The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to:

- Show the Preferred West Alignment trail (the East Alignment has been evaluated and rejected),
- Show 3 options for the north section of the trail and ask for your comments (you can fill out a comment form tonight or take one to mail in), and
- Give you an opportunity to speak with project team members.
Part of a larger trail system

Snohomish County’s North Creek Trail will be part of a regional trail system that will ultimately connect the Sammamish River/Burke-Gilman Trail in King County with the Interurban Trail in Everett. The Snohomish County portion between SR 524 and 183rd St SE will connect to:

- The North Creek Trail in the City of Bothell,
- Neighborhoods, and
- Centennial Park and North Creek Park.

Source of funding

- Phase I (the project through purchase of the right-of-way) is being funded by King County and managed by Snohomish County as part of an agreement to mitigate the impacts of the Brightwater Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Snohomish County is seeking funding for construction of the trail, which will likely take place in phases.
What’s next?

- November 16, 2011 Open House
- Selection of a preferred alternative for the north section (early 2012)
- Design of the trail (183rd St SE to SR524)
- Preparation of the plan to identify needed right-of-way
- SEPA environmental review (State Environmental Policy Act)
- Right-of-way plan presented to Snohomish County Council (2012)
- Property owners will be contacted by right-of-way agents (2012)
- Properties will be appraised
- Right-of-way acquisition (2012-2014)
Environmental Schedule

- Open House
- Environmental Checklist prepared
- Environmental determination
- Notice published in the Herald, mailed to residents within 500 feet of the alignment, and posted on project web page
- 21-day comment and appeal period
- Appeals processed if submitted
- Comments reviewed and incorporated into the design
Environmental Review

Items considered in the Environmental Checklist:

- Traffic/transportation
- Wetlands and streams
- Plants and animals
- Noise
- Air quality
- Land use
- Recreation
- Geology and soils
Why the West Alignment was chosen

- It will be separated from the road with fewer driveways.
- It can meet applicable standards for two-way, multi-use trails.
- It offers the greatest opportunity to enjoy the natural environment.
- It is most consistent with regional trails to which it will connect.
- It will cross SR 524 at a signalized intersection.
- It has a higher public acceptance.
- It could connect to future pedestrian and bicycle routes to the west (example: sidewalks and bicycle lanes are planned for North Road to the west).
What will the trail look like?

It will typically be a 10- to 12-foot-wide paved surface with gravel shoulders.

Where bridges are proposed, the trail will typically be 12 feet from handrail to handrail.

The trail is intended to accommodate a wide range of user groups of different ages and skill levels.

Examples of other trails are shown below.
What will the trail look like?

- Where the trail traverses wetlands, streams, and the floodplain, it will typically be elevated on a boardwalk, assembled on pin piles. The trail width from handrail to handrail will typically be 12 feet.

- The boardwalk is elevated to preserve hydrologic connections and allow wildlife passage. It also minimizes amount of fill required.

- The boardwalk would be assembled in a linear manner reducing the amount of clearing needed for construction.

Three phases of a trail that was built over a wetland
What are the differences between the three options for the North section?

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*Native Growth Protection Area