



PARKS, OPEN SPACE, TRAILS AND
COMMUNITY FACILITIES

MASTER PLAN 2014



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INVENTORY

FACILITY INVENTORY

South Salt Lake has a variety of community facilities, including:

- parks,
- open spaces,
- trails, and
- community centers.

These offer a wide variety of recreation, leisure and enrichment activities that support community health, education and enrichment (Table 1). They are embraced by the entire community and many different users, from recreation to education.



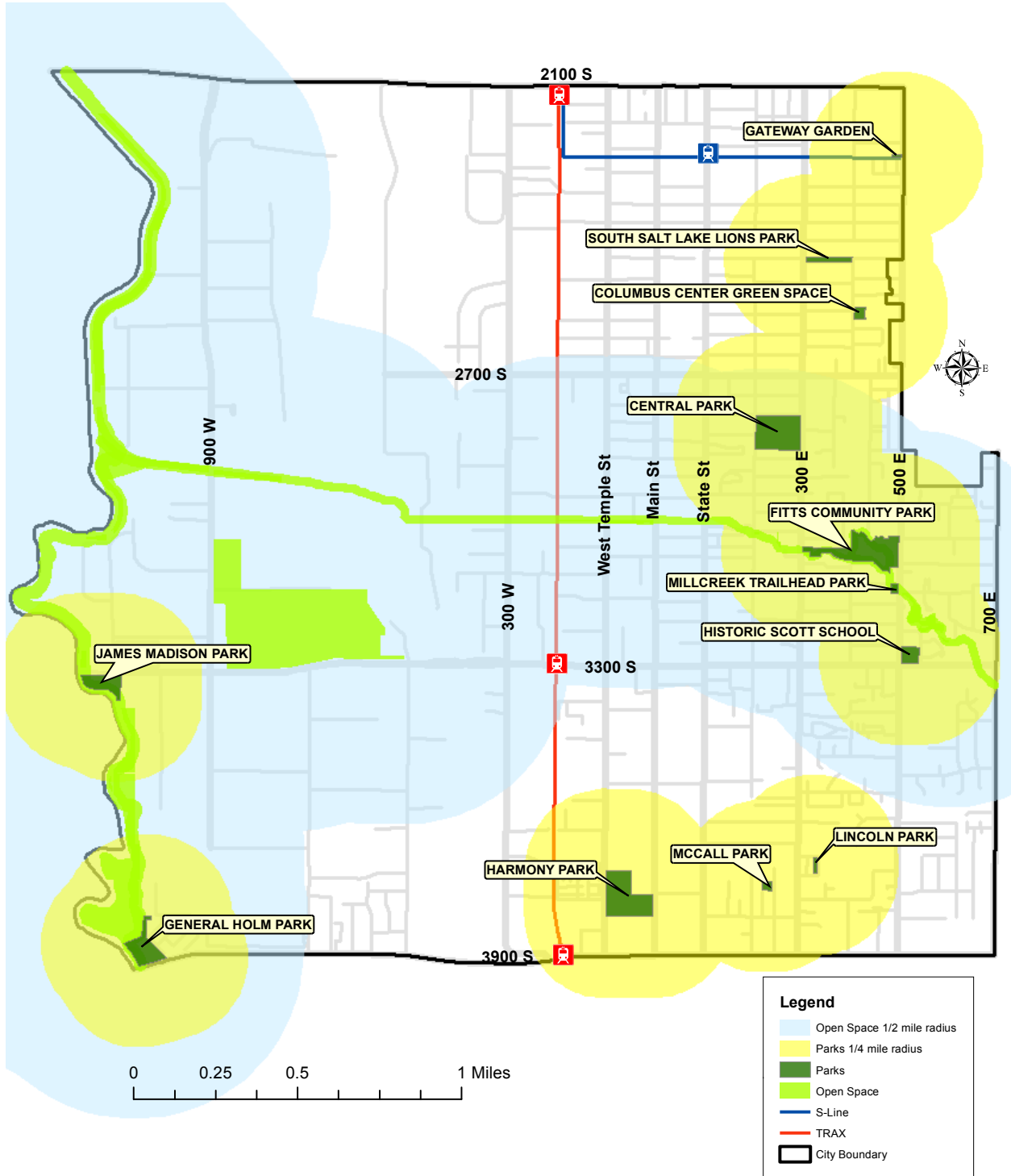
4.7% of the City of South Salt Lake’s land area is “green space”, including parks, schools, golf courses, Jordan River Parkway, and other open spaces* (Table 1). This represents a total of 236 acres, of which 37.8 acres are parks (Table 2); 43.1 acres are recreation sites managed by non-city entities (Table 3) and 156.5 acres are open spaces (Table 4). Recreation is also supported by trails and bike lanes (Table 5) and by Community Centers (Table 6). These include a wide variety of recreation amenities and opportunities, such as sports fields or playgrounds (listed in Table 7). These are shown and summarized in the maps and tables on the following pages.

Table 1: Community Facilities.

| | Total | supply per 1,000 residents | access |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Parks | 37.8 acres | 1.6 acres | 75% of residents within ¼ mile of a park |
| Other recreation sites | 43.1 acres | 3.0 acres | 75% of residents within ¼ mile of a place to play |
| Open Space | 156.5 acres | 6.3 acres | 52% of residents within ¼ mile of open space |
| Trails | 8.3 miles | 0.34 miles | 65% of residents within ¼ mile of a trail |
| Bike Lanes | 86 miles | 0.24 miles | 98% of residents within ½ mile of a bike lane |
| Community Center | 9 centers | one center per 2,750 residents | 95% of residents within ½ mile of a community center |

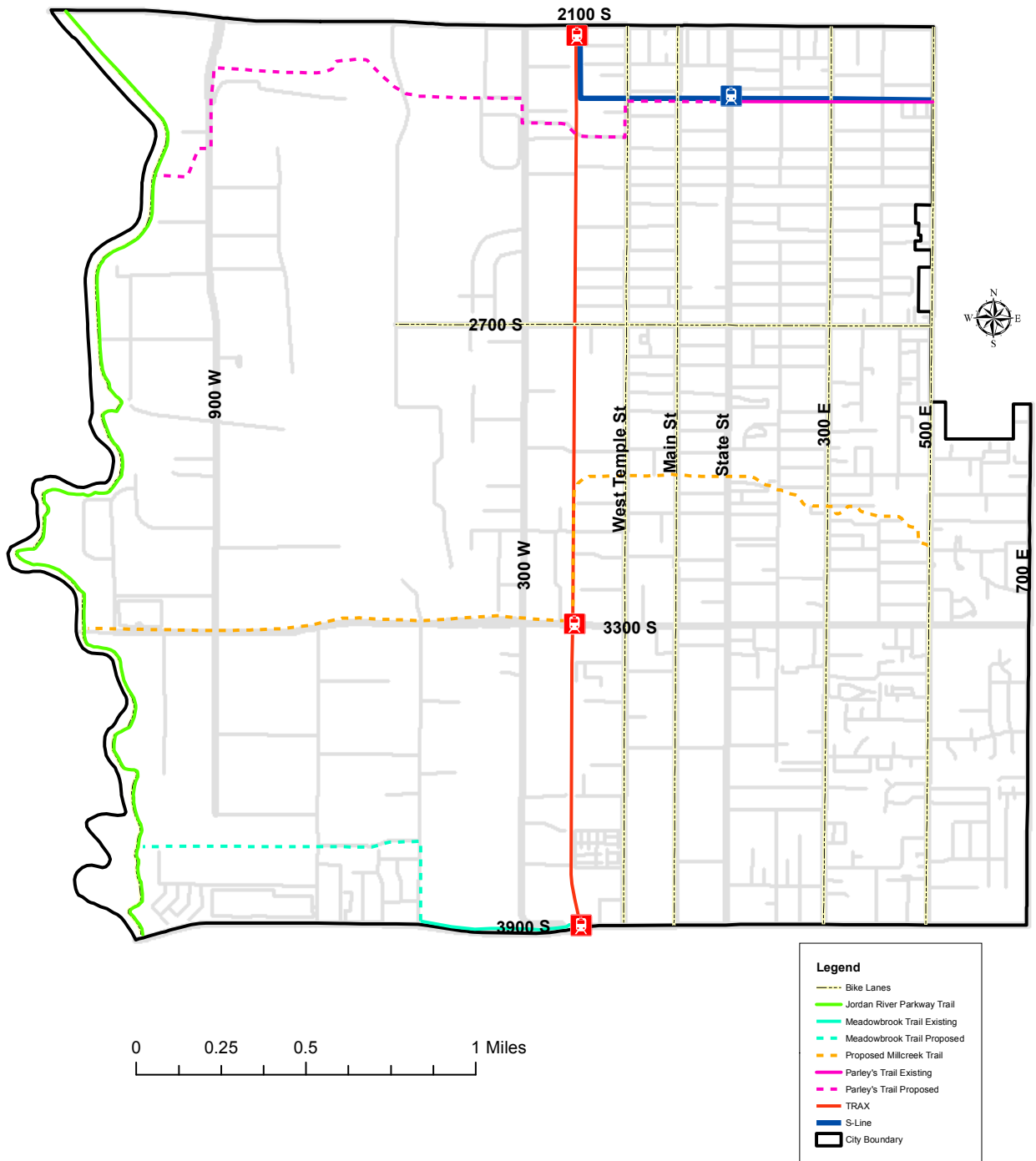
Notes: Based on 2013 census population of 24,702.

MAP 2: ACCESS TO PARKS & OPEN SPACES

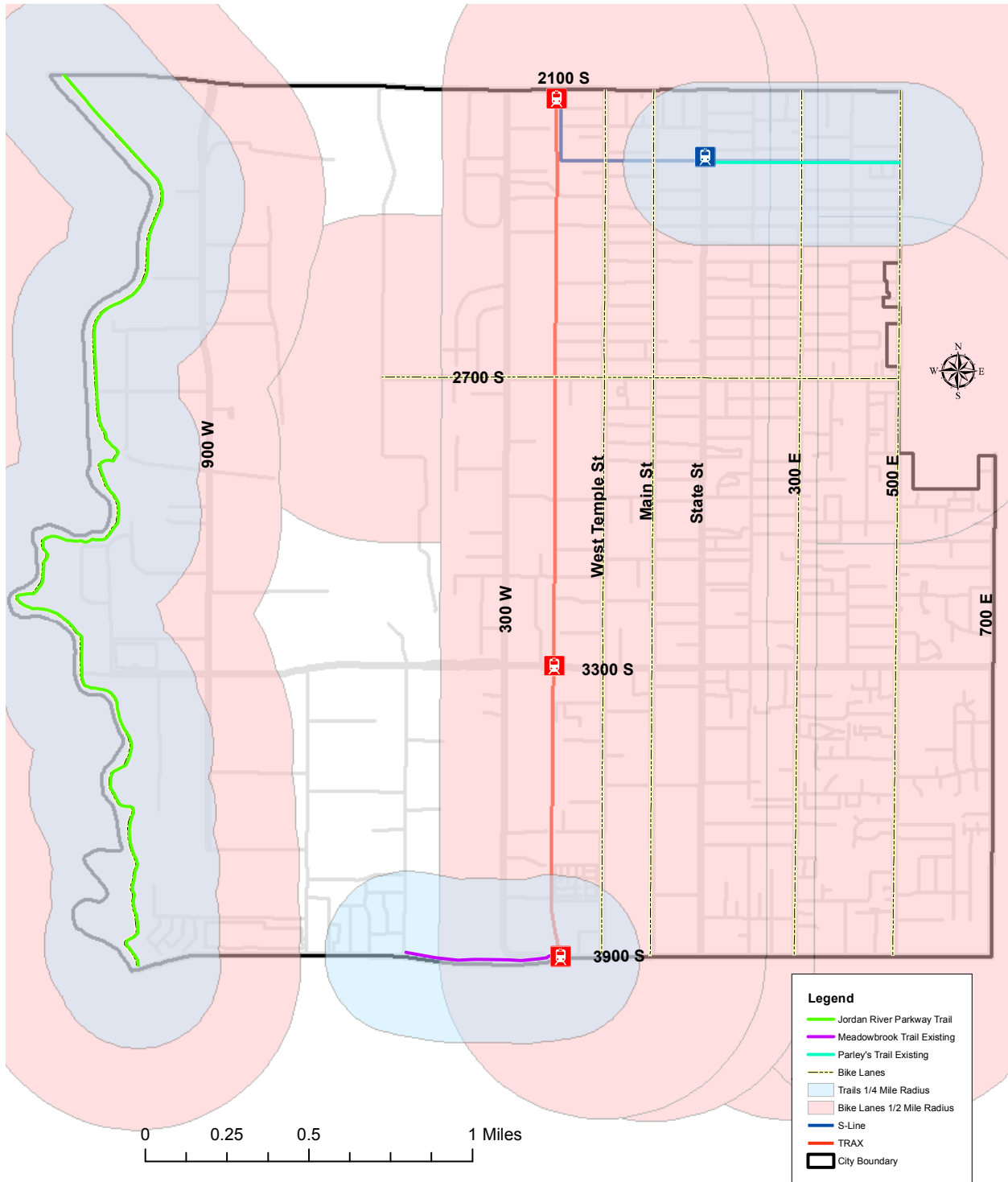


Accessibility: Areas highlighted in yellow are within a short walk (1/4 mile) of a park.
 Areas highlighted in blue are within a moderate walk (1/2 mile) of a natural open space.

MAP 3: TRAILS AND BIKE LANES



MAP 4: ACCESS TO TRAILS AND BIKE LANES



GOALS

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS GOALS

The City of South Salt Lake recognizes the need to improve its parks and community facilities level of service. Because the City has traditionally done a lot with limited resources, it is setting its sights on a relatively modest standard for parks and recreation. But, it still amounts to doubling the City’s current offerings. The City’s goals are two-fold:

1. Increase the overall amount of parks and recreation in the City and,
2. Increase the amount of City-owned parks and recreation.

A comparison of the public recreation amenities currently found in the City of South Salt Lake to the recommended recreation standards (Table 8) shows the city’s strengths and weaknesses. The recommended standards were set by reviewing nationally-recognized NRPA standards, reviewing what neighboring communities have achieved, and calculating the facilities that South Salt Lake City is currently utilizing but does not own. The City has proposed and should formally adopt higher standards for the amount of parks, recreation, open space and trails it provides in order to meet existing needs and desires (Table 9). The current supply does not meet the City’s demands, nor does it compare favorably to what surrounding communities provide (Table 10).

Table 8: Proposed Recreation Standards.

| | recommended total (2014) | supply per 1,000 residents | access |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Parks | 60 acres | 2.5 acres | all residents within ¼ mile of a park |
| Open Space | 60 acres | 2.5 acres | all residents within 1 mile of open space |
| Trails | 6 miles | 0.25 miles | all residents within ¼ mile of a trail |
| Bike Lanes | 6 miles | 0.25 miles | all residents within ½ mile of a bike lane |

Note: includes City and County facilities, but not school or church properties. Population rounded to 24,000

Table 9: Facilities required to meet Recommended Standards.

| | Desired conditions | Existing Conditions | Need |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Parks | 77.5 acres | 37.8 acres | 39.7 acres |
| Open Space | 77.5 acres | 156.5 acres | 0 acres |
| Trails | 10.5 miles | 8.3 miles | 2.2 miles |
| Bike Lanes | 10 miles | 5 miles | 5 miles |

Table 10: Comparison to Other Communities.

| Name | Acres per 1,000 residents |
|--|---------------------------|
| South Salt Lake | 1.6 |
| West Valley City | 3.26 |
| Salt Lake City | 4.0 |
| Murray City | 6.5 |
| Salt Lake County | 6.7 |
| US Average | 16.2 |
| Ntl. Recreation and Parks Association recommendation | 10 |

OPPORTUNITIES

South Salt Lake has always been creative with its resources. There are numerous opportunities to continue to increase the available park space in every corner of the community. Potential opportunities are highlighted here (Table 10).

Table 10: Potential Opportunities - 2014

| Name | Acres | Potential Amenities | Owner |
|--|--------------------|---|---|
| Parks and Open Spaces | | | |
| Fitts Park expansion | 1.36 | Currently Millcreek Gardens apartments (to be demolished). | City of South Salt Lake |
| Columbus Center expansion | 0.6 | Fenced playing field. | Todd Family |
| Riverfront Park | 2 to 4 acres | Sports field, part of new elementary school on Carlisle Park Lane or private property | Granite School District (purchase in progress) |
| Carlisle Park (3800 S. 1000 W.) | 0.5 | Possibility to add play features, community garden, path. | Lease from Granger-Hunter Water District |
| Millcreek Garden site | 1 | Trail, fitness, nature playground | City of South Salt Lake / CDBG |
| Millcreek Trail corridor | 3 | Open space and trail in sections | Private, Salt Lake county |
| Granite High School | up to 20 acres | Outdoor football and baseball field | Granite School District (currently for sale) |
| Granite High School | n/a | Gymnasium, pool, locker rooms. | Granite School District |
| Downtown Plazas | 3 | Possible future plazas and concert venue | City of SSL |
| Central Pointe Neighborhood Park | 3 | Possible future playing field, community garden, playground | Private, location TBD |
| Parley's Trail / S-Line greenway | 2 | Strolling path, demonstration gardens, benches. | Private and UTA - coordinate with new development |
| Kearns-St. Ann's School, Granite School District | | Possible shared use of sports field, gym | Schools |
| Jordan River corridor - properties adjacent to County open space | | Park or Open Space | Private |
| New development sites | | Pocket park, private rooftop gardens, clubhouse, pool. | Private - coordinate with new development |
| Community Centers | | | |
| Hser Ner Moo Center - future location | | Afterschool program, indoor recreation | Private, relocation from South Park |
| TOTAL | 14-16 acres | | |