

# Proposed Lake Ketchum Restoration Service Charge FAQ's

## 1 IS MY PROPERTY INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHARGE AREA?

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Yes, if you are receiving this letter, one or more parcels you own is in the proposed service charge area. A map of the proposed service area parcels can be viewed online at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/Ketchum>.

## 2 HOW WILL THE SERVICE CHARGE BE USED?

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The charge shall be used solely for the purpose of managing and controlling blue-green and toxic algae blooms and phosphorus pollution in Lake Ketchum. The activities to be funded are laid out in the Lake Ketchum Algae Control Plan that was approved by the Lake Ketchum Shores Improvement Club and the State Department of Ecology. While the plan includes several elements, the funding will largely be for the annual alum treatments to neutralize phosphorus pollution that flows into the lake each year as well as the monitoring of the lake to plan for these treatments. For more details on these activities and the associated costs, please see the project website <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/Ketchum>.

## 3 HOW LONG WILL THE PROPOSED CHARGE LAST?

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If approved, the charge would be in place for five years. When it expires, community members can request the Snohomish County Council renew the charge at the same or different rate. Renewal would require public input and approval by County Council.

## 4 HOW WILL THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHARGE BE COLLECTED?

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The proposed charge is a Surface Water Management Utility Service Charge that would be collected via your property tax bill. If approved, the charge would be established in [Snohomish County Code Section 25.20](#). Similar charges have been established for aquatic plant control or lake restoration for several area lakes including Lakes Goodwin, Roesiger, Shoecraft, and Serene.

## 5 WHAT IF I OWN MULTIPLE PARCELS?

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If you own multiple parcels that are in the proposed area, you would be charged for each parcel. If you are interested in merging your parcels to avoid paying multiple assessments, you can contact the Snohomish County Assessor's office for more information.

## 6 DO SENIOR CITIZEN OR DISABLED PERSON EXEMPTIONS APPLY?

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County approved senior citizen or disabled person exemptions already in place for Snohomish County property taxes would also apply to the proposed surcharge.