

**Objective:**  
Brainstorm specific Goals and Priorities for CWC Stakeholder Council

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**Key Actions in the Blueprint:**

Source: Mountain Accord Blueprint, February 2015

System	Key Actions:
<b>Environment</b> Land and water protections safeguard the natural resources that sustain life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preserve land, protect watersheds and water resources</li> <li>Consistent and ongoing monitoring of environmental health</li> <li>Protect &amp; restore the environment</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b> Sustainable transit choices connect people, communities and mountain destinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand transit service to mountain destinations</li> <li>Improve transit connections between the Salt Lake Valley and the Wasatch Back</li> <li>Improve transit connections in Park City</li> <li>Improve bicycle and pedestrian access and safety</li> </ul>
<b>Recreation</b> Preserving open space and improving access promotes outdoor lifestyles for current and future generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve &amp; connect regional trail network</li> <li>Preserve key backcountry terrain</li> <li>Improve transit service to recreation areas</li> </ul>
<b>Economy</b> Smart transit-oriented development enhances economic opportunity and quality of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage development patterns that preserve community character and quality of life</li> <li>Generate sustainable economic growth to reinvest in the Central Wasatch Mountains</li> <li>Ensure Utah's tourism market is competitive now and into the future</li> </ul>

**Special Attention for the Cottonwoods**

The Recreation and the Environment Idealized Systems identified as priorities land exchanges with the ski areas and an additional federal designation on United States Forest Service (USFS) lands. To address this and to achieve resolution on outstanding land issues in the upper Cottonwood canyons, the Executive Board in November 2014 convened task forces consisting of ski areas, local and federal government, and advocacy groups that had traditionally been in conflict with each other. The task forces recommended:

- Land exchange. The ski areas would put into public ownership over 2,000 acres of land they own outside of their resort boundaries for the purpose of recreation (backcountry skiing, hiking), watershed preservation and to protect iconic ridgeline. In exchange, the resorts would receive land at their established base areas.
- National Conservation and Recreation Area. Federal designation to permanently protect over 80,000 acres of USFS lands from development and environmental degradation.

**CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION Stakeholders Council**

**RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**I. AUTHORITY**

The Central Wasatch Commission interlocal entity (the "CWC") was formed on 29 June 2017 pursuant to a Certificate of Creation issued by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah following the filing with that office of the "Central Wasatch Commission Interlocal Agreement" dated 30 May 2017 among Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Sandy City, and the city of Cottonwood Heights (the "ILA"). Article VII of the ILA provides that the governing body of the CWC (the "Board") shall empanel an advisory body to the Board known as the "Stakeholders Council" (the "Council"), which shall include 28-35 members ("members"). These rules and procedures (these "Rules") are adopted by the Council and ratified by the Board to provide a framework for the Council's operations and activities.

**II. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

- A. The Council is advisory to the Board and is subject to direction by the Board.
- B. The Council may gather information, conduct fact-finding, counsel together, provide analysis, conduct feasibility studies, and otherwise collaborate with broader constituencies with interests in the CWC's project area to make suggestions, recommendations, and proposals to the Board and the CWC's staff ("CWC Staff") and consultants. The Council may consult with the Board and/or with CWC Staff and consultants with respect to the technical aspects of the CWC's work and provide expertise and resources to inform the Board's decision making. Council members may assist the Board by communicating regularly with residents, interested parties, associations, networks, and associates about CWC actions, projects, and Council work groups.
- C. Council members shall (1) support a consensus-based process for issues impacting the CWC's work and project area; (2) share information; and (3) be collaborative and allow others to express their opinion and viewpoint.
- D. Upon taking office, all members of the Council shall familiarize themselves with these Rules and, while in office, members shall maintain such knowledge, including knowledge of amendments and additions, and shall be strictly governed thereby in the conduct of Council affairs.

**Framework and goal-centric Structure**

**2. Systems Process**  
**RESEARCH. STUDY. DIALOGUE.**

The Mountain Accord process was designed around key planning systems that interact within the Central Wasatch—Environment, Recreation, Transportation and Economy. System groups for each of these areas were populated with policy-level and technical subject matter experts, community and advocacy group representatives, and staff from government agencies. Led by two co-chairs per group, more than 200 individuals contributed time and expertise to this process. The work of the system groups produced the foundation of Mountain Accord.

Each system group developed idealized systems independent of interrelationships with other systems. For example, what would the perfect, or ideal recreation system look like, regardless of what the ideal transportation system might include? Considering each system ideologically allowed the groups to think about big and unconstrained ideas, which were later balanced and reconciled with other groups' concepts.

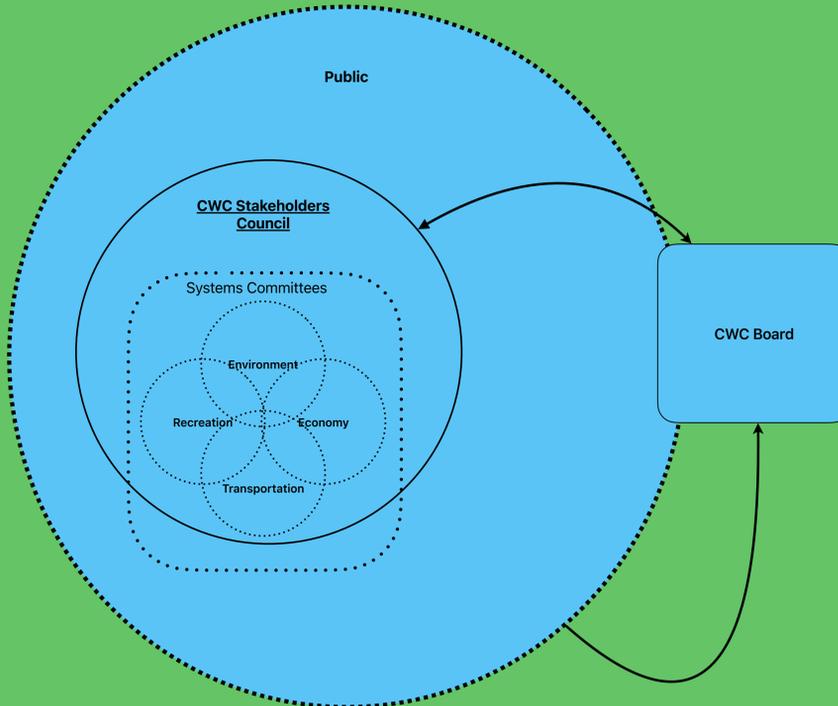
The major outcomes for each system (idealized systems) were parsed into smaller milestones and agreement was reached on each milestone before proceeding to the next. Coming to an agreement involved extensive research and dialogue from March to October 2014, including 32 system group meetings (8 per group), plus workshops, sub-committees, calls and coordination between system group meetings. Stakeholder meetings were conducted with all four system groups to get updates and stay informed on other system group recommendations.

**Key Systems Process Milestones**



**Steps for Each Milestone**

- Draft information presented at system group meetings
- Revisions and issue resolution between meetings
- Agreement of milestone report at system group meeting (through polling)
- System group recommendations posted on website
- Public comment invited
- System group recommendations and public comment forwarded to Executive Board with dissenting viewpoints outlined
- Adoption by Executive Board



New structure to pursue key actions of Mountain Accord and objectives and purposes of CWC Stakeholders

**Introduction**  
**WAYFINDING**

Mountain Accord was an unprecedented collaboration of public and private interests established to preserve the legacy of the Central Wasatch mountains and to agree on an integrated, comprehensive, landscape-scale framework for current and future decision-making.

The Central Wasatch mountains are a vital ecological unit and a critical source of drinking water, they are beloved by residents and companies that choose to locate in the region, and they promote active lifestyles and quality of life. However, their proximity to urban populations is creating land use, environmental, and transportation challenges.

Recognizing the need to address these challenges with regional, multi-jurisdictional planning and collaboration, Mountain Accord brought together over 20 agencies to agree on a common future through a consensus-based process. The Executive Board was comprised of local, state, and federal government and private business, environmental, and recreation interests.

**Four critical goals were established:**

- Protect the environment and natural resources,
- Ensure high quality recreational experiences,
- Enhance regional transportation, and
- Strengthen the regional economy.

The geographic area included the area bounded by the Salt Lake Valley on the west, the greater Park City area on the east, Parley's Canyon on the north, and the southern boundary of Little Cottonwood Canyon on the south.

The multi-year, collaborative, public effort culminated in an Accord that outlines the consensus positions and formal recommendation of the Mountain Accord Executive Board and other stakeholders. The Accord represents the commitment of these organizations to support collective desired outcomes and to proceed with a suite of actions. The intent of these actions is to ensure that future generations can enjoy all the activities we enjoy today, while preserving our watershed and natural environment.

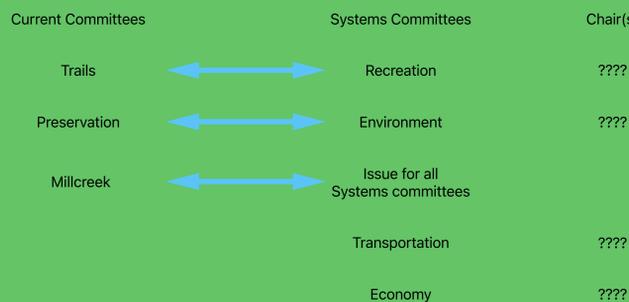
This Final Report summarizes the process to arrive at the Accord and acknowledges the hundreds of dedicated individuals who worked to make the Accord a reality.

**System Committee Structure**

- Chair/Co-Chairs
- CWC Stakeholder reps
- open seats for public participation
- CWC Stakeholder Co-Chairs ex-officio
- Meets at set time in the off month of stakeholder meetings
  - work as a group to define consensus
  - CWC Board members welcome to participate
- recommend inviting other orgs to participate (coordinate with Stakeholder Co-chairs to invite)
  - All welcome and encouraged to participate
  - Invitations to organization that might be interested in the work

**Systems Committee Body of Work**

- Familiarize with Mountain Accord
- Make recommendations on projects/issues of relevance to Mountain Accord
  - Advance implementation of Mountain Accord deliverables
- Set up multi-disciplinary sub-committees (ie. Millcreek) for the purposes seeking consensus on issues of importance to Mountain Accord
  - Innovate and collaborate on CWC Small projects?
- Systems Reports on issues to Full Stakeholders for collaboration and action



**Replicate to revise/update... message into CWC structure**

