statement called for bold, otherwise unseen, actions with how our nature and human needs (buildings, roads, etc) will make space for each other and also incorporate each other.

I'm not sure what 'balanced sustainable housing' is. Keeping Sammamish Spaces open and green and limiting traffic should be priorities.

I'm not sure what 'connectedness' refers to. Is it personal connection or network-type connection? It would be nice to have the vision also have a focus on carbon neutrality. The last sentence is so vague, I have no idea what it is trying to imply.

I'm still hung up on I have to leave to do things.

Impossible to achieve

Improve traffic!!

It does describe what was most important to me for the first 16 years I lived here with school-aged children. But the last 4 years I have not felt engaged with the community at all. Once my children left home for college, I've felt no connection and if I go out anywhere it is mostly to seattle or another city. There isn't much that interests me in Sammamish. While it's very important, don't just focus on family-friendly.

It does not address fostering educational growth of the families that live here. Sammamish isn't just a place to live; it's a place to raise a family.

It is a good vision for Sammamish

It needs to be true

It says it all, but more specifics about a town center gathering place would be helpful.

It sounds great, I don't think we're currently moving in that direction on all the aspects. We need more transit options and development of the Town Center so there's less need to leave Sammamish for services/retail.

It sounds like typical marketing BS

It tries to be everything to everyone which it can't be. Housing affordability is not a priority to me. Fixing our infrastructure and improving our traffic are my priorities.

It's a marketing statement and is useless

It's not at all accurate but has good goals



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It's well thought out but may need some more tweaking after survey.

Its becoming a place with too high taxes and levy's. It takes all we have just to live here.

Just political bullshit it means nothing to the average person

Lacks modal transportation and diverse amenities including services

Less about transportation and housing growth

Many items listed, aren't actually true

More about preserving natural surroundings

More diverse

Need to focus on 'well-preserved natural environment'...too much high density construction of late and the complete wiping away of many trees (thus causing soil erosion, loss of habitat for our native animals, and noise pollution).

Needs grammatical finesse with a strong and clear point of view.

Needs to include investment in safe walking infrastructure and reliable electricity

Nix the talk about being a bedroom community. It's self-limiting.

No

No focus on environmental issues or the role and responsibility of citizens, council members, businesses in working together toward preserving a future for the next generation. Cooperation and community building

Nope

Not sure it really fits with the rate of expansion in Sammamish. Infrastructure isn't keeping up with development.

Out of touch. Not affordable for most and growth has stopped, lawsuits mounting.

Overall, lots of catchy phrases but low on specific content. For example, what does a vibrant bedroom community look like? And multi-modal transportation resources does not make sense - as a bedroom community, we drive cars. The trains, as old fashioned as they are, won't be servicing Sammamish. A burgeoning digital future as directed by the city doesn't have much meaning to the residents as a digital future is a privately contracted service. What would the city do for the residents 'digitally'? Give us more towers? Housing affordability would be super but how is that achieved through balanced, sustainable housing? Those two things have little to do with supply and demand, and market forces. A 'state of the art community' would be great if 'state of the art' was clearly define. And finally, who would not like an engaged and responsive community but from whose generosity? The tax payers? Overall, this vision statement does not paint a compelling picture beyond what commonly already exists. I would be moved by a statement that inspires residents to participate, sacrifice and do anything to help it come to pass.

Pedestrian safe community

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REMOVE bedroom, unrivaled connectedness, multi-modal resources, burgeoning digital, generous in its support for the full range of human endeavor; ADD community, be sure to provide 'something to do' such as arts and entertainment and senior/community center, and provide a variety of businesses such as a hardware store, places to gather, covered playgrounds for kids

Remaining a 'bedroom community' is not sustainable; we have made ZERO progress on 'unrivaled connectedness,' until we improve our connectedness (and regional participation) we will not be able to achieve any multi-modal transportation options; there is virtually no affordable housing here; without multi-modal transportation and affordability, we do not provide any sort of sustainability; our city leadership is not 'generous in its support for the full range of human endeavor'

Samammish is NOT vibrant to me. Basically, there is nothing here for residents. You must travel off the plateau for almost everything. Little 'multi-modal transportation. The tree canopy that attracted us to Samammish is quickly being devoured by clear cutting development. BIG PROBLEM !! I'm, not sure there is a balanced housing opportunity for many people. Houses in the \$1.5-2.0 million seems to eliminate many families from Samammish.

Samammish leadership does not live up to this vision statement

Samammish looks more like an affluent suburb everyday. We have a dissidence view of who we are and should be. I moved here for a high end neighborhood not subsidized housing and will leave if that's what it becomes

Samammish must be made vibrant for kids activities - today we go to Issaquah or Redmond for all activities from swimming to soccer.

Samammish needs infrastructure for kids and for families, so we can not only sleep here but have active and healthy choices for affordable physical exercise and social gathering programs, which would help with our mental health

Samammish needs to be County- wide influencer for water + transportation

Seems like it is trying to use all the words but lacks meanings.

Since in fall and winter it gets dark sooner it would be nice to have a few playgrounds with lights.my second suggestion is about having an outdoor playground with a ceiling, it would be a great place to play on rainy days! The third suggestion is having some outdoor activities for children; e.g. story time, workshops, dance lessons, etc

Specifically More services for seniors

Stop efforts to add lower cost housing; if it costs too much, live elsewhere

Stop the overdevelopment and place a halt new homes, increase school to match today's population

Take out affordable housing.

That is not what I see happening here

The emphasis on a bedroom community. Honestly, everyone's so tired of driving everywhere else they have no energy for their local neighborhood after they finally get home.

The mention of connected to surrounding cities is wrong. Traffic is horrendous.

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The statement describes my vision for the future of the city but does not accurately reflect the current path put forth by current city council members.

The term bedroom community is outdated, exclusive, and insular.

This is a family community. We don't need bedroom type set ups

Too long statement

Unrealistic

Unrivaled connectedness is not being achieved currently.

Very well said and agree except for this part housing affordability through balanced, sustainable housing. When \$700000 is the cheapest housing we have a problem.

We are no longer a bedroom community and that term is not even included in urban planning definitions.

We are not a state of the art community --- we are an old school affluent community

We don't control the connectedness. King county predetermined that for us, sadly.

We need to be aggressive in or move towards carbon neutrality or better. We need to include how we will engage our seniors in this vision.

We should continue to execute on it

Welcomes diversity

What is meant by unrivaled connectedness? Does this refer to traffic or digital connections e.g. internet access?

Work on transportation

Would like to see it mention providing a mix of housing options

You can't be everything to everyone. Trying to be all these things means we will fail. We should pick one or two characteristics and focus on those.

add after sustainable housing .... 'to enable holistic enduring enrichments'

affordable housing doesn't seem accurate at all, and it is missing something about managed slow growth not outpacing city and regional capacity

embraces a burgeoning digital future - haven't seen any sign of plans for that.

family friendly is important, but we need to also remember our seniors

it needs to embrace employment in sammamish and beyond a bedroom community

missing 'livability' which includes convenient location to shops, restaurants, and community gathering places

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multi-modal transportation and balanced housing not quite there.

multi-modal transportation is a joke and that's ok...we are sandwiched between Redmond and Issaquah and will never have easy access to highways. the notion of affordable housing while a feel-good statement isn't reality and forcing it by trying to create high-density housing creates the wrong environment that made it a destination. Increase housing density causes increase in crime and further exacerbates quality of life for those who moved here because it didn't have such density

multi-modal transportation resources and housing affordability through balanced, sustainable housing are not happening.

needs something about providing activities for all ages.

no

not enough affordable housing

provide cross-generational experiences, supportive of seniors

too many buzzwords -- sounds fake; it isn't a vision, it is smoke & mirrors.

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## Q19: Other (please specify): What topics are most important to you when planning for the next 15-20 years in Sammamish? (Please mark all that apply)

#1 Should be enabling a carbon free / zero GHG emissions city

A policeman on every corner

Access on/off Plateau, especially at commute times

Add basketball gyms, bowling alley, some place for kids and families to hang out

Better power grid

Better road flow; more speed signs- people go too fast

Build the Town Center

Bury the power cables so we don't lose power every year

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Climate change and impact on resources. Facilities for young people to go to. Have quality spaces, not commercial areas that are parking lots. For example, the area outside of Tanour restaurant could easily be made into a park and people required to park below, which is entirely empty. Instead when I sit outside the restaurant I get fumes from cars and seeing people just driving. Please make this different. Do not allow developer to make this simply about how close I can get my car to a store, this is not a city, this is a shopping mall with no character. Take a look at University village for some inspiration, but better still looks at cities like Amsterdam for real city planning

Community engagement (to build more understanding on where the City is going, why you're doing it, and how to get there). More community engagement will increase public involvement to shape the future of the City

Crime, traffic, overgrowth

Do not allow development to occur before adequate infrastructure exists. We are too often subjected to horrible traffic for years before roads are expanded.

Education quality

Electrical power infrastructure needs improvement. We lose power way too often even though our immediate neighborhood has underground power.

Encouraging extension of light rail further out in East King County

Entertainment and dining options

Foster better commercial opportunities. Why do businesses not want to open here?

Get ice melt down as soon as snow starts to fall. Have ice plow move ice and snow as close to curb and not pile up and leave large piles on street!

Holding outside interests accountable instead of advancing favors for outside interests

Homeowner security in storms (electric, gas & water)

Housing affordability

How to get to and from freeways and transit centers

I think Sammamish needs to clearly define its identity, neighboring cities like Bellevue, Kirkland and Redmond are doing a much better job.

I think a functioning town needs all of the above

Improving access roads

Infrastructure doing! You have had years to plan!

Internet providers

Keeping homeless camps and drugs out of our city!

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Lake access

Law and order, safety

Less schools please

Limiting growth/zoning over development

Maintaining the character of our wonderful Sammamish

More choice of restaurants

More dining and recreation activities

More eating establishments

More housing options for all economic status

More police

More restaurant and entertainment choices like Remond

Natural beauty, peace, and quiet

Need post office!

Neighborhood owned business

No destroying forest to build more homes!

Nothing on this list is unimportant. A lot of it should have been done a long time ago and we all are suffering the consequences.

Power line underground

Preservation

Preserve views! Ban wood burning!

Property taxes

Public safety is left off

Public safety measures. Fiscally sound and responsible financial planning. Free access to wider range of digital content (e-books, audio books, videos, movies, TV shows, magazines, news paper, etc.) through library service.

Public safety, please support the police. Enhance life for an aging population with services for senior adults.

Reduce building

Reduce traffic!

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Reign in your spending please!

Restaurants and entertainment

Restrict development

Roads

Roads for schools

Safer driving

Safety

Samammish is sorely lacking in mid- to upscale restaurant options

Schools

Schools are crowded. Connect the plateau with sidewalks! It is too unsafe to bike anywhere.

Senior Center issues; YMCA taking Silver Sneakers

Senior discounts and programs

Sidewalks, bike lanes...make Sammamish easier to get around

Spend money on tasks vs endless 'studies'

Stay away from state and federal issues. The Sammamish politicians should worry about local issues.

Stop out of control development

Stop saying no

Take down NE 42nd ST barricades. Period.

Tipping the balance towards support of current citizens versus developers

Traffic

Transit oriented development

Work where you live

affordability, mainly property taxes and allowing seniors to age in place

climate change mitigation

major concern with overbuilding and overcrowding.

restaurants/retail (non chain)

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'something to do' - arts & entertainment center, senior/community center, basic businesses (Ace Hardware!)

A robust senior center

Access to emergency support and close to hospitals.

Aging population

Alleviate Housing Misdevelopment more housing options for residents over life

Climate hazard planning (one example - individuals buy generators, but prefer holistic response such as burying power lines)

Controlling population and reducing traffic

Internet. The level of service today is a shame. (While it's an infrastructure issue, i would like to stress it explicitly)

Law enforcement, stop the car prowling, package thieving, speeding and loud mufflers

Neighborhood character (as a stand-alone I, it's not embedded in housing options.

None, I'm out but wish you all the best, loved our time there.

Participate in regional and neighbor city activities and actions. stop following the leaders.

Please note that 'Housing options' and 'Neighborhood character' are the opposite. Neighborhood character implies making adjacent development be consistent with the existing land use (for example, not permitting multi-family adjacent to 1 acre zoning. So housing options implies that neighborhood character will be harmed.

Preserving existing neighborhoods. No 'egg splats'.

Safety

Senior center. Community center. Community building.

Shrinking the size and role of city government

Utility planning including buried power and high speed Internet to all

Why do we not have (or even plan for) a Senior Center in our community? We have a decent community of older adults here and it is so sad to read the list of surrounding communities with their plentiful lists of lunches/activities in our Sammamish Senior emails. I work at the Y and we offer what we can but I just don't understand our lack of providing a specific place for seniors to gather on a regular basis. Sammamish is lacking in this area relative to our nearby fellow cities.

affordable housing options

housing option and neighborhood character should not be grouped together. Neighborhood character is often code for the opposite of housing options. I choose housing options alone.



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more opportunities for seniors in housing, recreation and physical activities; more socialization

non-partial newspaper

support seniors and family caregivers

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## **Q20: Other (please specify): What communication tools are you aware of and/or use to stay up to date with the City?**

Blogs by Sammamish residents

Cable news, local TV news

Citizens for Sammamish

City is hard to communicate with directly. Dismissive!

City updates on Nextdoor.com

Community newsletter (i.e. Sammamish Independent) and conversations with community groups and members.

Discussion with neighbors

Election research

Emails

Facebook via Christie Malchow

First hand observed

Fliers

HOA new, word of mouth

I call and leave VM when I need to

Issaquah Reporter

Legal notices in the Seattle Times of development applications

Listen to the old

Local news

MySammamish App

N/A, occasionally newsletter

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Next Door

Next Door app

Nextdoor

None

Not any, neighborhood gossip

Patch

Periodic workshops, specialty meetings in neighborhoods

Samammish Independent, Sammamish Comment

Seattle Times

Seattle Times reporting

Social media should not be primary source

TV news

Talking to neighbors

Texts

Word of mouth; local news

loss of local newspaper has greatly decreased news and awareness of community issues

sammamish.news

CivicWeb and Connect Sammamish

Friends and neighbors

Neighbors

None are very consistent

Now that some losers with no time have made it so people can reply off topic to anything the city posts, I think the city should close comments on everything they post. And they should stop doing virtual city meetings, force people that want to participate to show up in person and state where they live.

Samammish Independent

Samammish Seniors email

Your lake Sammamish neighbor

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talking with community neighbors and friends and associates

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## **Q21: Other (please specify): Which of these communication tools have you found to be the best way to stay in touch with the City?**

100% email

A local newspaper

Bring back the Sammamish Review

City updates from Nextdoor.com

Discussion with neighbors

Email

Email alerts

Email directly

Email news subscription

Emails

I have scanned the city newsletter in the past

I no longer care, it's a wreck

I so miss the newspaper- reading about local events, sports, etc.

Internet

MySammamish App

None

None, we have called and emailed with no return response

Not actively using any

Not sure, I am not as engaged at the local level as I probably should be

Not well connected

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Posts on Nextdoor app.

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Subscribing to the text notifications. They're broken, but when they do work they're nice

TV news

Talk to council member friend

Text alerts

Texts

There is no acceptable means of communication without independent journalism.

Very hard and time consuming to attempt to keep up the factions running the city. It was much better when there was an independent 'neighborhood' newspaper covering Sammamish. Sammamish doesn't exist in news for the Greater Seattle area.

Word of mouth; local news

elections

email

texts with links to eNews, safety information, road work,

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Email

Email to specific individuals

No real best way - there is a vibrant rumor mill in Sammamish but we are a journalism desert.

No sure

Sammamish Independent

We need a real newspaper back in Sammamish

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## **Q22: What specific suggestions do you have for new/different ways to reach Sammamish residents with information about the community?**

A local paper

A printed city newspaper would be nice. We used to get them. I believe Issaquah still does. Some of us do NOT engage in social media.

A weekly or bi-weekly (every 2 weeks) newsletter, I miss Issaquah Press

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Actions speak louder than words

Affordable housing

Align to a single form of record and advise and direct residents

An interactive email or text outreach on opinions or policy with citizens able to weigh in on proposals as they go

Better city website integration with social media

Better newsletter; more updates on website

Bring back a local newspaper using local (student) reporters.

Bring back local newspaper; keep independent, non partisan

Bring back the Sammamish Review newspaper

Bring back the free Sammamish newspaper

Bring back the newspaper

Can hang a banner over 228th

Cellphone txt for emergency alerts like flooding/outage/accidents and etc would be good

City Council needs to respond to email sent to them. If not their problem, direct one that is capable of solving the problem

City council/commissioner meetings published in multiple formats

City fliers, sandwich boards, etc.

City newspaper

City website should be the main source and should be much improved. We need local news to keep up with the City's actions and announcements

Clearly communicated City Council Mtgs calendar so I can attend as needed

Community events hosted by City with food and entertainment

Community events with fun activities

Community newsletter would be nice

Community notice boards at thoroughfares with events, etc. (such as net to Safeway)

Community wise alerts systems

Continue improving City Website

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Continue using Facebook and Next Door

Continuing a variety of offerings works well

Could put events/activities on Next Door (separate from the everyday announcements); consistently get eNews out ahead of time

Digital weekly eNews

Direct connection with residents/volunteer opportunities. CERT, guided walks in the parks, more initiatives involving younger residents ideally in collaboration with the Lake Washington School district

Elderly don't do much social media and some not e news. Community liaison perhaps?

Eliminate self-serving accolades. Tell us About the screw ups, too. Have a revised newsletter in e-form.

Email

Email Newsletter Awareness

Email newsletter similar to what Issaquah has that comes out weekly on Friday so know of any events over weekend. Include how you should subscribe to it in the print newsletter and other social media.

Email updates, Social media like Nextdoor

Emails

Emails, social media, text alerts

Encourage expansion of Sammamish Independent. City produced news could publicize candidate forums. FaceBook requires an account to use and the Sammamish group is a closed group.

Encourage usage of Next Door or develop a similar site specific for Sammamish

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Expand Sammamish City News in the Klahanie neighborhood, Nextdoor site

FB page

Facebook, Instagram

Facebook, Instagram, mailed newsletter

Fliers in stores, community newspaper, weekly in-person drop in, late afternoon talks at City Hall with mayor and council members and/or city managers and department directors

Flyers for council meetings

Fund an independent newspaper

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Fund local 'newspaper'- sub stack 1-2 journalists, mostly reader funded. Just need to get off the ground.

Get rid of the print newsletter or ask folks to opt in. It must cost a fortune.

Giant, city-wide speaker system (LOL)

Have Sammamish employees present on the various community social media pages

Have an actual Town Center where people can gather and mingle and take pride in their city

Have public hall type meetings and make them 'events' to draw a crowd

Have quick update on social media

Have surveys like this. This is the first I have completed.

Have town hall meetings where city officials (elected and non-elected) respond to questions and concerns of citizens.

I didn't know there was a weekly eNews sent out. Advertise this more.

I don't

I don't have a suggestion

I guess since we get so much electronic info, the print newsletter may still be useful, once a month or quarter

I like social media, but maybe manned community display area once or 2 times a year on the weekend at the grocery stores

I like the newsletter, and will look up the weekly eNews - I wasn't aware of that

I like weekly eNews!

I miss the Sammamish newspaper!

I read the print newsletter, but I don't know I would call it the 'best' way to reach people

I think it's important to have both print and internet options to get info

I think the enews and Facebook are great

I wish there was a Sammamish blog, like the West Seattle blog. A true business operation blog, not just someones side project.

I wish we still had an independent news paper, only one that recognized that not all Sammamish students attend school on the plateau & those students' accomplishments are equally important to community members.

I'd like to see a print newspaper resurface

I'm signing up for the eNews (email?), can't think of any additional ideas

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If the print newsletter still exists, would love it!

In addition to social media, local TV ads

Increase social media presence

Inexpensive printed (not glossy photos crammed) bi-weekly standard mail newsletter. Not a rah rah for city council!!!

It was nice when there was a print newspaper that was distributed to residents.

Keep doing what you are doing

Keep what you are doing

Lead with English on all communications.

Less paper, more digital

Let's save paper and stick with email

Livestream city council meetings

Local emergency notification texts

Local neighborhood or borough meetings with city council representatives

Local news station

Local newspaper

Love farmers market. Would be nice to have Sammamish Days celebration

Magazine or newsletters

Make the city council meetings more transparent and include more accurate factual issues in the newsletter and weekly email so we can have open and honest community debate. The weekly email and the newsletter are puff pieces and camouflage the true issues in our city. We need a city council that listens to it's citizens instead of pushing through a minority hidden agenda in private executive sessions. To create the best future Sammamish, we need open forums and workshops.

Make the print newsletter more forward looking. For example, we found out about a Covid vaccine clinic by reading a story in the newsletter that came out AFTER the clinic happened.

Making the city website more interesting & useful.

May be a big billboard on trails

May be annual roadshow in each community

Monthly News letter



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Monthly update by websites, newsletter

More Sammamish sponsored events in Klahanie. We're a concentrated population, and it seems that few activities are specifically targeted for this neighborhood.

More active engagement on social media, less print

More advance notice and meetings for community input

More city center events

More community engagement opportunities to learn about new programs and initiatives that is coupled with active outreach via social media, e-newsletter, signage, and events like the Farmers Market. Raise awareness through a wide range of touch points.

More direct mailed/emailed communication

More frequent printed newsletters

More info posted on a dedicated Facebook or Instagram page or an email sent out.

More information posted on social media, and not by community members who have their own biases

More neighborhood meetings, podcasts

More police and NO affordable housing

More printed materials

More social events (food trucks were great). Gets people together. Neighborhood sites information.

More social events to share information

More youth-centric social media outreach

Municipal Internet with city portal start page

My only suggestion is perhaps offering council members and city employees (or their family members) professional development classes on using social media. Reading the hate between some members on Facebook pages is alarming. Its extremely tacky to read what they say.

Más presencia en redes sociales.

N/A

N/a

NA

Neighborhood app

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Neighborhood bulletin boards

Neighborhood events

Neighborhood meetings/halls

Neighborhood outreach, connecting neighborhoods for walk/bike to stores, schools, composing. How do I go from Sammamish to sea without a car?

New to Sammamish- suggest a welcome email newsletter to introduce the new resident to the area and surrounding local cities (i.e. Fall City, Issaquah)

Newsletter

Newsletters are virtue signaling PR content. Website is not updated, council meetings not streamed.

Newsletters highlighting major improvements happening/improvements in plan for the next 5 years

Newspaper

Newspaper (local)

Newspaper; Imics the reporter

Next Door app

None

None, excellent job

Notifications newsletters, or smart phone notification, digital notice/updates boards at grocery stores. Our shops and strip malls are DULL. So many fast food, not enough quality 'fresh'

Opt-in texting

PRINT NEWSLETTER SHOULD INFORM CITIZENS ON ISSUES THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED--NOT ONLY REPORT HISTORY

People want to live in a safe place, nice neighbors, proximity to work and shopping. The plateau is no longer quiet- very busy now- growth is out of control. We also should address the increase in crime. Slow down growth and focus on quality of life but I guess no money from developers

Perhaps inform us of existing options in the printed newsletter

Perhaps postings on Nextdoor.

Phone app with local business specials, events, news.

Phone contact with a person to relate concerns, suggestions, and comments.

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Please improve the on-line City Council meetings. Generally you can't read any of the graphics being presented.

Please look into ways to provide a local newspaper, I really miss it!

Please make the weekly eNews mobile friendly. It's impossible to read on a phone and I don't read that kind of information on a PC.

Print always works for me

Printed communication

Promote or a local newspaper

Provide way to sign up for eNews that is well publicized

Public notification in community grocery stores

Publish NextDoor websites if not already doing

Publish a weekly Sammamish newspaper with actual news

Publish development notices online with maps and info

Push key city info the homeowners email addresses

Quarterly townhalls conducted virtually

Recordings of council meetings made accessible, presence on Facebook with regular updates on community projects and decisions.

Regular coffee hour or roundtable discussions to connect with and listen to residents. Utilize volunteers in a broader way. Regular community forums.

Regular mail delivery of print newsletter

Renters don't communicate

Respond to citizen calls and emails

Samammish lacks modern infrastructure of which fast internet is main issue; during the regular power outages which can sometimes go on for days; our cell phone did not work either as i found out that the cell tower also are on back up batteries. We are in 21 century and some of the very basic things like continuous power and internet are not here yet, but the city is number one in building new houses and tree cuttings and bringing more people here with very few roads to handle traffic.

Send me updates to my email!

Share events with neighbor big companies

Small business out of home in Sammamish

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Social media

Social media from the police department; crime and safety alerts via Twitter

Social media such as instagram Tik Tok

Social media, email or text message

Social media, letters

Social media/Facebook has worked well for me

Stop print newsletter, send email reminders for new communications/surveys. Hard to say you are environmentally friendly and sustainable when you still communicate in the 20th century.

Targeted mail when a specific neighborhood is impacted

Text alerts

Text notices on important updates

The digital content is always old by the time I receive it. Can we get more articles? We used to have a great print called Issaquah/Sammamish Reporter. Why not start a new digital paper with what's new?

The forms of communication are great

The invisibility in Social Media can bring out the worst in people. Emailed and web based information is probably the best vehicle. Providing an indexed recording of City Council meetings would help people skip to portions they are interested in.

The newsletter is fantastic and has great information! We had an incident a couple of months ago when our neighbor sort of lost it. As we pull out of Covid, please keep mental health services easily accessible. My neighbor and I weren't sure what to do to help, but both Swedish and emergency services were great when called!

The newsletter should have space to inform the citizens of controversial items before the council and ask for input. The newsletter should use less space bragging about staff accomplishments, and 'employees of the month' and more space on current events. The newsletter is the only means of communication that goes to every household in Sammamish. Use it wisely!

There should be townhall style meetings were residents can ask questions

This falls on me

Tik Toks

Town Halls

Town mailings like we have had

Update look of print newsletter

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Update website, social media engagement

Updated City website

Use all possible methods to reach all generations.

Use less acronyms!

Use of social media. Twitter and Facebook for information

Use platforms the community is already on. Do not create a new platform whatever you're planning here

Use the school signs to remind people of upcoming events

Via WhatsApp

Via schools, signage, library, parks

Wasn't aware of enews.

We need the Sammamish Review back

We need to have a paper that is school oriented. The way to connect this community is thru kids and school updates. Showcasing kids bring readers, than other community needs can be published and involvement will increase!

We need to know about candidates for City Council

WebEx, Zoom type outreach to share new information

Website- hard to find what you want- usually events

Websites can be a bit challenging to navigate. Search tool doesn't help much

Weekly emails or social media posts

Well-produced videos people could watch rather than read info.

When there are emergency alerts I receive by text, I would love links to where I can find more information. Ex: Traffic incident on 11/5 Pine Lake closure due to water quality (don't think I got a text for that, but had a hard time finding info once I heard of closure through word of mouth).

Would like a local paper again--either paper or digital

city or community onsite events

city website

communicate the evolution of a strategic plan periodically

eNews

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eNews for a specific topic sent by email. Nextdoor digital news/announcements.

email newsletter

keep up with social media. do surveys online

local newspaper (which is gone)

make sure electronic communications are accessible for screen readers to include individuals with visual impairments or reading difficulties

mobile app

none

none - we think you do a great job of communicating!

none at this time

none. The city is doing great with communication.

online news website (like Sammamish Patch)

open surveys that dont require a invitation

postcards

promote other ways to stay in touch with the City. The City should find ways to engage with the community and not simply expect that the community go out of the way to learn how the City gov works.

use of email to send a monthly status updates on significant changes on going in the city

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'drop in' neighborhood invitational meet-ups (especially for seniors)

A lit message board type sign , something like what Skyline H.S. has, but a little bigger, along 228th, that can provide changing messages as conditions warrant

A very short high quality weekly blog/ video announcing each weeks activities every Sunday along with a link to upcoming months activities.

A weekly newspaper is needed....social media can be more biased it seems.

App with push notifications

As new residents purchase homes, the city should capture those residents email addresses, etc. to ensure they are kept abreast of important issues affecting them.

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Awareness that not all residents have social media and com presence, so newsletters for city businesses and support and be participant in a local newspaper

Better format of the newsletter

Better information design on website to make it easier to discover and find relevant and critical city information

Bring back a local newspaper.

Bring back the event calendar

City Council members should have assigned neighborhoods they work with directly

City social media posts, emergency texts, would love a local newspaper back

Communication through schools (signs at school advertising local events)

Communications channel on social media - a high overview of topics covered in their communication tools but in video form

Community representatives who can take info to and from HOAs to residents. Most neighborhoods have a FB page and HOA that are frequently read.

Consolidate and communicate the agenda items, motions, votes of all of the various commissions in a single communication distributed in all the current comma vehicles

Continue with the variety of ways you use now. I don't think print newsletter is worthwhile and is expensive. Make it optional. I've requested not to receive but they cannot.

Create email list for ALL permits and development proposals. Explain the impact of proposals in layman's terms. Publish code violations in the newsletter or social media so people see what rules are being violated, and if a violation is reported, follow up with the person who reported it so they know how it is being enforced.

Don't waste taxpayers' money with the City Council mailers. These appear to be just campaign advertisements. If the City counsel wants to send these, they should pay for them out of their own/their campaigns' money.

Email

Email?

Encourage different voices and don't censor

Expanded monthly newsletter

Find a way to attract an independent and unbiased news source. With the loss of the Sammamish Review, there is nothing that really holds our council accountable.

Go fully digital and make info available through social media

I don't trust the information coming out of the city

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I was referred to a ticket system that did not work. Delays, referred to wrong person. Have a call center team to refer people to the right resources.

I would really prefer to use a single, dedicated, searchable, with real time updates website for it.

It is difficult without a local newspaper. Not everyone can connect online or knows where to go.

Keep up the multi-modal approach to reach as many people as possible/engage with local news publications

Local ambassadors

Mail flyers

Mailers for important stuff. Make sure to reach renters and not just owner occupied properties.

Maintain social media presence

Make the city council more approachable

Maybe this is already done, and if it is, maybe we need a way of making more people aware of it, but having a short summary of each council meeting (topics discussed, topics missed, and metrics like how much time was spent discussing, how much public comment was made about it, who voted and how) would be really great to have for when I can't watch the meetings.

More transparency is a must. Too much going on behind closed doors. Too much lying to the community from Moran, Treen, and Gamblin. Rudat should be out as city manager. The nepotism alone makes him suspect.

More transparent city council meetings

More use of social media

NA

Next Door App

None

None at this moment

Not sure, copy other cities?

Obtain emails for the entire population to allow for 2 way information and response

Open Q&A virtual meetings

Open the city hall for regular business-- stop hiding from fake pandemics.

Options to choose the communication tool availability

Outreach via text messages, city council sponsored event at the parks



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Permit to opt out of printed media

Printed flyers for senior folks who do not check social media

Printed newsletter is archaic. Should be eliminated

Provide a series of educational videos on local government, regional responsibility and how Sammamish residents can participate.

Social media is the best way

Text message

Text messages

Texting

Texts, postings at supermarkets

The city should make all posts on FB closed to comment. No more virtual town hall meetings, and anyone that speaks should have to state their city and zip code before speaking.

The weekly eNews is delivered late - look to Redmond and Issaquah for better methods

There are already too many ways. It's how the information is presented and organized.

This community desperately needs a newspaper. Social media in this town is awful. There are things on Connect Sammamish that should be on the web page too...I prefer the web page.

Transparency. There is distrust within the community regarding the information from city council

Update the website to feel modern, fast, welcoming and provide quick access to information.

Updated website

Upgrade the website so it's not stuck in the 2000s. It makes city hall look incompetent.

Use more social media platforms

Use the City Council meeting on channel 21 (Comcast) more effectively.

We need a real newspaper back in Sammamish - I'd love to see the city work on bringing this back here and also city council members being accountable and not accusing press of nefarious motives

Website is lacking usability

Weekly eNews is perfect for phones and computers

Wish the social media links would go to the specific article, not to a generic landing page. I feel this wastes time.

community non-partial newspaper for important local news

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digital newsletter

more town halls

not sure

we need a professional weekly community newspaper with all the news - we don't get the printed 'news' about the city, sports, opinions, club info

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## Q26: Other (please specify): Which of the following best describes your employment status?

Both at home and outside the city

Business owner who works at home and at 50+ properties I serve in King County

Disabled

Employed outside city but frequently work from home

Graduate school student

Homemaker

Housewife and homeschooling parent (maybe be mindful that homemaking isn't unemployed...wow.)

Hybrid at home/office outside of city

Hybrid, remote plus in office

Hybrid- some work from home, some at office

I work outside the city and he works from home

Issaquah School District substitute

Not looking for work/employed couple

PT is Seattle

Part time WFH, part time commute to Seattle

Partner works remotely from home in Sammamish

Self employed outside of city

Self employed, but recovering from surgery

Semi-retired

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Stay at home mom

Stay at home mom, husband works full time

Travel throughout King County, hospice MSW

Work hybrid

Work in Issaquah

Work in clients houses in Eastside Seattle area

hybrid work -both from work and home

i am under 18, and am still in school

self employed

At home parent

Homemaker

Mix of at home and in office (Seattle)

Mix of remote work and working in Sammamish

Not looking for work

Stay at home mom

Stay at home parent

Work at home or at office by choice

Work remotely at home and in Seattle

volunteer on purpose

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## Q28: Other (please specify): What race best describes you?

Afghan

Asian Indian

East Indian

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## -Q32: Do you have any additional comments? -

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Build some commercials near 202 highway, which is our Sammamish's backyard. Half of the transportation/commute is through 202, but it has not been changed/developed since I moved in Sammamish 16 years ago.

I rent from my parents or I would have to change jobs and move much further out

I would like concerts in Pine Lake Park, art exhibits at Sammamish Community Center, Legos at Sammamish Center, contests, scarecrows, Christmas Tree decorating/auction, craft fairs. We need a barn for events or a big hall.

It is crazy to me with the amount of homes and average income being one of the highest in the state that we lack any good restaurants! What is happening?

One urgent requirement would be more schools. Second would be more affordable commercial space so that local businesses stand a chance.

Please open City Hall so we can get conceal carry permits!

Please work on getting houses around Beaver Lake or Sewer!!

Sammamish has a high tax revenue so not sure where there money is being spent. Certainly not on infrastructure, or prevention of crime

Sammamish is a great town. Luckily bought our house in 2000! Big concern about crime and homeless attacking Sammamish! Homeless is terrible, but 90% are drug users and criminals.

The motto should be 'Make Sammamish Great Again!' This was once a great place to live, but honestly, the crazy politics of KC and Seattle are becoming more prominent here, especially in the schools. White guilt has become hilarious around here too. (I'm a minority). Thank you.

The permitting of ADU's WILL NOT improve the overall quality of life in Sammamish

The simple fact you send a survey like this says volumes

Too many 'bedrooms' will change the quality of life even more

Too much infighting at the city. Work together.

We have to prepare for growth! Saying no to growth will make Sammamish unaffordable. Quality planning means building for some density and allowing builds that accommodate creative affordable housing as well as larger private homes. It is sad we can't permit and build for future denser living. Bedroom community is dated. Small city with a hub or two is the future.

We need to be more than a strip mall

We still love our neighborhood and city. We love living here. We love that our grandchildren have grown and been educated in a positive, multi-cultural environment. We love the country feel- until huge houses are built so close to a major road. Our hope is that we don't become a mass of canyon like Redmond!

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When I moved here 18 years ago, this was an affordable place to live. Now due in part to all the tech companies, it no longer is an affordable option. My prop taxes have exploded and when I retire I will NO longer be able to afford to live here. I'm in a condo and it's become increasingly unaffordable due to the prop taxes. Something should be done to correct this. Thank you

# Appendix B



## Community Visioning Survey

Let's take a few minutes to envision Sammamish's future.

The City of Sammamish is reviewing our Community Vision to see if updates need to be made to reflect the needs, desires, and priorities of the community. We are requesting your participation in the effort by responding to this survey.

Your household has been randomly selected to participate in this survey and to offer feedback about your priorities for the City. Individual survey responses are strictly confidential – a third-party consultant, not the City, is gathering and analyzing the data from this survey.

1. **How many years have you lived in Sammamish?** \_\_\_\_\_ *(please enter approximate number of years)*

Please mark this box if you have lived in Sammamish less than 1 year.

2. **What attracted you to move to Sammamish?** *(Please mark all that apply)*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community/neighborhood character | <input type="checkbox"/> Commute to work    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/family live here         | <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban lifestyle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of schools               | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature/parks       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                     |   |

3. **Do you think the City is on the right or wrong track when it comes to planning for the future?**

- Right direction  
 Wrong track  
 Not sure

4. **In a few words, why do you feel that way?** \_\_\_\_\_

### QUALITY OF LIFE IN SAMMAMISH

5. **Overall, how satisfied are you with your quality of life in Sammamish?**

- Very satisfied  
 Satisfied  
 Not satisfied

6. **Using the checkboxes below, check the attributes that best contribute to your quality of life in Sammamish.**

*(Please mark all that apply)*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Arts & cultural activities/opportunities      | <input type="checkbox"/> K. Proximity to groceries/daily shopping needs           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Housing Options                               | <input type="checkbox"/> L. Proximity to medical & dental services                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Cultural diversity of the community           | <input type="checkbox"/> M. Adequacy of retail/restaurants/lifestyle services     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Ease of walking and biking in the area        | <input type="checkbox"/> N. Location near family and friends                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Ease of access by vehicle around the City     | <input type="checkbox"/> O. Municipal services (e.g., police, fire, water, sewer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Proximity to eating & drinking establishments | <input type="checkbox"/> P. Natural beauty of the area                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G. Overall level of public safety                | <input type="checkbox"/> Q. Adequacy of medical & dental services                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. Parks and recreational opportunities          | <input type="checkbox"/> R. Quality of local neighborhoods                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I. Proximity to employment centers               | <input type="checkbox"/> S. Quality of schools                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> J. Proximity to neighboring cities               | <input type="checkbox"/> T. Other: _____  |

7. **From the list above, please indicate up to three priorities that you think should be given the most attention to improve the quality of life in Sammamish in the next 10-20 years?** *(Please insert letter from Q6 above)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

8. **In a few words, what is Sammamish's greatest asset?** \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Visioning Survey

## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Please complete the questions below thinking about your neighborhood:

9. What do you call your neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_ or  Don't Know or  No Name

10. Over the past 5 to 10 years (or since you have lived there), has your neighborhood improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same as a place to live, taking all things into consideration?

- Improved
- Gotten worse
- Stayed the same
- Some things have improved, and other equally important things have gotten worse
- Don't know/no opinion

11. In a few words, what factors most influence your response to question 10 above? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What do you like **MOST** about your neighborhood? (Please mark all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to trails and open space                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and public spaces                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to high-quality schools                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural diversity                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to groceries, restaurants & other basic services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ease of walking/biking to places I regularly go | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet/low noise and traffic levels                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General level of safety                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Residences are mostly owner-occupied                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing styles, types, and sizes                | <input type="checkbox"/> Residences are mostly rental units                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location near bus transit                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overall cleanliness and maintenance             |   |

13. What do you like **LEAST** about your neighborhood that you would most like to improve? (Please mark all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distance to groceries, restaurants & other basic services | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks access to trails and open space     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't feel safe   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks nearby parks or public spaces       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't seem clean or well-maintained                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mix of owner-occupied and rental units    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard or unpleasant to walk/bike to nearby destinations    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly owner-occupied units               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing styles, types and/or character                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly rental units                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of affordability                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Places I go regularly are too far to walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks cultural diversity                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Too much traffic                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |  |

## SAMMAMISH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

14. How well do the following phrases taken from the current vision statement describe Sammamish currently?

	NOT AT ALL				5	DON'T KNOW
	1	2	3	4		
A. A range of housing choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Engaged community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Family-friendly and kid-safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Forward-thinking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Options for multimodal transportation*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Peaceful neighborhoods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Transportation connectivity (ease of getting around)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Vibrant bedroom community**	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Well-preserved natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Multimodal includes walking, rolling (bikes, wheelchairs, etc.), vehicles, and transit.

\*\* A bedroom community is a residential suburb occupied mostly by people who commute to a nearby city for work.

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15. As you think about the **future** of Sammamish in 15 to 20 years, which three phrases from the list on the previous page describe the most important elements to making the city you want Sammamish to be? (Please insert letter from Q14 on the previous page)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

16. What other words or phrases belong in a statement describing your vision for what you would like Sammamish to be in the future? (Provide up to four suggestions)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

17. How well does the current Vision Statement (in italics below) align with your view of Sammamish in the future?

*Sammamish is a vibrant bedroom community blessed with a well-preserved natural environment, a family-friendly, kid-safe culture, and unrivaled connectedness. From its expanding tree canopy to its peaceful neighborhoods, to its multi-modal transportation resources, Sammamish captures the best of the past even as it embraces a burgeoning digital future and meets housing affordability through balanced, sustainable housing. It is a state-of-the-art community—engaged, responsive and generous in its support for the full range of human endeavor.*

- Does not at all describe my vision of Sammamish in the future
- Somewhat describes my vision of Sammamish in the future
- Accurately describes my vision Sammamish in the future

18. Do you have any specific comments on the current Vision Statement?

\_\_\_\_\_

19. What topics are most important to you when planning for the next 15-20 years in Sammamish? (Please mark all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing options & neighborhood character    | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development planning              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation planning                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks, recreation, and open space planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental conservation & sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure planning*                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency management planning               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving the character of commercial areas |   |

\*Infrastructure may include roads, telecommunications, schools, and more.

## COMMUNICATION

This section helps us understand how you are keeping up with news and events in our community.

20. What communication tools are you aware of and/or use to stay up to date with the City? (Please mark all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City website     | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media*                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly eNews     | <input type="checkbox"/> City Council or Commission meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Print newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                        |

\*Social media includes Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Instagram, YouTube, etc.

21. Which of these communication tools have you found to be the **best way** to stay in touch with the City?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City website     | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media*                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly eNews     | <input type="checkbox"/> City Council or Commission meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Print newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                        |

22. What specific suggestions do you have for new/different ways to reach Sammamish residents with information about the community? \_\_\_\_\_



# Community Visioning Survey

## ABOUT YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD

For categorization purposes only, please complete the following questions based on what best represents you and your household.

**23. Do you own or rent your home?**

- Own     Rent     I prefer not to answer

**24. Which of these categories best describes your household?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single, no children          | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple with children at home                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single with children at home | <input type="checkbox"/> Single, children no longer at home (“empty nester”) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple, no children          | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple, children no longer at home (“empty nester”) |

**25. If you have children at home, how many are under the age of 18? \_\_\_\_\_**

**26. Which of the following best describes your employment status?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work remotely from home in Sammamish      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work at my business location Sammamish    | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed and/or looking for work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently employed outside of the City    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently employed outside of King County |   |

**27. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?**

- Yes     No     I prefer not to answer

**28. What race best describes you?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American        | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to answer           |

**29. What is your gender identity? (Please mark all that apply)**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Female                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary/transgender/other | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to identify as: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to answer       |   |

**30. In what year were you born? (YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_**

**31. Which best represents the annual income of your household before taxes?**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 – 24,999      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 – 99,999   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 – 249,999    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 – 49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 – 149,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 and over     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 – 74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 – 199,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to answer |

**THANK YOU**

## Weighted Data

### Case Processing Summary

	Cases					
	Valid		Missing		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent
<b>Sample * Status</b>	1079	100.0%	.426	0.0%	1079.426	100.0%
<b>paper * Status</b>	1079	100.0%	.426	0.0%	1079.426	100.0%

### Sample \* Status Crosstabulation

Count

		Status			Total
		Paper	Complete	Partial	
Sample	Invite Sample	402	325	62	789
	Open Link	0	173	117	290
Total		402	498	179	1079

## paper \* Status Crosstabulation

Count

		Status			Total
		Paper	Complete	Partial	
paper	Online	0	498	179	677
	Paper	402	0	0	402
Total		402	498	179	1079

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
How many years have you lived in Sammamish?	Less than a year	4%	4%	4%
	1 - 5 years	24%	26%	19%
	6 - 10 years	20%	19%	22%
	11 - 20 years	25%	24%	26%
	Over 20 years	27%	27%	28%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
Average		14.0	13.7	14.7
Median		11.0	11.0	14.0
n =		1,001	740	261

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
What attracted you to move to Sammamish?	Quality of schools	67%	67%	67%
	Community/neighborhood character	60%	60%	59%
	Nature/parks	56%	55%	59%
	Suburban lifestyle	44%	46%	41%
	Commute to work	32%	32%	30%
	Friends/family live here	20%	19%	21%
	Other	15%	15%	16%
TOTAL		295%	295%	293%
	n =	1,009	745	264

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Do you think the City is on the right or wrong track when it comes to planning for the future?	Right direction	16%	19%	7%
	Wrong track	36%	33%	45%
	Not sure	47%	47%	48%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
	n =	1,001	739	262

11 Feb 22

Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Overall, how satisfied are you with your quality of life in Sammamish?	1 - Not satisfied	6%	5%	8%
	2 - Satisfied	55%	53%	62%
	3 - Very satisfied	39%	42%	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		2.3	2.4	2.2
<b>Median</b>		2.0	2.0	2.0
<b>n =</b>		978	728	250

11 Feb 22

Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Using the checkboxes below, check the attributes that best contribute to your quality of life in Sammamish:	Overall level of public safety	82%	85%	75%
	Natural beauty of the area	81%	81%	81%
	Parks and recreational opportunities	68%	67%	70%
	Quality of schools	68%	70%	61%
	Proximity to groceries/daily shopping needs	67%	69%	61%
	Quality of local neighborhoods	52%	54%	45%
	Ease of walking and biking in the area	49%	51%	41%
	Proximity to neighboring cities	42%	44%	37%
	Proximity to medical & dental services	41%	43%	36%
	Municipal services (e.g., police, fire, water, sewer)	36%	37%	33%
	Ease of access by vehicle around the City	34%	35%	30%
	Cultural diversity of the community	33%	32%	35%
	Adequacy of medical & dental services	25%	26%	20%
	Location near family and friends	23%	24%	22%
	Proximity to eating & drinking establishments	21%	21%	18%
	Proximity to employment centers	17%	18%	14%
	Adequacy of retail/restaurants/lifestyle services	17%	18%	12%
	Housing Options	15%	17%	8%
	Other	12%	14%	7%
Arts & cultural activities/opportunities	8%	8%	6%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		790%	816%	713%
	n =	1,001	744	257

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Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>From the same list, please indicate up to three priorities that you think should be given the most attention to improve the quality of life in Sammamish in the next 10-20 years?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>First Rank</b>	Overall level of public safety	14%	14%	13%
	Natural beauty of the area	11%	11%	12%
	Housing Options	10%	7%	17%
	Ease of access by vehicle around the City	10%	9%	10%
	Quality of schools	9%	10%	6%
	Adequacy of retail/restaurants/lifestyle services	9%	9%	9%
	Ease of walking and biking in the area	8%	8%	8%
	Proximity to eating & drinking establishments	5%	5%	6%
	Other	5%	6%	2%
	Arts & cultural activities/opportunities	4%	4%	5%
	Parks and recreational opportunities	4%	4%	4%
	Municipal services (e.g., police, fire, water, sewer)	3%	3%	2%
	Proximity to employment centers	2%	2%	0%
	Quality of local neighborhoods	2%	2%	1%
	Cultural diversity of the community	2%	1%	2%
	Proximity to groceries/daily shopping needs	1%	1%	1%
	Proximity to neighboring cities	1%	1%	1%
	Adequacy of medical & dental services	1%	1%	0%
	Proximity to medical & dental services	1%	0%	1%
	Location near family and friends	0%	0%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
	n =	944	699	245

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Source: RRC Associates



## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>From the same list, please indicate up to three priorities that you think should be given the most attention to improve the quality of life in Sammamish in the next 10-20 years?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>Second Rank</b>	Adequacy of retail/restaurants/lifestyle services	12%	13%	11%
	Quality of schools	10%	12%	7%
	Overall level of public safety	10%	10%	9%
	Natural beauty of the area	9%	8%	11%
	Ease of walking and biking in the area	7%	6%	11%
	Proximity to eating & drinking establishments	7%	8%	7%
	Parks and recreational opportunities	7%	6%	7%
	Ease of access by vehicle around the City	6%	6%	7%
	Municipal services (e.g., police, fire, water, sewer)	5%	5%	4%
	Arts & cultural activities/opportunities	4%	4%	3%
	No second choice	4%	5%	2%
	Housing Options	3%	3%	4%
	Quality of local neighborhoods	3%	3%	4%
	Cultural diversity of the community	3%	2%	3%
	Proximity to groceries/daily shopping needs	2%	2%	3%
	Proximity to employment centers	2%	2%	2%
	Proximity to medical & dental services	2%	1%	2%
	Other	2%	1%	2%
	Adequacy of medical & dental services	1%	2%	0%
	Proximity to neighboring cities	1%	1%	
Location near family and friends	0%	0%	0%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
	n =	946	701	245

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Source: RRC Associates

### City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>From the same list, please indicate up to three priorities that you think should be given the most attention to improve the quality of life in Sammamish in the next 10-20 years?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>Third Rank</b>	Natural beauty of the area	11%	11%	12%
	Quality of schools	10%	11%	8%
	Adequacy of retail/restaurants/lifestyle services	9%	8%	10%
	Parks and recreational opportunities	8%	8%	9%
	No third choice	7%	8%	5%
	Overall level of public safety	7%	8%	7%
	Ease of access by vehicle around the City	6%	5%	6%
	Ease of walking and biking in the area	6%	5%	6%
	Quality of local neighborhoods	5%	6%	5%
	Arts & cultural activities/opportunities	5%	5%	5%
	Proximity to eating & drinking establishments	5%	5%	4%
	Municipal services (e.g., police, fire, water, sewer)	4%	4%	4%
	Proximity to groceries/daily shopping needs	4%	4%	4%
	Housing Options	4%	3%	7%
	Other	2%	3%	2%
	Adequacy of medical & dental services	2%	2%	0%
	Proximity to employment centers	2%	2%	1%
	Cultural diversity of the community	1%	1%	2%
	Proximity to neighboring cities	1%	1%	1%
	Proximity to medical & dental services	1%	1%	1%
Location near family and friends	0%	0%		
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
	n =	950	704	246

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Source: RRC Associates

### City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>From the same list, please indicate up to three priorities that you think should be given the most attention to improve the quality of life in Sammamish in the next 10-20 years?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>Top 3 Combined</b>	Natural beauty of the area	32%	30%	35%
	Overall level of public safety	31%	31%	28%
	Adequacy of retail/restaurants/lifestyle services	30%	30%	30%
	Quality of schools	29%	32%	20%
	Ease of access by vehicle around the City	21%	20%	23%
	Ease of walking and biking in the area	21%	20%	25%
	Parks and recreational opportunities	18%	18%	20%
	Proximity to eating & drinking establishments	17%	17%	17%
	Housing Options	17%	13%	28%
	Arts & cultural activities/opportunities	13%	12%	13%
	Municipal services (e.g., police, fire, water, sewer)	12%	12%	11%
	Quality of local neighborhoods	10%	10%	10%
	Other	9%	10%	6%
	Proximity to groceries/daily shopping needs	8%	8%	7%
	Cultural diversity of the community	6%	5%	7%
	Proximity to employment centers	5%	5%	4%
	Adequacy of medical & dental services	4%	4%	1%
	Proximity to medical & dental services	3%	3%	4%
	Proximity to neighboring cities	3%	3%	2%
Location near family and friends	1%	1%	0%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		288%	286%	292%
	n =	950	704	246

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Source: RRC Associates

**City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results**

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Over the past 5 to 10 years (or since you have lived there), has your neighborhood improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same as a place to live, taking all things into consideration?	Improved	15%	15%	14%
	Gotten worse	13%	12%	14%
	Stayed the same	47%	46%	51%
	Some things have improved, and other equally important things have gotten worse	21%	22%	18%
	Don't know/no opinion	5%	5%	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
	n =	979	735	244

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Source: RRC Associates

**City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results**

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
What do you like MOST about your neighborhood?	General level of safety	80%	82%	74%
	Overall cleanliness and maintenance	56%	58%	52%
	Quiet/low noise and traffic levels	56%	58%	49%
	Proximity to high-quality schools	55%	57%	52%
	Residences are mostly owner-occupied	55%	56%	49%
	Access to trails and open space	51%	51%	49%
	Proximity to groceries, restaurants & other basic services	44%	45%	38%
	Parks and public spaces	43%	45%	36%
	Housing styles, types, and sizes	33%	34%	31%
	Ease of walking/biking to places I regularly go	30%	32%	26%
	Cultural diversity	24%	24%	24%
	Location near bus transit	7%	7%	8%
	Affordability	4%	4%	5%
	Other	4%	4%	4%
Residences are mostly rental units	0%		0%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		542%	558%	495%
	n =	979	737	242

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

### City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
What do you like LEAST about your neighborhood that you would most like to improve?	Too much traffic	36%	38%	31%
	Places I go regularly are too far to walk	33%	32%	37%
	Lack of affordability	33%	32%	37%
	Other	24%	25%	20%
	Distance to groceries, restaurants & other basic services	20%	19%	21%
	Hard or unpleasant to walk/bike to nearby destinations	19%	19%	20%
	Lacks access to trails and open space	7%	6%	10%
	Housing styles, types and/or character	7%	6%	8%
	Lacks cultural diversity	6%	6%	5%
	Mix of owner-occupied and rental units	6%	6%	5%
	Lacks nearby parks or public spaces	5%	5%	5%
	Doesn't seem clean or well-maintained	5%	5%	4%
	Doesn't feel safe	4%	3%	6%
	Mostly rental units	3%	3%	2%
	Mostly owner-occupied units	1%	1%	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		208%	206%	213%
	n =	883	664	219

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Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>How well do the following phrases taken from the current vision statement describe Sammamish currently?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>A range of housing choices</b>	<b>1 - Not at all</b>	15%	12%	22%
	<b>2</b>	26%	24%	33%
	<b>3</b>	27%	29%	22%
	<b>4</b>	20%	22%	11%
	<b>5 - Very well</b>	12%	12%	11%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		2.9	3.0	2.6
<b>Median</b>		3.0	3.0	2.0
<b>n =</b>		863	653	210
<b>Engaged community</b>	<b>1 - Not at all</b>	3%	2%	6%
	<b>2</b>	13%	10%	24%
	<b>3</b>	32%	33%	31%
	<b>4</b>	31%	34%	25%
	<b>5 - Very well</b>	20%	22%	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		3.5	3.6	3.2
<b>Median</b>		4.0	4.0	3.0
<b>n =</b>		859	649	210
<b>Family-friendly and kid-safe</b>	<b>1 - Not at all</b>	1%	0%	1%
	<b>2</b>	2%	2%	3%
	<b>3</b>	8%	7%	12%
	<b>4</b>	26%	24%	33%
	<b>5 - Very well</b>	63%	67%	52%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		4.5	4.5	4.3
<b>Median</b>		5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>n =</b>		939	706	233

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Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

How well do the following phrases taken from the current vision statement describe Sammamish currently?		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Forward-thinking	1 - Not at all	12%	9%	20%
	2	18%	14%	30%
	3	32%	34%	27%
	4	25%	28%	17%
	5 - Very well	12%	14%	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		3.1	3.2	2.6
<b>Median</b>		3.0	3.0	2.5
<b>n =</b>		804	602	202
Options for multimodal transportation(Multimodal includes walking, rolling (bikes, wheelchairs, etc.), vehicles, and transit)	1 - Not at all	16%	13%	23%
	2	30%	28%	33%
	3	32%	32%	32%
	4	15%	18%	9%
	5 - Very well	7%	8%	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		2.7	2.8	2.4
<b>Median</b>		3.0	3.0	2.0
<b>n =</b>		880	658	222
Peaceful neighborhoods	1 - Not at all	1%	1%	0%
	2	3%	3%	3%
	3	9%	9%	10%
	4	30%	29%	33%
	5 - Very well	57%	58%	53%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		4.4	4.4	4.3
<b>Median</b>		5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>n =</b>		934	702	232

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## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

How well do the following phrases taken from the current vision statement describe Sammamish currently?		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Transportation connectivity (ease of getting around)	1 - Not at all	19%	15%	29%
	2	29%	28%	32%
	3	29%	30%	26%
	4	16%	19%	10%
	5 - Very well	7%	8%	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		2.6	2.8	2.3
<b>Median</b>		3.0	3.0	2.0
<b>n =</b>		910	683	227
Vibrant bedroom community (A bedroom community is a residential suburb occupied mostly by people who commute to a nearby city for work)	1 - Not at all	3%	3%	3%
	2	8%	8%	6%
	3	23%	22%	26%
	4	37%	37%	36%
	5 - Very well	30%	30%	29%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		3.8	3.8	3.8
<b>Median</b>		4.0	4.0	4.0
<b>n =</b>		862	640	222
Well-preserved natural environment	1 - Not at all	4%	4%	6%
	2	9%	8%	11%
	3	18%	16%	22%
	4	33%	33%	34%
	5 - Very well	36%	39%	27%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		3.9	3.9	3.7
<b>Median</b>		4.0	4.0	4.0
<b>n =</b>		942	709	233

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Source: RRC Associates



## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>As you think about the future of Sammamish in 15 to 20 years, which three phrases from the list on the previous page describe the most important elements to making the city you want Sammamish to be?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>First Rank</b>	Family-friendly and kid-safe	28%	29%	24%
	Well-preserved natural environment	23%	23%	22%
	A range of housing choices	11%	8%	20%
	Peaceful neighborhoods	8%	9%	7%
	Transportation connectivity	8%	8%	7%
	Forward-thinking	7%	8%	5%
	Options for multimodal transportation	5%	6%	4%
	Engaged community	5%	5%	5%
	Vibrant bedroom community	4%	3%	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
	n =	875	657	218

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Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>As you think about the future of Sammamish in 15 to 20 years, which three phrases from the list on the previous page describe the most important elements to making the city you want Sammamish to be?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>Second Rank</b>	Peaceful neighborhoods	20%	20%	20%
	Family-friendly and kid-safe	16%	18%	9%
	Transportation connectivity	15%	16%	11%
	Options for multimodal transportation	13%	12%	17%
	Well-preserved natural environment	11%	10%	15%
	Forward-thinking	7%	7%	7%
	Engaged community	6%	5%	9%
	Vibrant bedroom community	6%	5%	9%
	A range of housing choices	3%	4%	2%
	No second choice	2%	2%	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
	n =	892	672	220

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Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>As you think about the future of Sammamish in 15 to 20 years, which three phrases from the list on the previous page describe the most important elements to making the city you want Sammamish to be?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>Third Rank</b>	Well-preserved natural environment	27%	28%	23%
	Peaceful neighborhoods	15%	17%	10%
	Family-friendly and kid-safe	14%	13%	16%
	Forward-thinking	10%	8%	13%
	Transportation connectivity	9%	9%	10%
	Vibrant bedroom community	7%	7%	6%
	Options for multimodal transportation	6%	6%	7%
	Engaged community	5%	5%	5%
	No third choice	4%	5%	3%
	A range of housing choices	3%	2%	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
	n =	898	676	222

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Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>As you think about the future of Sammamish in 15 to 20 years, which three phrases from the list on the previous page describe the most important elements to making the city you want Sammamish to be?</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
<b>Top 3 Combined</b>	Well-preserved natural environment	60%	61%	59%
	Family-friendly and kid-safe	57%	60%	49%
	Peaceful neighborhoods	43%	46%	37%
	Transportation connectivity	32%	33%	28%
	Options for multimodal transportation	25%	23%	28%
	Forward-thinking	24%	24%	25%
	A range of housing choices	17%	14%	27%
	Engaged community	17%	16%	19%
	Vibrant bedroom community	16%	15%	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>		291%	290%	293%
	n =	899	677	222

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

### City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
How well does the current Vision Statement align with your view of Sammamish in the future?	Does not at all describe my vision of Sammamish in the future	7%	6%	9%
	Somewhat describes my vision of Sammamish in the future	58%	56%	65%
	Accurately describes my vision Sammamish in the future	35%	38%	26%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
	n =	923	704	219

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

### City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
What topics are most important to you when planning for the next 15-20 years in Sammamish?	Infrastructure planning Infrastructure may include roads, telecommunications, schools, and more	74%	73%	76%
	Environmental conservation & sustainability	64%	64%	64%
	Transportation planning	59%	60%	58%
	Parks, recreation, and open space planning	57%	58%	54%
	Emergency management planning	33%	33%	35%
	Housing options & neighborhood character	33%	31%	42%
	Improving the character of commercial areas	30%	32%	26%
	Economic development planning	26%	27%	25%
	Other	9%	9%	11%
TOTAL		387%	385%	391%
	n =	952	729	223

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

**City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results**

		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
What communication tools are you aware of and/or use to stay up to date with the City?	Social media (Social media includes Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Instagram, YouTube, etc.)	60%	55%	76%
	City website	55%	52%	63%
	Print newsletter	54%	59%	37%
	Weekly eNews	30%	27%	42%
	City Council or Commission meetings	20%	16%	34%
	Other	4%	4%	4%
TOTAL		223%	213%	256%
	n =	924	708	216
Which of these communication tools have you found to be the best way to stay in touch with the City?	Social media (Social media includes Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Instagram, YouTube, etc.)	34%	28%	52%
	City website	23%	25%	14%
	Print newsletter	20%	24%	7%
	Weekly eNews	17%	17%	18%
	Other	4%	4%	3%
	City Council or Commission meetings	3%	2%	6%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
	n =	891	682	209

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>Demographic</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Do you own or rent your home?	Own	93%	93%	93%
	Rent	6%	6%	5%
	I prefer not to answer	1%	1%	2%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
	n =	942	723	219
Which of these categories best describes your household?	Single, no children	6%	6%	7%
	Single with children at home	4%	4%	3%
	Couple, no children	11%	12%	8%
	Couple with children at home	53%	53%	54%
	Single, children no longer at home ("empty nester")	3%	4%	3%
	Couple, children no longer at home ("empty nester")	23%	22%	25%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
	n =	934	716	218
If you have children at home, how many are under the age of 18?	0	6%	4%	13%
	1	33%	33%	33%
	2	48%	49%	47%
	3	7%	8%	6%
	4+	5%	6%	1%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
Average		1.8	1.9	1.5
n =		462	343	119
Which of the following best describes your employment status?	Work remotely from home in Sammamish	44%	44%	44%
	Work at my business location Sammamish	5%	5%	6%
	Currently employed outside of the City	28%	30%	19%
	Currently employed outside of King County	1%	1%	0%
	Retired	15%	13%	22%
	Unemployed and/or looking for work	2%	2%	2%
	Other (please specify)	5%	5%	6%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
	n =	932	714	218

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>Demographic</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?	Yes	5%	6%	3%
	No	83%	83%	82%
	I prefer not to answer	12%	11%	15%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%
	n =	926	710	216
What race best describes you?	White	59%	58%	64%
	Asian	25%	28%	15%
	I prefer not to answer	12%	11%	17%
	Two or More Races	3%	3%	3%
	Black/African American	1%	1%	1%
	Native American	1%	1%	0%
	Other	1%	1%	
	American Indian	0%	0%	0%
TOTAL		102%	102%	101%
	n =	929	711	218

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates



## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>Demographic</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
What is your gender identity?	Female	48%	44%	61%
	Male	44%	49%	28%
	I prefer not to answer	9%	8%	13%
	Self-identify	0%	0%	
	Non-binary/transgender/other	0%	0%	
TOTAL		102%	102%	102%
	n =	934	717	217

11 Feb 22  
Source: RRC Associates

## City of Sammamish Community Visioning Survey - Weighted Results

<i>Demographic</i>		OVERALL	Sample	
			Invite Sample	Open Link
Age of respondent	Under 34	16%	19%	6%
	35 - 44	29%	30%	26%
	45 - 54	25%	24%	31%
	55 - 64	16%	15%	19%
	65 - 74	11%	9%	17%
	75 or older	4%	4%	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>Average</b>		48.2	47.1	51.9
<b>n =</b>		817	637	180
Which of these categories best describes the total gross annual income of your home (before taxes)?	\$0 – 24,999	1%	0%	1%
	\$25,000 – 49,999	2%	2%	1%
	\$50,000 – 74,999	2%	2%	2%
	\$75,000 – 99,999	4%	4%	5%
	\$100,000 – 149,999	12%	12%	11%
	\$150,000 – 199,999	12%	13%	7%
	\$200,000 – 249,999	12%	12%	12%
	\$250,000 and over	32%	32%	30%
	I prefer not to answer	24%	23%	29%
<b>TOTAL</b>		100%	100%	100%
<b>n =</b>		918	707	211

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## **Appendix E—Non-Resident Survey Results**

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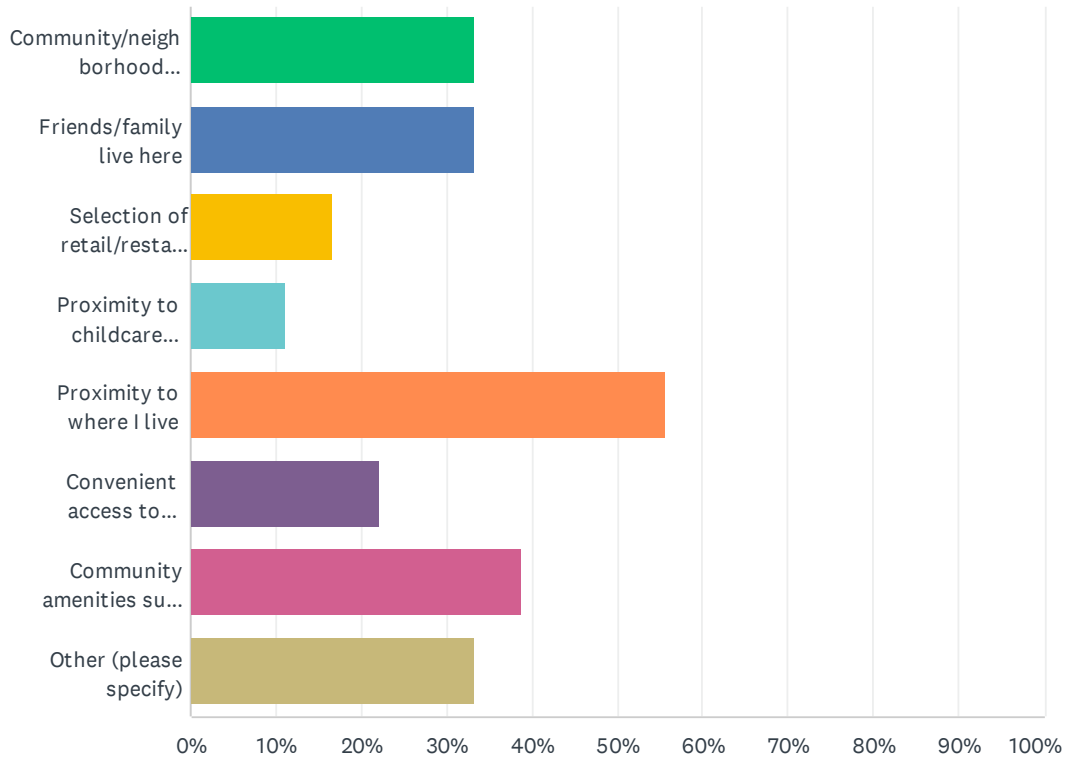
**Q1 How many years have you worked in or regularly visited Sammamish?  
(Please enter approximate number of years)**

Answered: 17 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	11	12/1/2021 4:11 PM
2	3	12/1/2021 7:18 AM
3	39	11/30/2021 7:41 PM
4	15	11/30/2021 4:39 PM
5	10	11/29/2021 4:33 PM
6	15 years	11/29/2021 9:24 AM
7	19	11/26/2021 12:53 PM
8	5	11/24/2021 12:28 PM
9	25	11/22/2021 11:28 AM
10	3	11/20/2021 6:39 AM
11	5	11/19/2021 12:47 PM
12	10	11/18/2021 11:23 AM
13	6	11/17/2021 9:38 PM
14	3 years	11/17/2021 8:55 AM
15	23	11/16/2021 4:22 PM
16	15	11/16/2021 4:11 PM
17	10	11/16/2021 3:00 PM

## Q2 What attracts you to work in or visit Sammamish? (Please mark all that apply)

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Community/neighborhood character	33.33% 6
Friends/family live here	33.33% 6
Selection of retail/restaurants/lifestyle services	16.67% 3
Proximity to childcare services and/or schools	11.11% 2
Proximity to where I live	55.56% 10
Convenient access to places/establishments I visit	22.22% 4
Community amenities such as parks	38.89% 7
Other (please specify)	33.33% 6
Total Respondents: 18	

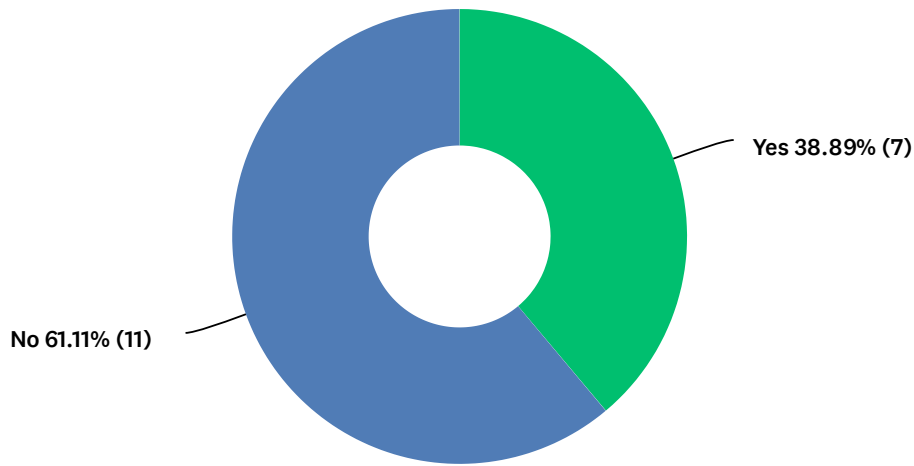
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I live in future Sammamish	11/30/2021 7:41 PM
2	Former resident remained loyal to my service providers	11/29/2021 9:24 AM
3	Great schools & safe place to live	11/18/2021 11:23 AM

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4	My job is there.	11/17/2021 9:38 PM
5	I enjoy my team	11/17/2021 8:55 AM
6	The diversity that exists in Sammamish.	11/16/2021 4:11 PM

### Q3 Do you want to live in Sammamish but find you are unable to do so?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.89%	7
No	61.11%	11
TOTAL		18

## Q4 In a few words, why do you feel that way?

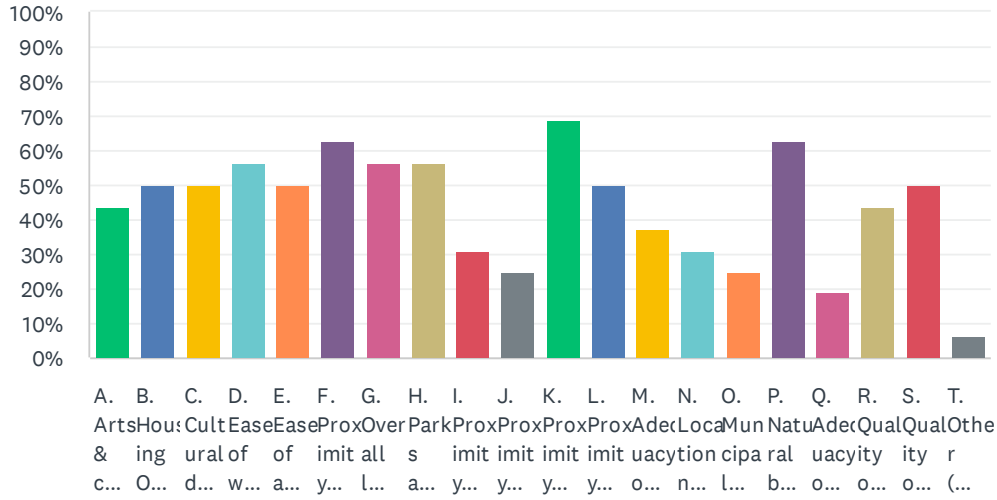
Answered: 17 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Housing prices are way too high for what you get	12/1/2021 4:11 PM
2	Currently rent here but as a divorced teacher on si file income when my alimony finishes I won't be able to afford to on a single income teacher salary even though I teach here in sammamish	12/1/2021 7:18 AM
3	Being property taxed as if property were fully developed as a community of 40 homes instead of one.	11/30/2021 7:41 PM
4	I recently moved from Sammamish due to the excessive development and accompanying traffic, crowding and loss of green spaces. I would not choose to move back to Sammamish, but have family and friends there so I visit often.	11/30/2021 4:39 PM
5	Sammamish Politics is Bullshit, so are the taxes. I'll stay 5 minutes outside, thank you.	11/29/2021 4:33 PM
6	Insufficient housing supply and what's available is either too expensive or doesn't fit my lifestyle. I don't need want a large house.	11/29/2021 9:24 AM
7	Because I already live here.	11/26/2021 12:53 PM
8	High cost of housing.	11/24/2021 12:28 PM
9	Too far to travel for essential services. Sammamish need more commercial developments.	11/22/2021 11:28 AM
10	I live in Issaquah.	11/20/2021 6:39 AM
11	Happy where I live between Seattle and Bellevue	11/19/2021 12:47 PM
12	Not my cup of tea.	11/17/2021 9:38 PM
13	Too many regulations. Neighbor disputes over minor issues.	11/17/2021 2:29 PM
14	Too expensive. Pay not comparable.	11/17/2021 8:55 AM
15	I used to live in Sammamish, currently live in Issaquah, and will be moving soon to be right on the boarder between the two.	11/16/2021 4:22 PM
16	As someone who has a lot of activities around the sound, Sammamish is a little isolated for my needs.	11/16/2021 4:11 PM
17	The housing market is unrealistic, not necessarily a Sammamish issue.	11/16/2021 3:00 PM



Q5 Using the checkboxes below, check the attributes that best contribute to the quality life in a community you'd like to live in. (Please mark all that apply)

Answered: 16 Skipped: 2



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A. Arts & cultural activities/opportunities	43.75%	7
B. Housing Options	50.00%	8
C. Cultural diversity of the community	50.00%	8
D. Ease of walking and biking in the area	56.25%	9
E. Ease of access by vehicle around the City	50.00%	8
F. Proximity to eating & drinking establishments	62.50%	10
G. Overall level of public safety	56.25%	9
H. Parks and recreational opportunities	56.25%	9
I. Proximity to employment centers	31.25%	5
J. Proximity to neighboring cities	25.00%	4
K. Proximity to groceries/daily shopping needs	68.75%	11
L. Proximity to medical & dental services	50.00%	8
M. Adequacy of retail/restaurants/lifestyle services	37.50%	6
N. Location near family and friends	31.25%	5
O. Municipal services (e.g., police, fire, water, sewer)	25.00%	4
P. Natural beauty of the area	62.50%	10
Q. Adequacy of medical & dental services	18.75%	3
R. Quality of local neighborhoods	43.75%	7
S. Quality of schools	50.00%	8
T. Other (please specify)	6.25%	1
Total Respondents: 16		

#	T. OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Neighbors who help each other.	11/17/2021 2:33 PM

## Q6 From the list above, please indicate up to three priorities.(Please insert letter from Q5 above)

Answered: 16 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Priority 1	100.00%	16
Priority 2	100.00%	16
Priority 3	93.75%	15

#	PRIORITY 1	DATE
1	D	12/1/2021 4:13 PM
2	Affordable housing	12/1/2021 7:19 AM
3	Beauty of nature	11/30/2021 7:42 PM
4	N	11/30/2021 4:41 PM
5	B	11/29/2021 9:32 AM
6	F	11/26/2021 12:56 PM
7	B	11/22/2021 11:29 AM
8	Proximity to medical and retail	11/20/2021 6:42 AM
9	R	11/19/2021 12:50 PM
10	G	11/18/2021 11:26 AM
11	B	11/17/2021 9:40 PM
12	T	11/17/2021 2:33 PM
13	Housing options	11/17/2021 8:57 AM
14	Quality schools	11/16/2021 4:25 PM
15	Overall level of Public Safety	11/16/2021 4:14 PM
16	G	11/16/2021 3:03 PM

#	PRIORITY 2	DATE
1	B	12/1/2021 4:13 PM
2	Safety	12/1/2021 7:19 AM
3	Location near family	11/30/2021 7:42 PM
4	P	11/30/2021 4:41 PM
5	G	11/29/2021 9:32 AM
6	B	11/26/2021 12:56 PM
7	E	11/22/2021 11:29 AM
8	Natural beauty	11/20/2021 6:42 AM
9	J	11/19/2021 12:50 PM
10	F	11/18/2021 11:26 AM

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11	D	11/17/2021 9:40 PM
12	E	11/17/2021 2:33 PM
13	eating and drinking establishments	11/17/2021 8:57 AM
14	Adequacy of eating/drinking establishments	11/16/2021 4:25 PM
15	Natural beauty of the area	11/16/2021 4:14 PM
16	O	11/16/2021 3:03 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>PRIORITY 3</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	K	12/1/2021 4:13 PM
2	Medical	11/30/2021 7:42 PM
3	S	11/30/2021 4:41 PM
4	L	11/29/2021 9:32 AM
5	K	11/26/2021 12:56 PM
6	K	11/22/2021 11:29 AM
7	Close to friends	11/20/2021 6:42 AM
8	P	11/19/2021 12:50 PM
9	D	11/18/2021 11:26 AM
10	F	11/17/2021 9:40 PM
11	I	11/17/2021 2:33 PM
12	Ease of walking & biking	11/17/2021 8:57 AM
13	Natural beauty of the area	11/16/2021 4:25 PM
14	Parks & Recreational opportunities	11/16/2021 4:14 PM
15	R	11/16/2021 3:03 PM

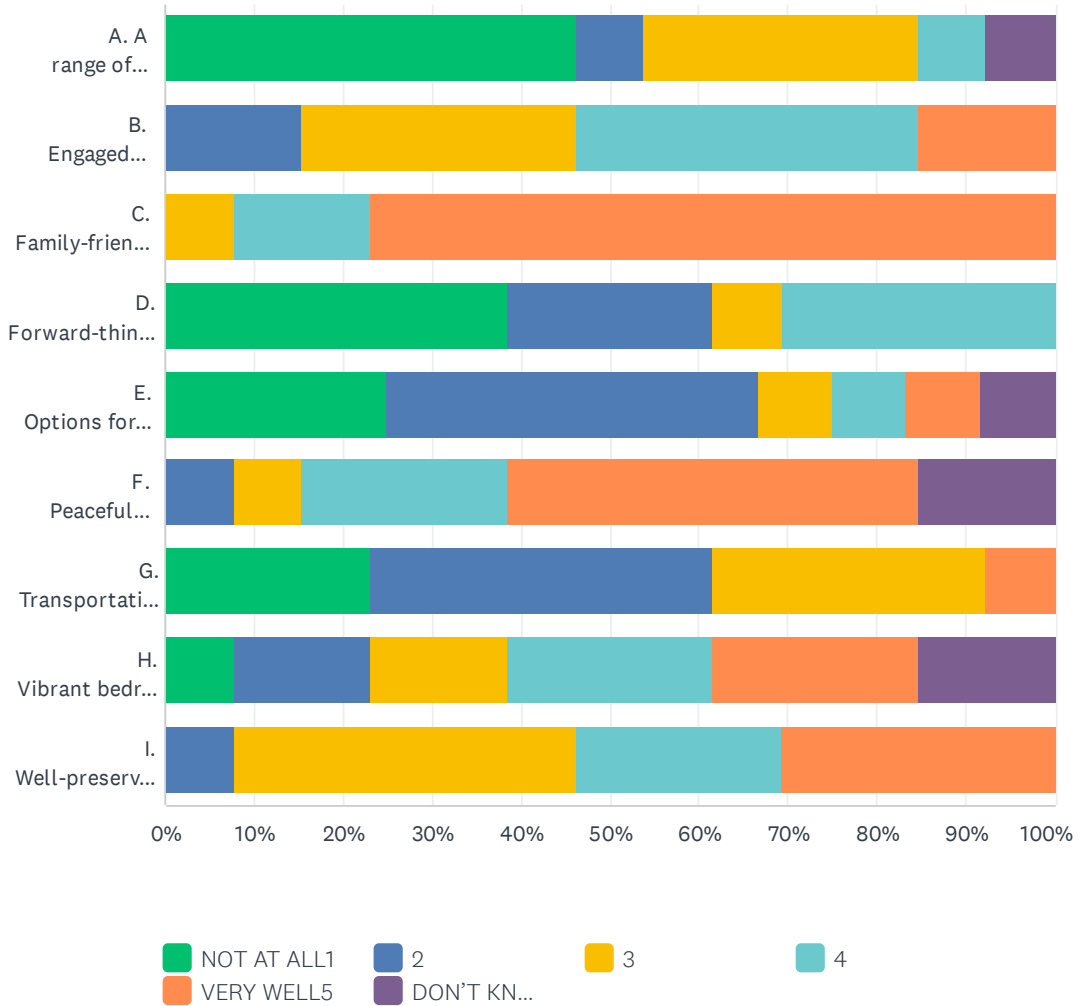
## Q7 In a few words, what is Sammamish's greatest asset?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Beautiful parks and no highways through the city	12/1/2021 4:13 PM
2	The beauty of the natural environment	11/30/2021 7:42 PM
3	Forests and parks (that's what makes it unique)	11/30/2021 4:41 PM
4	Location, its close to employers, hospitals	11/29/2021 9:32 AM
5	It is a beautiful place, but not too far out that I can't access things I need.	11/26/2021 12:56 PM
6	The available land to add commercial services	11/22/2021 11:29 AM
7	Diversity	11/20/2021 6:42 AM
8	It seems to have a great sense of community and communication about happenings.	11/19/2021 12:50 PM
9	Sammamish is a beautiful safe city with great schools.	11/18/2021 11:26 AM
10	Parks	11/17/2021 9:40 PM
11	Location	11/17/2021 2:33 PM
12	?	11/17/2021 8:57 AM
13	Community	11/16/2021 4:25 PM
14	Cultural diversity	11/16/2021 4:14 PM
15	Safety. I like knowing that if I want to walk to the grocery store at night, I can do so and still feel safe. Also, having friendly, neighborly residents who genuinely care about where they live.	11/16/2021 3:03 PM

### Q8 How well do the following phrases taken from the current vision statement describe Sammamish currently?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 5



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		NOT AT ALL1	2	3	4	VERY WELL5	DON'T KNOWX	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
A.	A range of housing choices	46.15% 6	7.69% 1	30.77% 4	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	13	1.85
B.	Engaged community	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	30.77% 4	38.46% 5	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	13	3.54
C.	Family-friendly and kid-safe	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	76.92% 10	0.00% 0	13	4.69
D.	Forward-thinking	38.46% 5	23.08% 3	7.69% 1	30.77% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	13	2.31
E.	Options for multimodal transportation*	25.00% 3	41.67% 5	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	12	2.08
F.	Peaceful neighborhoods	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	23.08% 3	46.15% 6	15.38% 2	13	3.62
G.	Transportation connectivity (ease of getting around)	23.08% 3	38.46% 5	30.77% 4	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	13	2.31
H.	Vibrant bedroom community**	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	15.38% 2	23.08% 3	23.08% 3	15.38% 2	13	2.92
I.	Well-preserved natural environment	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	38.46% 5	23.08% 3	30.77% 4	0.00% 0	13	3.77

**Q9 As you think about the future of Sammamish in 15 to 20 years, which three phrases from the list above describe the most important elements to making the city you want Sammamish to be: (Please insert letter from Q8 above)**

Answered: 12 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Selection 1	100.00% 12
Selection 2	91.67% 11
Selection 3	83.33% 10

#	SELECTION 1	DATE
1	A	12/1/2021 4:17 PM
2	Range of housing choices	12/1/2021 7:22 AM
3	Natural environment	11/30/2021 7:47 PM
4	C	11/30/2021 4:44 PM
5	A	11/29/2021 9:43 AM
6	D	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
7	D	11/22/2021 11:33 AM
8	F	11/18/2021 11:30 AM
9	G	11/17/2021 2:35 PM
10	Rand of housing options	11/16/2021 4:30 PM
11	F	11/16/2021 4:18 PM
12	G	11/16/2021 3:07 PM

#	SELECTION 2	DATE
1	E	12/1/2021 4:17 PM
2	Family friendly	12/1/2021 7:22 AM
3	Transportation	11/30/2021 7:47 PM
4	I	11/30/2021 4:44 PM
5	D	11/29/2021 9:43 AM
6	B	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
7	A	11/22/2021 11:33 AM
8	D	11/18/2021 11:30 AM
9	Family friendly and kid safe	11/16/2021 4:30 PM
10	D	11/16/2021 4:18 PM
11	D	11/16/2021 3:07 PM

#	SELECTION 3	DATE
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1	G	12/1/2021 4:17 PM
2	Need for diversity	11/30/2021 7:47 PM
3	H	11/30/2021 4:44 PM
4	E	11/29/2021 9:43 AM
5	A	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
6	C	11/22/2021 11:33 AM
7	B	11/18/2021 11:30 AM
8	Well preserved natural environment	11/16/2021 4:30 PM
9	B	11/16/2021 4:18 PM
10	H	11/16/2021 3:07 PM

## Q10 What other words or phrases belong in a statement describing your vision for what you would like Sammamish to be in the future (provide up to four suggestions):

Answered: 10 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Suggestion 1	100.00%	10
Suggestion 2	90.00%	9
Suggestion 3	70.00%	7
Suggestion 4	70.00%	7

#	SUGGESTION 1	DATE
1	Affordable	12/1/2021 4:17 PM
2	A community that supports and includes teachers and other public services workers to afford to live in this community - to be less elitist	12/1/2021 7:22 AM
3	Environmentally sustainable	11/30/2021 7:47 PM
4	Welcoming/inclusive community	11/29/2021 9:43 AM
5	public transportation	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
6	Forward thinking	11/22/2021 11:33 AM
7	Support the growth of local businesses	11/18/2021 11:30 AM
8	Small independent restaurants like gastropubs	11/16/2021 4:30 PM
9	Welcoming	11/16/2021 4:18 PM
10	It feels cramped all up and down 228th - take out the center vegetation, and replaced with low maintenance and ground level kind of center divide.	11/16/2021 3:07 PM

#	SUGGESTION 2	DATE
1	Vibrant	12/1/2021 4:17 PM
2	Wildlife friendly	11/30/2021 7:47 PM
3	A community for all generations	11/29/2021 9:43 AM
4	better restaurants	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
5	Welcoming	11/22/2021 11:33 AM
6	Support outside businesses coming into Sammamish (ex. food trucks)	11/18/2021 11:30 AM
7	A thriving "main street" or community heart	11/16/2021 4:30 PM
8	informed, engaged residents	11/16/2021 4:18 PM
9	Bring in a more diverse retail section - something like Issaquah highlands, but more streamlined.	11/16/2021 3:07 PM

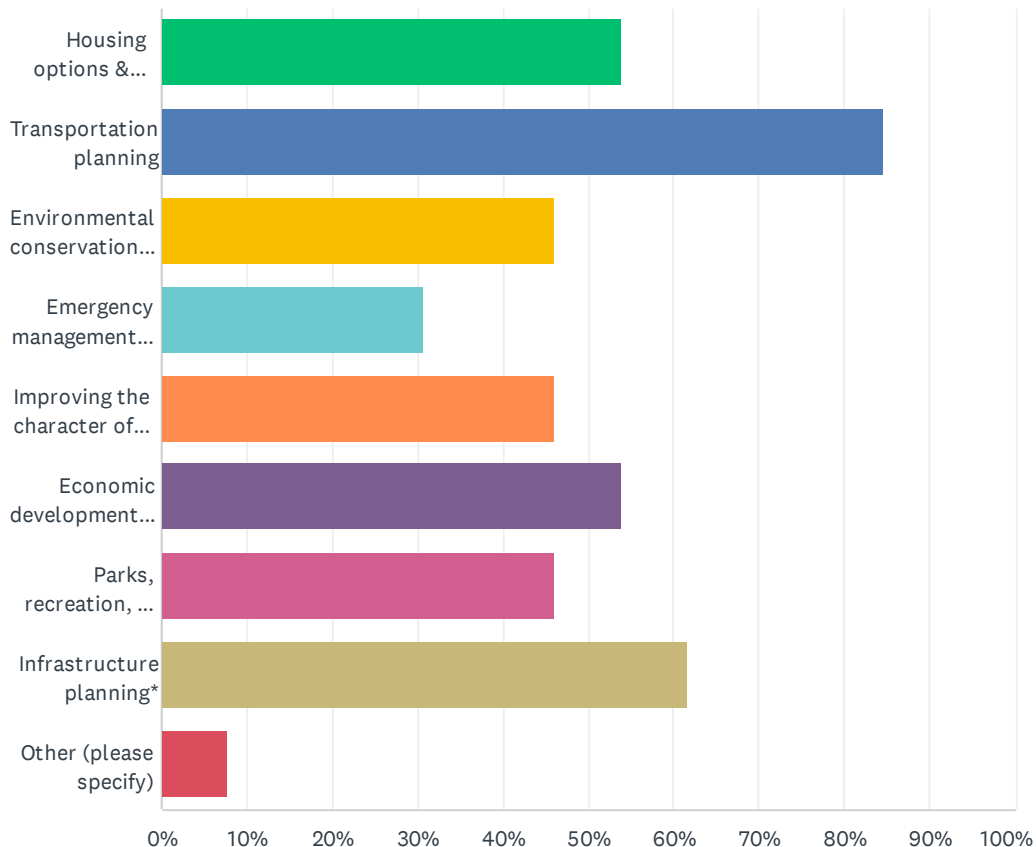
#	SUGGESTION 3	DATE
1	Walkable & cyclable	12/1/2021 4:17 PM
2	Diverse population affordable housing	11/30/2021 7:47 PM

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3	housing options/choices	11/29/2021 9:43 AM
4	more activities	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
5	Pro business	11/22/2021 11:33 AM
6	bike/walking paths that lead directly to the lake sammamish trail	11/18/2021 11:30 AM
7	Diverse and welcoming	11/16/2021 4:30 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>SUGGESTION 4</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Diverse	12/1/2021 4:17 PM
2	Transportation that respects environment	11/30/2021 7:47 PM
3	A connected, forward thinking community	11/29/2021 9:43 AM
4	more sidewalks	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
5	Sports fields!!!!	11/22/2021 11:33 AM
6	walking paths from various parts of Sammamish that lead to the town center	11/18/2021 11:30 AM
7	Equitable	11/16/2021 4:30 PM

### Q11 What topics do you think Sammamish should be prioritizing in the next 15-20 years?(Please mark all that apply)

Answered: 13 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Housing options & neighborhood character	53.85%	7
Transportation planning	84.62%	11
Environmental conservation & sustainability	46.15%	6
Emergency management planning	30.77%	4
Improving the character of commercial areas	46.15%	6
Economic development planning	53.85%	7
Parks, recreation, and open space planning	46.15%	6
Infrastructure planning*	61.54%	8
Other (please specify)	7.69%	1
Total Respondents: 13		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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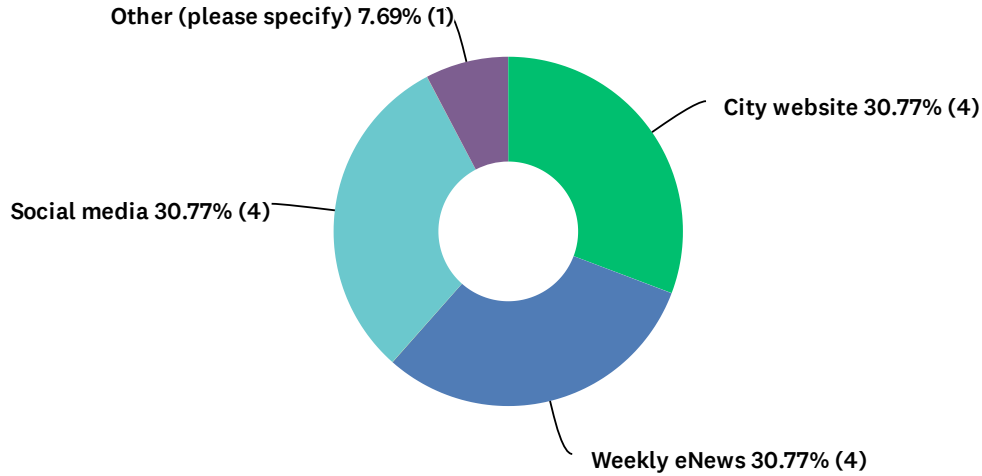
Community/Senior Center

11/16/2021 4:18 PM

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## Q12 Which of these communication tools have you found to be the best way to stay in touch with the City?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 5

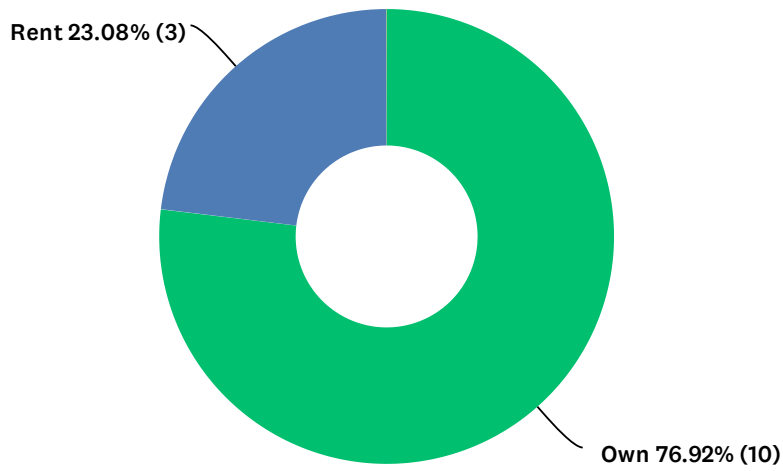


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City website	30.77%	4
Weekly eNews	30.77%	4
Print newsletter	0.00%	0
Social media	30.77%	4
City Council or Commission meetings	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	7.69%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I subscribe to the email but there's not enough information on council business. Small businesses owners don't get enough information from the City on policy changes	11/29/2021 9:47 AM

### Q13 Do you own or rent your home?

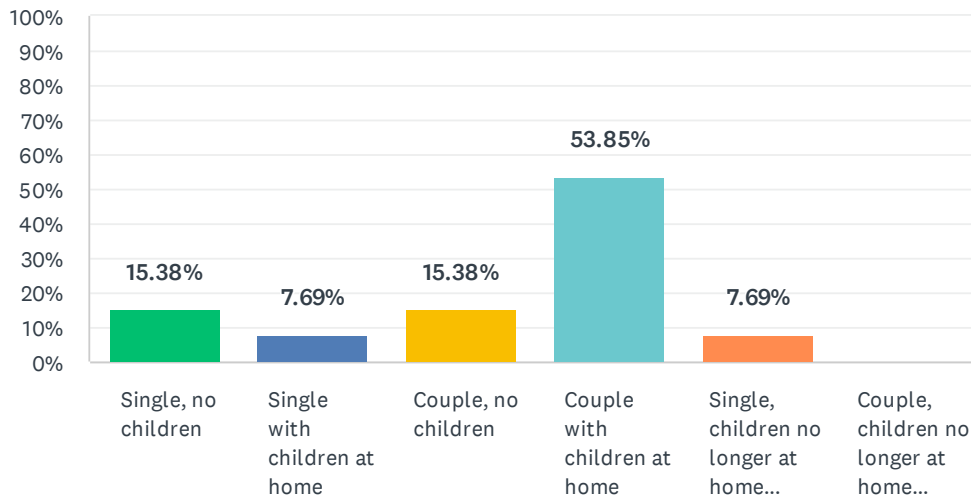
Answered: 13 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	76.92%	10
Rent	23.08%	3
I prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

## Q14 Which of these categories best describes your household?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single, no children	15.38%	2
Single with children at home	7.69%	1
Couple, no children	15.38%	2
Couple with children at home	53.85%	7
Single, children no longer at home ("empty nester")	7.69%	1
Couple, children no longer at home ("empty nester")	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>



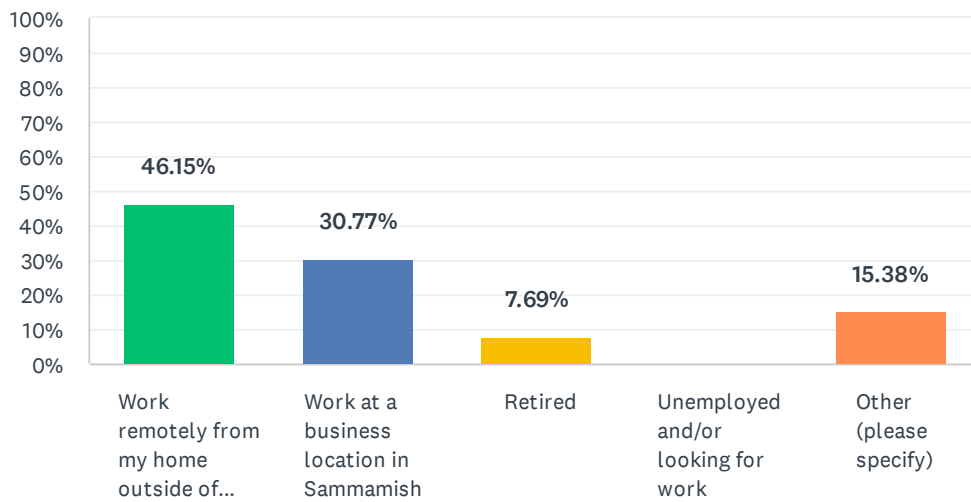
## Q15 If you have children at home, how many are under the age of 18?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	3	12/1/2021 7:22 AM
2	2	11/30/2021 4:44 PM
3	1	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
4	3	11/22/2021 11:34 AM
5	1	11/19/2021 12:53 PM
6	14 and 7	11/18/2021 11:32 AM
7	0	11/17/2021 2:36 PM
8	1	11/16/2021 4:31 PM

## Q16 Which of the following best describes your employment status?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 5

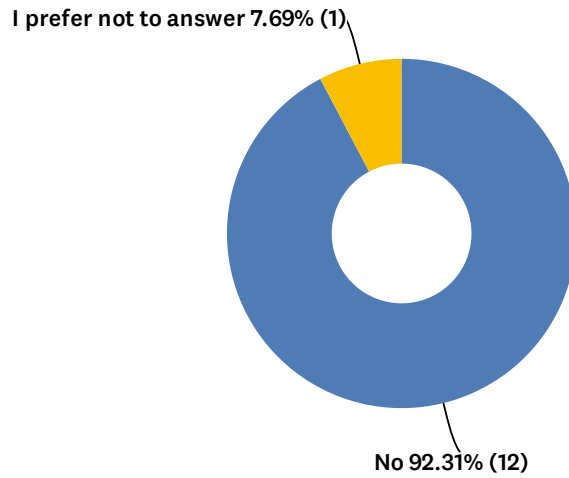


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work remotely from my home outside of Sammamish	46.15%	6
Work at a business location in Sammamish	30.77%	4
Retired	7.69%	1
Unemployed and/or looking for work	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	15.38%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Small business owner	11/29/2021 9:50 AM
2	Work at a business outside of Sammamish	11/16/2021 4:31 PM

## Q17 Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

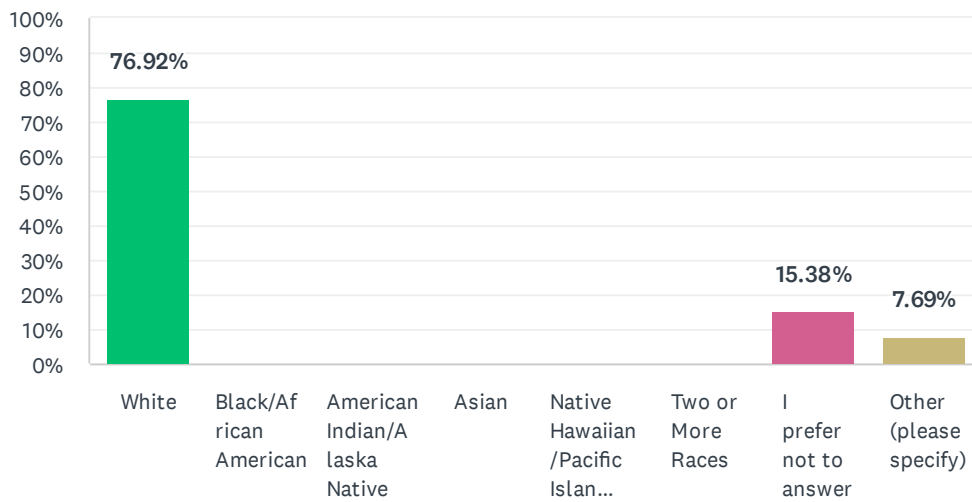
Answered: 13 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	92.31%	12
I prefer not to answer	7.69%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

## Q18 What race best describes you?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 5

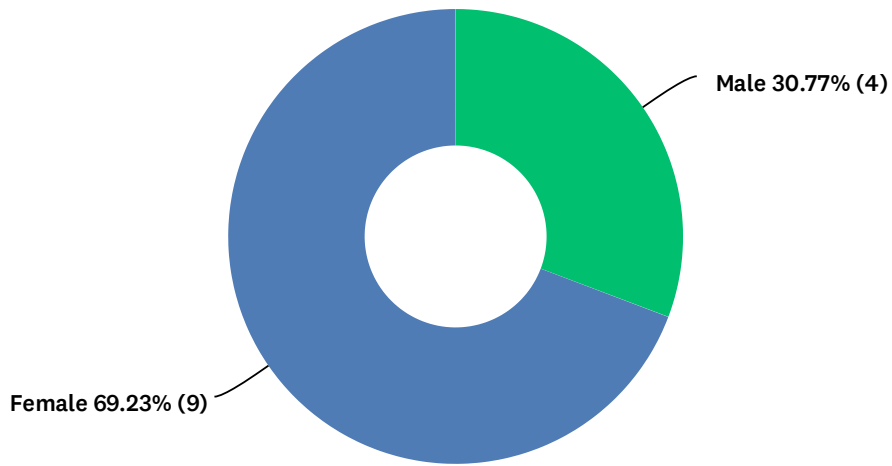


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	76.92%	10
Black/African American	0.00%	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.00%	0
Asian	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Two or More Races	0.00%	0
I prefer not to answer	15.38%	2
Other (please specify)	7.69%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Saami	11/30/2021 7:49 PM

## Q19 What is your gender identity? (Please mark all that apply)

Answered: 13 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	30.77%	4
Female	69.23%	9
Non-binary/transgender/other	0.00%	0
I prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
I prefer to identify as:	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

#	I PREFER TO IDENTIFY AS:	DATE
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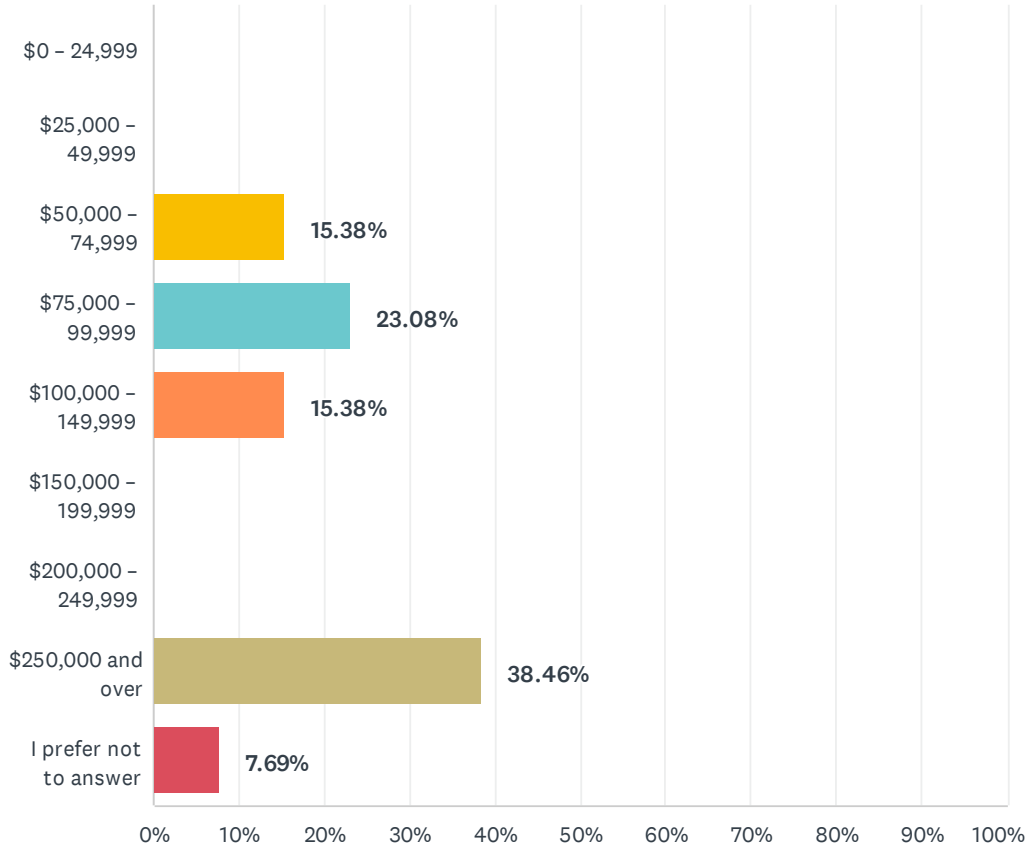
## Q20 In what year were you born? (YYYY)

Answered: 12 Skipped: 6

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3	1943	11/30/2021 7:49 PM
4	1984	11/30/2021 4:44 PM
5	1961	11/29/2021 9:50 AM
6	1970	11/26/2021 12:58 PM
7	1980	11/22/2021 11:34 AM
8	1968	11/19/2021 12:53 PM
9	1983	11/18/2021 11:32 AM
10	1953	11/17/2021 2:36 PM
11	1973	11/16/2021 4:31 PM
12	1958	11/16/2021 4:20 PM

## Q21 Which best represents the annual income of your household before taxes?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0 – 24,999	0.00%	0
\$25,000 – 49,999	0.00%	0
\$50,000 – 74,999	15.38%	2
\$75,000 – 99,999	23.08%	3
\$100,000 – 149,999	15.38%	2
\$150,000 – 199,999	0.00%	0
\$200,000 – 249,999	0.00%	0
\$250,000 and over	38.46%	5
I prefer not to answer	7.69%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

## **Appendix F—Youth Engagement Submissions**

F.1—Cascade Ridge Elementary School

F.2—Christa McAuliffe Elementary School

F.3—Eastlake and Skyline High Schools

F.4—Sammamish Youth Board

F.5—Girl Scouts Troop 42897

F.6—Beaver Lake Middle School Kiwanis Builder’s Club



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## **Appendix F.1—Cascade Ridge Elementary School**

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# Industry of the Meat

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## The Path to a More Sustainable Future

by Ishaan Dan & Aadi Chandrashekhar  
Fifth Grade  
Cascade Ridge Elementary



Recycling is a key part of a sustainable future. It helps reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfills and oceans. Recycling also saves energy and resources. We can all help by recycling paper, plastic, and glass. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using reusable items and buying products that are made from recycled materials.

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### How Can We Respond?

The most important thing we can do is to reduce the amount of waste we produce. We can do this by using reusable items, buying products that are made from recycled materials, and recycling paper, plastic, and glass. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using less energy and water. We can do this by turning off the lights when we leave a room, taking shorter showers, and using energy-efficient light bulbs. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by eating less meat. The meat industry produces a lot of waste, and eating less meat can help reduce the amount of waste that is produced. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by composting our food scraps. Composting is a natural process that turns food scraps into a rich soil amendment. We can do this by putting our food scraps in a compost bin. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using a reusable water bottle instead of a plastic one. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using a reusable coffee cup instead of a paper one. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using a reusable shopping bag instead of a plastic one. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using a reusable lunchbox instead of a disposable one. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using a reusable water bottle instead of a plastic one. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using a reusable coffee cup instead of a paper one. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using a reusable shopping bag instead of a plastic one. We can also reduce the amount of waste we produce by using a reusable lunchbox instead of a disposable one.

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We love the Parks in Samanish & Tr...

By: Saanvi, Nour, and Varnika

We think Samanish needs a frozen yogurt shop





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CREAM  
YOU  
SCREAM

MAIN  
ENTRY

WE NEED  
ANOTHER  
FROZEN YOGURT  
SHOP!







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Welcome to...  
The Eco-Friendly City  
of Sammamish!  
Presented by: Manya K. Meher M,  
S. L. and Nicholas K.  
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Plateau

*Table Grapes*

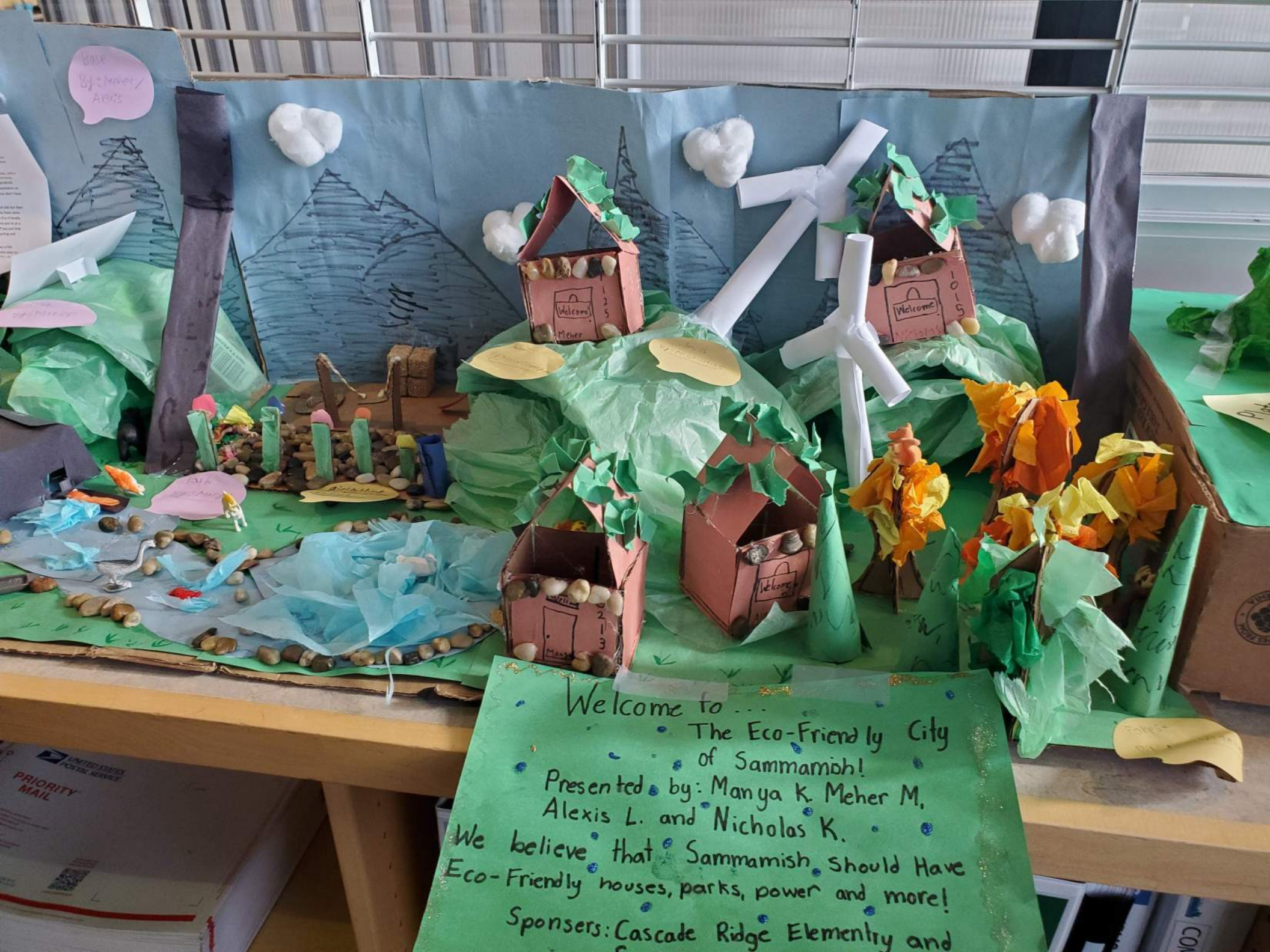
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 King Country...  
 Marlborough...











Built By: Manya / Alexis

Water

Park

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We believe that Sammamish should have  
Eco-Friendly houses, parks, power and more!  
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**City of**  
*Sammamish*  
*Project*

**By Andrew and Maahi and Aadhithya**



# Our First Reason About Why We Like About Living Here In Sammamish



Our first reason of why we like living here is that because the landscape is beautiful. There are many trails that you can hike on, and it is very beautiful when you are hiking. There are also many bike trails in which you can bike with family and friends.

# Our Second Reason For Why We Like Living Here

We also like living here because there are many parks where you can play soccer and basketball. You can also meet up with friends in parks to have fun!



# Our 3rd Reason For Why We Like Living Here

Our third reason for why we like living here is that there are many social buildings where we can meet up with friends and family. For example there are restaurants, trampoline parks, and libraries.



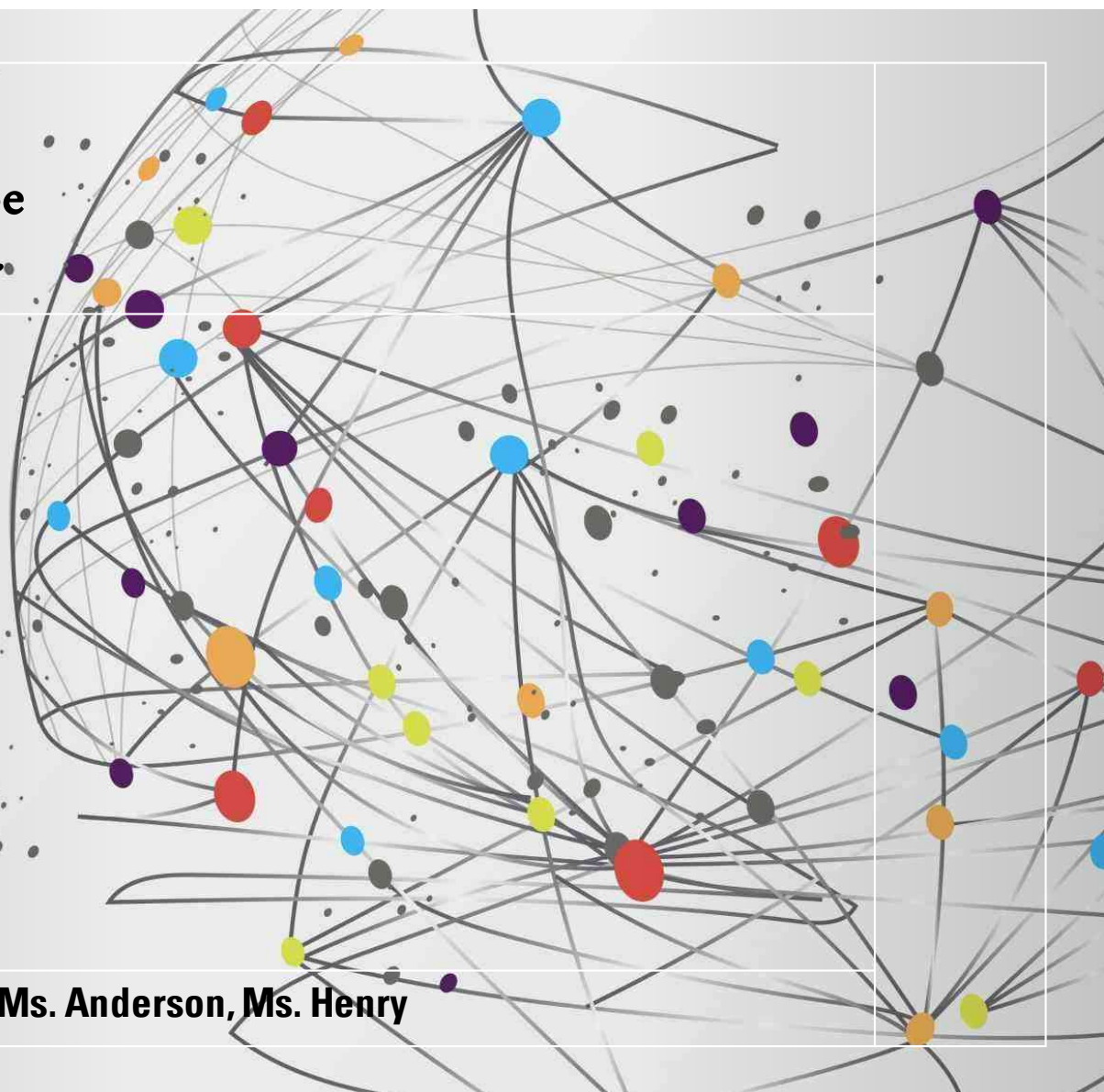


Now that you have read this book I hope that you will like living here in Sammamish and if not, I hope you move here immediately.



**H**ellooooo Sammamish, today I will be answering a question I got from super awesome scientists!

**Anish G., Class: Science-Tech, Teachers: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Henry**



## What is One thing that I don't have but I want in the future???

- Well one thing that I don't have but I want in the future is for all the kind of species to live in a balanced ecosystem. And why I want that is because then the human don't die and then the whole world will crash. Also, if the animals don't die then the animals that they eat will increase too much and the animal that is under the animal that increases to much will die out because they are getting eaten too much.

# **ATHARV'S CITY OF SAMMAMISH PROJECT**



***WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING HERE?***

***I LIKE THAT IT'S SAFE IN THIS CITY  
AND ITS A NICE CITY TO LIVE IN  
BECAUSE THERE ARE TREES AND  
SCENARY WHICH IS NICE AND I LIKE  
THE MOUNTAINS AND THE PLACES  
THERE ARE TO VISIT AND ALL THE  
HILLS THERE ARE IN THIS CITY***





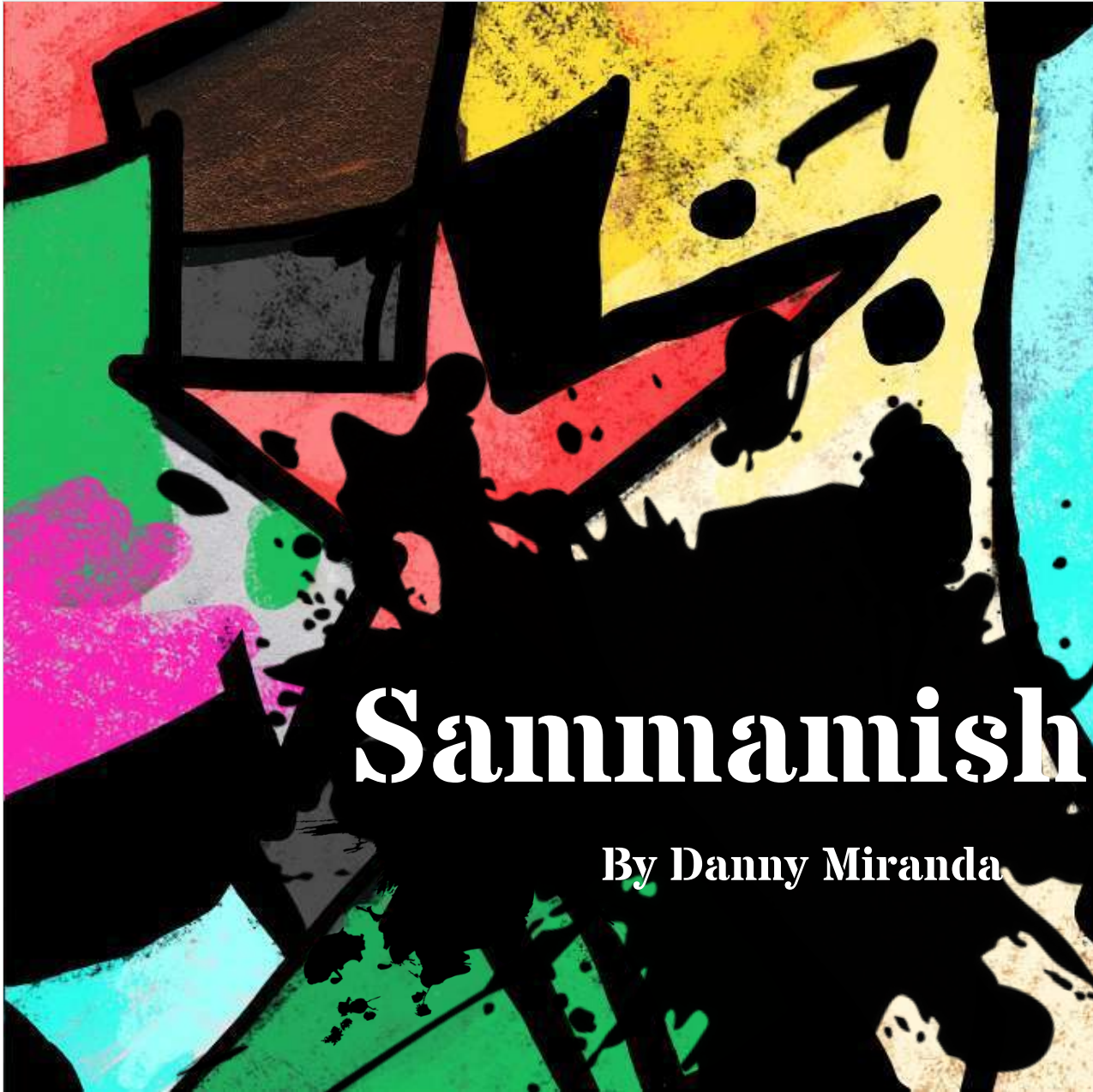
Thank  
you for  
your  
time :)



**CITY OF SAMMAMISH  
PROJECT**



I think you should ad famous Sammamish animal statues in communities.



# Sammanish

By Danny Miranda

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# Welcome



**In this book, I will tell you what I want and what I love about this city, I hope you add the stuff that I want.**

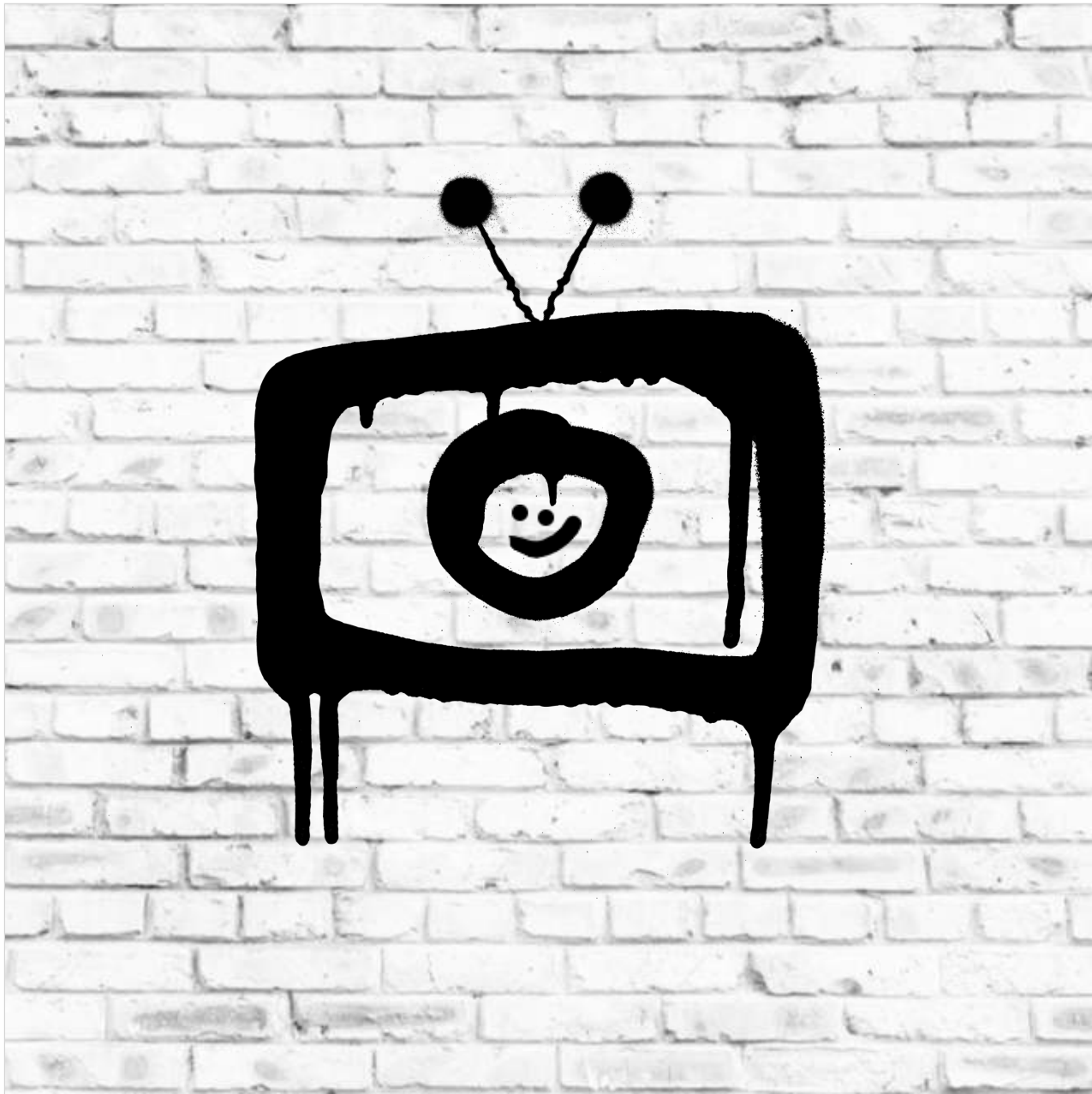




# What I want in the future

I want to have no pollution in this city, if we have a ton of pollution, this city is going to like a wasteland, plus, if we litter a lot, its going in the drain and the kokanee salmon (endangered species) are going to eat it, and also more trash cans. I also want more of those places where you adopt a pet, these poor pets need a home to stay at, also that we need more farms for more food (carrots, corn, etc.)





# What I love about this town

I love this city because there are so much parks. Since there are so much pools, I can basically swim anywhere! I can teach people how to swim, and its pretty hot here in summer so this can be a time for lemonade stands! We have a great hill for sledding/snowboarding! I even play with friends that are very close to me (right in front of my house!)



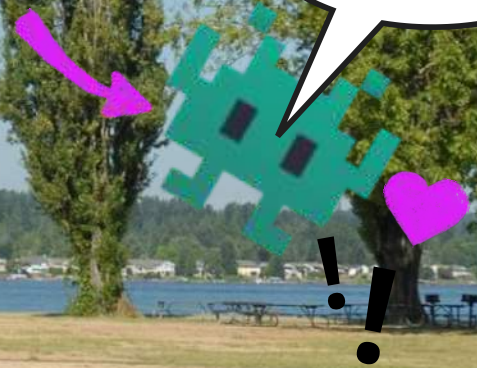
Ups



# Sammamish

City Counsel

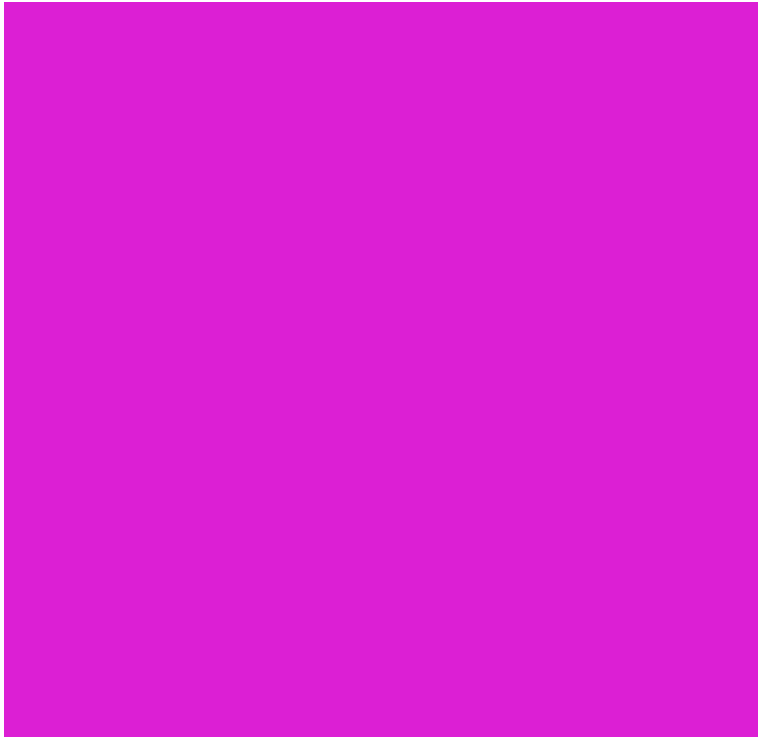
And Downs



By Isabelle Han and Priyanka Sreepada


# Sammamish





## Ups!

One of the ups in Sammamish is that there are lot's of animals in the forest and there is a lot of kids to be friends with. Another up is, there is lot's of mountains to hike, and a lots of trees to have picnics in



**Be silly. Be fun. Be different. Be  
crazy. Be you, because life is too  
short to be anything but happy.**






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SAMMAMISH



A close-up photograph of a soccer ball hitting a goal net. The ball is white with black pentagonal panels and is positioned on the left side of the frame, partially obscured by the white netting. The netting extends from the left towards the right, creating a strong sense of depth. The background is a blurred green field. The text "WE NEED MORE SOCCER SUPPLIES" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the lower portion of the image.

**WE NEED MORE SOCCER SUPPLIES**

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- We need more soccer supplies balls go over the fence all the time, we need Goles the fence and cones are not even.

A close-up, high-angle view of an artificial turf field. The field is dark green and features several curved white lines, likely for a soccer field. Interspersed among the white lines are various colored markings: red, blue, and light green. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

CASCADE RIDGE  
AND SCHOOLS  
ACROSS THE  
DISTRICT NEED A  
TURF FIELD.

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- Turf fields are needed because sand always gets in your shoes, and it gets annoying. Also, when you fall it's hard. It's not that nice to run on. Cones are bad boundaries turf is easier to see.



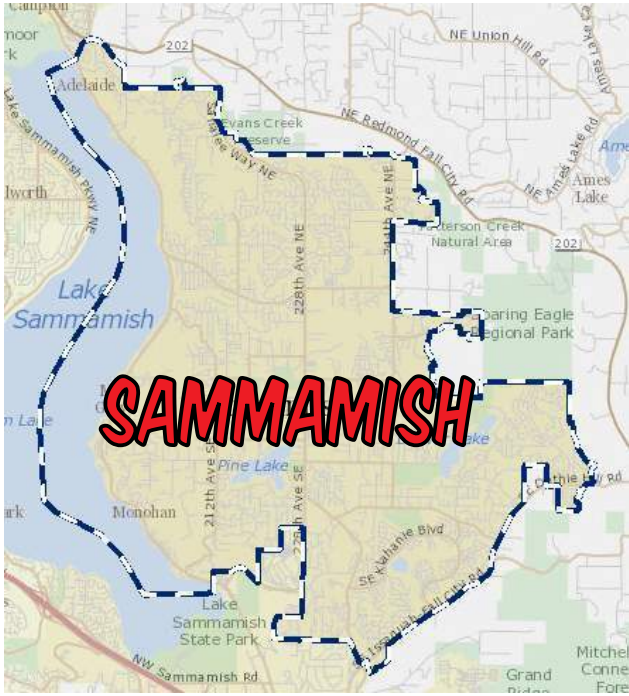
SAMMAMISH NEEDS  
FROZEN YOGURT.



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- Ever since covid the frozen yogurt place went out of business, now people are coming back and we need a frozen yogurt they got a lot of costumers now people will come back again, and it will make money. Frozen yogurt is awesome, and we need some.

# What I want in the City of Sammamish Washington

By Kevin Xiao



A map of Sammamish

# WHAT I WANT IN SAMMAMISH

BY KEVIN XIAO







WHERE I WANT IT



I WANT IT TO BE NEAR THE 228TH AVE AND SE 1ST ST JUNCTION.



OR THE KLAHANIE ROUNDABOUT

THE END!





***CITY OF SAMMAMISH PROJECT ...  
WHAT CAN BE IMPROVED.***

By Nived P.



# **WATER POLLUTION**

You're walking through Sammamish. You see green, lush trees. Diamond skies. Happy people, and clean, sapphire water.

Halt! Don't judge a book by its cover.

This *sapphire water* may not be what it seems to be. You know what? Let's take a dive and see for ourselves: Is this water really clean?



# **OUR FRIEND POLLUTION**



In the mix of blue and brown and green and murk, you see the first fish. It's red and green. It has a hump shape on it's back, and its mouth is curved upwards.

It's a Kokanee Salmon. Though it's not on the worlds most endangered list, it is almost about to die out. Why? Because of pollution.

Pollution is our trash. And if it gets into the water, unwanted chemicals will seep into the water. If a sea creature eats our trash, they can get severely sick and die. Sammamish is great. But it has a flaw: Polluted water. And I want Sammamish to be a clean, beautiful environment, with no delusions of grandeur (I'm looking at you, water), but actual grandeur.



Scratch what I said about lush green trees. Because fun fact: I lied. Yeah, we have a few trees, but we're starting to give the impression that we don't want them.

Trees are a *gift*. And we're throwing them in the (metaphorical) trash. We *think* we're doing the right thing. We're making houses! Furniture! And paper! Everything for a human to survive.

And for the forest to die.

The forest is a living thing, dear reader. I don't know if it feels pain or anger, but it can show it. How, you ask? Chain reactions! No forest, no animals or plants. No animals and plants, no meat and veggies. No meat and veggies, no humans.

And that is a chain reaction. Very drastic, am I right?

Sammamish is great. But has another flaw: Tree loss.

I want Sammamish to be a clean, beautiful environment. We can fix this. We can take my wish, and others, to shape a dream community.

## TREE LOSS



# **HOW DO WE FIX THIS?**

Yeah, How *do* we fix this? Here are some ways:

- Plant trees
- Stop throwing trash into the water.
- Stop wasting water.

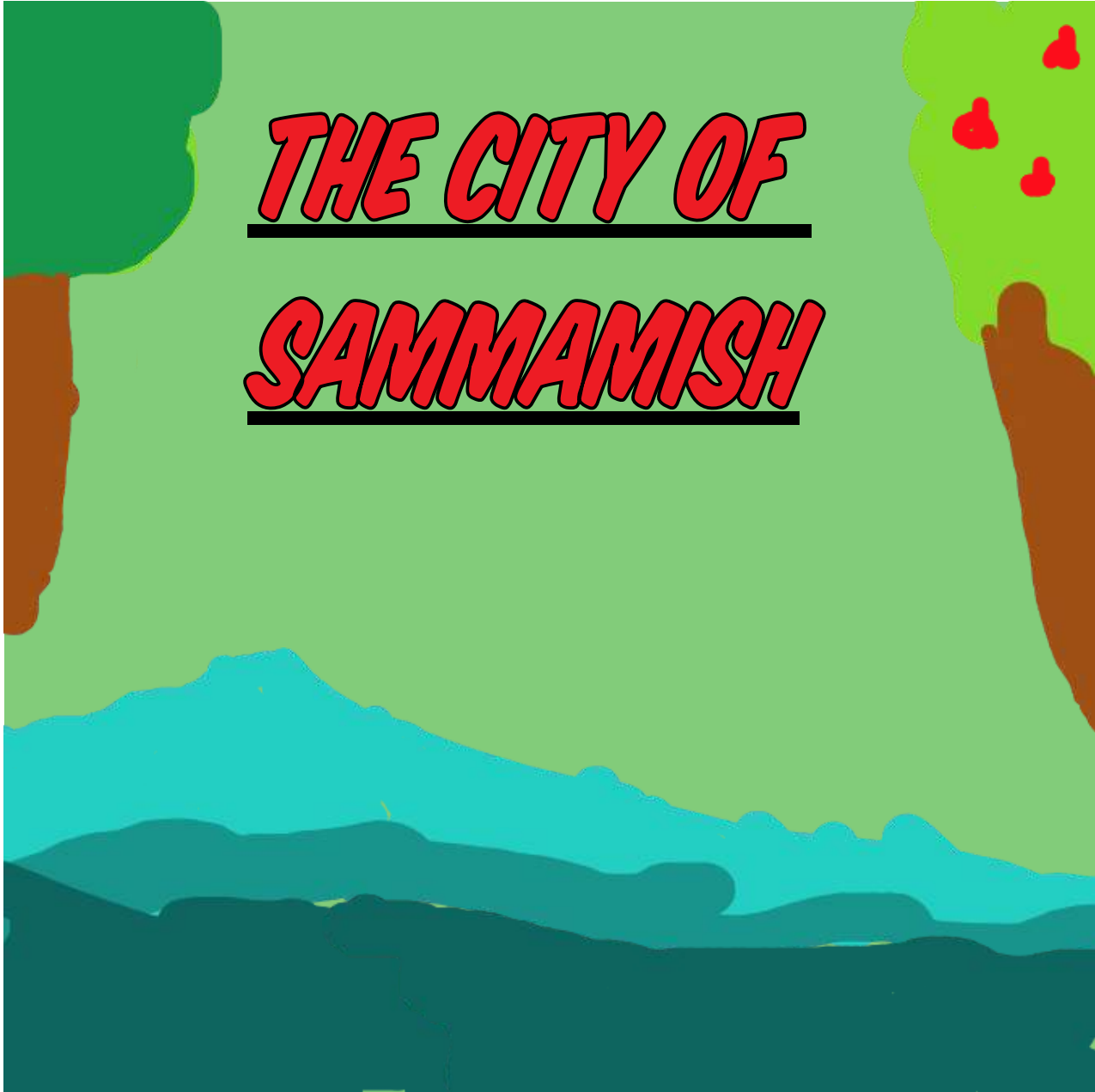
There are a few other flaws I haven't listed, but I hope that you will consider my presentation.

We want a better community.

And fixing Sammamish could be the start of A better *World*.



**THE CITY OF**  
**SAMMAMISH**





# ***THINGS SAMMAMISH COULD WORK ON IN THE FUTURE***

*Sammamish is a great city I am very thankful that I live in sammamish . Sammamish has many good things that other cities do not have for example there is very low racism and there is very little people who are poor and don't have parents. But sammamish could help the poor and the non parents and less racism. And for the things I think sammamish could do in future, I think that we could have a time machine or something crazy but first I ask you please help with this crisis.*



**THANK YOU FOR  
BEING HERE TODAY.  
HOPE YOU HAVE A  
GOOD DAY. BYE.**

Author: Rithik Kumar

Illustrator : Rithik  
Kumar



Sammamish Flaws and Perfection

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## Why Sammamish is great

I like that Sammamish has lots of good places to go. In schools, teachers are kind and the curriculum is good. In store the workers do their job and the stuff are great. In Sammamish there are lots of good extra curriculum classes. That is why I like Sammamish. I also like Sammamish because its a quiet place and not many bad stuff happen (of course they do) And this year (2021) it has been nominated as the best small city to live in USA





## What Sammamish needs

I think Sammamish should have more Libraries. Wherever I go, I don't see a library! I think kids and adults need to learn, where can they? **LIBRARY!** I also think there should be more malls, just 2-4 per city (Malls are a store with like 75 stores inside)



I think there should be more beaches so then people can go to the beach in their summer without traveling to **SAVE** money.



Sammamish is a great place, and those are some changes I want to add to build Sammamish.





## Cont. Why I like sammamish

I said that I Sammamish needed Libraries. Yes it does, even though there are great school libraries, their needs public libraries.



Also I think service is good here, mostly. Good service can be really useful. Lets say that u have a job and you need something. If you have bad service it will come after expected, and your boss will not like you.



cont. why Sammamish is great

Sammamish is the nations riches city, its median household has an income of 183 thousand, witch is actually richer than San Francisco



CONT. WHAT SAMMAMISH NEEDS

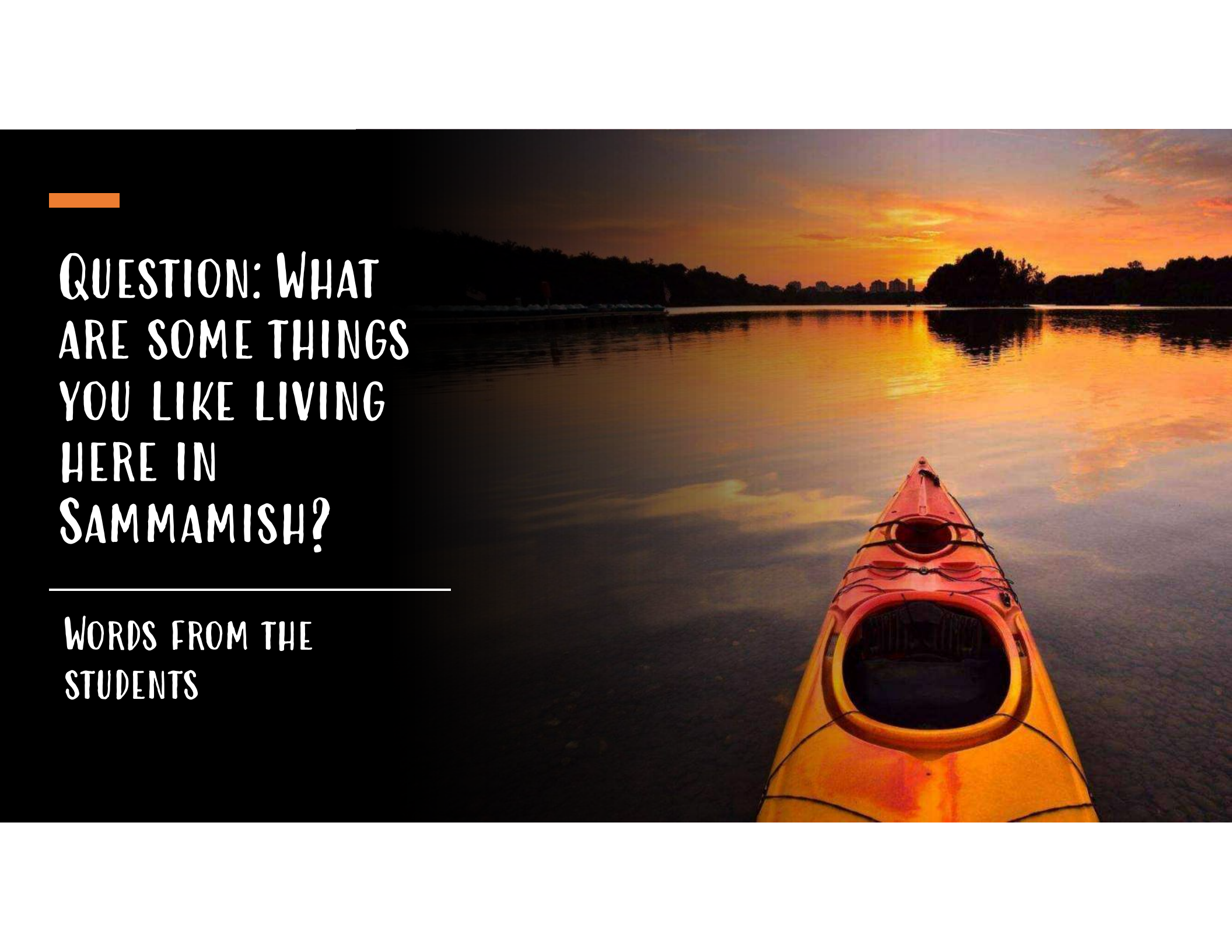


# CITY OF SAMMAMISH PROJECT

A PROJECT MADE BY STUDENTS,  
VIVIEN, KRISTIN, ZAINAB







QUESTION: WHAT  
ARE SOME THINGS  
YOU LIKE LIVING  
HERE IN  
SAMMAMISH?

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WORDS FROM THE  
STUDENTS



## Zainab's Page

When I was halfway through 1st grade, I moved to Sammamish. I felt like the saddest person on earth moving from the place I was born. But I quickly came to realize it was all worth it. For one thing, I got to see beautiful Lake Sammamish. For another thing, I got to see a place I barely got to see when I lived in Federal Way ( a place near Seatac). Guess what that place was?

Beaver Lake State Park! It used to be 1 hour away, but now it's like 10 minutes away. And I get to see a **beautiful mountain view from school.**

I'm lucky that I moved to Sammamish.

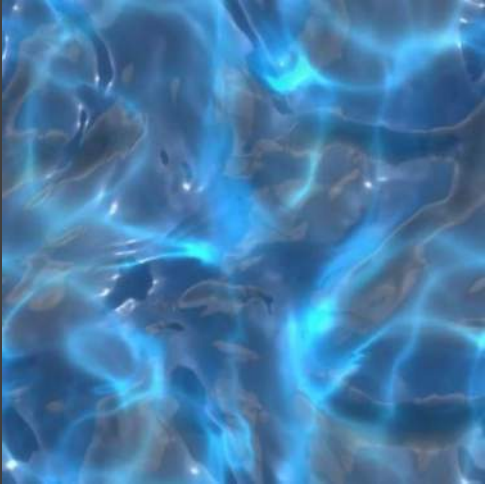


# KRISTIN'S PAGE

## Why I like Sammamish.

It's lakes I can swim in and enjoy while the sun is shining down at the lake. In the morning you can look at the beautiful sunrise while eating. If you go on a hike or a walk you can hear the birds, water rushing, and the great smell of leaves. The schools are a great place to make true friends. I moved from Issaquah during summer break, I was amazed from the weather and pathways to beautiful places.





## VIVIEN'S PAGE

In my words, Sammamish is a great place because there is just so many chances to get friends and the views of the rainy seasons are just astoundingly beautiful. The mountain tops hide in the shimmering mist, the flower blooms in the minute the spring season comes...friends are just an option around here, in fact, you could make friends with someone here even accidentally! Even though I was really upset that I had to move here from Canada, it was all worth it!





Conclusion Page  
Thank you for listening to our  
opinions and stories.  
Sammamish is a great place!

## **Appendix F.2—Christa McAuliffe Elementary School**



hi my name is Thomas. Me and my  
sister and my mom love sammamish.  
And also I lived here my whole life.  
Oh and heres some stuff I love  
about

# SAMMAMISH

I like how King county is baby always  
has the books i love and thats why  
its awesome. I also love that not  
all the houses are modern.

and heres some stuff I  
want in sammamish. I want  
a trampoline park because  
I have to drive like a  
hour to get to one so  
ya and a indoor zip line  
place





From: Cecilia.C

When you think of animals in the animals in the ocean there is a lot of mixed emotions there's no potion to fix this commotion with all the trash in the ocean.





Anna Savio

11/17/2021

## Greenery and sidewalks

In my opinion Sammamish should have more greenery and less homes where animals used to live. I also see a lot of homes and not very much space where wildlife was. These were animals homes before we stole them. Then When I go on walks with my dog outside of our neighborhood, I see lots of parks and homes that were stolen from them because of us. Also, maybe it's just my friends and I but at my house there are no sidewalks. I think there should be More sidewalks in neighborhoods in Sammamish. It would make everyone that lives in Sammamish feel safer. Overall, By 2044 I know that this should be added into Sammamish.

# The City of Sammamish

By Neil

There should be more restaurants by 2044, because different kinds of people like different kinds of food, and there are some restaurants, but most of them are non-vegetarian so there should be more vegetarian restaurants in Sammamish for people who are vegan or vegetarian. Some people might need to go to Redmond, Washington to get the food they like.



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The Green Shop

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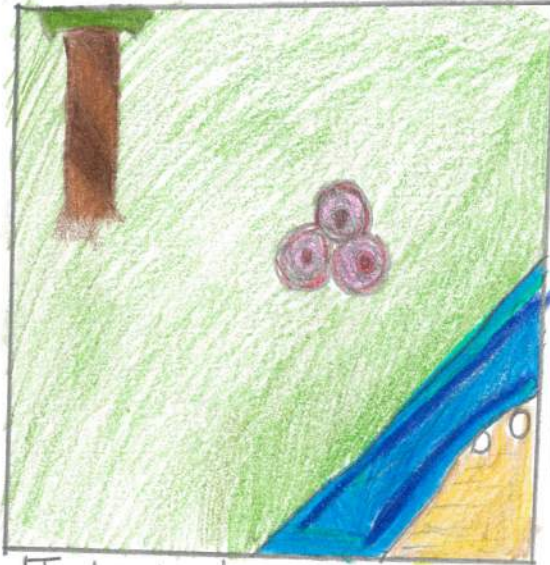
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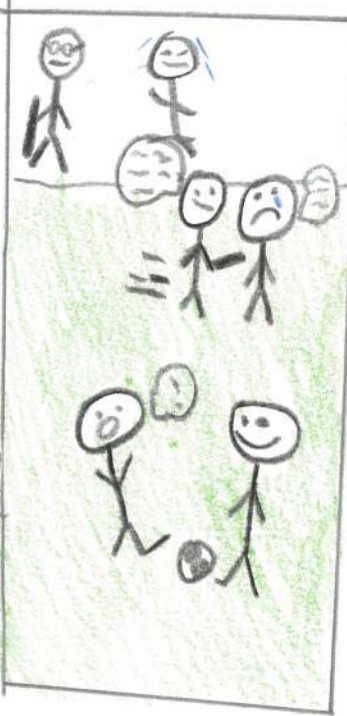
# Envision the future of Sammamish

(Nov.) 11/17/21 In 2044 I would be 33 here are things I love and hope to see in the future of Sammamish

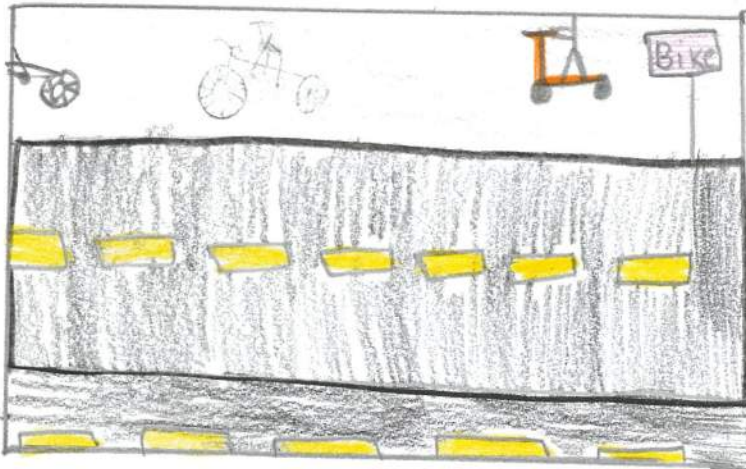


I love how most of the wildlife is safe and protected.

The one thing that can't change is the loving community



I want to organize groups of people to pick up litter at parks and beaches.

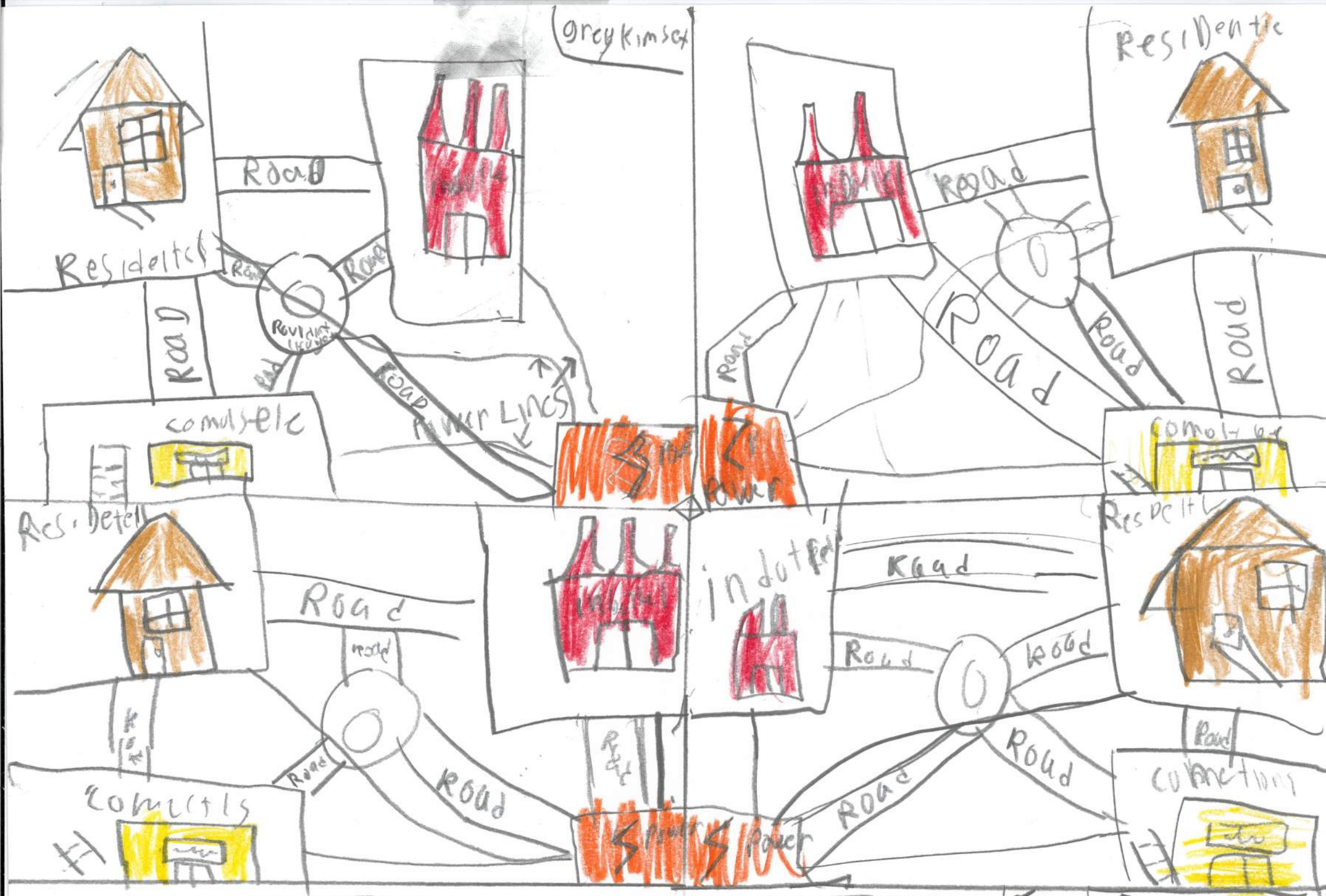


But I want to see more bike and scooter paths.



I love that all the stores are close to homes so you can bike over.





Grey Kimsey

Residential

Road

Road

Residential

Road



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Road Power Lines

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Res. Detail



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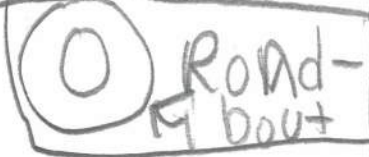
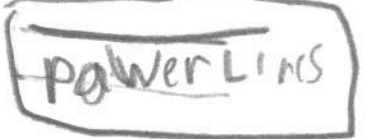
collocations



collocations



KEY



By Lorenzo

There are some things I would like to see in Sammamish in the future like more stores and restaurants. First of all, I would like to see more stores to get food and other stuff like clothes and toys. I believe this will help the community by making it easier to get more things here in Sammamish. Another thing I would like to see is more restaurants that is not fast food. I believe that there should be more restaurants because I can only think of 2-3 non fast food place and I think its better to have more choices of what to eat. By adding more stores and restaurants is what I would like to see in the future and so will others.



I like how maintained the public parks are, and I also like how clean the streets are but, I think the next step should be to have the new monorail come thru sammamish, because it would help the environment because if people take the monorail more there will be less pollution from cars and trucks.

Nick

I want . . .

100% Electric Cars by 2044





By: Namu



The future  
Summarish  
with more nature!



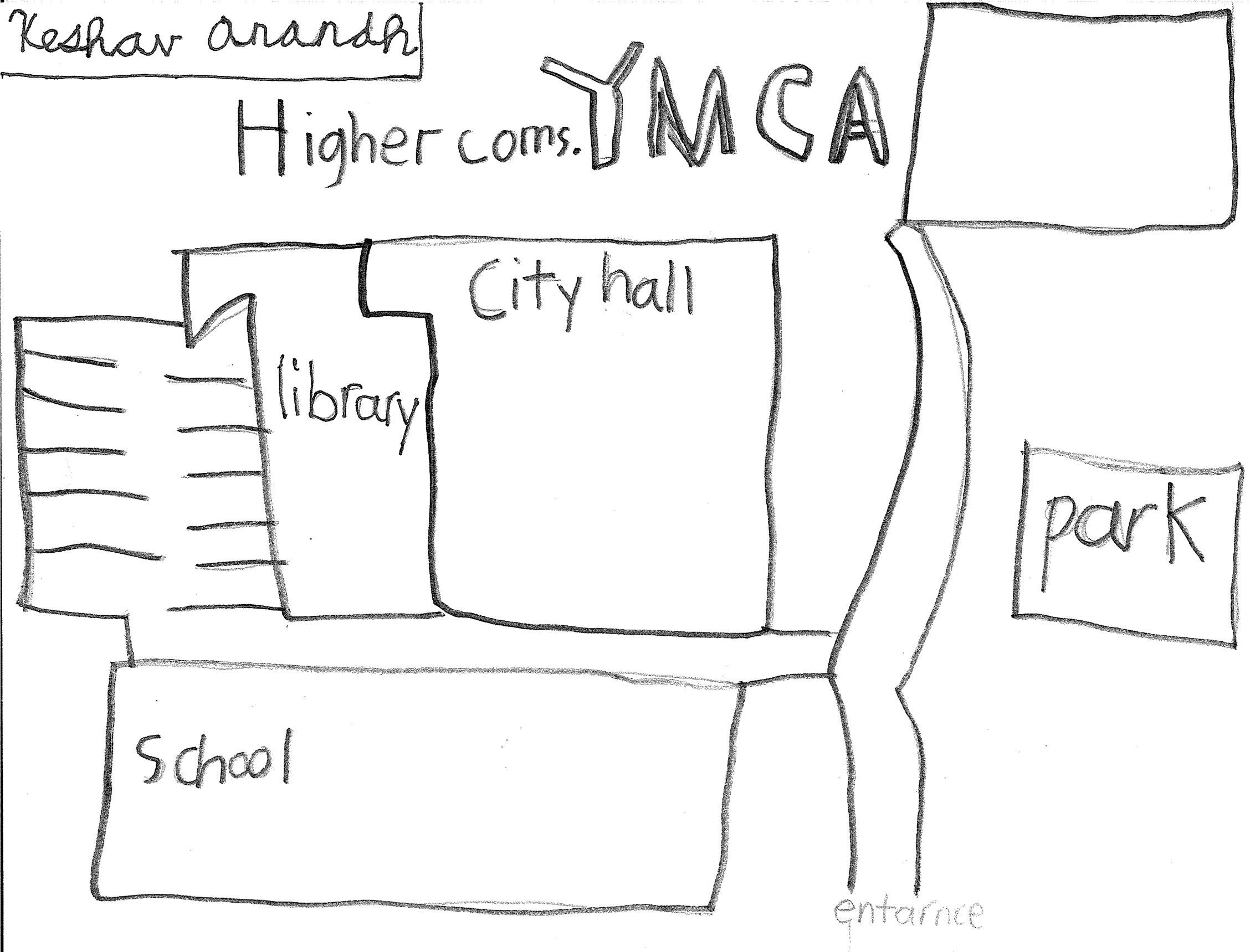
I Wish we had more  
people to take care of our wild life.





Keshav arandh

Higher coms. Y M C A



In the future I want Sammamish to have more entertainment such as an arcade and a movie theater. Also more stores that are different such as clothing stores. Lastly more hiking trails and forest areas for animals.

Schools houses  
Parks

~~Library~~

~~City Hall~~

Forest  
Park  
Hiking

Movie Theater  
Arcade

~~apartments~~

~~hiking~~

~~store~~  
~~restaurant~~

~~apartments~~  
~~store~~



apartments

hiking

School

Stores: food  
clothing  
restaurants

Bottom: clinics  
restaurants gym stores  
top: apartments

Schools/houses

hiking

store //  
restaurant

houses

clothing

mall: skybridge  
restaurants  
stores

trees

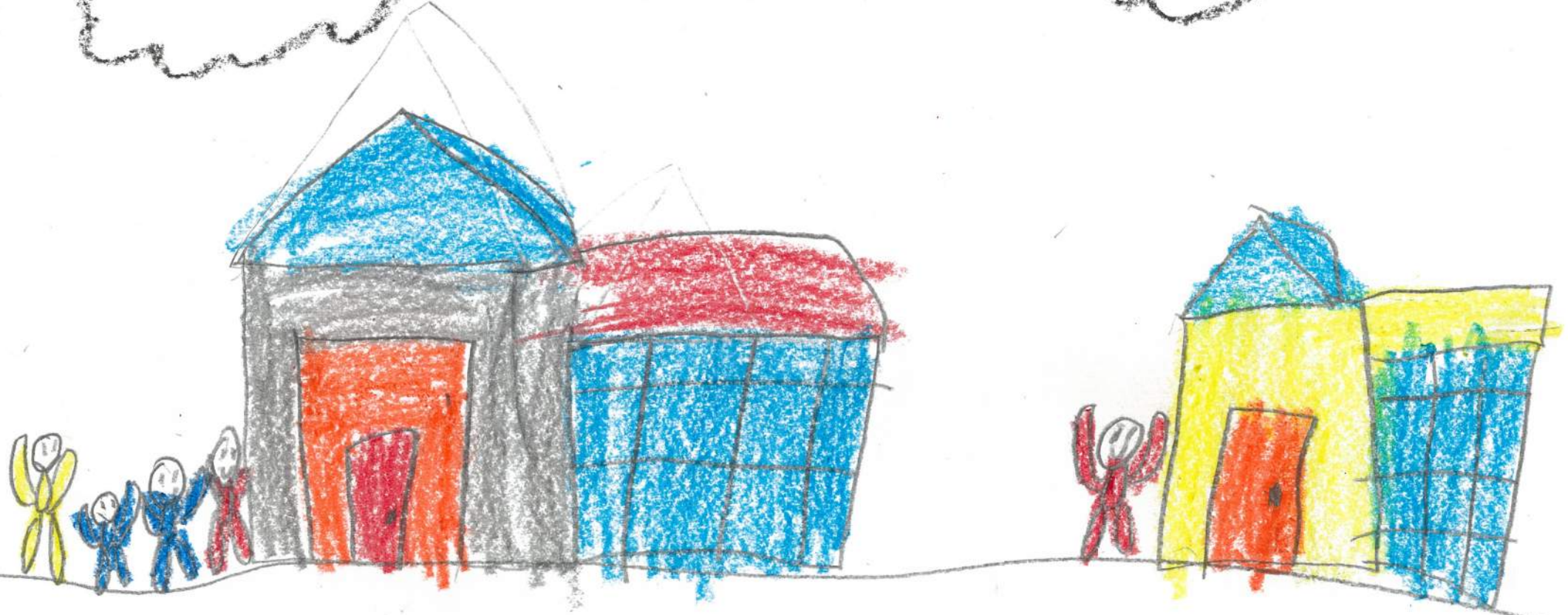
restaurants

houses

continue on page two



Be Cozy and cheep. houses for the poors,



Ameet Khatri's rap about Sammamish.

Sammamish is Great!

I love Sammamish.

There are lots of things I hope'll  
never vanish:

The schools!

And the parks that are always cool.

One of the greatest things I have are friends.

Our relationship will never end.

Do bad things come? Almost never!  
Which is why I feel like I should stay here  
forever.





I love that there are lots of trees  
in Sammamish. I want them to stay  
forever.

Malena Darsie



I

want

Sammoish

to

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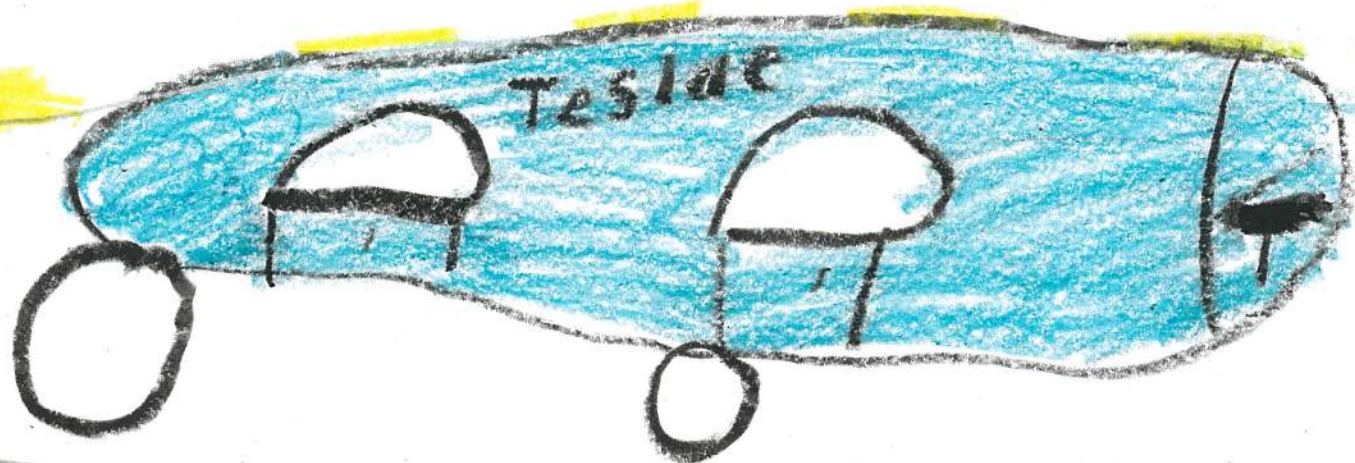
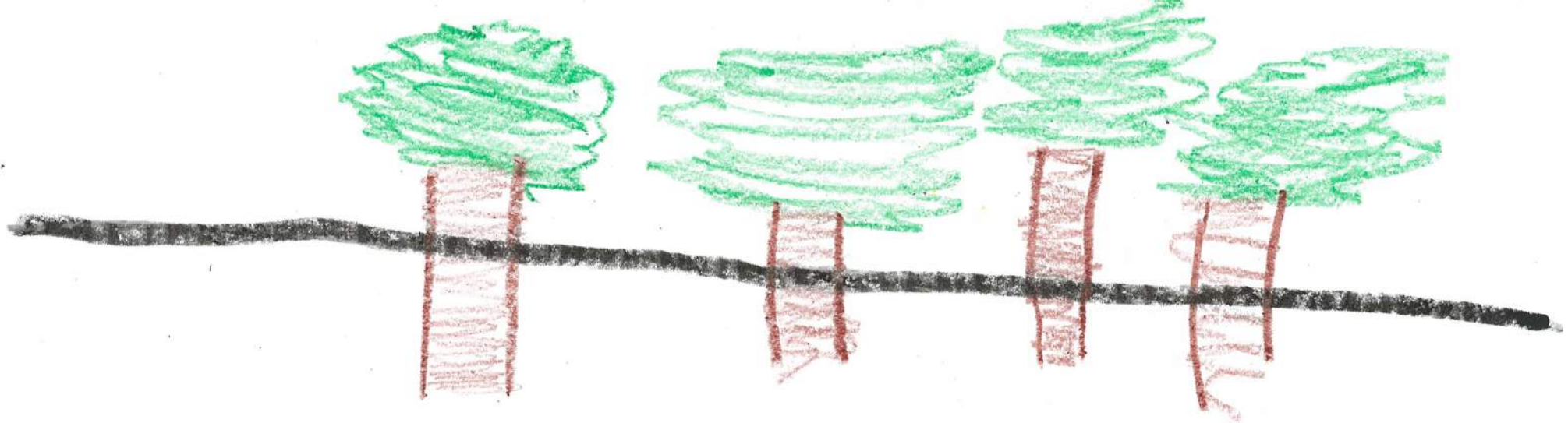
more

pools

Alya







More electric cars gas cars pollute the earth.

BY ANDREW RISS





In Samanyanish I wish  
~~there~~ was fireworks  
like long ago. Even on  
Fourth of July. There is  
no fireworks. Or on  
Diwali. Wish fireworks  
happened on fourth of July.



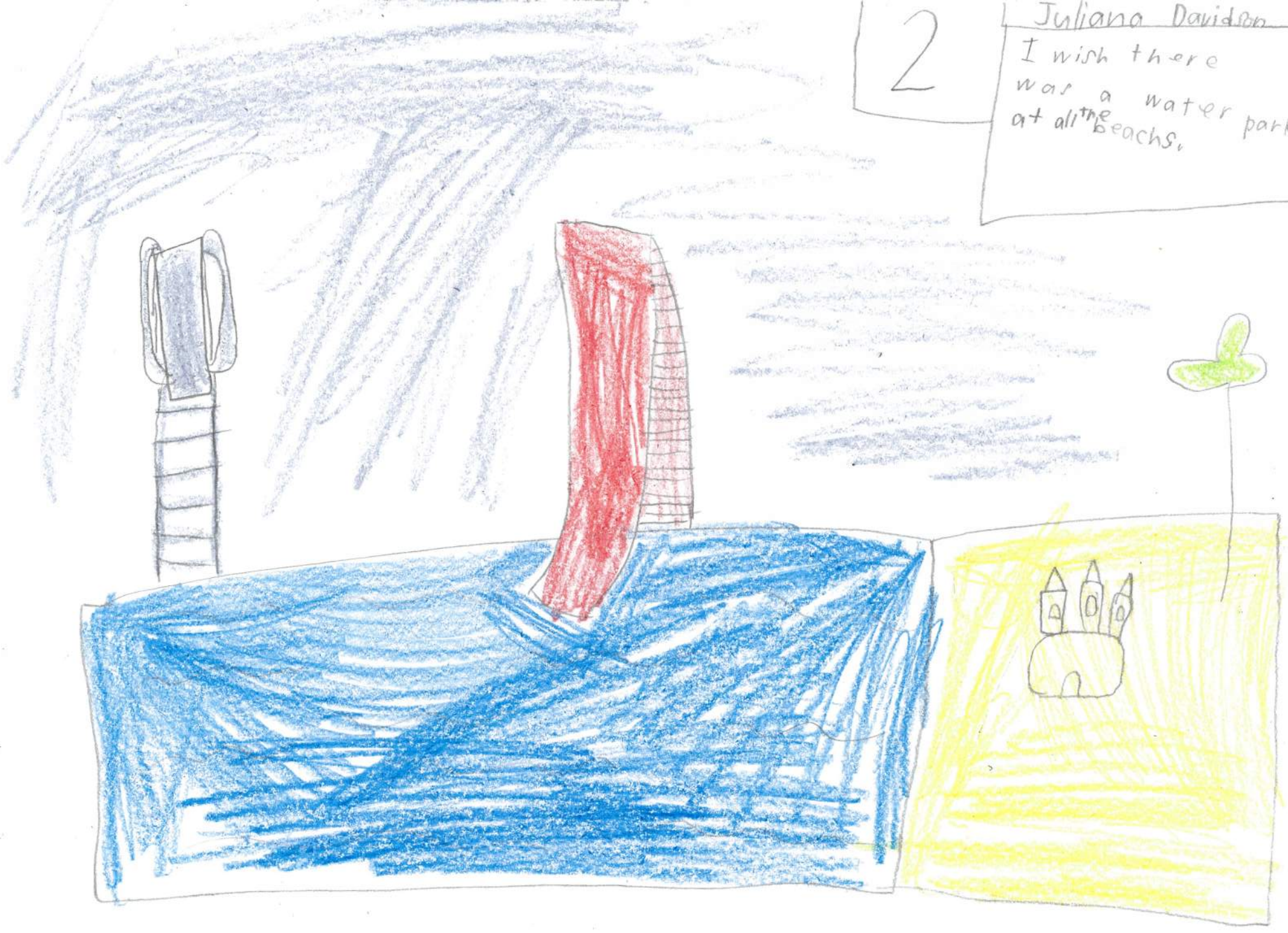




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Juliana Davidson

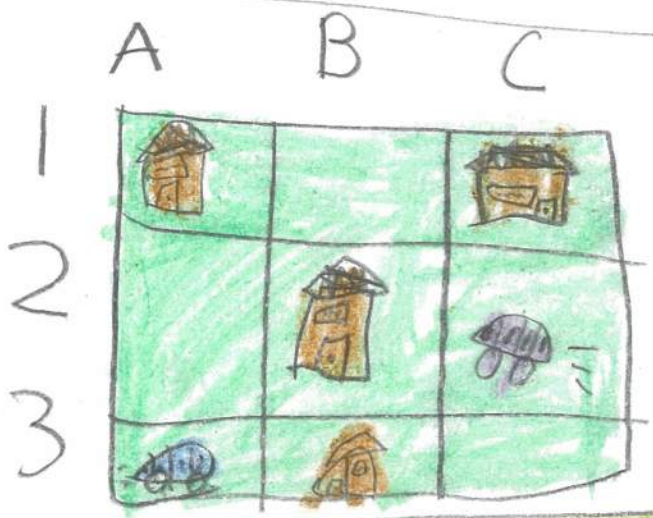
I wish there  
was a water park  
at all the beaches.



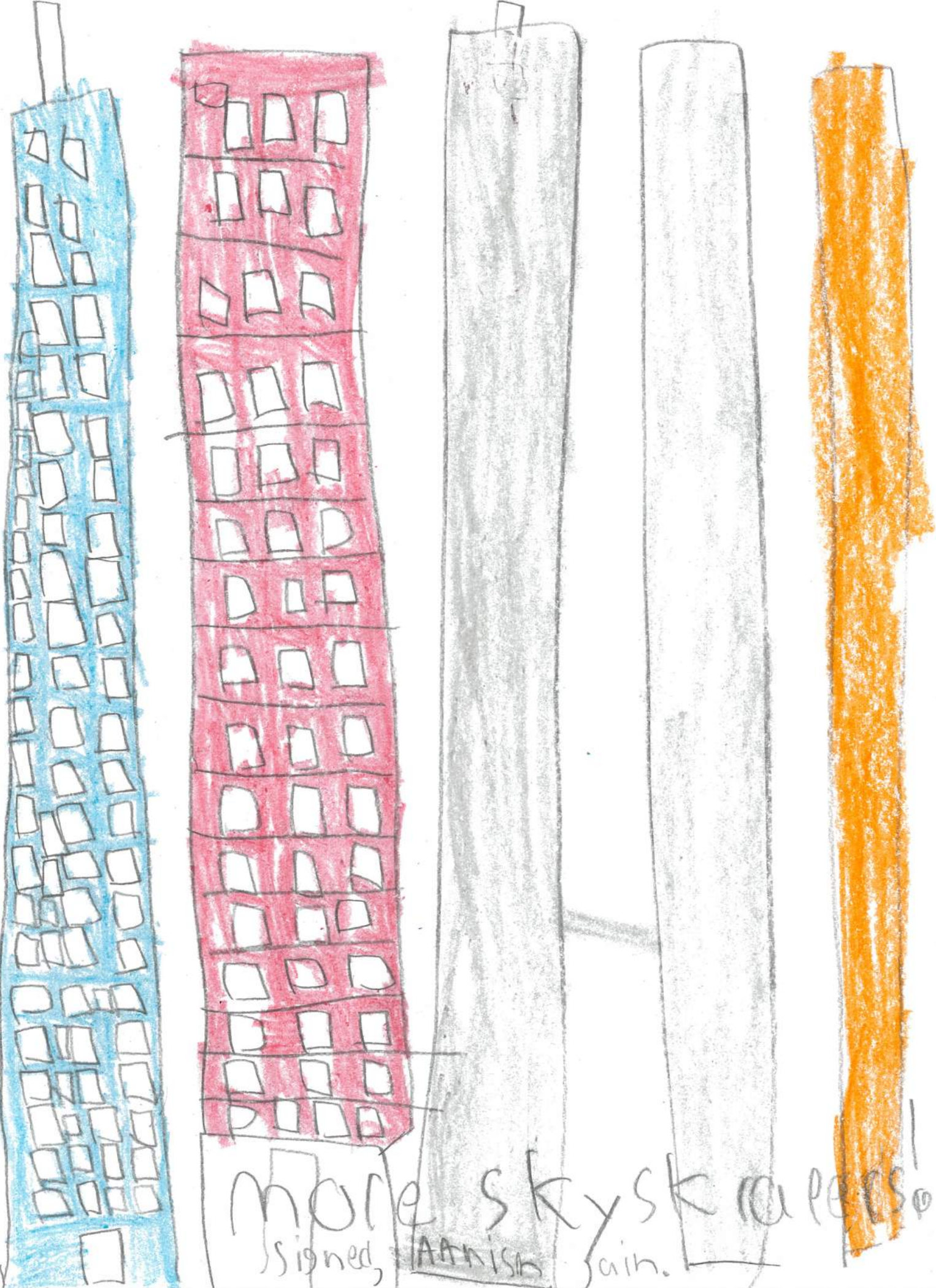


I want there to be more libraries for there to be more books (espeshely ones about rocks and minerals.)

Giuliana  
Sophia  
Urbaitis







more skyscrapers!

Signed, AANISH Jain.



by Akshara  
Nov 17/2021



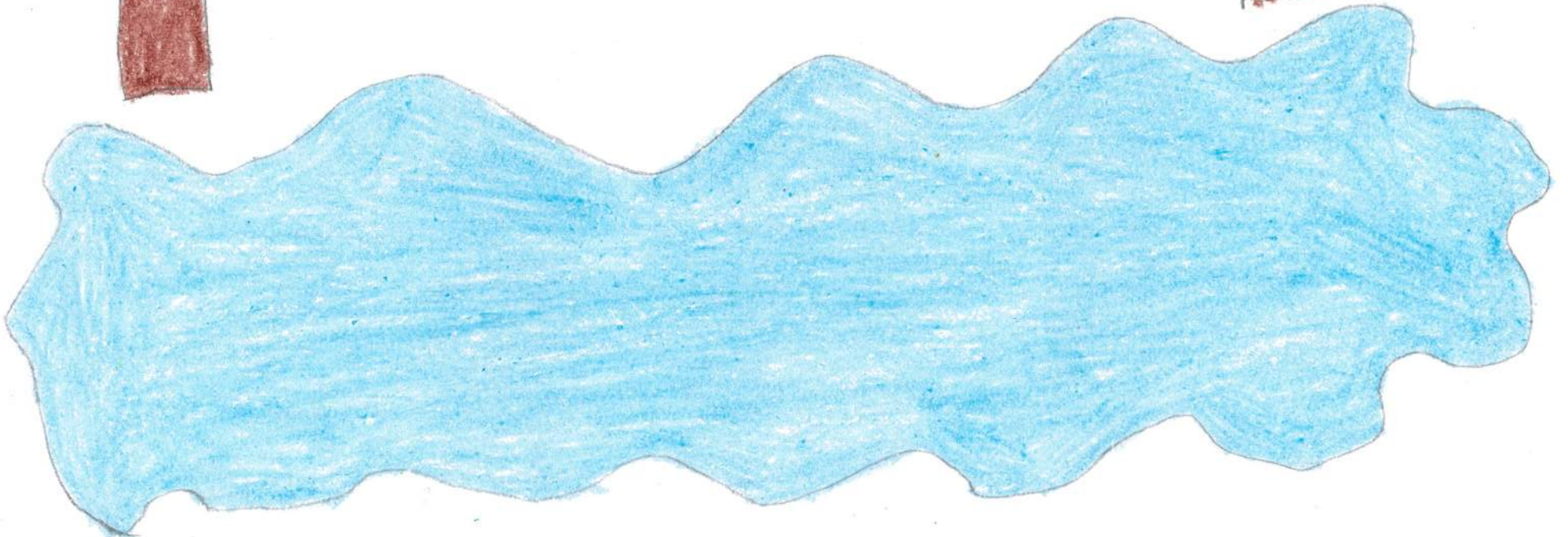
If there ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> flying people



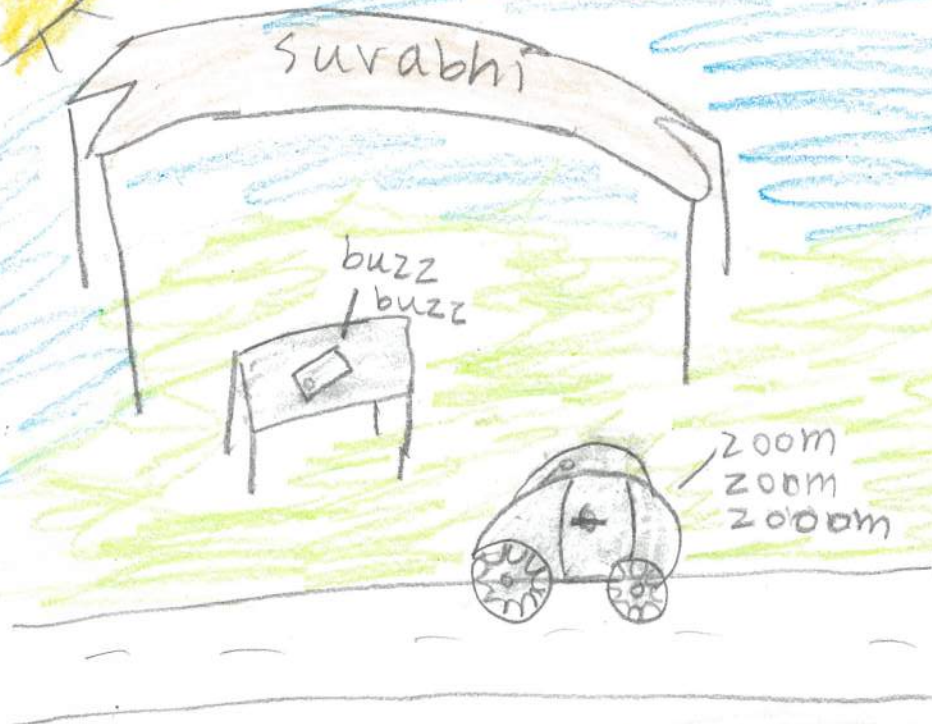


# Hana Amgad Madkour

I love that sammamish  
has so many trees and  
forests. And I think  
that lake sammamish  
is really pretty.







My favorite thing in  
Sammamish today are: the  
electric cars and bendy and  
apple phones!



Ring  
RING  
Ring



In the future I want to see  
more wildlife and forest and  
animals everywhere! And also more  
parks with swings and monkey-  
bars!





name Sperry Schaefer

I Love the trees



I Love the neighborhood



NO trash



I want





Regan Renze Simmons



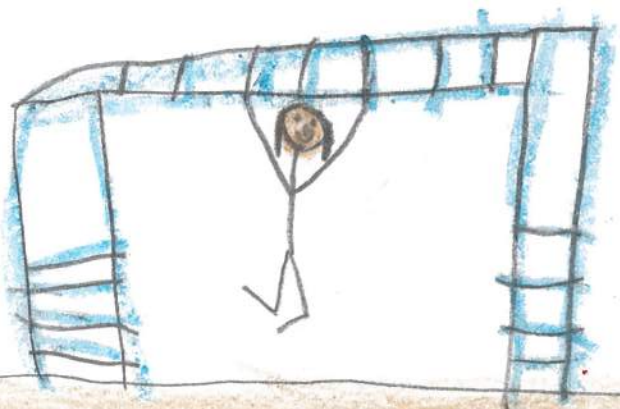
I want everything there to be less trash, recyclable.



GO  
GREEN!!!



Name: ZOE Foley



robot

super  
car





I love that there are so many trees and forests in Sammamish. I also love that there are so many playgrounds,



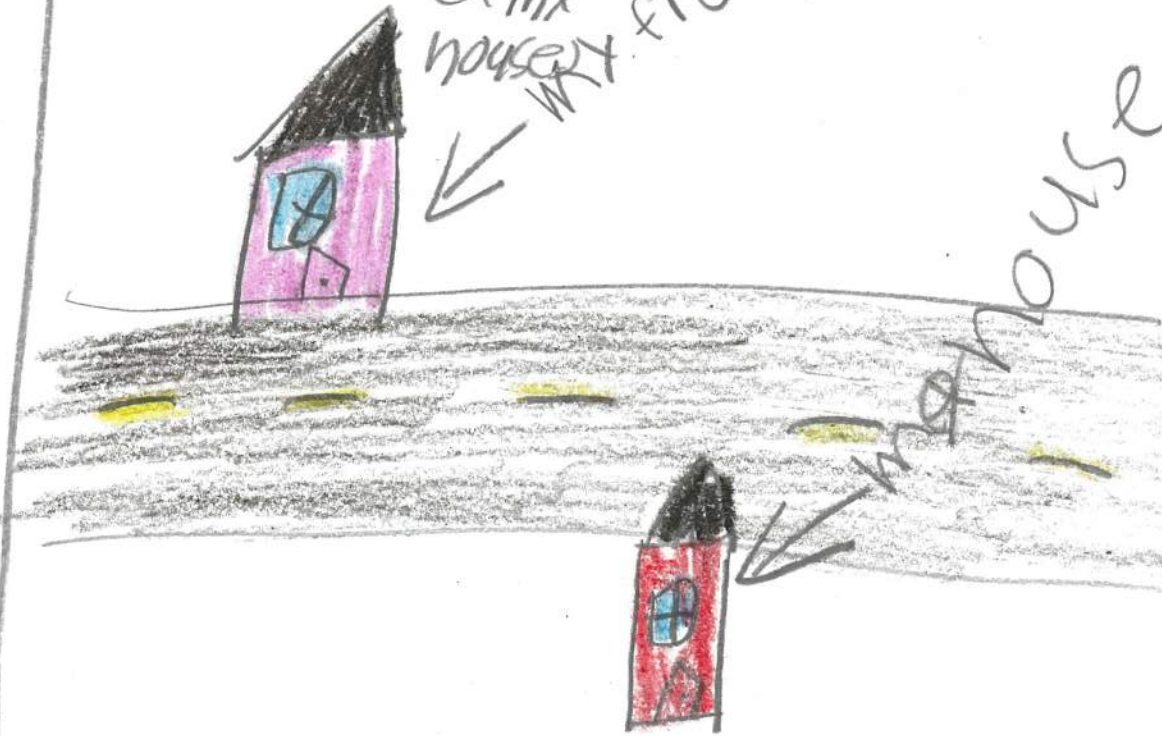


what I want in the in  
 The future is more libreris  
 and book stores and  
 more plants and  
 nature.

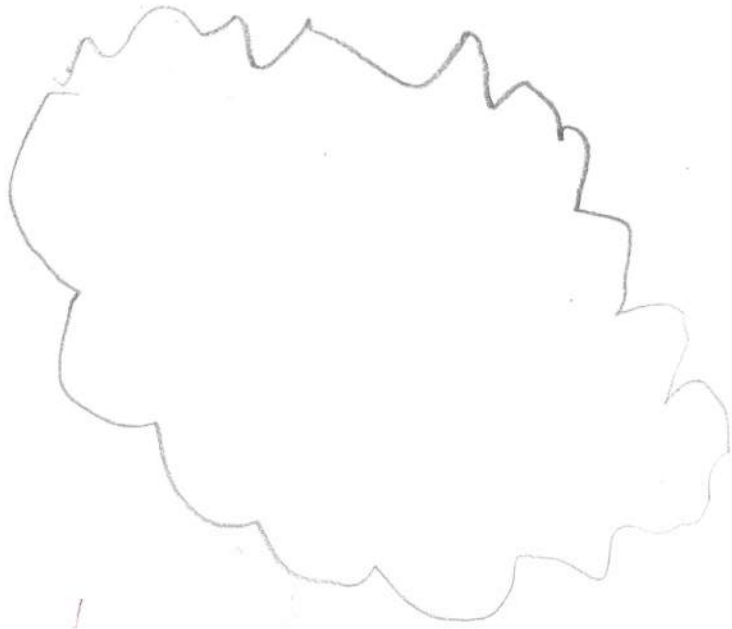


Name: Anna Cruz

what I like about  
 Smasish is I have  
 alot of friends and  
 I have so much  
 fun! I didn't put the  
 relcoirs  
 of my  
 house & friend house



Name: Anna Cruz



flying dog



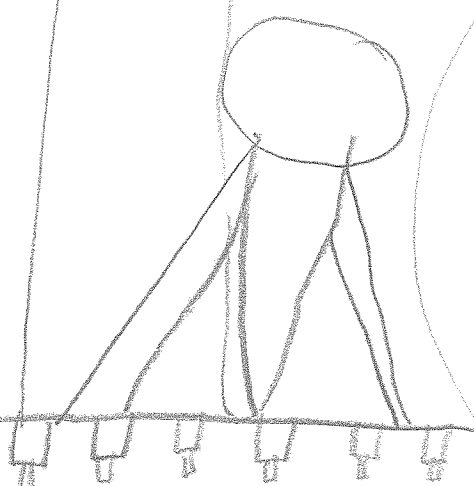
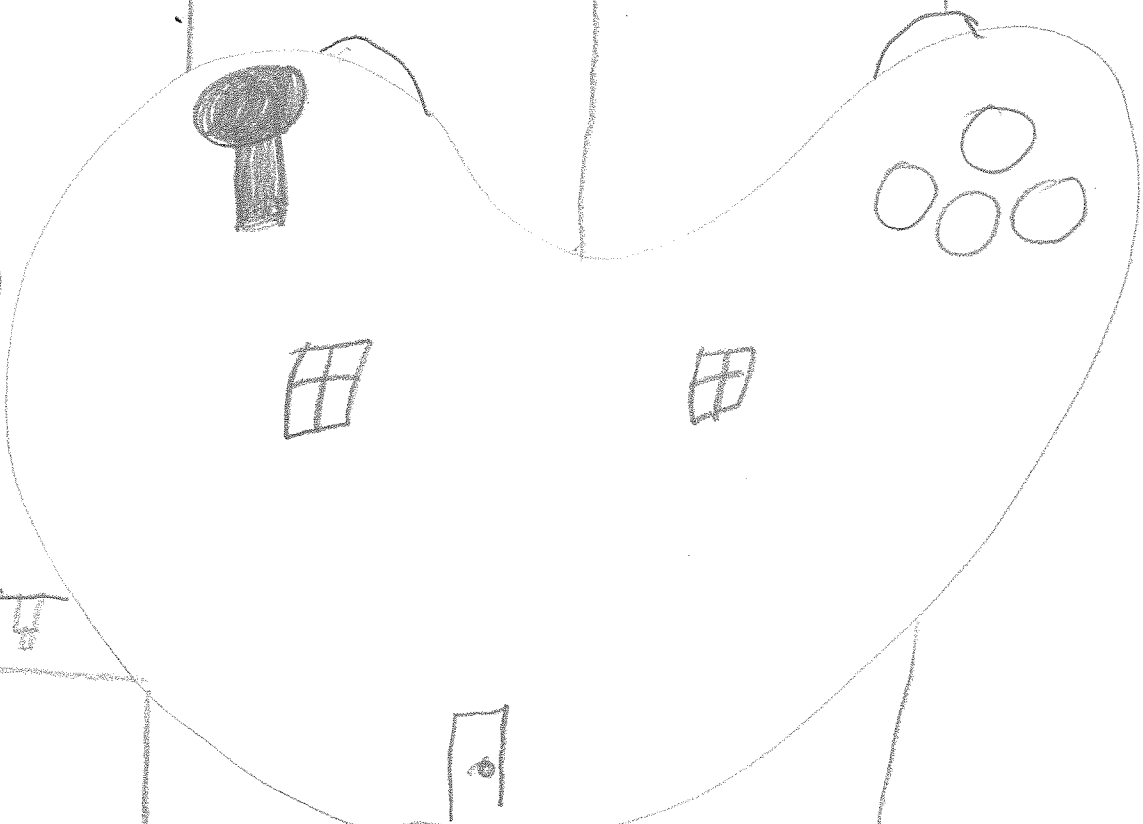
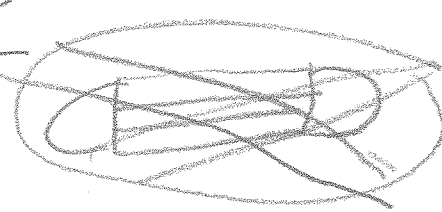
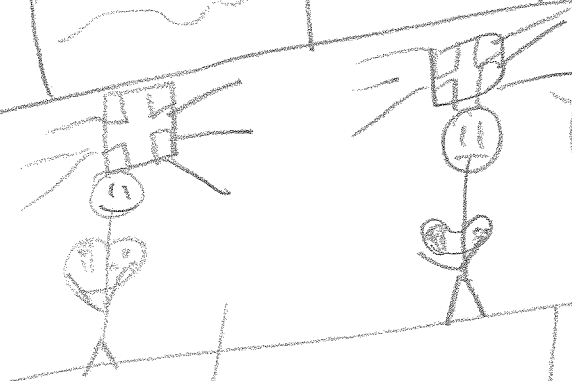
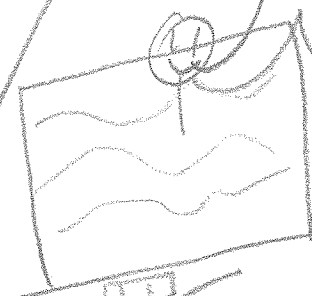
dvdshop

Sam. H. 

cooky  
place  
restorant



MARKET





~~ignite on fire~~

~~shoots fire to fly~~



rainbow flying hoverboard

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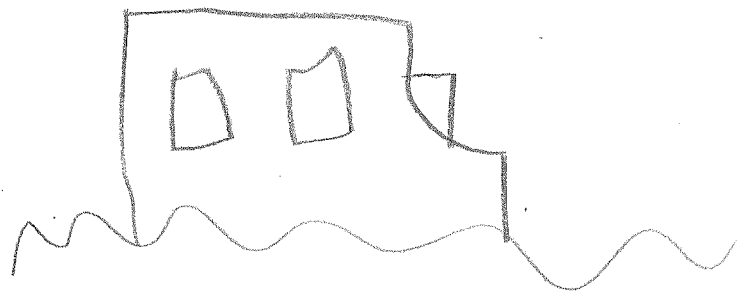
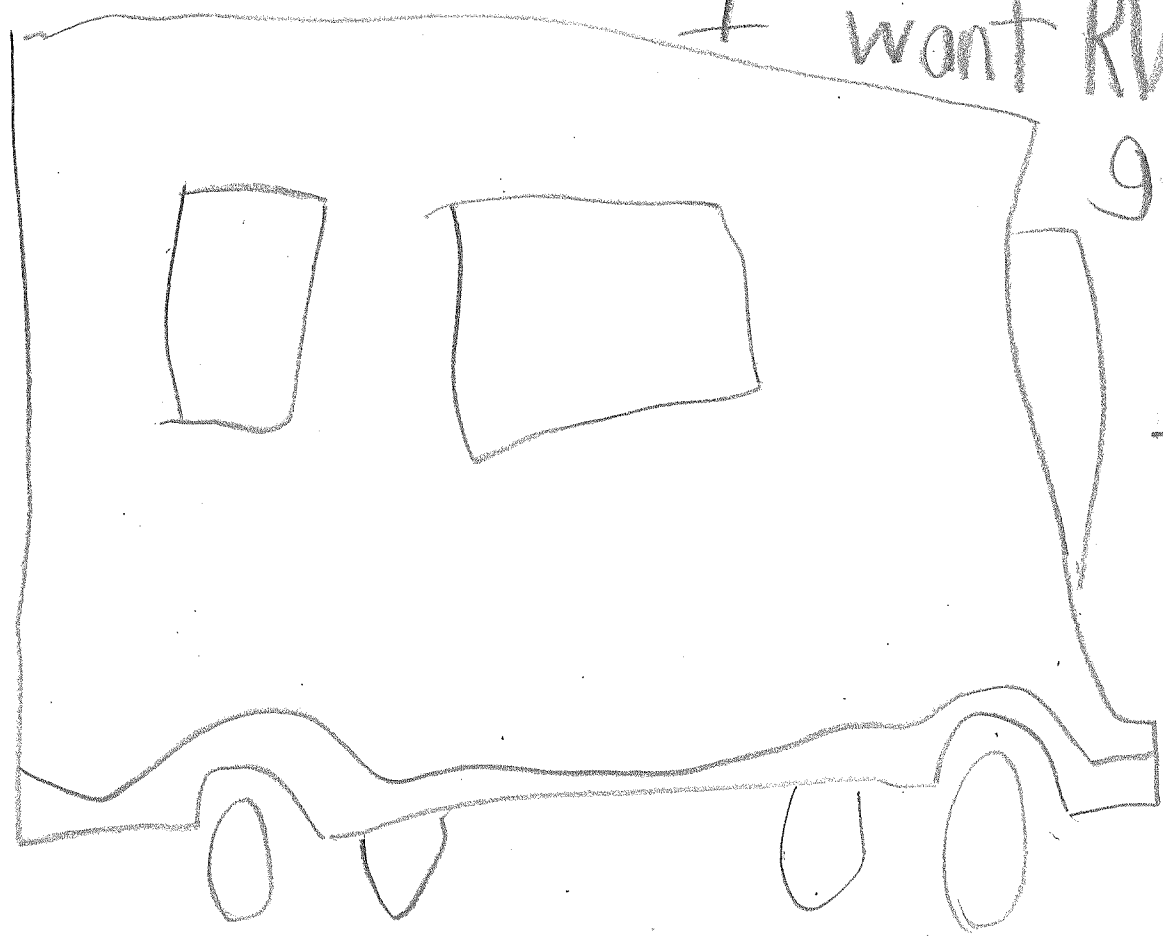
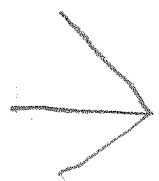
RV

Eric



I want RV'S

going in water





I love the autumn leaves  
and how the wind dances around me  
and how the world is still!  
Ducky

fox

bobcat

squirrel

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# A PLACE for

# Wildlife!

A Drawing



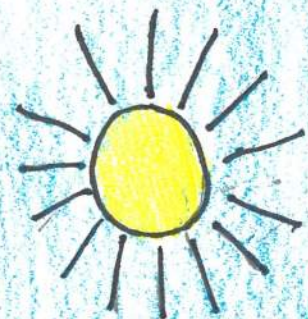


I Love the beautiful nature [Parks & Lakes  
in Gammamish.

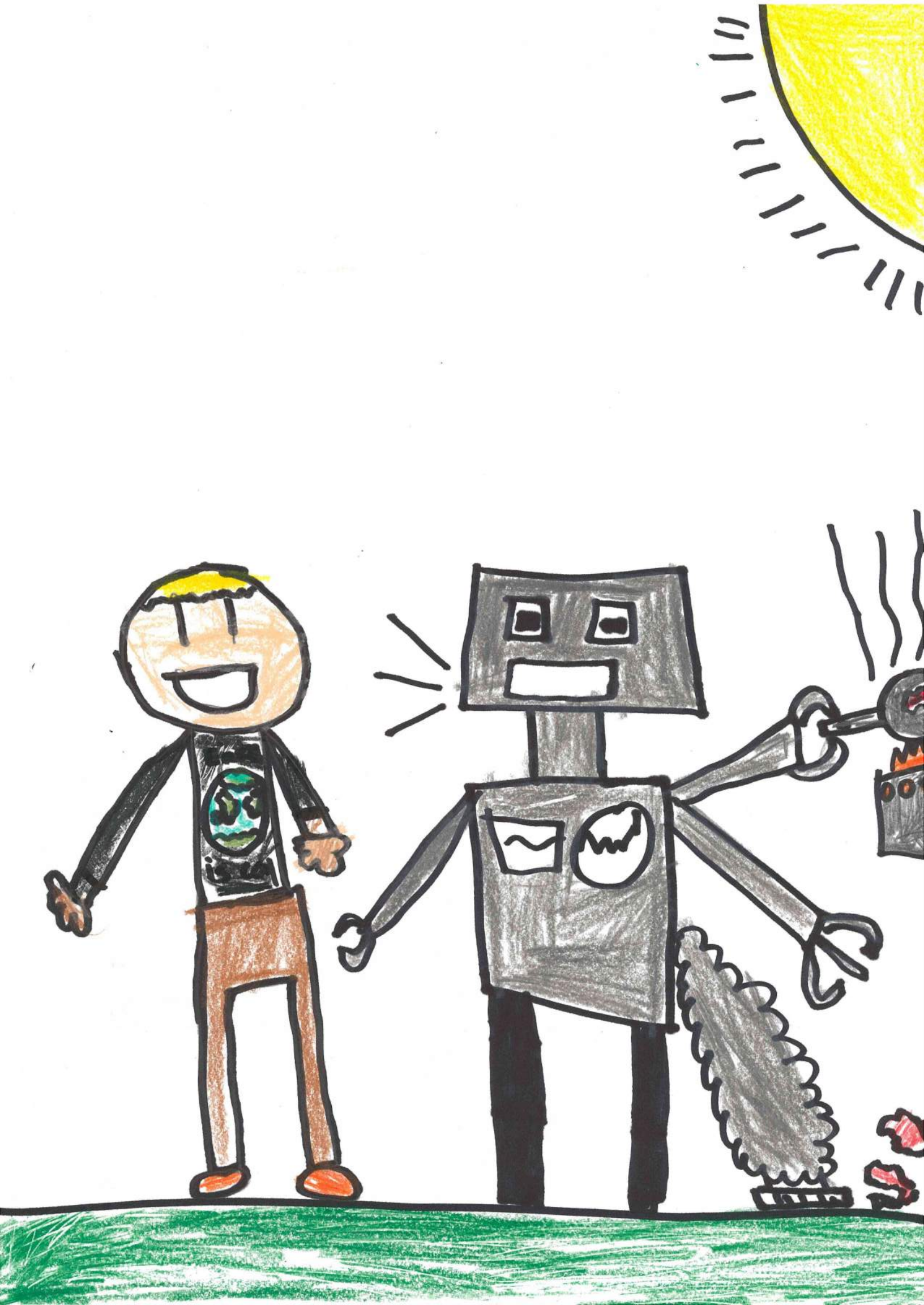




# LESS PLASTIC TRASH









Ishana Sharma

# I love Sammamish

I love the litter-free grass,  
I love how the flowers dance.

I love the schools and parks  
and trails, I walk there  
without any cares. I

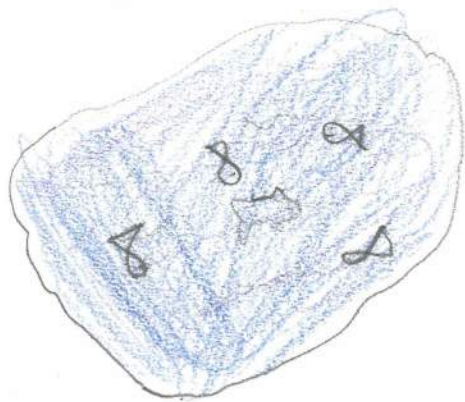
love how the lake  
glimmers in the sunlight.

I swim there without  
any fright. I hear

the sparrow's chitter-chatter,  
It is so pleasant I would like to

come here later. The parks are  
so big and pretty. Whenever I go there  
a happy feeling rushes down my body.  
Sammamish is such a lovely place, it  
brings a happy smile to my face!

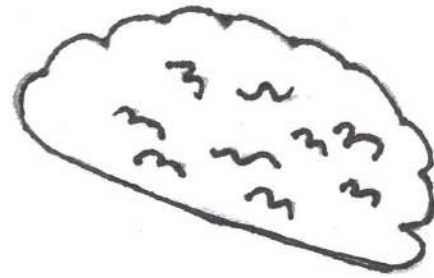
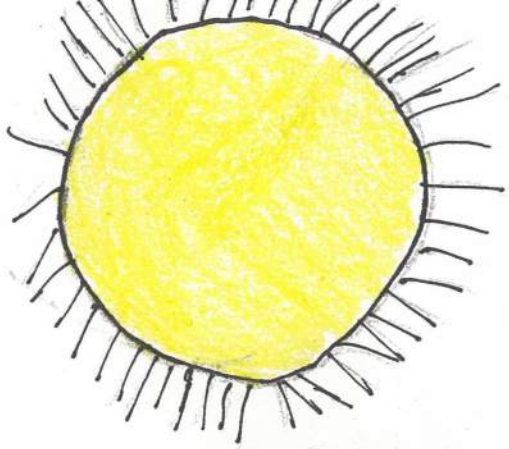




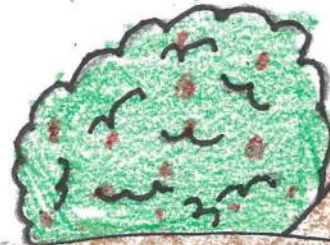
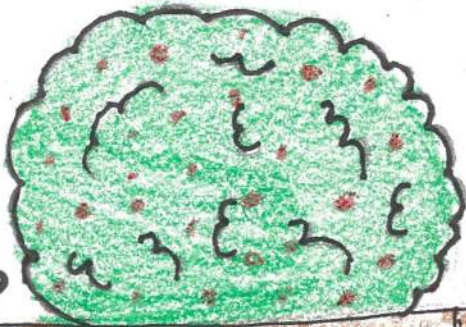
The water flowing in the pond  
The trails that go beyond  
The flowers smelling sweet  
And the birds chirping with a tweet.







I love the wildlife  
in Sammamish because  
of all the animals and  
sunlight, the noises and  
weather, the lakes  
and parks, the trails  
and friendly insects,  
I love Sammamish and  
everything in it and  
the safe feeling of  
home.







wild life



Pod A

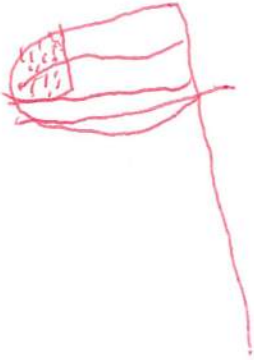
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Pod

Christa McAuliffe School

Pod C

entrance



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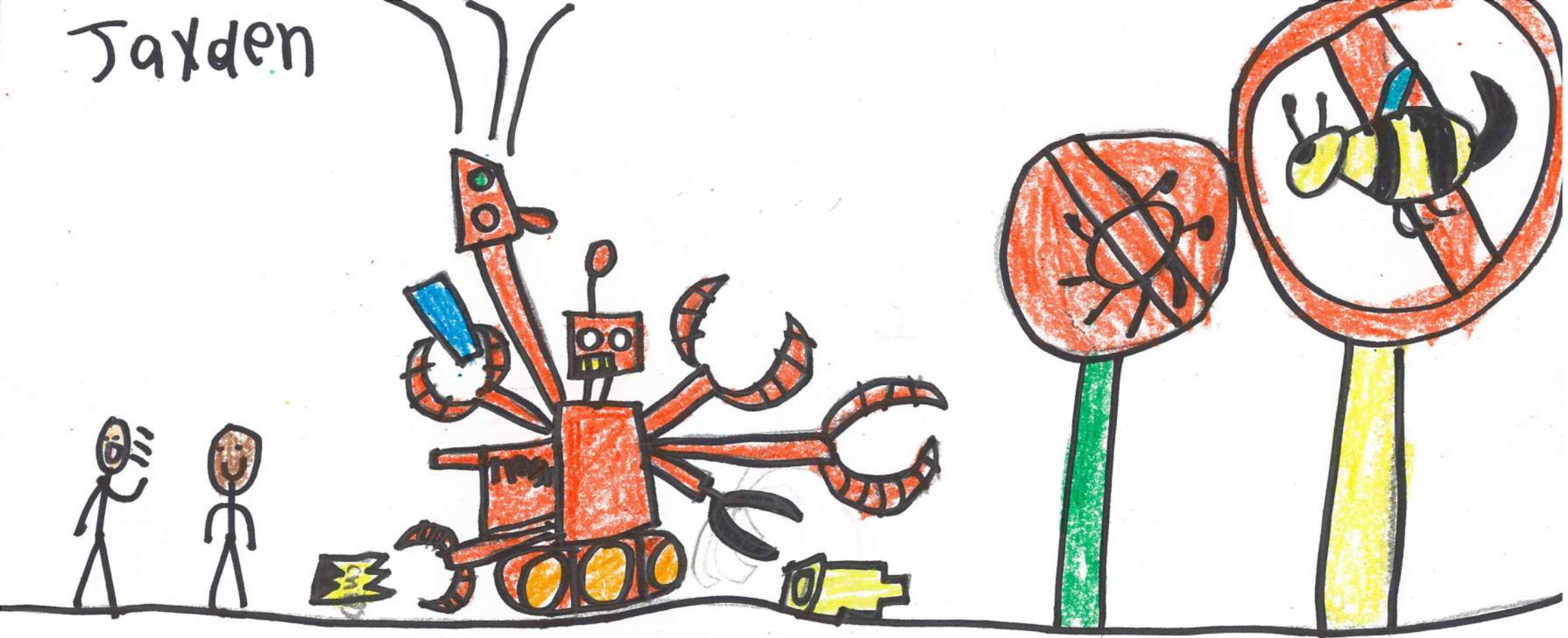
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Jayden



Samm.in the future.

I think in the future  
Gas will be gone, trash  
will be destroyed schools will  
be bigger and everyone will be  
happier.

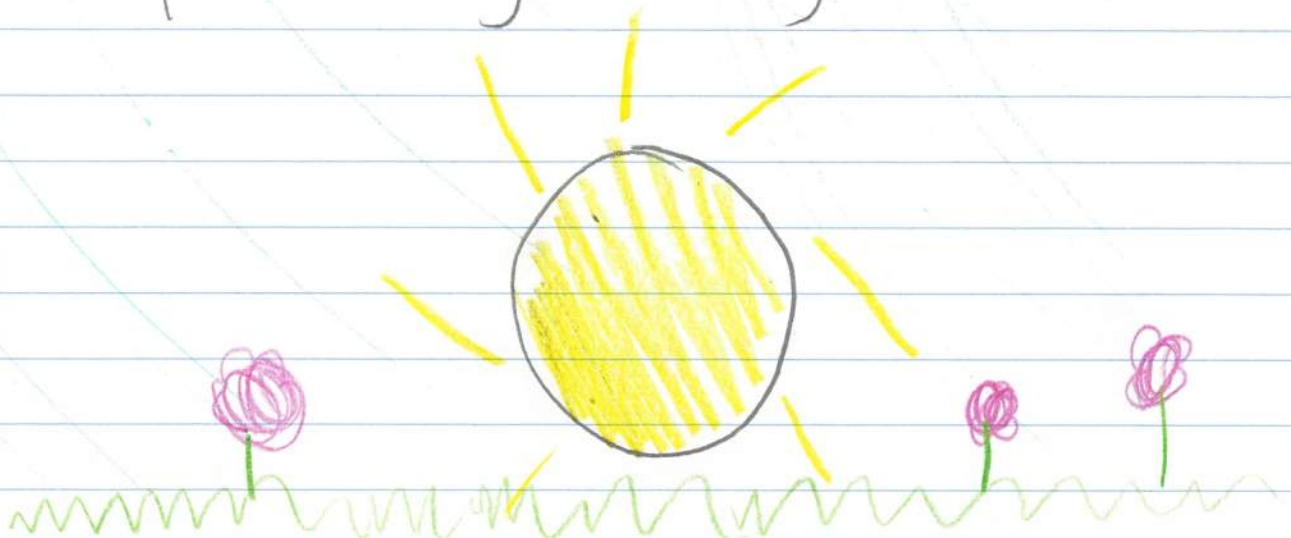




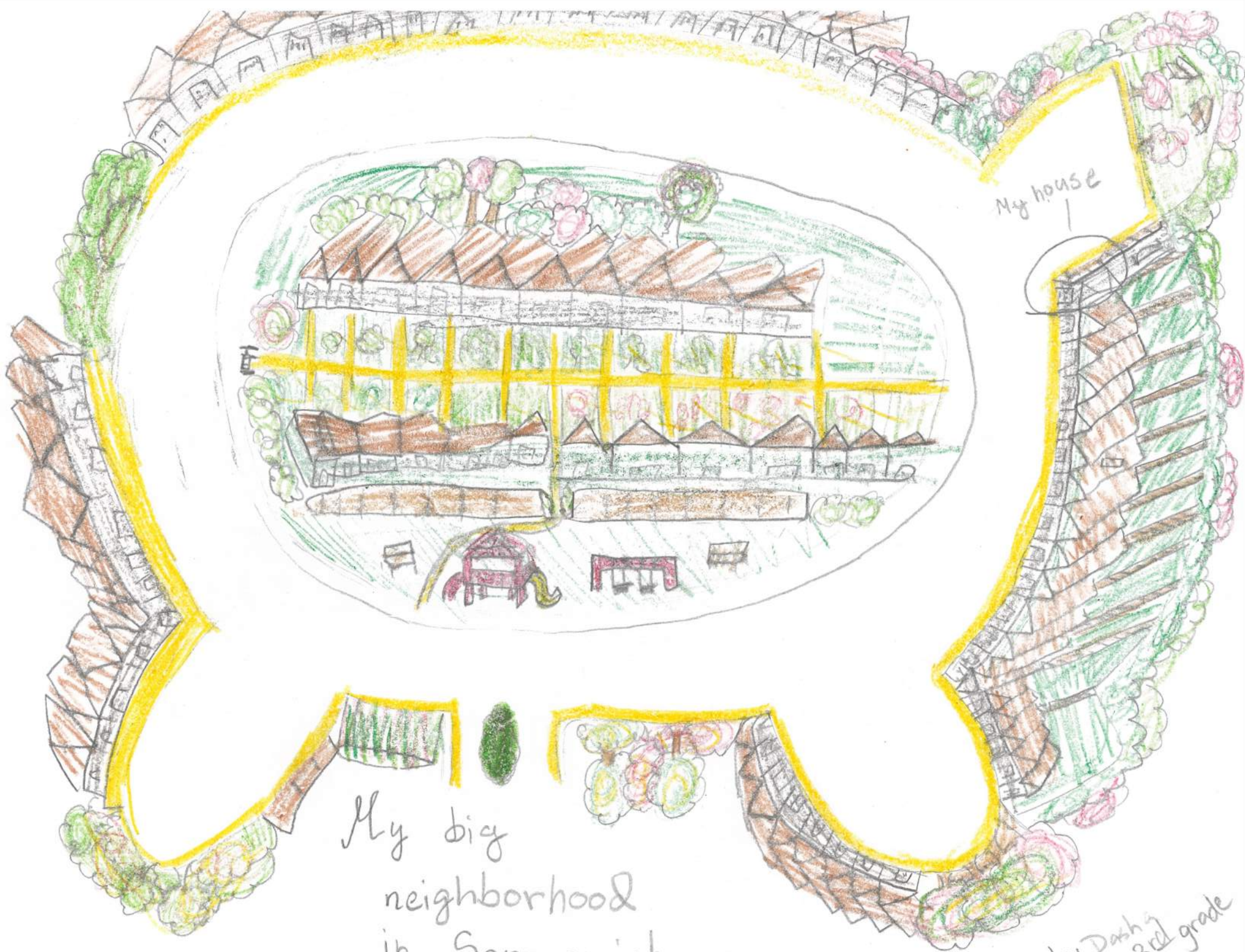
# Glowing Sammamish

by: Elina 3rd  
Grade

**A**s the birds chirp  
in the morning sun  
glowing lakes among  
charming colors  
glowing in the sky  
people snug in there  
bed until they wake  
up it's glowing Sammamish





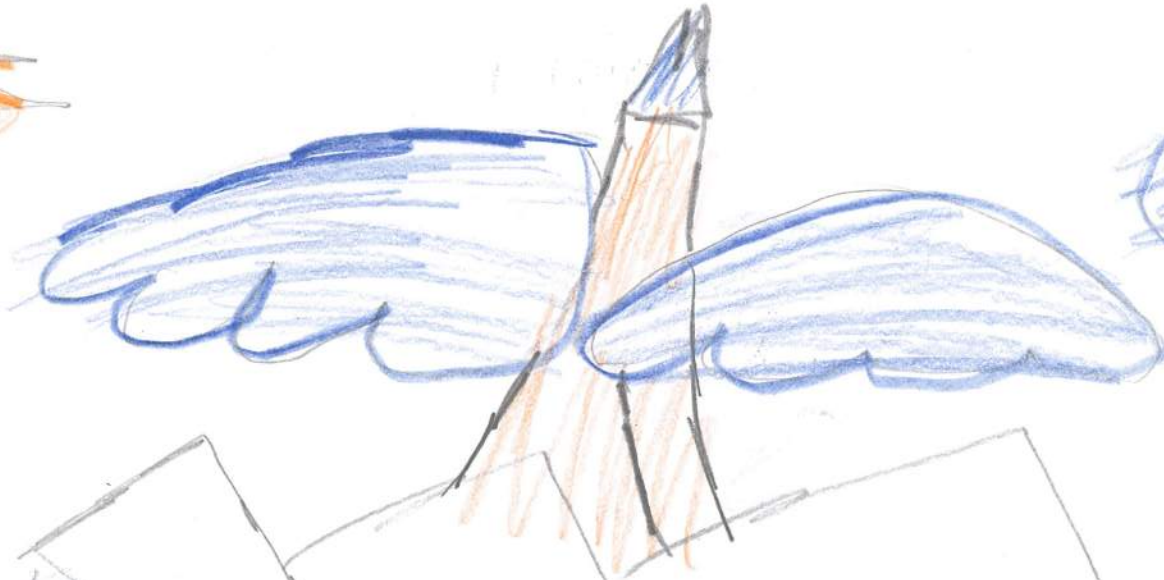


My house

My big  
neighborhood  
in Sammamish

by Dashia  
3rd grade





I love my  
School

by Kerthi  
Sri Siri  
battula  
3rd grade

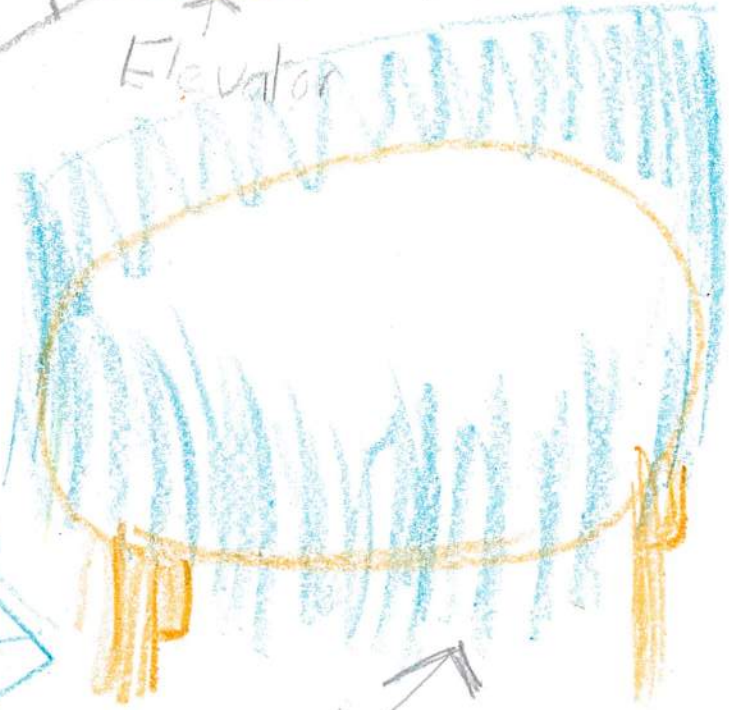
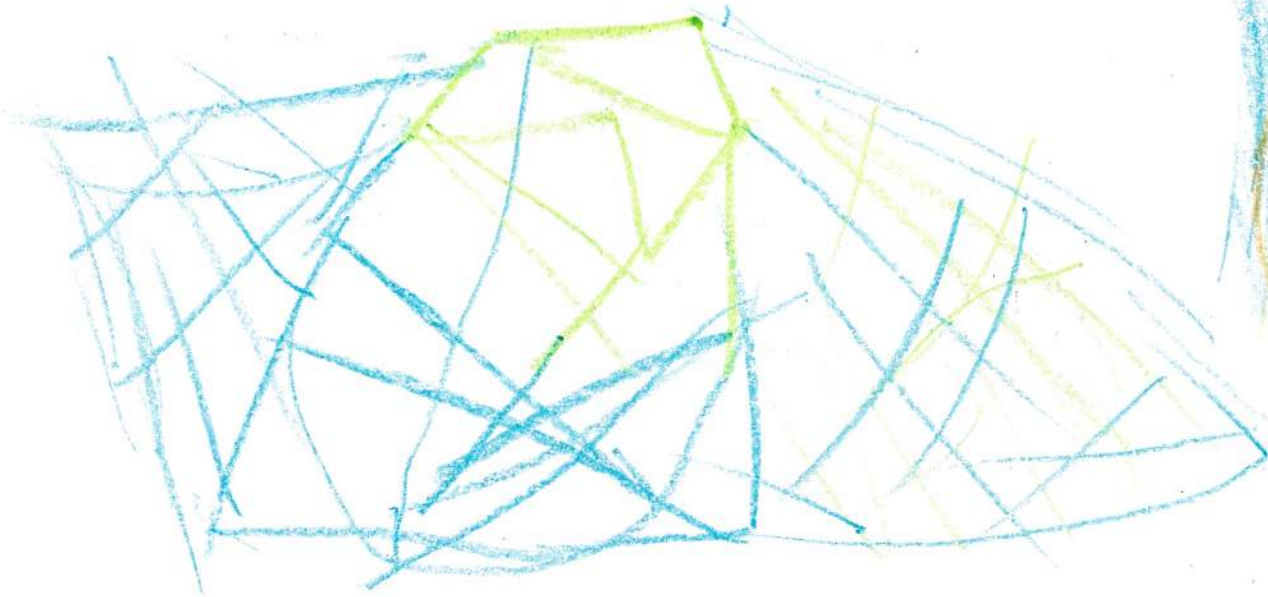


Shreyan #12  
3rd grade  
I wish  
the park  
has these  
in the  
future



pool

Elevator



Trampoline

Summer Ridge Park

# Samamish

I like samamish because  
of it's great rainy days  
there are many other  
reasons that i'm not  
going to name

By Akshita  
Gowrabathini



The drawing features a dense, chaotic background of blue and green scribbles. The bottom portion of the drawing is filled with horizontal yellow scribbles. The text is written in black marker on the upper left side of the page.

i love taking samantha

Hayden  
3rd grade

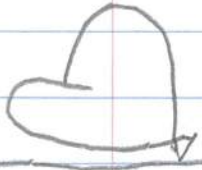


# Fun in Sammamish

in



By



Akshara  
3rd grade

Sammamish is a place  
to have fun. Oh, how I do  
love Sammamish! Sammamish  
is a place to make friends. Oh, how  
I do love Sammamish!  
Sammamish is a place to do  
whatever you want. Oh, how  
I do love Sammamish!  
Sammamish is a place with  
parks and fun places to go to.  
Oh, how I do love Sammamish!  
Sammamish is a place in  
America that is free! Oh, how  
I do, ever love Sammamish! Oh, how  
I do love Sammamish! Oh, how  
I do love Sammamish!

Rhett  
3rd grade

a park my favrit  
park in smamish





By Ben  
3rd grade

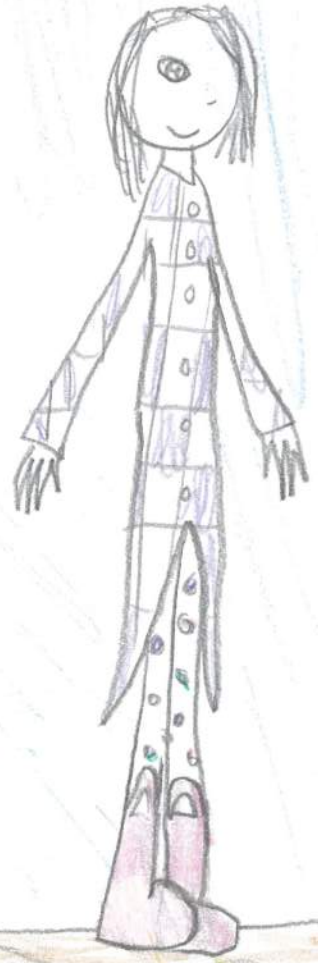
# Nature in Sammamish

There is nature in Sammamish,  
So nice and fun,  
nature is for everyone!

There is nature in Sammamish,  
a lake that is blue,  
everyone can swim in it, even you!  
There is nature in Sammamish,  
There is nature in Sammamish,  
There is nature in Sammamish.



In the future I would like a secret underground garden of my own,



Secret Door



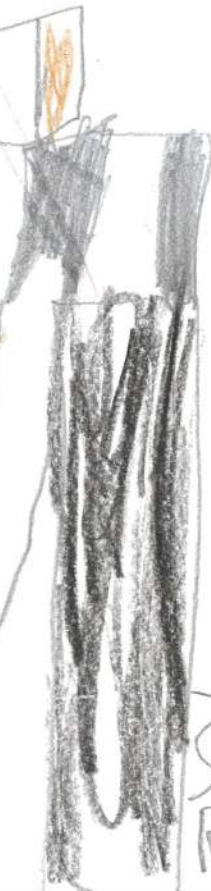
Emily - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



Swaraj P.

3rd grade

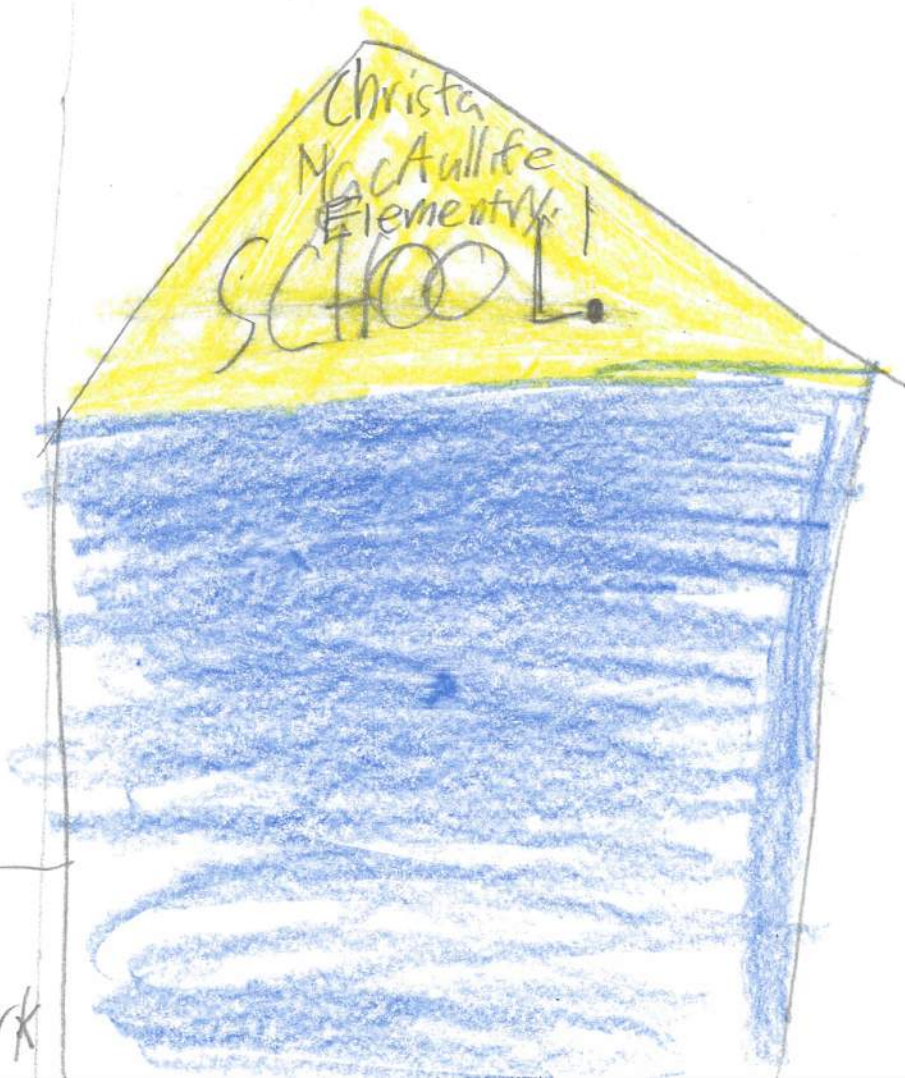
My favorite things



Summer  
Ridge Park

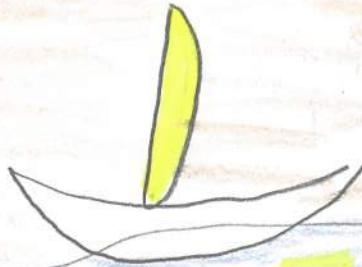
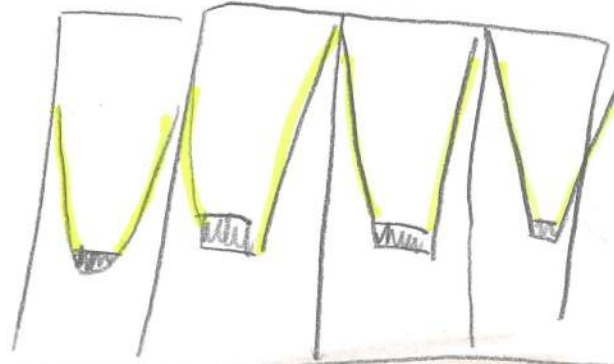
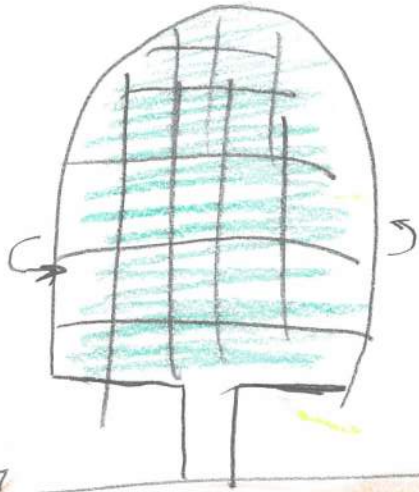
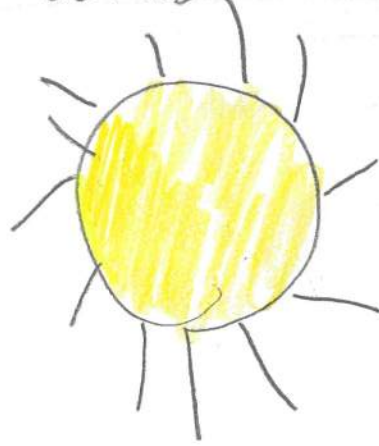
Swaraj P.

things in Sammamish.



Lake Sammamish state park.

Doonya 10.  
3rd grade







Park

clear side walk



free buffeas are the best



thing I like about  
Sammamish,

Fares #1  
3rd grade

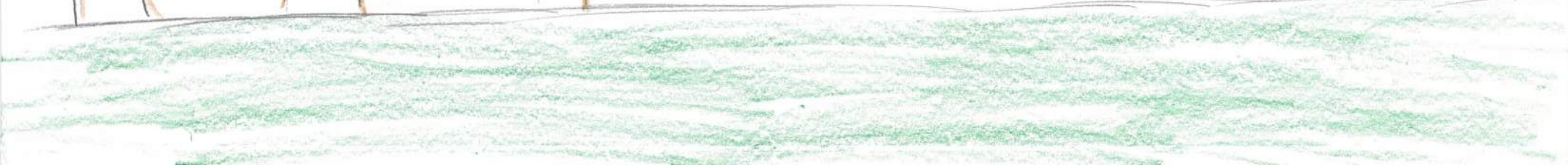
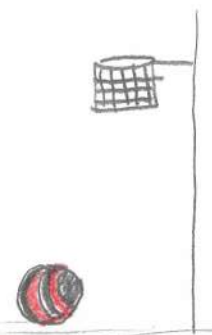
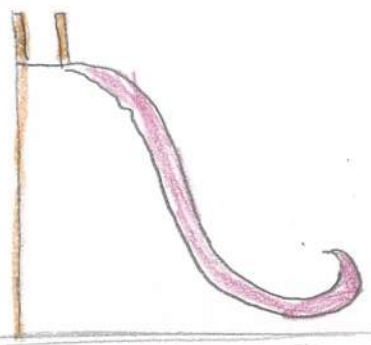
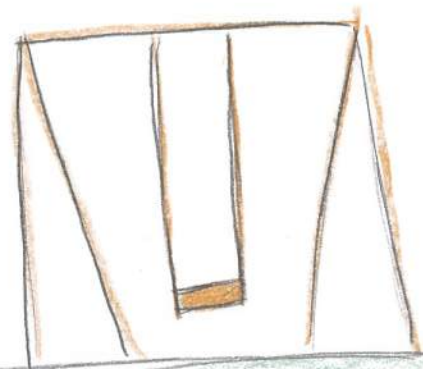
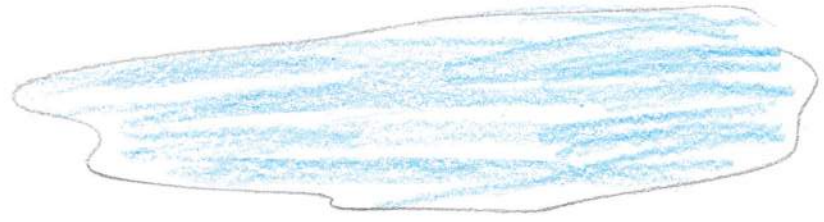
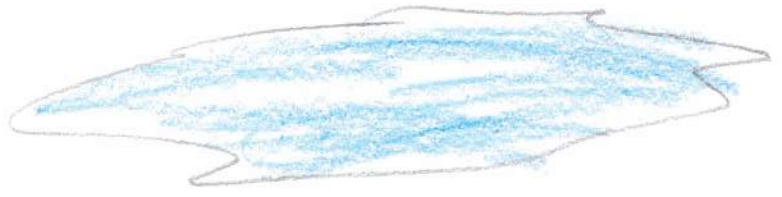


I Favrot Park is the

# Sammamish Ridge Park



By: Masha  
3rd grade



Sammamish school. I name: crista Macalife

My favorate thing about living in sammish, is the schools, and my favorate is Crista Macalife is Elamentry school.

welcome to Macalife

Mr. Howden

By Shriya  
3rd grade





My favorite park is

MARYMOOR PARK



YUSUF  
3rd grade

Dear Sammamish Town Council,

Hi, I am Zia and I live in Sammamish. I am in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

I love that Sammamish has great food, schools and places for people to live but I do want some more things. First I would enjoy more plants and it would be nice to have more gardens with more trees. Next it would be nice to have houses less expensive people don't have as much money as you think and if stuff keeps getting more expensive people won't be able to get the stuff they need. Last it would be nice to have a new pizza place with new food because who doesn't like new food.

from, Zia



Dear Sammaish Town Council,

My name is Savya from one of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes in Christa McAullife.

I like to play badminton, write, music and kawai. I love Sammaish and this is my idea.

What I want in 20 year is frist, when I moved there were mainly fast food restaurants so I needed to go far for a healthy meal for me and my family. I would

like more healthy restaurants in Sammaish.

Also, I was thinking to add parks for kids with disability kid so they can have fun.

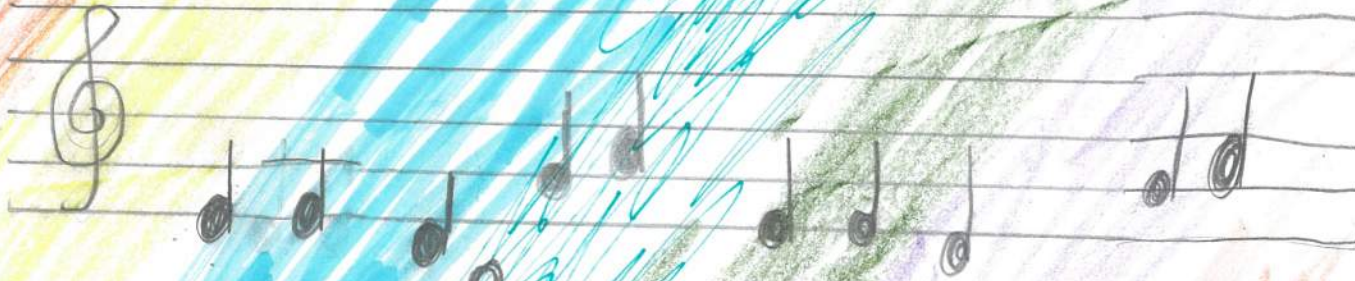
-Savya



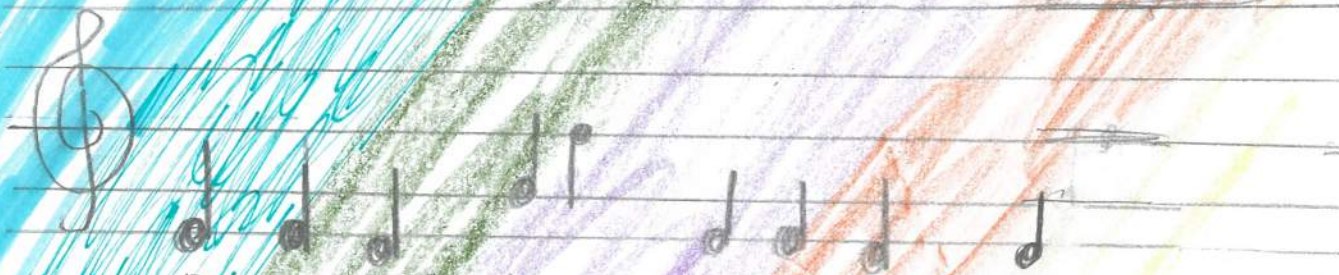
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# I Love Sammamish

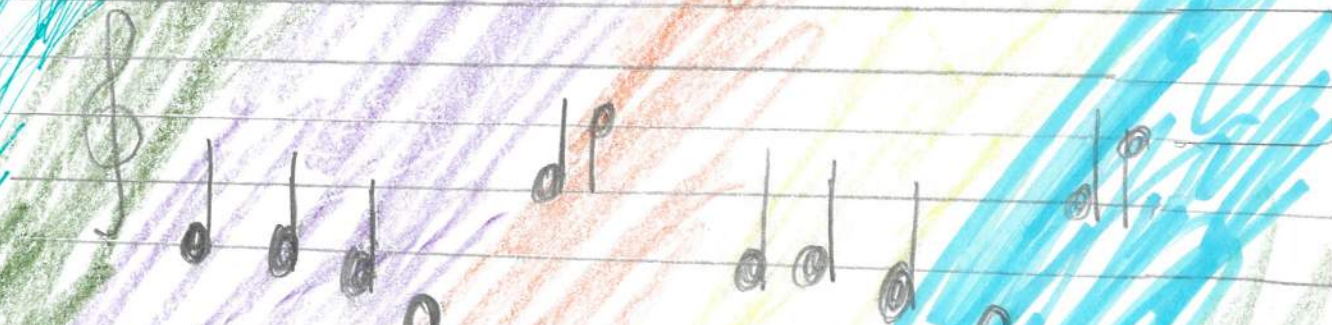
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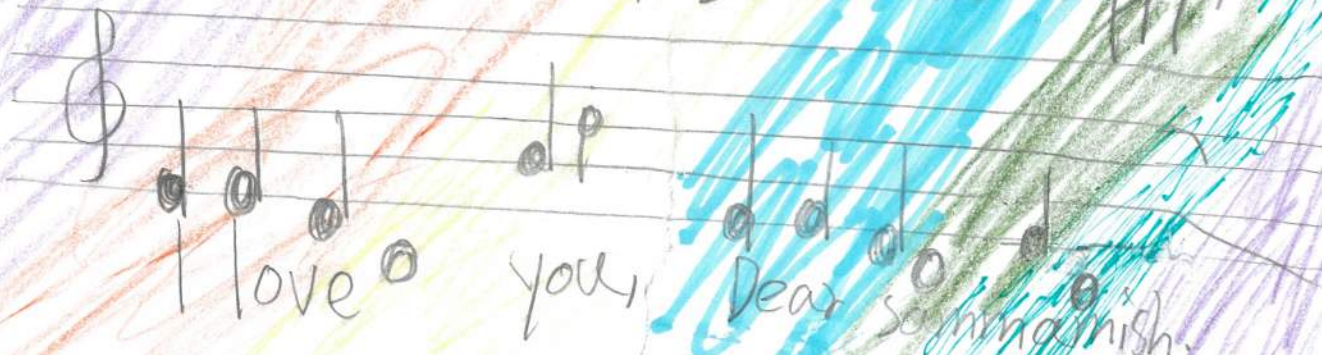
Dear Sammamish, I love you,



Beautiful park, waiting for you.



Shine ocean, Beach time's happy,



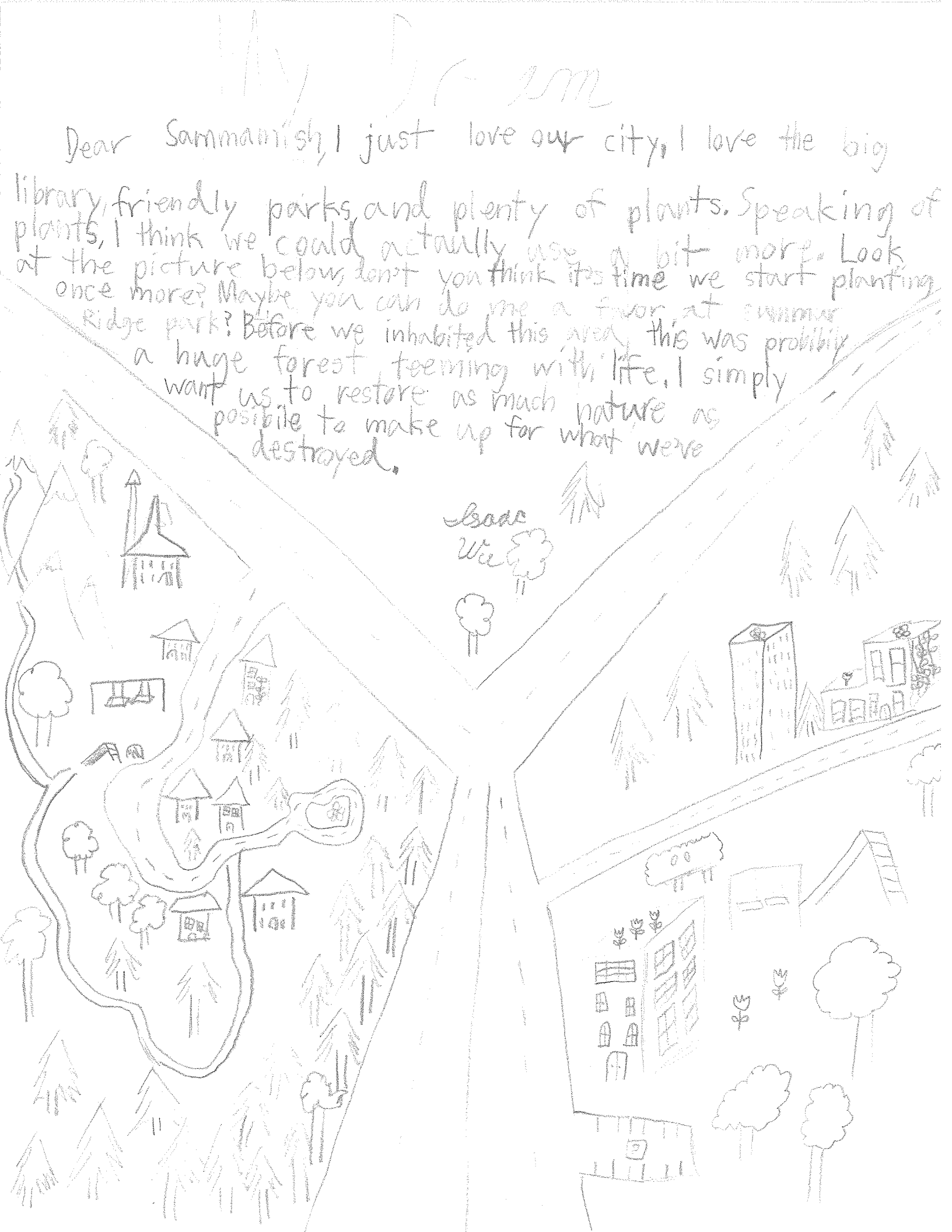
I love you, Dear Sammamish.



Dear Sammamish, I just love our city, I love the big

library, friendly parks, and plenty of plants. Speaking of plants, I think we could actually use a bit more. Look at the picture below, don't you think it's time we start planting once more? Maybe you can do me a favor, at summer Ridge park? Before we inhabited this area, this was probably a huge forest teeming with life. I simply want us to restore as much nature as possible to make up for what we've destroyed.

Isaac  
We



Dear Sammamish town council  
my name is Dana I'm in 4th grade.  
I love Sammamish because it is fun  
to play with my friend at the park and  
ride my bike and the things we need are  
safer biking areas and I think we need  
bathrooms at parks and water fountains at parks  
and a community garden!



For Samhainish



Tree

Grass  
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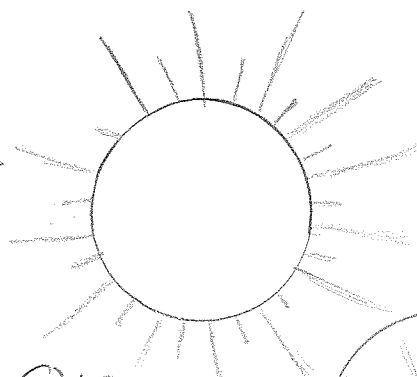
Hello Sammamish town council,

My name is Zoey, I'm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school  
I'm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade

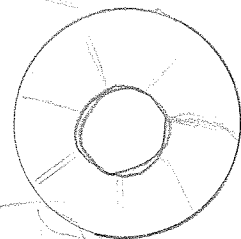
The trees are greener



The sun shines brighter



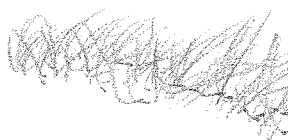
The public pools are open



Wildlife is added



The horses graze the grass



The lake is bluer



The birds fly to the south



Everything is back to normal

covid



before



conty

Dear Sammamish City Council,

Hi! I am Natalia Motse good. My class got a letter stating that you guys want to know what we like about sammamish and what should improve. I made a poem and a few drawings to show what should probably happen in 20 years, I will list what is good first, in the form of haiku.

Special place, with Sammamish original piece

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I like this city  
because everywhere is fun  
and so beautiful



We have stores and Inns,  
loads of meals for all of us  
and places to go

We are happy here  
we have fair education  
I love Sammamish!



Okay, now I want to show you the list of things for the city.

# Salmish

and I also should have  
an arcade so you  
can play more I love games.

the reason I think  
it should have a date  
store is because  
all the toys are too  
expensive are to

Salmish but I think  
it would be better  
if it had a date store

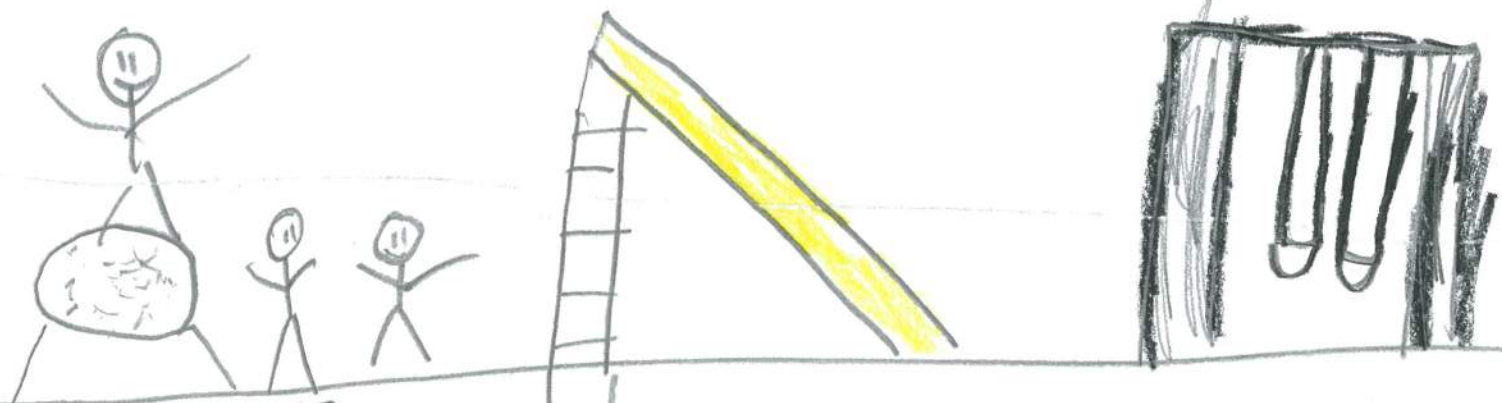
Dear city council

Some things I would want in Sammamish would be  
trampoline parks, more restaurants to choose from,  
better school lunches so they aren't good, indoor  
ziplines, indoor dog and cat park, a arcade or a video  
game center, community pool that is free, less traffic, and  
arena like the Tacoma dome.

from  
Stevie  
to city  
council

I want to help sammamish  
So kids, parents and pets can have  
I thought we can make  
a place where kids,  
parents and pets can  
have fun inside! called  
fun place on inside! called  
Kids

Aiden is 10 in 4th grade



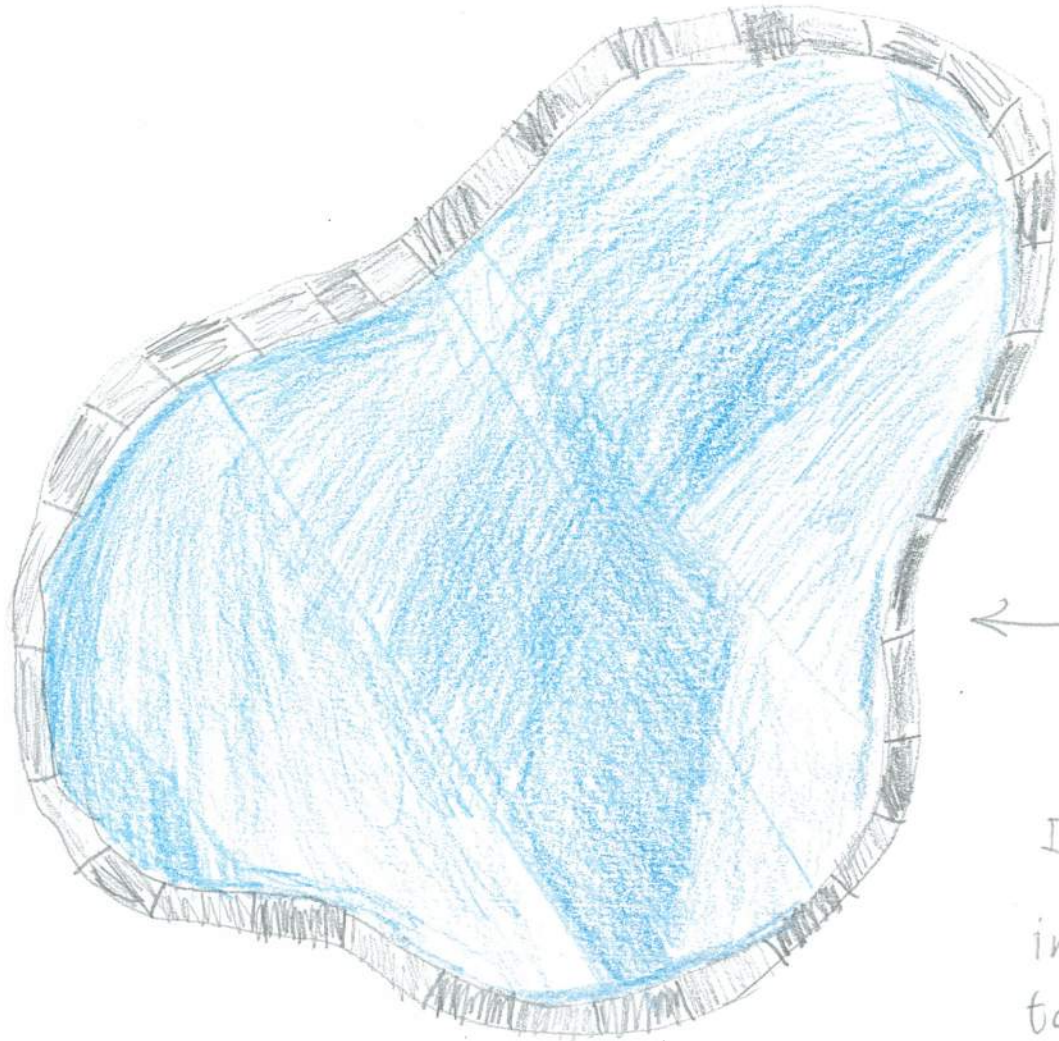
Parents



Pets







← A communal pool

I want this because people  
in sammamish don't have  
to go far to a different place

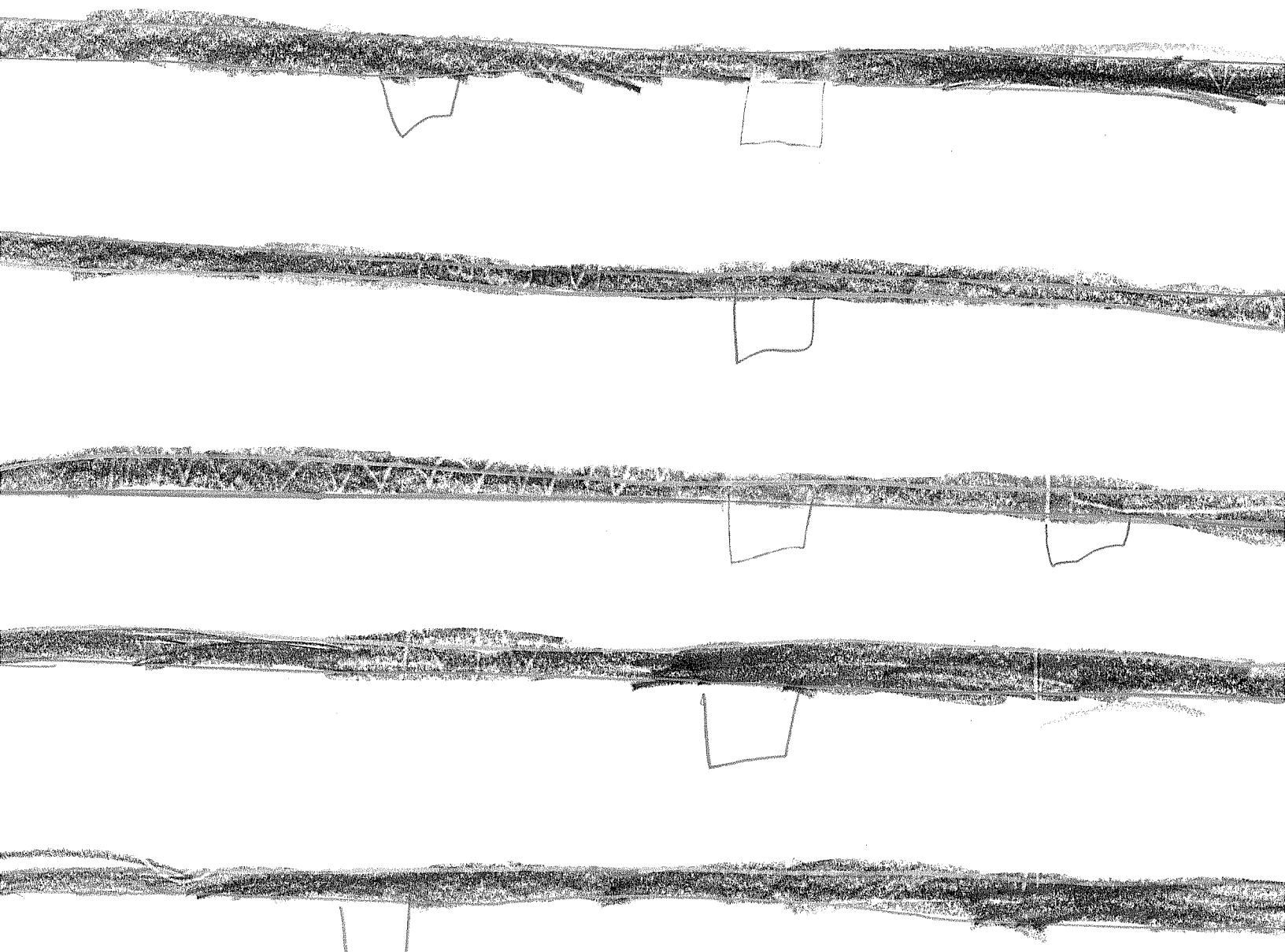


I would also like  
a indoor Zipline

because it wouldn't be fun to Zipline  
in the snow or rain.

Sincerely

Nicolas



Dear Sammamish Counsel

I would like an indoor dog-park.

One reason is that dogs need exercise and if it's snowing and a dog didn't like the snow, it would need exercise.

From,

Nicolas

key  
↓

- water
- pool
- ⊙ tree
- ⊕ bush
- ∩ grass

↑  
key



another one →

Is there something that  
Sammamish doesn't have today  
that you'd like in the future?

Dear Sammamish Counsel,

There are some things that I'd  
like that should be in the future  
such as a community group to pick  
up trash so animals don't eat it and  
get sick. (or die) From: Molly





Dear city of samammish council, My name is Akshara and I go to Crista McAliffe Elementary I'm in 4th grade. I love Samammish but I have some ideas to make it better. First, I think there should be a weekly community trash pick-up because when I'm in my car, I see a LOT of trash scattered along the sidewalk. I hope you consider my idea!

sincerely, Akshara

Safe!

Awesome!

Miracles!

Amazing!

Marvalous!

Magical!

Intresting!

Super!

Wappy!

Now lets have some fun!!

Sweets and candy shops!

Animal parks and shelters 😊

More corridors!

Museum

Arcade like chunky cheese!

Movie theaters

Indoor skate park!

Sport Stadium!

horse-back-riding! 😊 from: Ruby



Dear Sammamish, I love many things about this area but I think we could add some things to benefit our community like having more electric cars so were not hurting the community with gass. Also the electric cars should be less money so more people buy the cars, it benifits them and the community. Secondly, I think there should be more food and less toys, because when my parents go to the store they can't always get all the food they need because there are soo many toys. Thirdly I think there should be a community pool. I think this because not a lot of places have free pools that you can swim in plus you can forget how to swim if you can't go a lot and I don't want people to loose there talents. Next I think there should be more places that you can eat at because there is usally only one thing on the menu: pizza. Lastly, I think there should be places to feed the homeless if not then more, because how would you feel if you were living on the street and had no money for food, I know I would starve.

please turn over →



my name is Everett, and i go to  
christa McAuliffe and i want an  
indoor zipline park. Im 9 years old.

# ZIPLINE PARK





Lucas #10



By: LUCAS #10



My Name is Lucas. Hi <sup>📺</sup> Sammamish, I like Sammamish  
because there is kind neighbors and there is ymca pools and  
there is Parks that you can play with friends and Pottery rings. 4m of July,  
Easter, holidays and all the houses are not all modern and the Sammamish is  
good Place and Sate











Dear Smami Sh, my name is Adrianna  
 im in 4th grade what I want smamis  
 to have is 1. A community group to  
 pick up trash. 2. community pool  
 that is free. 3. indoor dog park. 4. more  
 shop. 5. indoor zip line. 6. more  
 art place. 7. trampoline park indoor.

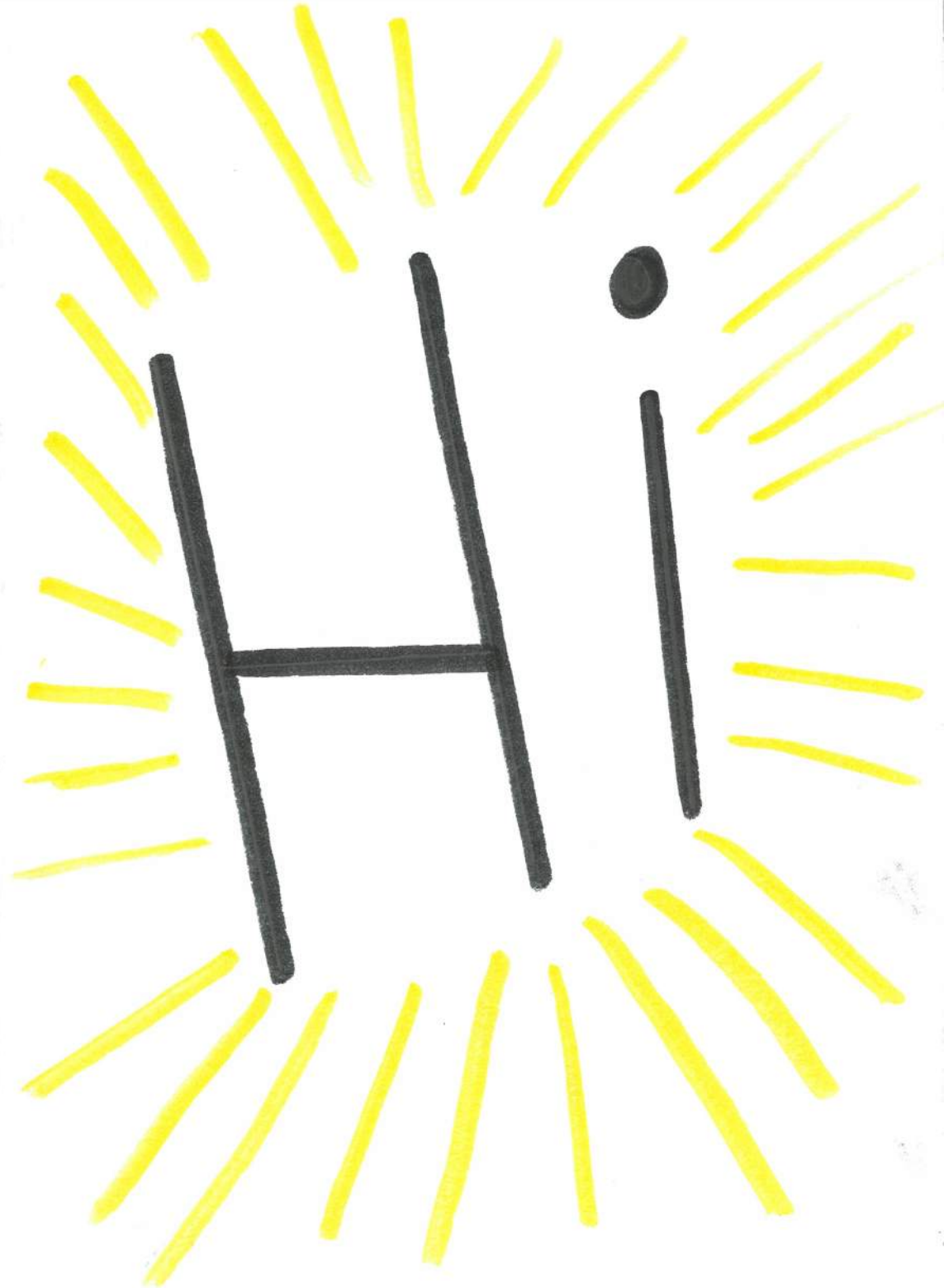
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 S Super  
 h hello's

From: Adrianna



to: sammi  
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from: Bro-  
oke



Dear Sammamish, it is Bro

a 9 year old girl in forth grade and I have some things that me and my class would like to add to the city!

1. a dollar store so that we can do crafts for a cheap amount.

2. a community pool that is free so if you want to swim and you don't have money you can swim.

3. indoor zip line so you can have fun if it is raining!

4. more shops/restaurants to choose from.

5. more vets that can do alot of pets like chinchillas, hamsters, snakes, birds, and more.

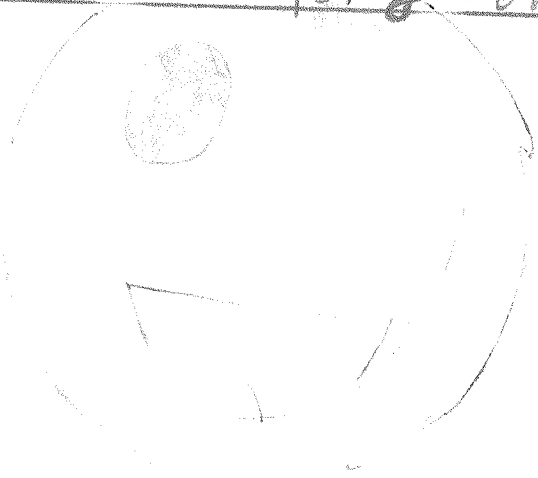
6. indoor dog park so if it is raining you can go there.

7. a group that will pick up trash so it is clean.

8. more cheap houses. What I like about sam

namish! 1. not all modern houses. 2. Y.M.C.A. 3. Safe a

4. Wild life 5. gatherings 6. animal love 7. Librar



Dear Sammamish,

I am sending this letter to tell you what I like about Sammamish and what I would like to have in Sammamish. What I like about Sammamish is the King County Library because there are a lot of my favorite books in my library and I can go there quickly. What I would like to have in Sammamish is a free public swimming pool because I like swimming and my friends like swimming. This is what I like about Sammamish and what I would like to have in Sammamish.

Miso Kim

The City of Sammamish

By: Rakshika Rajy

Smart City and people in city

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Always nice and kind

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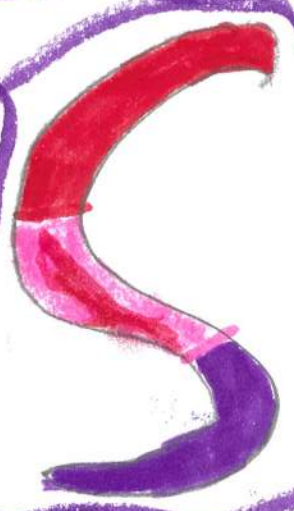




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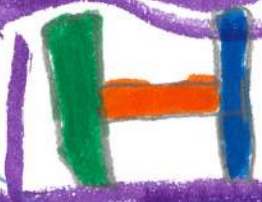


ncredible I can say



I love Sammamish

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Thank  
for  
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Super cool

always so nice

Me? I love it

Man don't you love it?

big thanks to Sammanish

Maniac am I? ask anyone though  
this place is awesome.

I would live here forever

She loves<sup>it</sup> over here

He loves it over here

Dear, City of Sammamish

Hi My name's Zaman Ismail I love our city  
but I have a few ideas to make it even better! I maybe  
you could add more shops to Saffron like a dollar store  
of something.

2. You know what I would and all the other people  
that have tried these out <sup>would love</sup> an In N Out, Tim  
Tofors, and Mr Beast Burgers.

All the kids that I know want a indoor trampoline park  
maybe you could add a bigger one than Vertex Arena  
in Redmond.

You know what would make you a lot of money  
and make people happy a carnival where you could  
win prizes.

Last but not least I know what would be cool an  
indoor swimming pool with slides and cool stuff.

Yours sincerely,

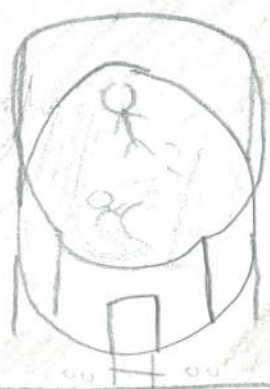
Zaman Ismail



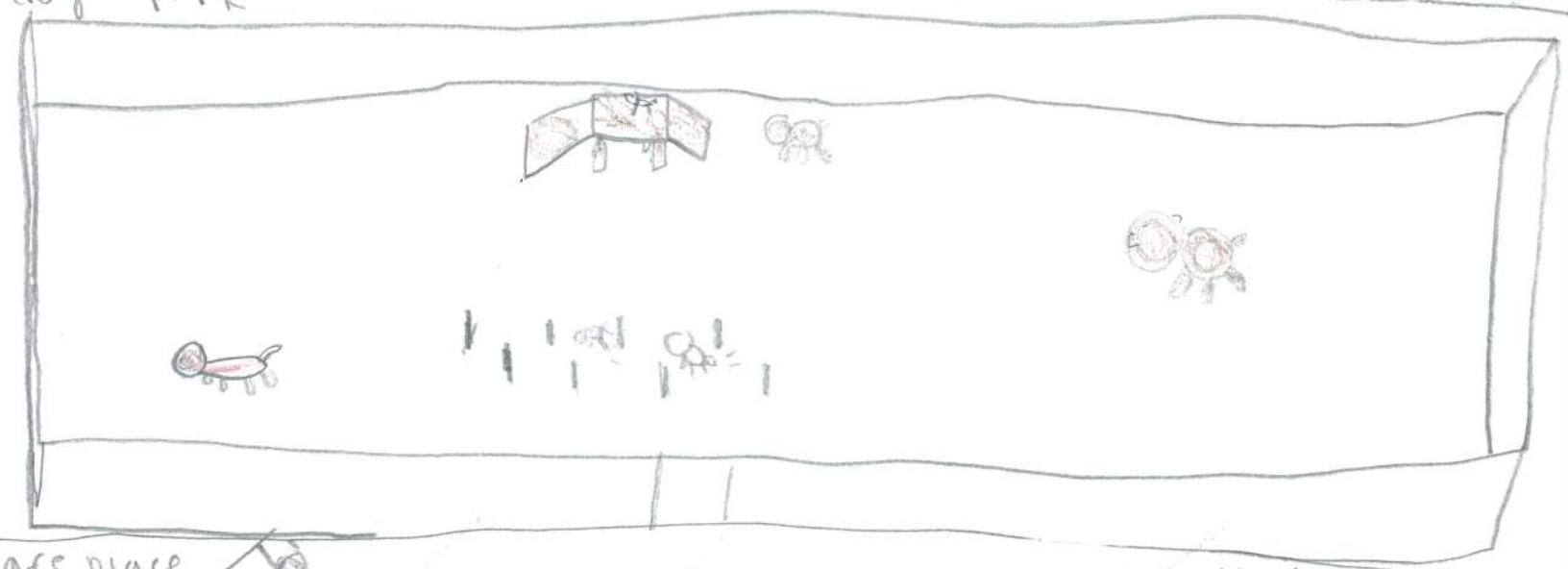
Rayden 9 in 4th

I want to trampoline park and safe place,  
and dog-park because dog-park can make  
dogs have fun, and trampoline park can  
make us have fun.

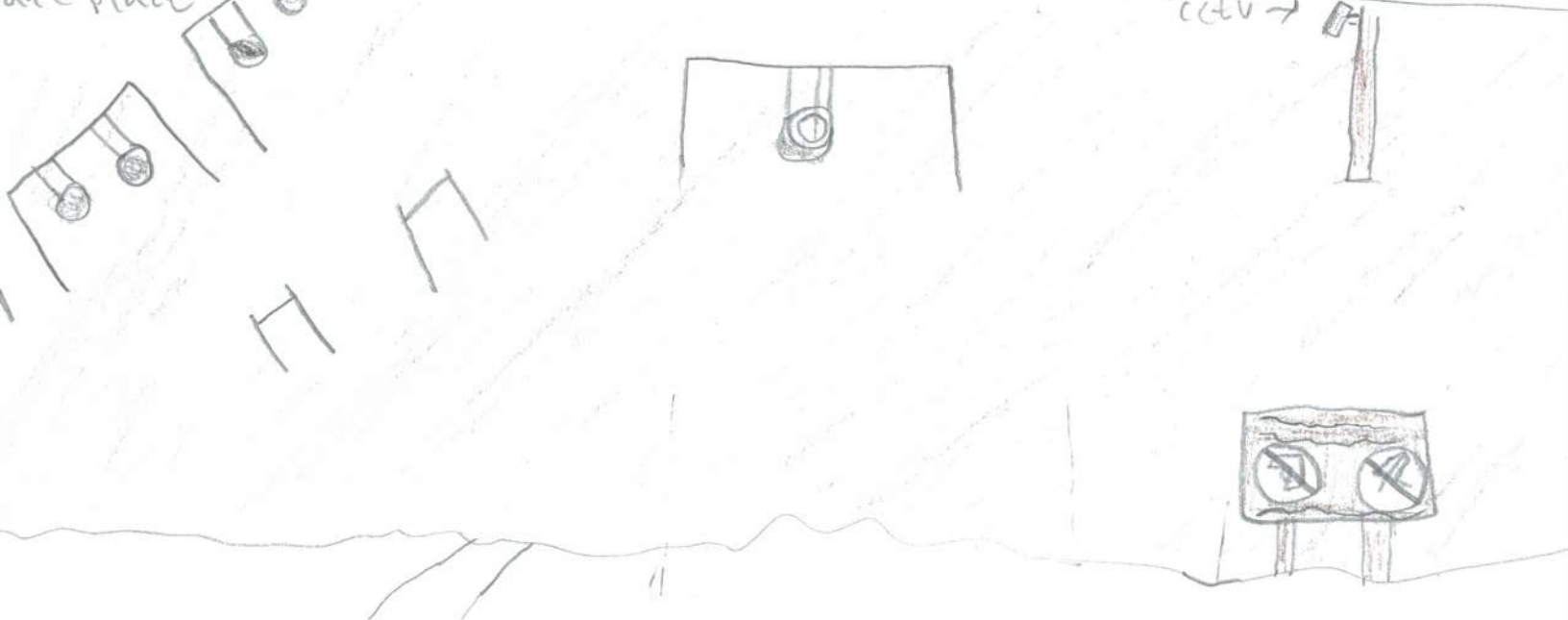
trampoline park



dog-park

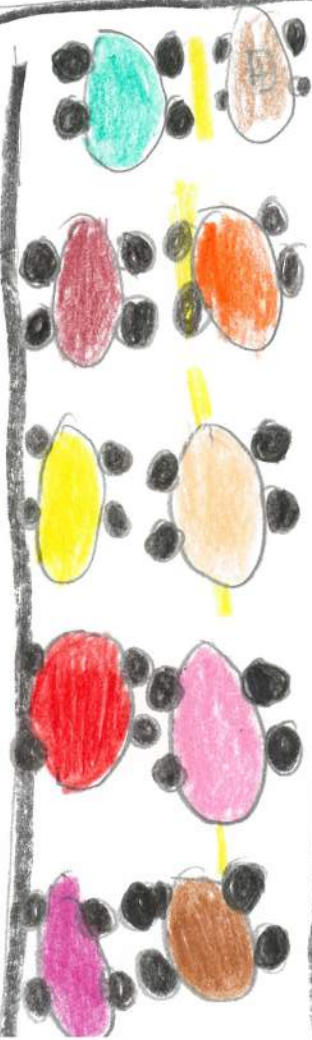
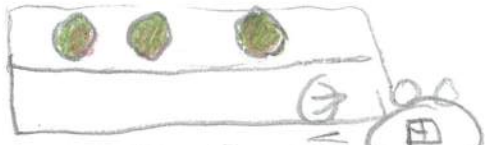


safe place



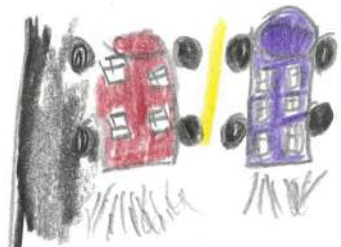
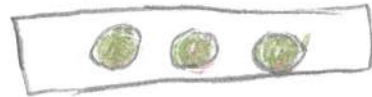
Dear, city council I thing I don't want to change is how there is'nt as much croud as other Place's like down town seattle or Redmond.

down town  
seattle




Cars →

Sammamish





Hi city council, I'm ~~Aarna~~  
from ~~Christa McAuliffe~~ I would  
like to say ~~6~~ things, Samma is  
is an awesome place but we  
need a few changes. **1** maybe an  
indoor trampoline ~~park~~, or maby  
~~even~~ an ziplining ~~place~~ oh  
that would be fun. **2** maybe an  
~~ice cream~~ place or frozen yougurt  
oh boba would sound good to. **3**  
~~4~~ Vegan ~~desert~~ place now  
that would be ~~awesome~~  
AS you can see this would be  
a better ~~sammis~~!

Secondly I think we need a place  
where all pets can play together  
not just dogs because all pets need  
exercise including my cat.   
And one thing I love about Sammamish  
is that all neighbors are super kind.  
One time our neighbors lost a  
cat and every one in our  
cul-de-sac looked for him. So  
Sammamish is the best place to  
live!!!



From: Amelia Davis



Hi my name is Amelia, I love sammamish but there are a few things I wish it had, I think sammamish should have more Corridors so animals can cross streets and highways more safely because it effects people and animals for

instents what if all of a sudden a Deer jumps out of nowhere to get to its home

and you can't stop in time you hit the

brakes your car slides and your car hits



another car and you skid the Deer

and just barely miss him. So this

effects people and animals that

why we need more corridors so

animals and people cross roads and

highways safely.

please flip over →

Dear Sammamish,

My name is Nikita

I am 9 years old

and in 4th grade at  
Christa McAuliffe

Elementary.

Please  
flip the  
page

Nikita Orlov



Things that I want in Sammamish

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Redesigning Sammamish

Greg, K (m) 5/2

I think we should redesign Sammamish by dividing it into 4 sections and each of those sections will have 4 smaller subsections including residential, commercial, industrial and power (preferably green). This should be more efficient because it means less driving which also will decrease the amount of pollutants in the air.

See rising on back

Sophia

11/18/2021

### Envision the future of Sammamish

Sammamish is the perfect place to live but there are a lot of things we can do better. The vehicles we use are mainly powered by gasoline. Gasoline is a big problem to our environment. Gasoline is causing global warming and air pollution. Oil spills are another problem. But there are lots of ways to fix the problems. First, when we buy new cars we should buy electric car, not gasoline. There are many kinds of electric cars. After a lot of people buy electric cars gas stations will be replaced by charging stations to charge electric cars. Charging stations only use electricity so there won't be as much oil drilling. Without as much oil drilling there will less chance of oil spills. After we stop using electric cars then we can move on to other vehicles. Cars produce a lot of gasoline buy by using electric cars we will save the planet.

## Resources

I love all the resources in this community. I love that we have stores, restaurants, and doctor offices. But we still need more stores and restaurants. For example, we don't have Costco in Sammamish. And we need, more stores and restaurants we need to have more resources around Sammamish. We need more resources all throughout Sammamish. For another example, we do not have a lot of restaurants here we might need sushi, burger king and a lot more that I can't think of in the moment. And for stores, we need Costco, QFC, target around this area of Sammamish.

By: zayd

Maxwell

11-17-21

The Future of Sammamish

I think there should be more public transport because I've heard that there is a light rail going to Bellevue to Seattle to Redmond and I think there should be a light rail going to Sammamish because there are some people that work at Microsoft, and they have to travel miles in their car polluting the air. So, I think that there should be a light rail in Sammamish so it will lower the pollution rate and make it easier to travel.

BEFORE

AFTER

SSS



RENTED HOME

RENTED HOME with new features!

Summer Ridge

Summer Ridge




## Seattle pollution

REMY MARR

pollution is a huge problem even bigger than most people think even in Seattle. Pollution is rapidly killing thousands of beautiful plants and animals around Sammamish and Seattle. That are helping the environment meanwhile we are just killing it as fast as they can help rebuild it. I want the city of Sammamish too start using more environmentally friendly options such as making more light rails around the city and make them more affordable to the public so everyone can do their part in cleaning up the city. Also, I think we need to make citizens do their part and clean up themselves too. Because most people think one piece of trash doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things because it is one in thousands, but it stacks up quickly, so people need to clean up for them self's and others to slowly but surely clean up the city.



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Protecting the Wilderness

Noah Worcester

Wilderness and green  
Disappearing as we build  
Apartments, cities

Preserve the forests  
Use bikes and electric cars  
Plant trees and flowers



No more pollution  
Garbage littering our parks  
Keep our wilderness

We produce gases  
That harm our green wilderness  
Animals are harmed

Save our wildlife



## **Our future is in our hands**

**By: Tanisha Tamilarasan**

There are so many things we could do to help Sammamish become a better city. We have amazing people that can help us do this, but Sammamish is not going to change on its own. The people in Sammamish must help make this city a better place. Here are some things we can improve in Sammamish

One of the things that I want to see in the future is less construction. As Sammamish population keeps growing, we need more houses, but we need to stop cutting down trees. If there was another way to do this, we could use other resources that are easier to find. For example, we could use bricks or bamboo to build houses. I want to see change in houses and construction.

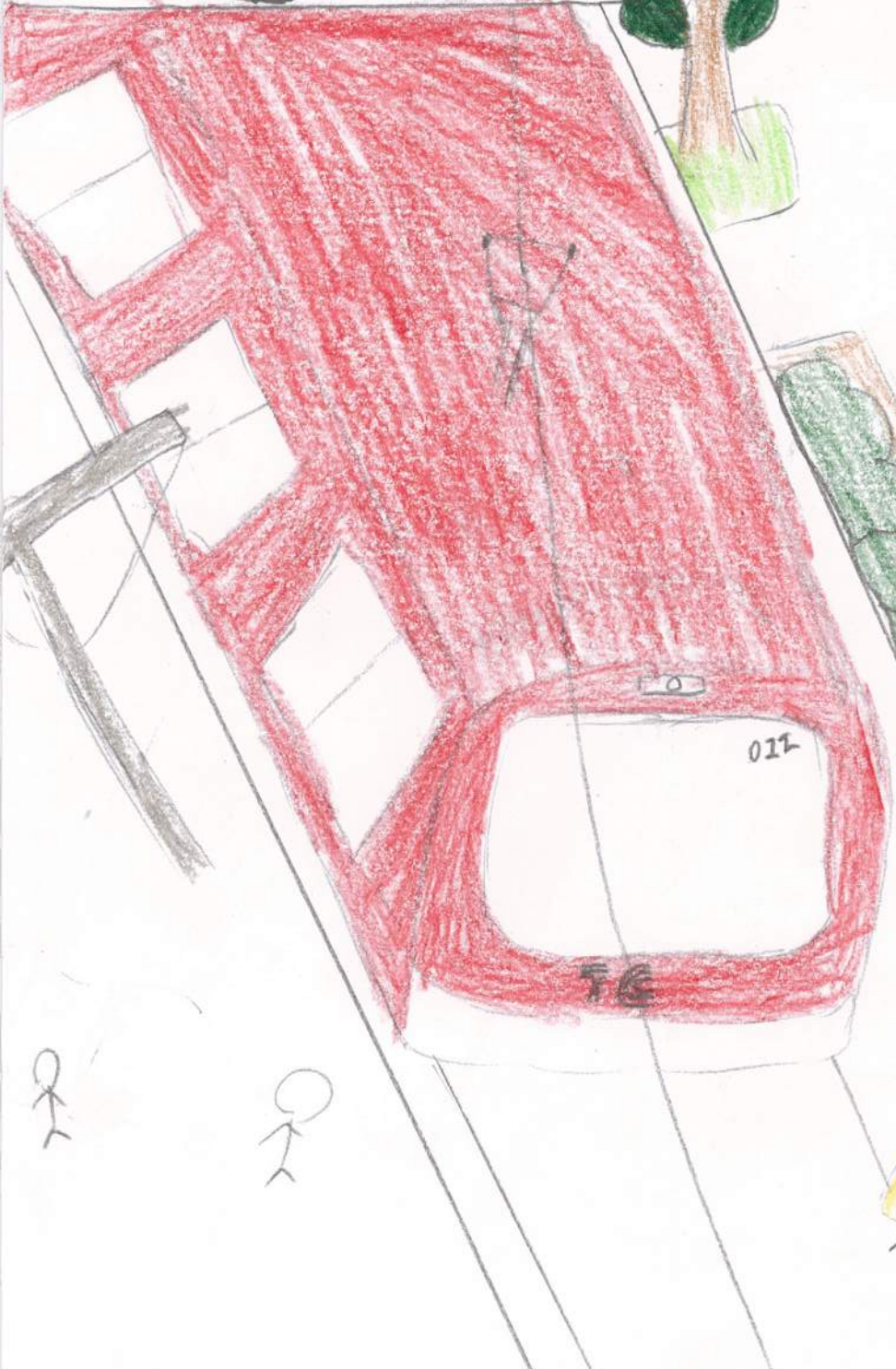
Another thing I want to see in the future is fewer gas vehicles. Some families have electric cars, but most cars around Sammamish are gas cars. If we could use a carpooling system, like trains we could help slow down pollution. The lite rail is mostly electric trains. This train extends from Seattle to Redmond, but if we could extend them a little bit more than we could stop a lot of the pollution in Sammamish.

Lastly, we could install more streetlights and sidewalks. Some neighborhoods in Sammamish have no streetlights and this makes it hard for people to get into the neighborhood at night. If we could install more sidewalks, it would help because when people are walking at night cars cannot see them, this may lead to some injuries.

These are some ways we can have a brighter future and help Sammamish become a better city.



# Lite rail



park



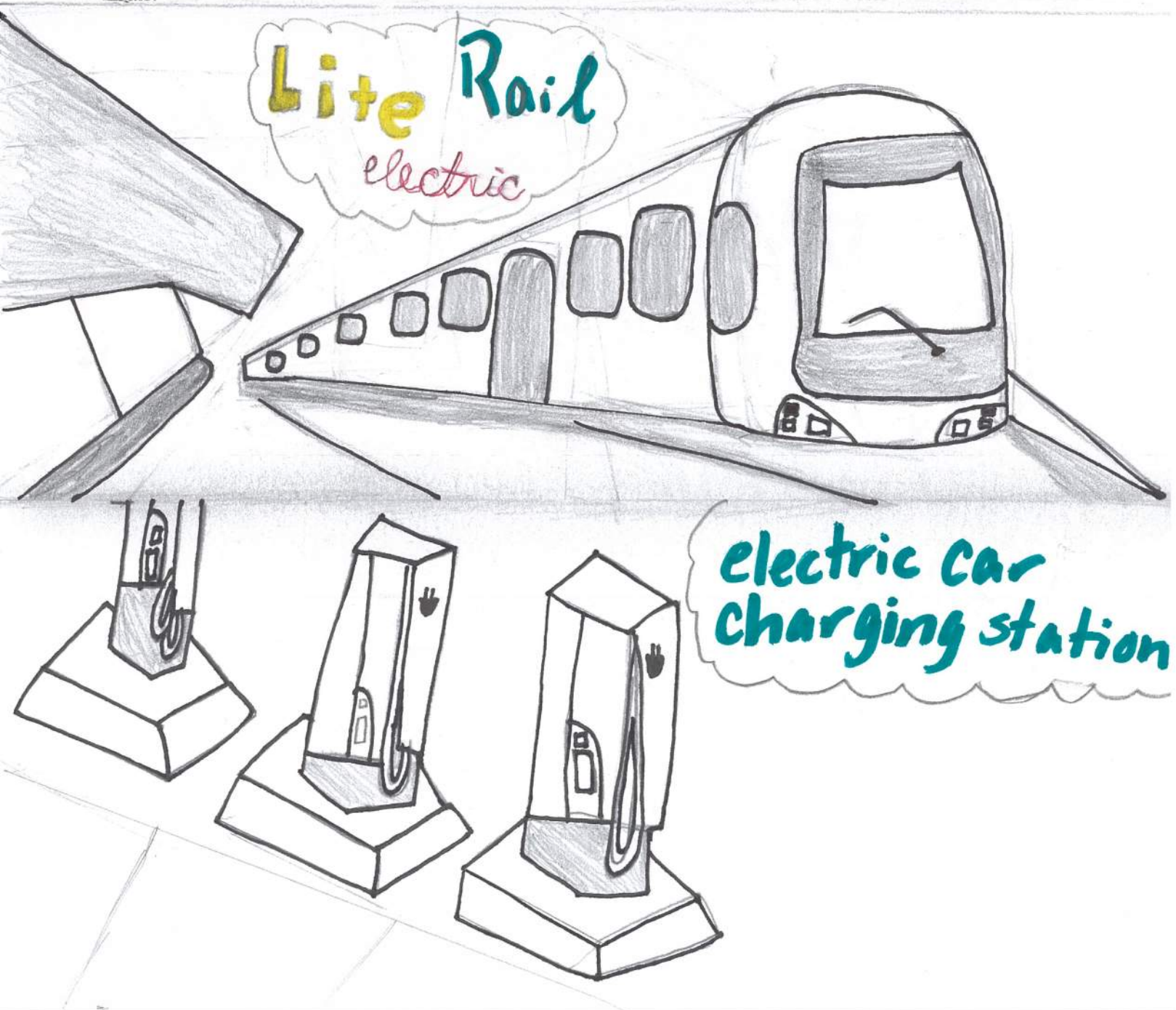


Mia

November 19, 2021

### Sammamish, A Clean and Healthy Community

When I go outside, I want to see changes in our city, I want to see our community thrive in a clean and healthy way. What we can do to accomplish this is to use more electric vehicles, by using electric vehicles we can reduce the amount of air pollution. In Redmond and Seattle, they are making an electric lite rail, so people can get places while not polluting the air. Also, in Sammamish there is a lot of air pollution due to certain homes and cars, so if Sammamish were to build an electric lite rail, we can reduce the air pollution and it can help people who don't have cars of their own. We could also get more charging stations for electric cars; this can show people that are in the city that we care about our environment and we want to stop polluting our air.





From: Troy

11-18-21

To: Sammamish

## less gas vehicles

I think that we should not increase gas vehicles, and I think this because more gas could hurt the earth and environment, to solve this issue we should have the lite rail come to Sammamish, so we don't have to use as much gas vehicles and people can ride the lite rail.

For people who go on busses and trains to get around, they should use the lite rail but for people who drove gas cars shouldn't stop driving cars and just ride on the lite rail they should start driving more electric cars, so when I'm in my 30s I want to see more people driving electric cars and the lite rail rather than gas vehicles, and this is very important to me because I want to help and save the earth instead of letting gas into the air.

Maanya

Sammamish writing

November 18, 2021

### Sammamish

Sammamish is a welcoming and loving community. The greenery, the beauty and the people, all make this community what it is. What I love about Sammamish is that it provides safety for all of us! But a couple things we can do to make this community better is, composting more often, recycling more, carpooling, and not smoking. By doing this over time we will make this place better for people and animals. Construction workers are building an electric train, that we should extend to Sammamish to prevent pollution. Street lamps are becoming a problem too. In some neighborhoods there are barely any are people cannot see and the might get injured. But in other neighborhoods there are many. But all in all what isn't there to love about Sammamish? The more safe it is for all, the more healthier we are!

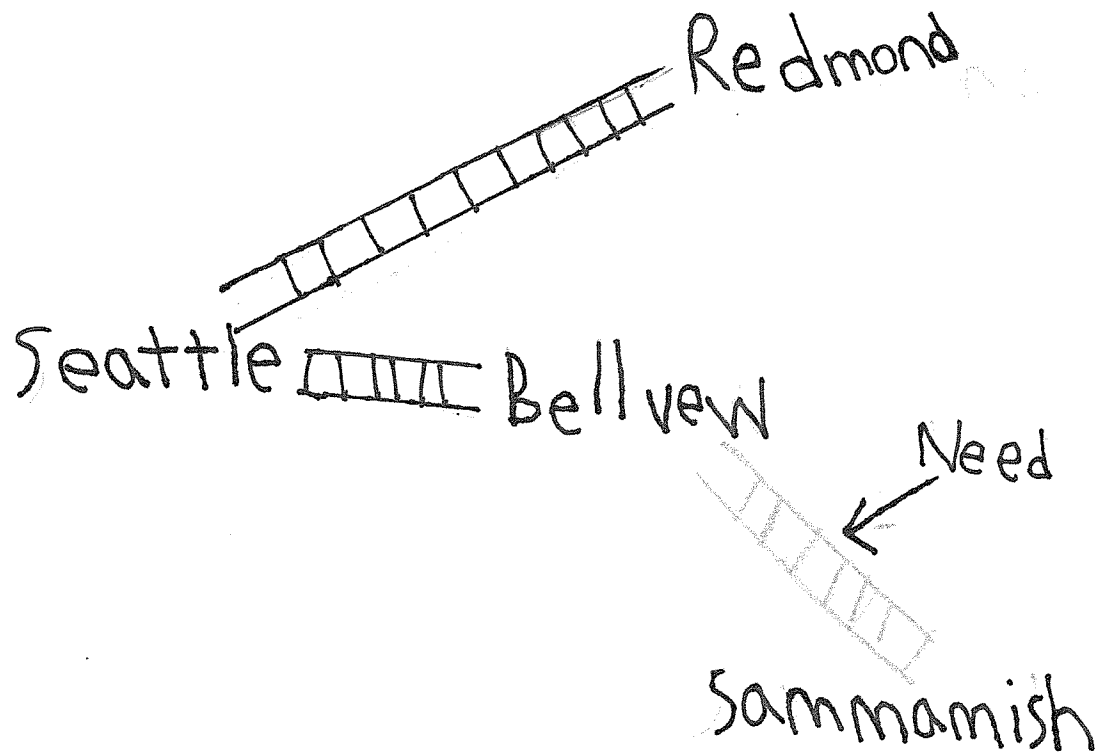


Nahush

# Public transportation

With the lite rail

I think the lite rail should extend to Sammamish. We need the lite rail to extend to Sammamish because some people live in other places but work in Sammamish and for others it is the opposite, also a tree might have fallen on the road to Sammamish and they may be blamed *(for being late)*



Ethan

11-18-21

### Sammamish future

I feel that the city should work on stopping pollution. They can start by promoting helping cleaning up pollution. This would help many things such as keeping our city clean and saving the wildlife. one way they can do that is when we have farmer markets or public events, they can promote this idea. I have noticed over the past years the increasingly growing rate of trash around the area in the shopping centers more specifically. It would help the world so much to clean up the environment.



Sannanish, a place that everyone knows  
how the trees wiggle in the breeze  
and how the river flows

Sannanish welcomes everyone,  
near from far, they feel like they belong,  
right where they are.

A nice big library that all people love  
everyone likes books!  
about, bugs, space, unicorns,  
all of the above!

Thoyh, I would make a tweak,  
it's important!

I see homeless this isn't fair!  
we need to lower prices,  
make a homeless lair!

Also we are running out of trees in a flash!  
global warming will make the environment  
smash!

More community gardens made!  
before all our trees fade.

- Tabitha S. Hale





S=SUPERB

A=AMAZING

M=MERRY

M=MAGICAL

A=AWESOME

M=MAGNIFICENT

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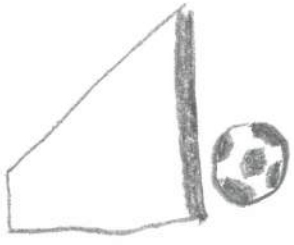
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- Sri pada  
Kartikaya  
Komandari

by Amalia Gaiwoto

**S**uper



AmazeING

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Awsome

Magical



intresting

Sunny

**h**appy



Ode to Sammamish

Ode to the green trees

Ode to communities in this beautiful town

Ode to the stores and shopkeepers

Ode to the books and the authors in this town

Ode to the people

Ode to the nurses

Ode to the carpenters and construction workers

Ode to the community gardens they make

Ode to the people who work hard

Ode to the schools

Ode to the teachers

Ode to the mayor of this town!




— Sripada Kartikeya Komandya


## Wildlife

<sup>chirp!</sup> Birds in the air, <sup>tweet!</sup>  
Floating without care.

Plants swaying in the breeze,  
Growing with ease.

A small dotted deer,  
Jumping around without fear.

The power of mother earth,  
ruling without hurt. 

 Even through that one dark day,  
The wildlife in SAMMAMISH will always

STAY!!



Advay J.



NO Littering



What are somethings you really Love  
about living here? -Coco

I love living here because the homes are nice, the people are kind, and the adults care about the kids. The stores make me happy. The parks make kids happy. You can easily see the kindness and care here. The plants are cool, and the pets are cute. Everyone is welcome. I Love Sammamish!

# *Litter* by Ragnar

*Don't you dare drop that there,  
put it in the trash,  
protect the trees and save the bees,  
drop it in the trash,  
just because your lazy you're making the world hazy,  
put it in the trash,  
pollution is not the solution the solution is no pollution,  
drop it in the trash,  
the greenery the greenery is now just metal scenery,  
the end of all is when litter falls,  
so, stand tall don't let the litter fall,  
instead,  
put it in the trash,*

By: Bella

are houses  
are as safe as  
a kangaroo in its mom's  
pouch





# STOP POLLUTION



Trash



Compost

Aynur



Zoë

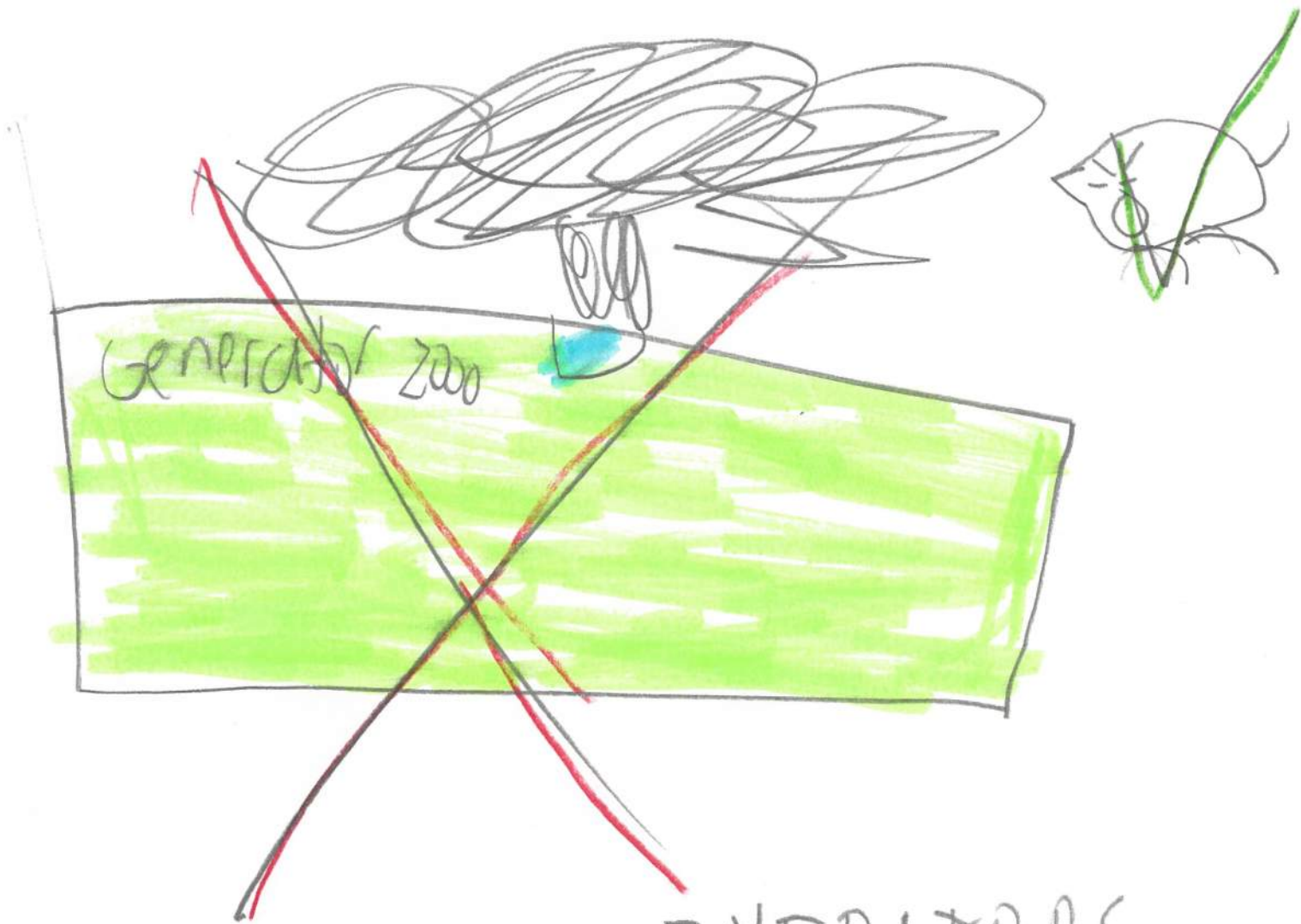


Help Keep  
trees alive!

Don't build buildings  
Pollution is coming.







NO MORE GENERATORS  
NO NO NO  
STOP THOSE GENERAERS  
GO GO GO  
SAVE THOSE BIRDS  
YES YES YES  
THOSE SUCH INNOCENT BIRDS  
THEY'RE THE BEST



Reduce house sizes  
and help the environ-  
-ment!





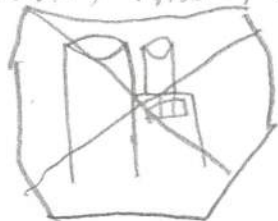
# I Love Sammamish

and what should be changed



I really don't want air pollution so to stop it we should stop industrial buildings from being made, and they should be stopped

by Rio





# Save The Trees



Don't  
Cut  
Trees



I would like the city to be safer. I want more good people and less bad people who may want to hurt us mentally and physically



LUCAS





# Why I Love Sammamish

By: Magnus



I like The Trees

The Birds The Bees   
And most of all, The fantasy's

The Greenery   
The Scenery

Is all Beautiful to me.

The simply lovely soil  
Effort to stop the oil  
Is all beautiful to me.

Sarah C.

Something I really love about living in Sammamish is I love my parents, I love my house and I love my shelter.



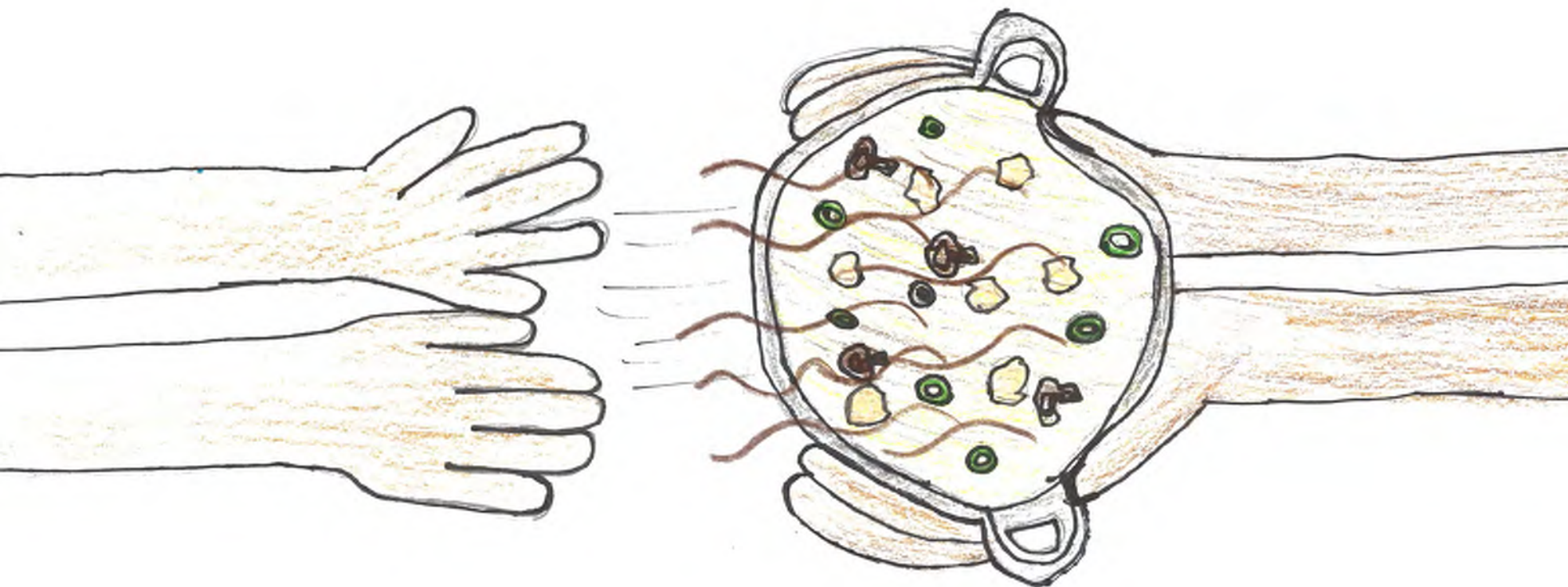


Valentina

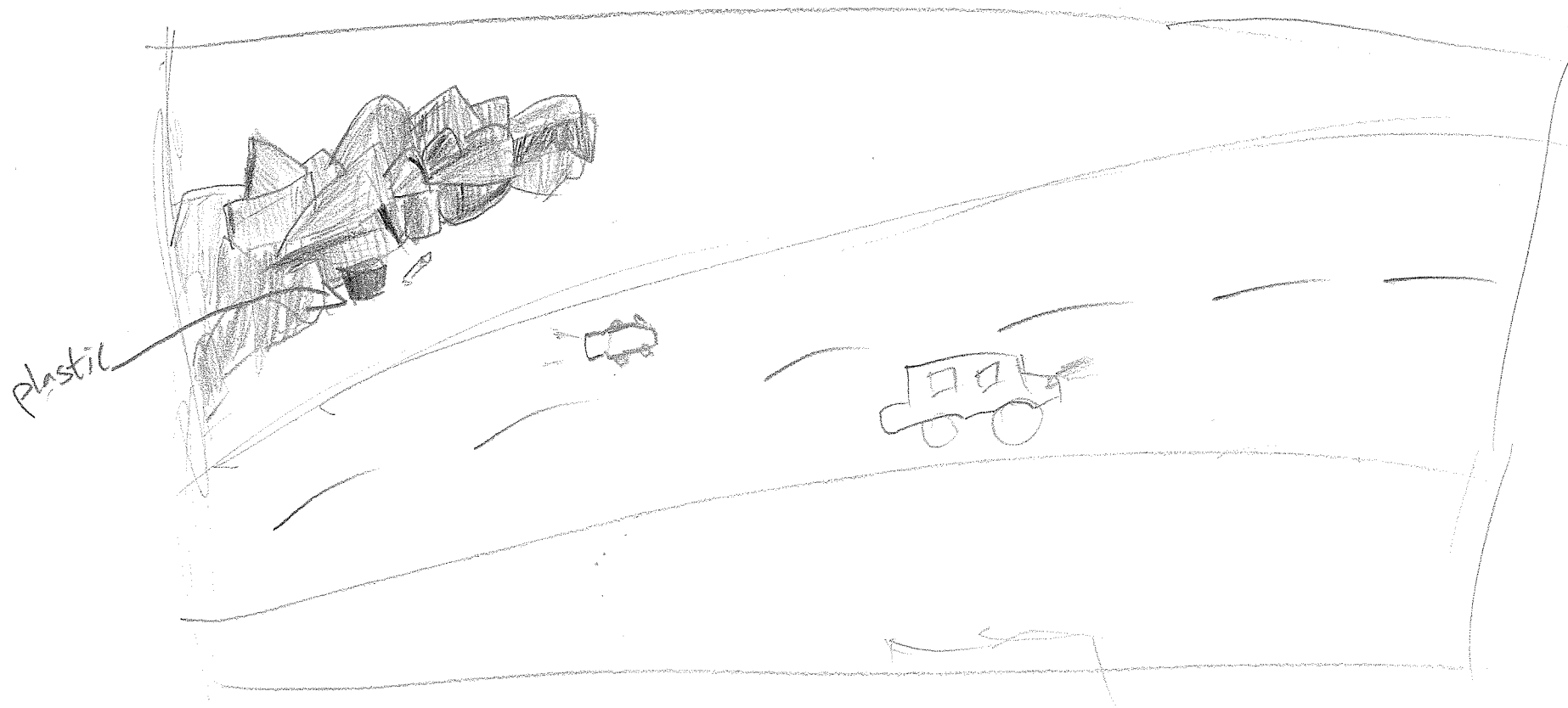
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### Envision the future of Sammamish

By 2044 I think having more organizations to help people that don't have enough money to buy cars or pay rent or even not having enough money to have a warm meal like I do every night is important because everyone deserves to be happy and have a warm meal and a cozy bed to go sleep in every night.



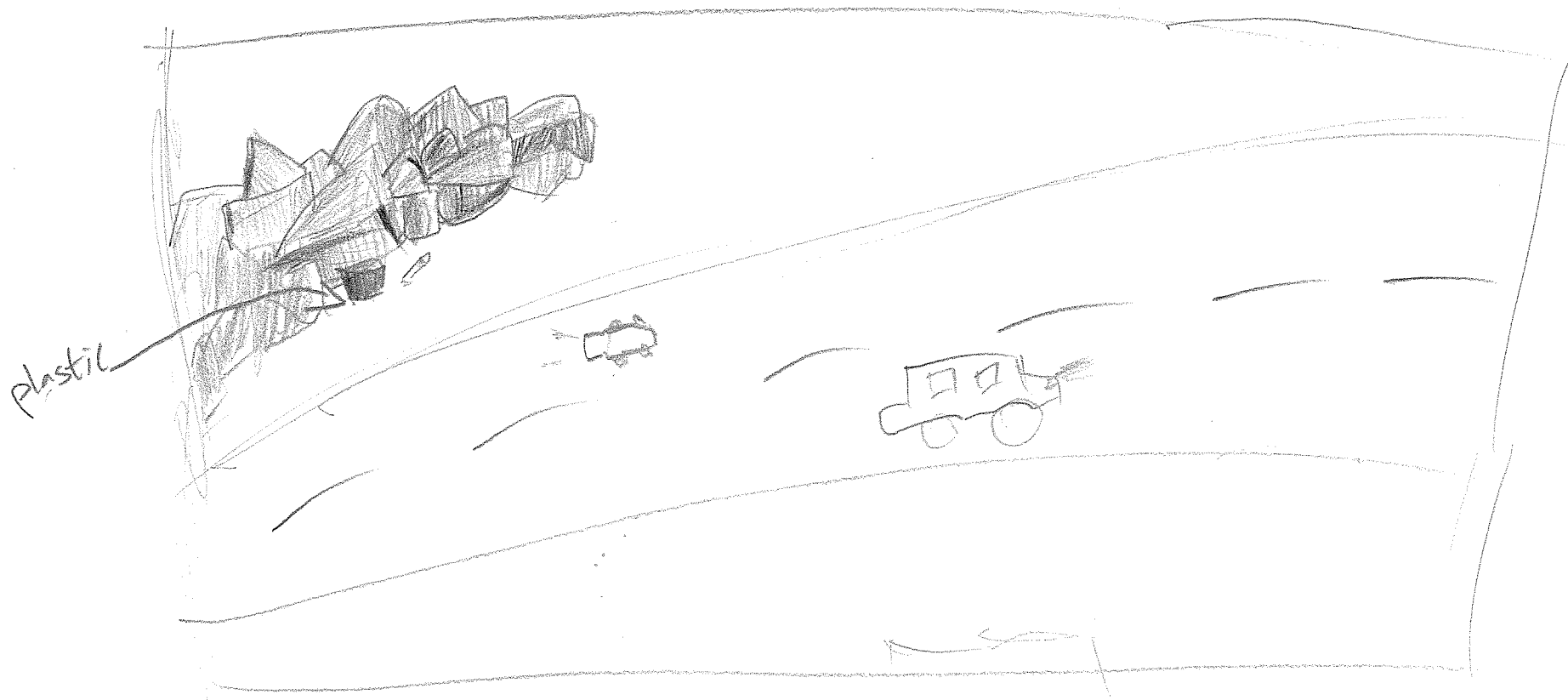
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Grace



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Grace

Don't cut trees  
trim trees!



Brady



Stop pollution make a law that people must clean up trash like once or more a year. And add more public recycle cans and trash cans. So that people don't just drop trash in the water or in the nature. Because it gets the water all yucky and lots of animals die.





Save the planet

No more pollution

~~Litter~~

Save the planet!

by Ana Sofia





School, learn

Everyone is Welcome

No Smoking



More trees less plalbsin!  
Ⓜ Ⓜ



I made a mistake





Less Pollution!  
Reduce House Size!  
More Trees!  
Be Kind to Animals!  
Go Green!





By:  
Natalie  
Solarij  
Sing

# The FUTURE of Sammamish

Thank you for reaching out to us students at McAuliffe! Something I would love in the future is more garbage cleaners! Sammamish is pretty clean compared to other places, but that does not mean it can't be cleaner! Plus, garbage (such as plastic) can hurt and kill animals! I know that (like I said earlier) Sammamish is pretty clean, but think about it in a few years! More people will come, and Sammamish won't be as clean as it is now! The beautiful lakes now filled with waste! The once green neighborhood turned into a dump! What I would like is that we make an organization that goes into our lakes, ponds, and other bodies of water to clean up oil spills and trash at least once a week. Companies can donate to the organization to keep it running and people can volunteer to help. Thank you

2/2/21

by : Aanjali

## I love Sammamish

I love the nature. The plants are so bright. I love the beautiful flowers around and the emerald grass. I love the gorgeous animals roaming in their habitats. I love the ravishing trees around Sammamish. I love the elegant violets and buttercups around. I love the stunning ducks and the dazzling ducks swimming in the lakes. I love the pretty leaves so colorful. I love the awesome pinecones that look like tiny hotels for tiny people. I love the spectacular little insects crawling around. I love all the rocks in different shapes. I love all the fruits, vegetables and crops growing. YUMMY!!!!!!!!!!!! I am thankful for all the gardeners who take care of plants and crops.

## I love Sammamish!!!





lake bytanjali: ~~perfect~~  
samma mish

butterflies



pine tree

DUCKS

Fish

Bird in nest with her eggs

Pinecones

girl

bay

apple tree

gardener

gardenen

garden

Grass

Flowers





**Appendix F.3—Eastlake & Skyline High Schools**

## Meeting Notes

**Meeting:** Eastlake High School Class Visioning Discussion  
**Project No.:** 33398  
**Project Name:** Sammamish Community Visioning Project  
**Meeting Date:** December 3, 2021  
**Meeting Time:** 10:30-11:30  
**Location:** Eastlake High School

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### What are Places or Characteristics You Love about Sammamish?

- Sammamish Cafe
  - Atmosphere, warm, waitresses and waiters/hostesses and hosts are really nice
- Complex right outside of school
  - Lots of options for whatever you need during the school day
  - The way students are treated is great
- Met Market
  - New restaurants, easier and more access to more places
- Decorations on lights - snowflakes and wreaths
- Access to Outdoors
  - Soaring Eagle, lots of walks
  - Available even as we're growing
- Public Library - KCLS
  - Nice place to go when things are distracting or loud at home
  - Hang out and study, read
- The Landing and lake trail
  - Hanging out with friends, family
- YMCA
  - Friends meet up to play pickup games
- Food - sandwich places, Jersey Mikes, Subway
- Near Christa McAuliffe
  - Small patch of woodland with a path through
- The Landing, Pine Lake
  - Lots of good memories, warm and swimming
- Not too far to whatever you possibly need
  - Very versatile

### What's Missing from Sammamish?

- Theater!! - Movie theater
- More clothing stores
- Theaters, other entertainment, bowling alleys, other places

- Ace Hardware, now need to go to Issaquah
- No mall - need to go to Bellevue Square, would be nice to get
- More soft surface trails - maybe by YMCA, Met Market
- Need Chick Fil A
- Prefer nothing that will cause more traffic - lines can cause traffic for blocks
- Laser tag, go karting, Family Fun Center
- Lots of places to do outdoor stuff, but not enough indoor stuff to do
- Need sporting goods shop - closes is Dick's in Issaquah
- Parking gets harder and harder - need to park far away or park curbside (parallel parking)
- Need more parking on lake trail - only small bits where you can pull off
- More biodegradable products, littering is a huge problem around Sammamish (esp. in parking lots) - need more recyclable options, environmentally friendly
  - Trash is plastic cups, need to replace with biodegradable plastics
- More ways off of the Plateau - if there's an accident, you get stuck
- Replace restaurants with more small businesses - get rid of chains
- Big concern with loss of natural areas - these areas add to the aesthetic of Sammamish and add to the experience of being outdoors
- More ways out of schools!
- Roads - on border of Redmond/Sammamish, need to go up Sahalee and traffic can get stuck - make it a two-lane road
- Not much to do for people who can't drive - only fast food - need more places to hang out
- Greenery and wildlife - these make a big difference in the City
  - Keep it by going more toward apartment buildings, higher buildings, more stories instead of single-family houses
  - When driving up 244th on curvy hill, used to be trees on both sides. Now hard to find a big patch of trees due to new housing development
  - Consider clustering or condos
  - Trees help with summer heat - shading
- Transportation signage
- Vertical gardens could help with greenery
- Trails to connect various parks? Past planning effort?

## **Describe the Future of Sammamish**

- Less people
- More trees
- Cheaper houses
- Something for everyone
- More water spaces - more public docks
- Find a way to change and adapt but keep the tradition of Sammamish and the things that are special to us
- Diverse
- More activities
- Responsible growth, esp. related to housing
- Manage garbage - educating people on where it goes
- Stop building houses
- Less traffic

- Circulator bus would be helpful for youth
  - Public transportation is lacking - no safe places to walk
  - Safety concerns - how to make parents comfortable with this?
  - Needs to be marketed the right way - right now, public transportation is scary/unsafe - need to show how it's safe
- Designated bus for 18 and under?
  - -From Issaquah to Redmond to Sammamish; restricted to teens/youth, route between high schools?
  - Need to improve frequency
  - Bus reroutes and lack of sidewalks make it too hard to get places
- Bike infrastructure is lacking - sidewalks end, minimal shoulders, lack of crosswalks, construction zones

### **What Wouldn't Make You Want to Move Back Here?**

*NOTE: The project team asked how many students would stay in or move back to Sammamish later in life. For those who did not want to live in Sammamish in the future, the project team asked this clarification question.*

- Lack of diversity; lots of people with lots of money living in big houses, would prefer to live in a place with more diversity
- Sammamish can be really congested, live in a bubble
  - Missing culture and diversity
- Want to live in a big city
- Not a lot to do that's not super expensive

### **Sammamish Town Center**

*NOTE: Students were interested in the Town Center development, and the project team responded to their questions.*

- Combined residential and retail
- Movie theater?
- What are requirements for development?

### **How Can the City Connect with Teens?**

- School social media
- Tik Tok
- Reach out with updates for students
- Community board close to/near the library
- Sammamish Review - now is missing
  - Option to gear toward teens?
- Sammamish Youth Board

## Meeting Notes

**Meeting:** Skyline High School Class Visioning Discussion  
**Project No.:** 33398  
**Project Name:** Sammamish Community Visioning Project  
**Meeting Date:** November 18, 2021  
**Meeting Time:** 9:00-9:30  
**Location:** ZOOM

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### What are Places or Characteristics You Love about Sammamish?

- Walking & running on trails
  - Beautiful
  - Lakes/water access
- Love natural ecosystem & tribal history, lush forests
- Walking & running – freedom – safe, not scared
- Good shopping, horses, lakes, etc.; juxtaposition of city & nature
- YMCA – great opportunity to connect, nice amenities (pool)
- Sammamish Village – new, great
- Parts of city are very walkable
- Traditions
- Basketball court – place for pickup game, meeting new people
- Holiday lights
- Farmer's market – go with friends
- Infrastructure & buildings
  - Lots of new stuff
  - Keeping natural aspects – trees, trails
- Water tower, art-wrapped utility boxes
- People care about their community
- Clean, fresh, new feeling
- Schools centrally located
  - Plazas around, gives good places to hang out
- It's pretty everywhere
- Everyone is friendly, not much racism
- Variety of religious buildings
- Parks have trees & open areas – lots of flexibility in use
- Proud to live here – clean, well kept

### What's Missing from Sammamish?

- Bigger shopping center with more shops
- Municipal broadband/wifi instead of corporate



- Lots of new development – maybe build less, keep forestry/pastoral character
- Affordable housing
- Highlands has lots of potential, but too many restaurants
  - Need more boutiques (and froyo)
  - You can only eat once but you can shop for hours
- Houses are built super close – is this realistic for comfort?
- Some plazas:
  - Businesses shut down during COVID and remain vacant
  - Can the City get more local boutiques in?
- Affordability!
  - Houses are so expensive
  - Need smaller apartment-type complexes to improve affordability
- Boba tea place or Chik-fil-A
- Example of something cool: Snoqualmie – train maintains traditions, good example to show old town/history
- New houses on 228<sup>th</sup> – tree retention is nicely done
- New development needs more parks
- Streets – potholes need better maintenance
- Tax incentive for mom & pop/community-based small businesses
- Build houses for the people you want to attract
  - Students recognize they will not be able to buy
  - Affordable
  - Sustainable
  - More space for yards
- Raised roads – microbridges
- Solar panes or wind turbines
- Mall or something local – alternative to Bellevue Square
- Road conditions can be dangerous – need to be better prepared

## **Describe the Future of Sammamish**

- Food Truck Friday
- Green, culturally aware
- Inclusive & proactive
- Convenient
- Environmental sustainability
- Welcoming
- Diverse in who we represent, services we provide
- Green & clean
- Suburban
- Chik-fil-A
- More for teens – places to go
  - Movie theater is only option, but expensive!
- Sammamish is privileged to have lots of shops/restaurants, maybe collaborating w/ mom & pop businesses to celebrate local accomplishments
- Locally owned businesses – warmth & comfort from sense of community
- Events that bring communities together
- Move away from big buildings & chains

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## **Appendix F.4—Sammamish Youth Board**

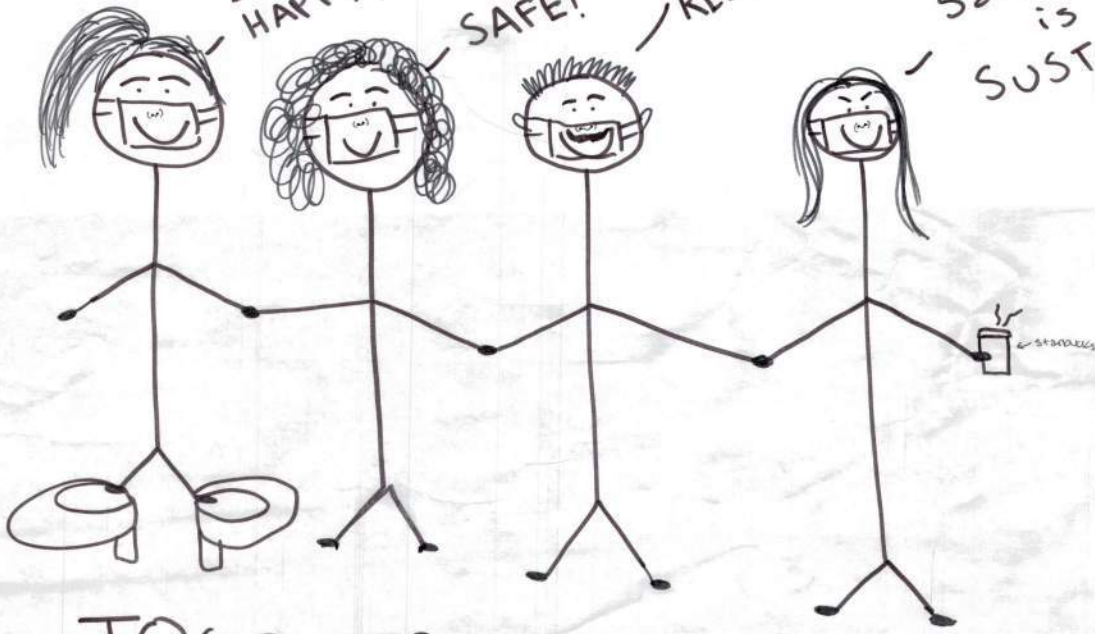
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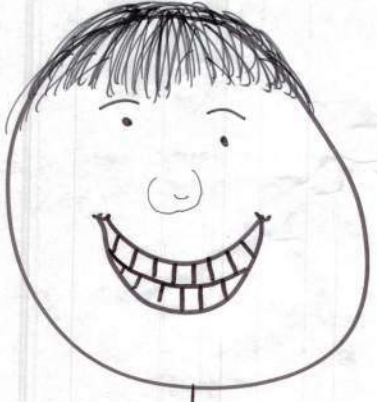
I'm SAFE!

I'm RESPONSIBLE!

Sammamish is SUSTAINABLE!

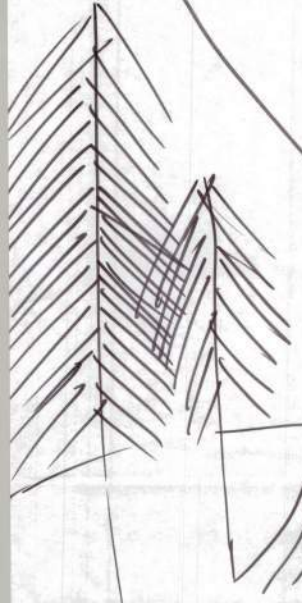
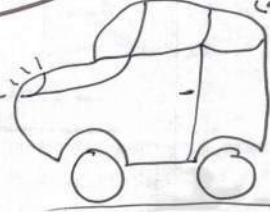


TOGETHER WE'RE UNITED!!!



City of Sammamish

Electric car (so sustainable)



1) Happy

2) United

3) Safe

4) Sustainable

5) Responsible





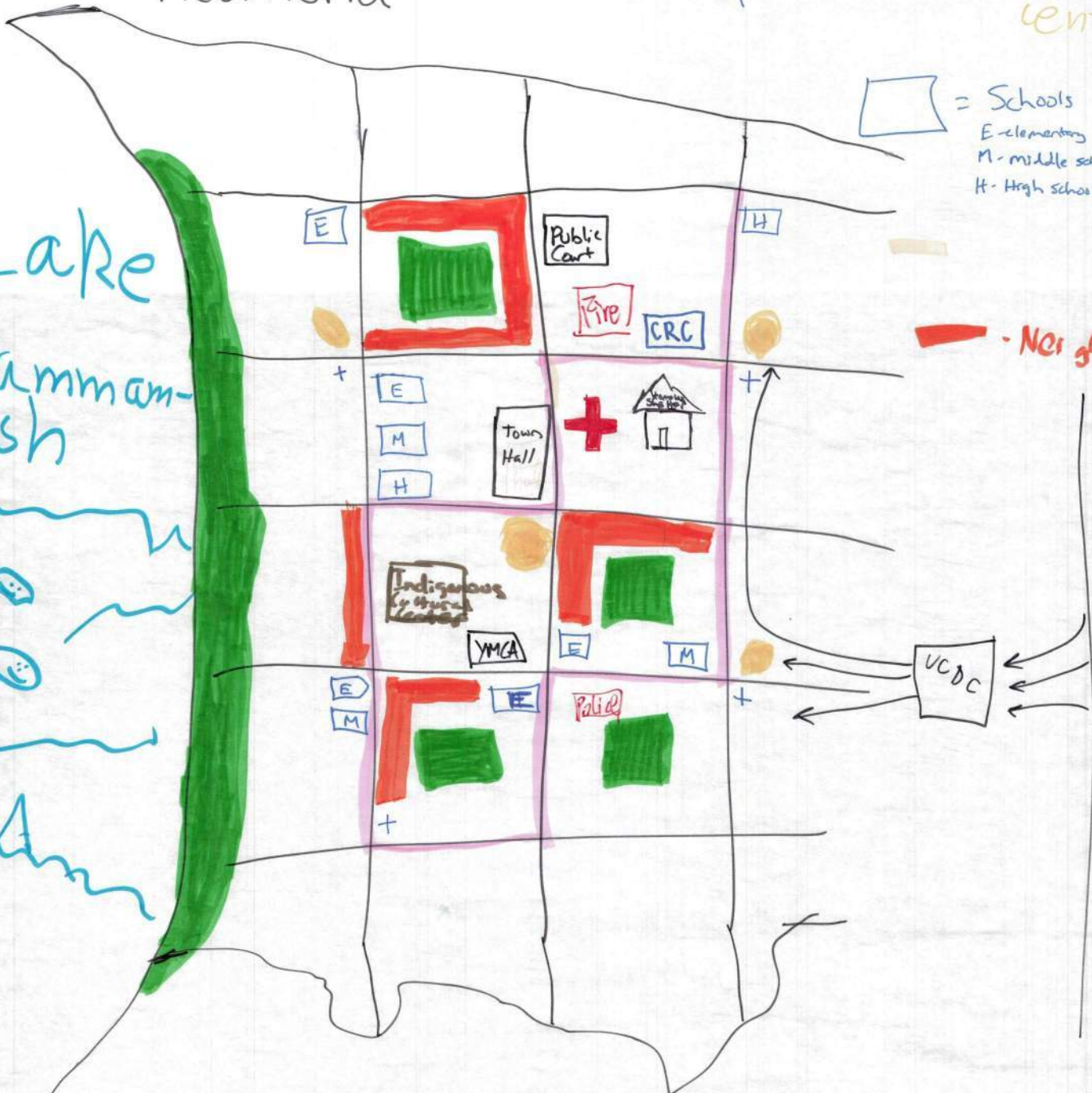
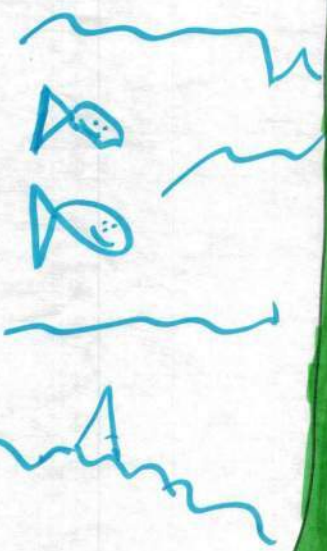
# Redmond

— Bus Routes  
+ - Bike Rental  
O = shopping center  
~~center~~  
center

□ = Schools  
E - elementary school  
M - middle school  
H - High school

— - New global school

Lake Sammamish



- Family



- Sustainable

- Cultural-awareness

- Communicative

- Collaborative

- 1.) Preserving the environment
- 2.) Inclusive
- 3.) Engaged in current events
- 4.) Connection between govt and community  
→ local input
- 5.) Safety and looking out for each other



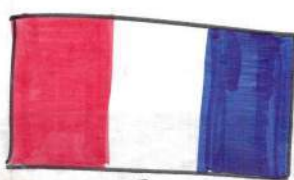
# Sammamish City Hall



Britain



Mexico



France



China



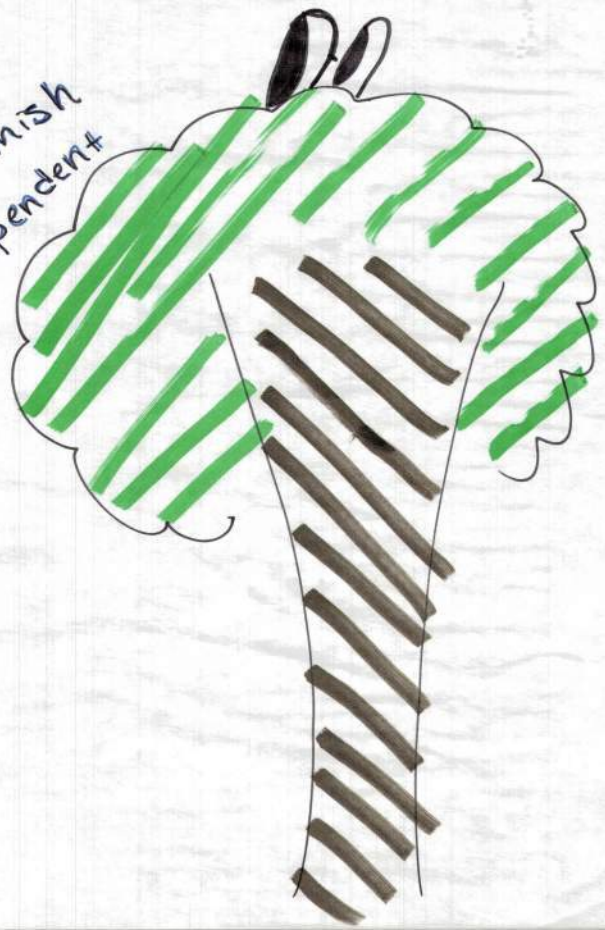
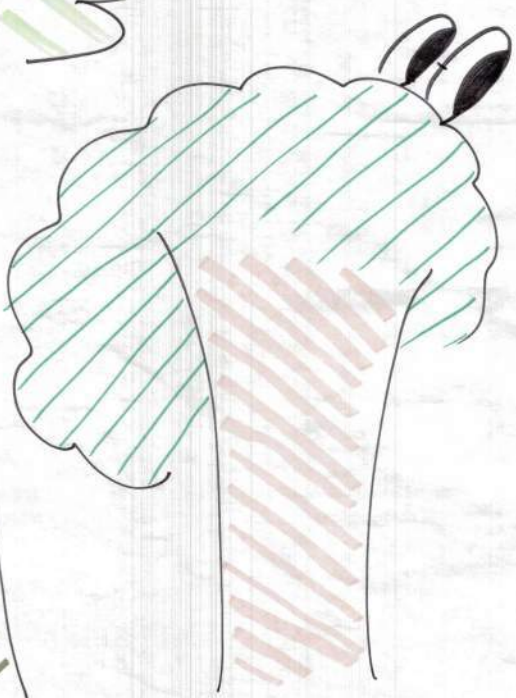
India



Ethiopia

SW

Sammamish  
Independent







family

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### Activity Instructions:

1. With your group, brainstorm 5 key words that describe an ideal community
2. With your group, tell us what a community meeting those ideals would look like. You can draw, diagram, write, or create any other kind of communication piece.



Inclusive/Equity  
Safe

public transportation  
Sustainable

Green spaces

Air Quality

Education

Diverse

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- ④ ~~Input from the~~ local input
- ⑤ Help each other
- ① Inclusive
- ② Engaged in current events
- ③ connected at various levels (family, community etc)

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- \* • preserving the environment and green area
- Welcoming and close-knitted
- \* • connection between govt + community
- \* • inclusive
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- Preserving environment
- Equal treatment
- safe & friendly
- Involvement
- being helpful

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Safety  
Union  
sustainable  
Responsible  
Accountability

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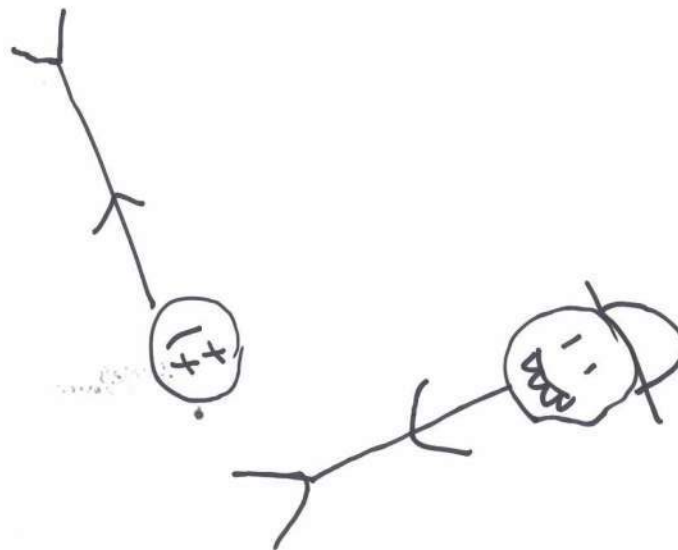
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Union  
Happy  
Responsibility  
Accountability  
Culture



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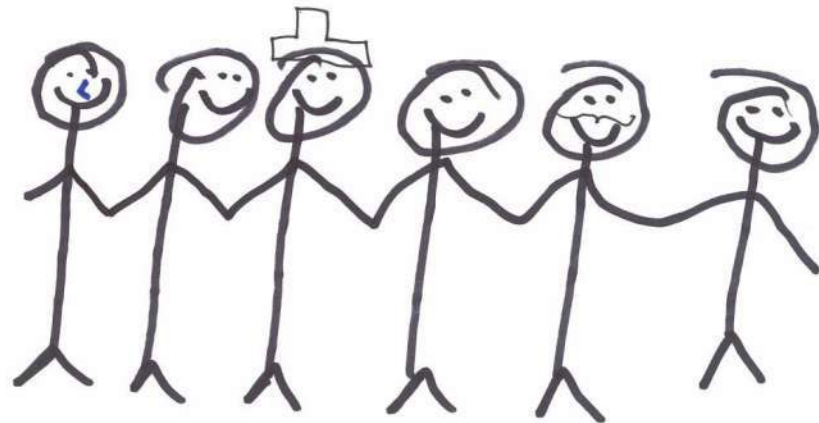
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1) Happy

2) Union/United

3) Responsibility

4)



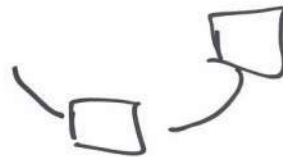
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- preserving nature
- Unity / collaborative
- Safe
- Clean
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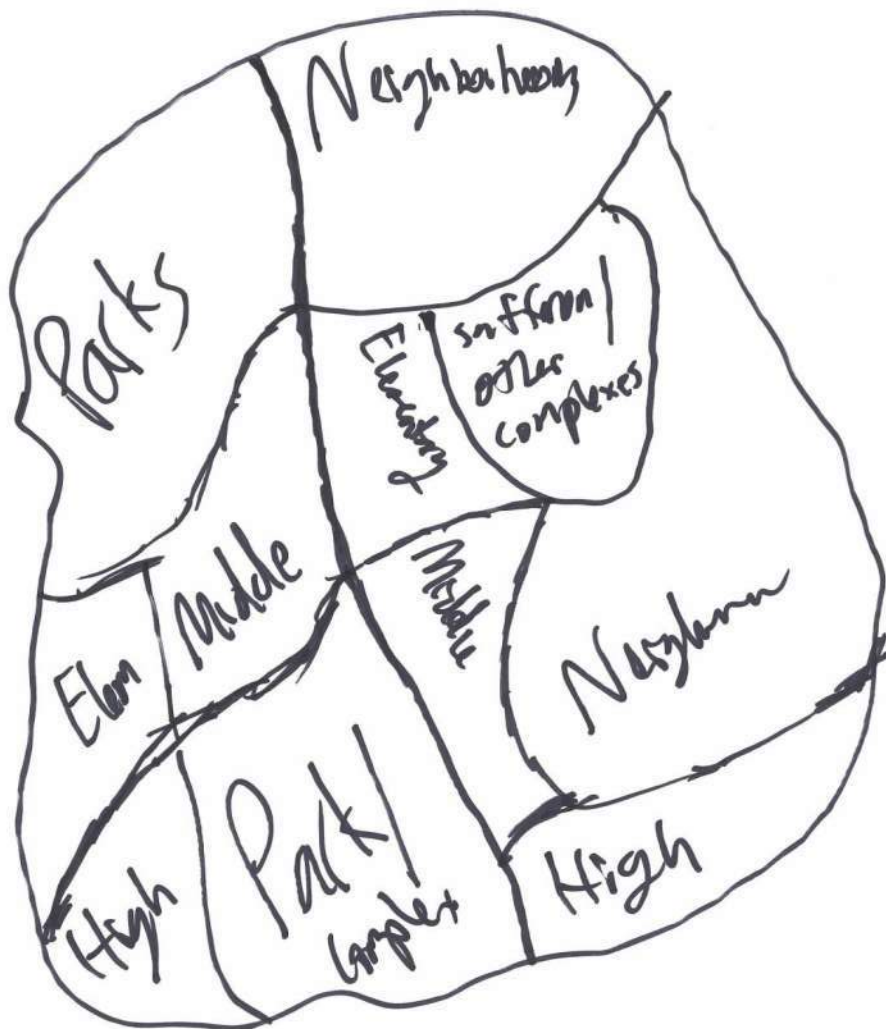
# ENVISION THE FUTURE OF SAMMAMISH

## “What is Community?”

- a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common
- a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals







### Activity Instructions:

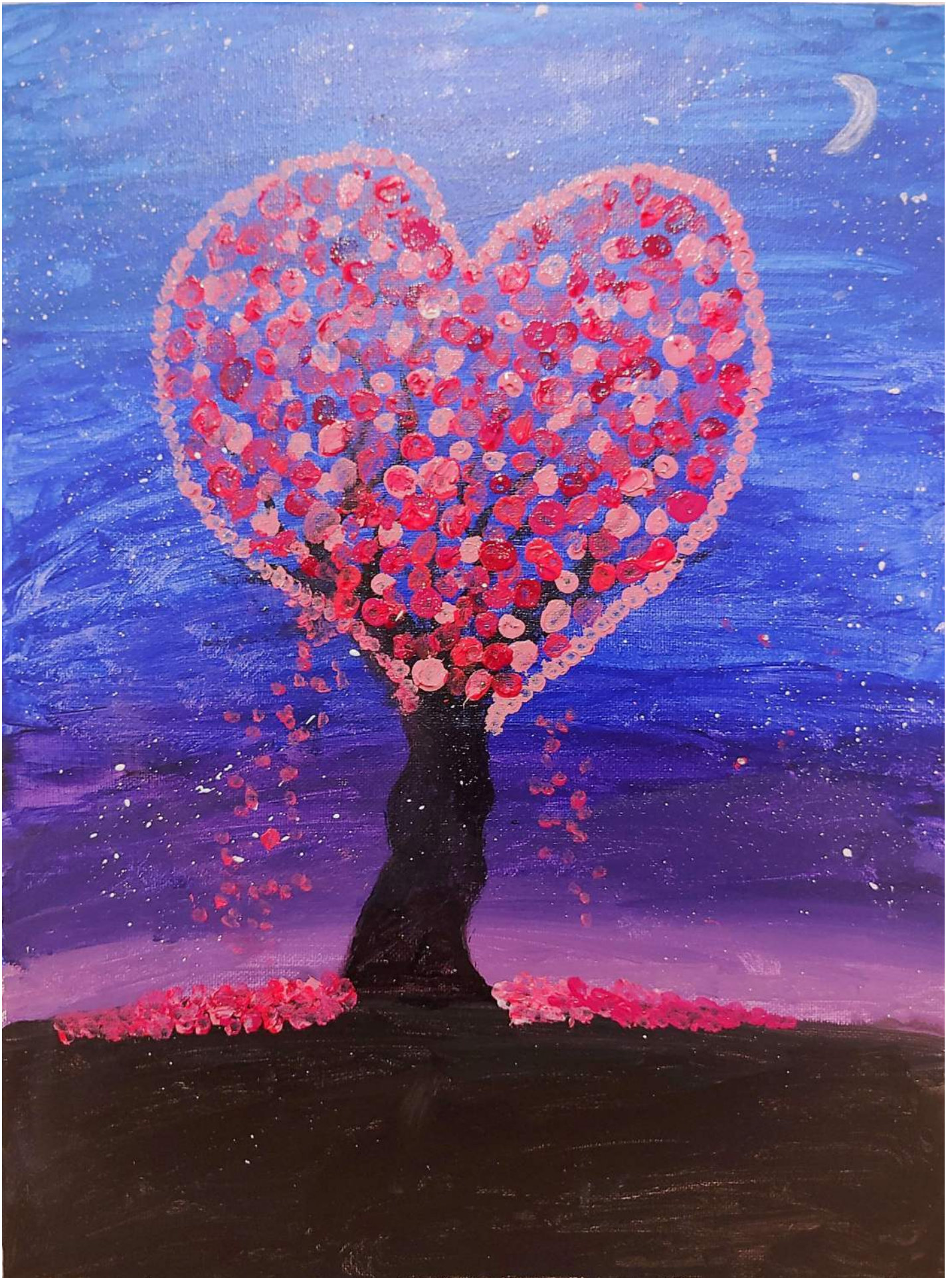
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## **Appendix F.5—Girl Scouts Troop 42897**

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What makes our community special is kindness. Just like tree grows, kindness also grows and touches people's heart. Even in the darkness, there is always light shining through the night. Our community is full of kind people. Whenever help is wanted, everyone reaches out to help. We have a great time and treat each other like a family. Welcome to our community!

By Emily Chen  
GS Troop 42897









# OUR IMPORTANT COMMUNITY

By: Gia Gadi

Girl Scout Troop # 42897





## Help our Trees!

- ▶ Just imagine you're in a park. Sitting on a bench, legs dangling, admiring the scenery. Suddenly, the wind picks up, you see it rustling through the branches of the trees. Exactly, TREES! Washington is not called the evergreen state for nothing! Trees are very important to our community and our state. We need them for our everyday lives! We use them for sooooo many items we use around the house, here are just a few:

- ❖ Desks
- ❖ Chairs
- ❖ Paper
- ❖ Tables



# Trees need help!

- ▶ You know when I moved here from Chicago the first thing I noticed was the trees! Trees provide oxygen and take away carbon dioxide from the air. Without them there would be a lot of carbon dioxide running around 😊. But the most important matter is that trees need help! Did you know if we keep on releasing smoke into the air, it will cause wildfires in the forests and taking animals away from their habitats. And people are chopping down trees every day! I know chopping down trees are important, but I feel like we are chopping down more than we should! So, for every tree chopped down we should plant a new one!



# All about Sammamish!



- ▶ Do you know that people in the city long to come here because of the trees. In the city, all you see are buildings (big tall building and NO trees!). We have so many awesome things here. Such as the library which is really one of my favorite places here. It has a lot of books and e-books and if you cannot find the book you are looking for, you can put a hold on it and get it when it's ready. The staff at the library is very kind and helpful. You can also sit by the fireplace and read while watching a view of trees and the City of Seattle!
- ▶ If you are interested in sports right behind the library is the Y.M.C.A. It has a playgroup for little kids and swimming and workout equipment so you can work out and take a dip in the pool. Staff here is very kind and helpful too!
- ▶ Up next are the schools. Here in Sammamish, we have so many great schools including mine, Discovery Elementary. The teachers are nice, welcoming and kind. My favorite place here is the awesome playground!
- ▶ Now I want to talk about the fun and exciting trails. Here are some of my favorites: The Beaver, Klahanie and Pine lake trail. It's filled with tall beautiful trees and the wonderful smell of nature.
- ▶ Finally, are the people! There are so many different people and cultures within our community. Everyone is so kind and helpful. All welcome you to learn about their culture and our wonderful Sammamish community. And we all think this community is the BEST! Why? Because it makes everybody feel welcome, including me!





## Our Community

- ▶ Sammamish offers a lot to its community. We have trails, parks, lakes, community events (Farmer's Market) and simply an amazing community. Moving here from Chicago only to be having to deal with Covid soon after really upset me. We as a family took it as an opportunity to see and explore this new place which was now our home. We started biking and findings new trails. Then came our 8-12-mile bike rides through the community, beaver lake, Klahanie and pine lake park. All of this reminded me of what this community is: Beautiful with Trees! .
- ▶ Sammamish made me feel at home and welcomed. Even though Covid has been hard, this community and its beauty allowed me to explore the parks, trails while spending lots of time with my family.

# Fun facts about Trees

I wanted to leave you with 5 fun facts about trees, hope you feel the same as me and work on saving them for our future, together here is our wonderful community, Sammamish!

1. If you chop a tree down on the stump the rings can tell you how many years it has been alive
2. Based on fossil evidence, trees have been on our planet for at least the last 370 million years!
3. Trees can talk using their roots to send signals to other trees!
4. Trees are also the source of food, like fruit and nuts. The sap from some trees is used to create syrups!
5. General Sherman, a giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) tree found in Sequoia National Park in California, USA, North America is the world's biggest tree, by volume, at 52,500 cubic feet!





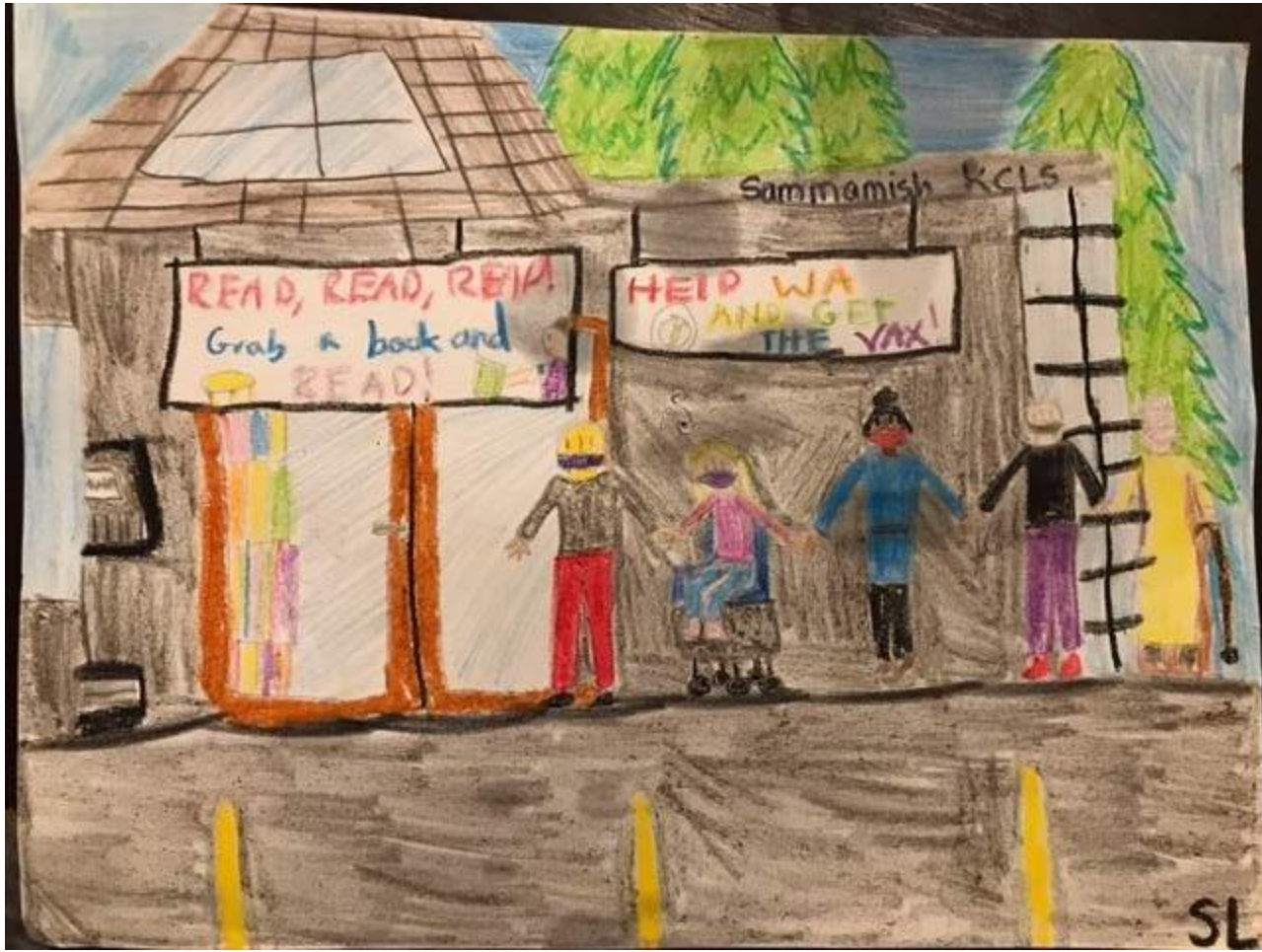


I like that the city offers such beautiful scenery and that I get to spend time with my friends and family in these surroundings.

By: Jillian Hughes

Troop # 42897





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# Sammamish

By: Samayra Lal

Sammamish is an amazing community.

It has different people of all ages, religions and cultures. Sammamish has one of a kind parks and schools. One of my favorite schools is my school, Discovery. Discovery is a very nice school. The teachers there are awesome and very smart. The classrooms and hallways are always adorned and decorated with the art of students and previous students. It also has a wonderful playground with lots of safe and fun equipment just made for kids.

Oh! We can't forget my favorite place in the whole community. (Except my home, of course!) ... The library! Our Sammamish library is the best library ever! Did you know that our library has over 100,000 books? And guess what! For all your audiobook and CD lovers, there are even more audiobooks and CDs! Also there are a lot of sports books for sports lovers.



Speaking of sports, right down the road from the library is our wonderful YMCA where people from all over Sammamish come together to get some exercise and most importantly, have fun! At the YMCA there are basketball courts and swimming pools to play places for younger kids. But wait. This place isn't just for young adults and children. This is for people of all ages including older people. Don't think you're too old to have a little fun!



Let's move on to something a little bit more peaceful and calm. Have you ever imagined a trail, with lush green trees and deep brown soil... just hearing the birds chirping and the sound of the ground crunching under your hiking boots on a peaceful and relaxing afternoon. Well, guess what? We all have that in Sammamish. From hidden trails to open flowery meadows to dark peaceful forests full of little animals such as squirrels and chipmunks. Some amazing trails are the Beaver Lake trail/park, the Klahanie trail and more. The Beaver Lake trail/park has a playground to occupy your kids as you take a walk around and admire the place. Another amazing place is the Klahanie trail which threads through Sammamish and then returns in a loop. From that trail there is viewpoint where you can see the mountains and its wonderful beauty.

Last, but not least the people in our community. There are so many people from different cultures, religions, and ages. Our community respects everyone and makes everyone feel safe. Do you also know that 90% of the people in Sammamish are vaccinated with the covid vaccine and kids are also getting the kids vaccine.

We have the most diverse community. We have people with various abilities. We are all different in different ways. But we respect that and that is what makes Sammamish such an awesome place.



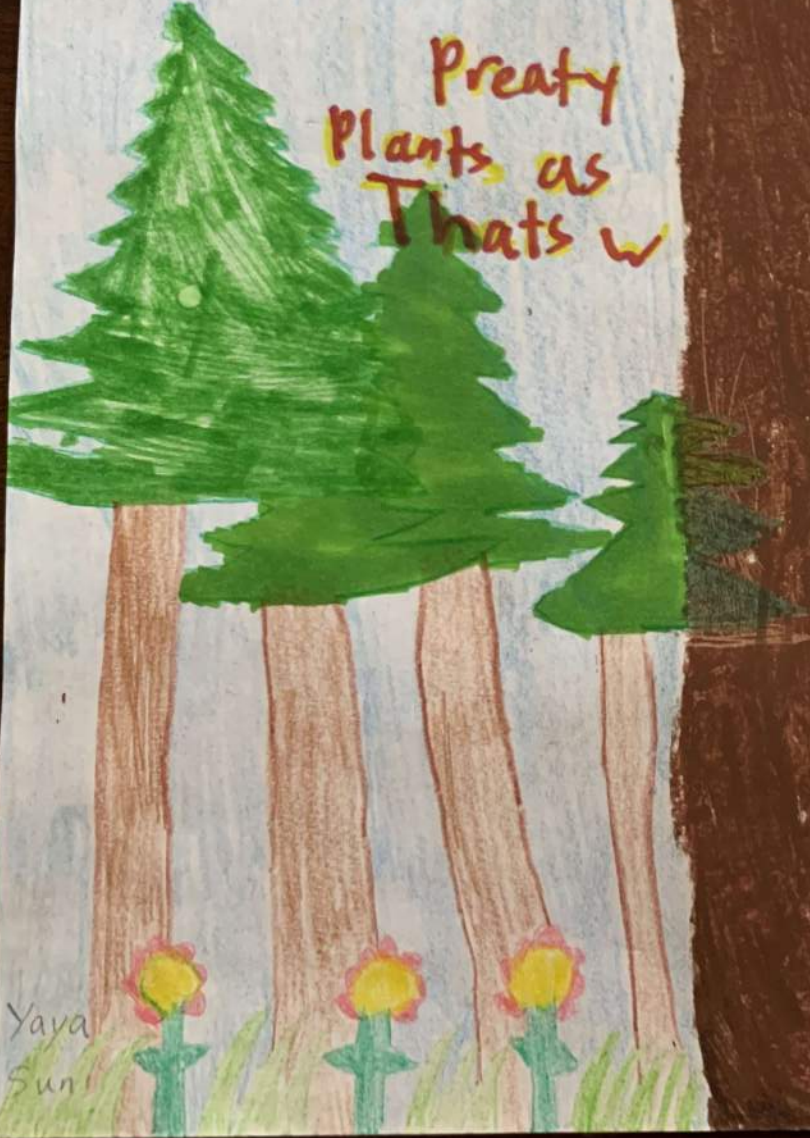
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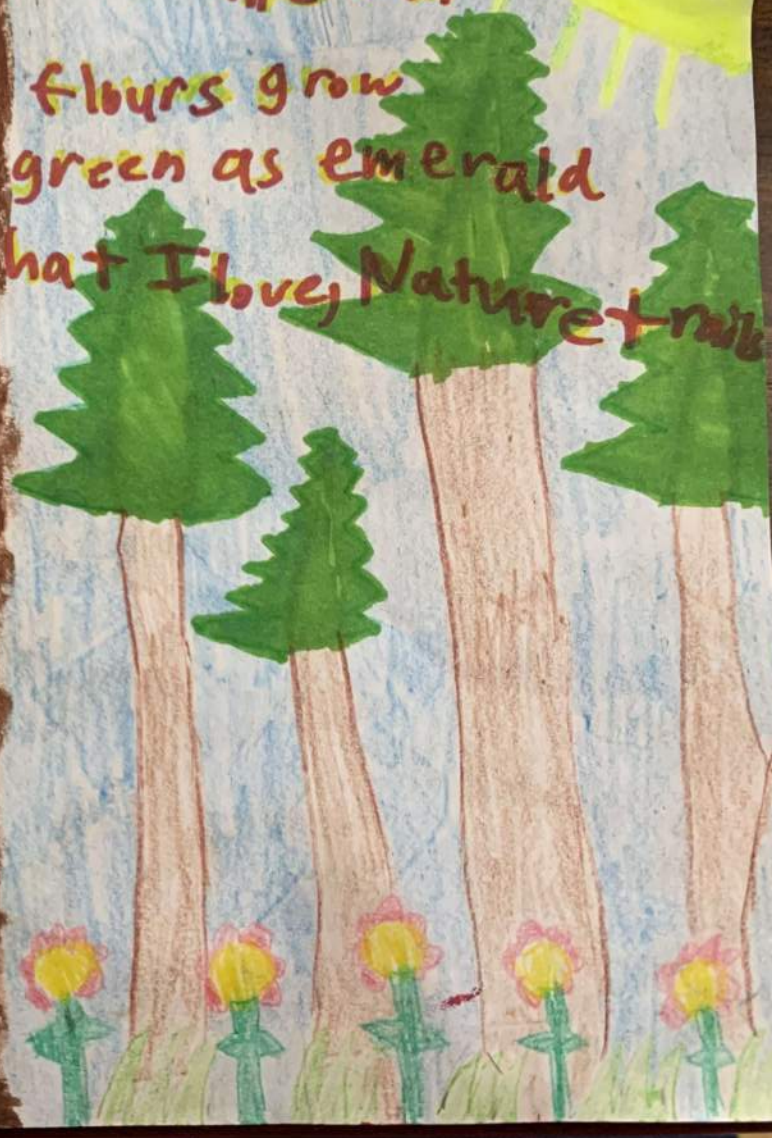
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## **Appendix F.6—Beaver Lake Middle School Kiwanis Builder's Club**

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What are some things that you really love about living here?

One thing I really like about living in Sammamish is the wonderful nature and air. In most cities, there is little to no nature and a foul smell either from smoking or cars driving around. In Sammamish, there is lots of wildlife and great air.

Is there something that you don't have today that you'd like to have in the future?

I think that there is a lack of sidewalks in my area. For example, if I miss the bus one day, I have to walk or bike to school. On some of the roads, there is no sidewalk or trail, making it hard to travel.

**What are some things you really love about living here?**

I love living here mostly because almost ALL my friends live here, and I love all the teachers at all the schools. I also like how everything's nearby, like the library, and stores, and other cool things that I go to all the time.

**Is there something you don't have today that you'd like to have in the future?**

Um, I feel like Sammamish already has everything. And I don't have anything in mind that I'd like to see in the future. But maybe, you could add more parks, with cool equipment that not a lot of parks have. Like bars so you can do cool tricks, and extra twisty slides, or something like an obstacle course. And something you could play on.

**What is something you love about your neighborhood or your community now that would make you want to live here forever (or when you grow up)?**

That would be almost EVERYTHING about Sammamish! I like how the stores are so close by, and how there are libraries nearby too. And how we have community pools, and there are many, many schools. I like how we have temples, and parks. And most of all, I love the scenery! With all the mountains in view, and how there are animals everywhere. I love all the trees in Sammamish, and how the trees look when the sun seeps in through its branches.

**What do you love about your community that you think is a good example for other communities?**

I love how you can find everything in Sammamish! Like zoos, restaurants, grocery stores, libraries, parks, movie theaters, trails, hills, temples, churches, houses in all shapes and sizes, good schools, etc.



1. I really like the Parks and Schools
2. I think having a gymnastics gym close by
3. I love that my neighborhood is a big circle so you cannot get lost and it is a Sammamish, a perfect place to get a dog
4. Sammamish has more dog parks and other communities do not have lots of dog parks.

# City of Sammamish Input

1. What are some things that you really love about living here?

Some things I really love about Sammamish is the community. The community in Sammamish is great because you know you will always have at least 1 friendly neighbor or some fun activity.

2. Is there something you don't have today that you would like in the future?

Something I would like in the future is bigger parks. Personally that has not been a problem in my neighborhood but I have seen neighborhood's in Sammamish that have so tiny parks like 1 swing and 1 or 2 slides.

3. What is something you love about your neighborhood or your community now that would make you want to live here forever (or when you grow up)?

Something I love about my neighborhood is the activities. This is because I can meet up with friends and have fun with family, which is something I love to do.

4. What do you love about your community that you think is a good example for other communities?

I think a good example that our community does is most of the kids meet up in the park to play with each other. Which is a really fun and a great off-screen activity.

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1. Some things I really love about living in Sammamish is how to the city is very clean. There isn't a lot of litter on the roads, the city isn't polluted, and the city also has many different stores for everything.
2. I would like more outdoor basket hoops around. I would also like more batting cages for softball and baseball in the area.
3. The air quality in the city is safe to live in. The city also has a lot of good schools, parks, and gyms. It is very safe to live in Sammamish too.
4. My community is clean, free of crime, and has many resources. That is a good example for other communities.

Q: What are some things you really love about living here?

A: I really love that there is everything in this city, from restaurants and grocery stores to art galleries and pet grooming! I also love that everyone looks out for each other and is kind to one another.

Q: Is there something you don't have today that you'd like to have in the future?

I think there should be something to get people more involved with the community like a club, a community garden, or a community gym or track.

Q: What is something you love about your neighborhood or your community now that would make you want to live here forever (or when you grow up)?

A: Like I said in the first question, I like that it's such a tight-knit neighborhood. Everyone helps each other! I also like that it's such a safe community! There's rarely any crimes.

Q: What do you love about your community that you think is a good example for other communities?

A: The community is very diverse, and people from different occupations live here. Is also very inclusive. Other communities should learn from ours, as they are not as diverse and inclusive.



What are some things you really love about living here?

I like all the hiking places and the nice lakes.

Is there something you don't have today that you would like to have in the future?

I want more playgrounds.

What is something you love about your neighborhood or your community now that would make you want to live here forever (or where you grow up)?

I like all the little neighborhoods in one big neighborhood.

What do you love about your community that you think is a good example for other communities?

I think in other communities there should be more open space and more areas for kids to hang out/ play.

**1: What are some things you really love about living here?**

Some things that I love about living in the city of Sammamish are the parks and the nature all around it. It is very peaceful in the City with a safe neighborhood and brings a lot of diversity. I love the awesome schools and best teachers. Each season brings a new type of excitement and spirit. Not to forget the fantastic restaurants and delicious food

**2: Is there something you don't have today that you would like to have in the future?**

I suggest more events with kids involved like competitions hence academic-related, dance competitions, sports, clubs, etc. We could consider hosting more cultural events. We could also think about more nature services related to saving trees and/or oceans.

**3: What is something you love about your neighborhood or your community now that would make you want to live here forever (or when you grow up)?**

I would never want to leave the neighborhood because of all of the positive and uplifting kids, and the parks. This place is non-isolating which I really love.

**4: What do you love about the community that you think is a good example for other communities?**

Other communities should consider adding more basketball courts, houses surrounding parks giving them a safe and "able to play" area. They could also add more trees around their neighborhood.

1. I like that the community is small but big. It is a big city but feels small in the neighborhoods. I also like that there are some events.

Sammamish is a great city so there isn't much that I would change but there is not many parks. I like that everybody in my neighborhood is very kind and sharing. I like that everybody in our community always decorates and make public places look good.

2. Is there something you don't have today that you'd like to have in the future? A place full of water fountains for photos or hiking? I just love the way everything is put together. I love the places and stores.

3. Friends nice recreation and community. Yes, better school food. The people are nice and the community is clean. There is no trash on the roads and everyone is really friends

4. There is a lot of parks and areas to spend outdoors. Plus, everything is quite clean. I think it would be helpful for more sidewalks or even animal crossing signs, to prevent accidents or incidents. The quality of air and the amount of parks that allow me to spend lots of time outdoors with friends and family. I like that our community is very safe to walk around, which is something not all communities necessarily have.

5. The people and community. Ice cream cart in every park. The coldisac. Park libraires.

6. I love how there's lots of convenience. I also love how diverse and friendly the community is. Maybe new features to existing parks. I love how green and fresh everything is. Friendly and welcoming people.

7. It rains. Its not a desert. It has convenient places to go.

8. I love the very nice environment . I don't see anything that could be added. Big houses and a lot of friends. Education easily accessible and should have a big community.

9. I love the divers community and the sense of belonging. No, it is good the way it is! Close access to the mountians. My answer to question 1.

10. I like my house. A private set. I like all of my friends. I think that having private pools is good.





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## **Appendix G—Public Comment Summary**

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## Appendix G—Summary of Public Comments

The project team received comments through phone calls, the ConnectSammamish project website, and from individuals following the project. Comments are summarized here.

Contact	Comment
Sammamish Botanical Garden Society <i>Submitted via In-Person Discussion</i>	Sammamish Botanical Garden Society (SBGS) attended an in-person event held at the library (see Surveys section below) to discuss organization vision and priorities. The SBGS advocates for an actual botanical garden that expands on the purpose of the Heritage Garden to provide education and conservation opportunities and support joint efforts with other botanical organizations for plant salvage and propagation for restoration projects.
Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Phone Call</i>	Sammamish lacks housing options for downsizing.
Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Phone Call</i>	The City needs to improve resilience during extreme weather events. Undergrounding electric service would prevent many power outages that adversely impact residents. Providing affordable high-speed internet access would help residents connect with needed services and support networks.
Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Project Website</i>	Public safety is paramount. After that, nice parks and a business friendly environment. More sidewalks for walkability.
Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Project Website</i>	The most important thing is a mix of individuals and families of all income and ethnic groups. Sammamish is no longer affordable to families and more affordable housing should be provided.  Sammamish should be a welcoming community to African Americans, who sometimes face discrimination and safety concerns here.
Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Project Website</i>	Instead of a "bedroom community" commuting to work elsewhere, Sammamish should invite and inspire work-from-home or locally. Housing is missing for many people who wish to live or remain in Sammamish or remain here (seniors, empty-nesters, divorced, public and service workers, young couples or individuals). A variety of housing types is needed, meaning smaller homes, ADUs, duplexes, townhouses, apartments, multi-family, etc. Transit is missing.
Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Project Website</i>	Sammamish should provide state-of-the-art schools, improve sidewalks and stormwater management, and protect recreation opportunities. There is too much residential development. Sammamish needs to be more sustainable.
Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Project Website</i>	Every city communication does not have to include the words, "justice," "equity," and "inclusion." These seem to be virtue signaling and pandering. People don't move to Sammamish because it's "woke." They move here because of the low crime rate and the nice parks.
Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Project Website</i>	Sammamish needs activities and a Senior Center for seniors (see Redmond Senior Center), teens, and small businesses to socialize. Sammamish also needs a dedicated performing arts center and events at parks that more people can participate in.

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Interested Resident <i>Submitted via Project Website</i>	Sammamish should strive to maintain its safe, small town charm, with good schools and livability. These are the reasons people have moved here in the first place.
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