



Legislation, Planning & Implementation Initiatives

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Local Initiatives

Utah Lake Management Plan : A conceptual Utah Lake Management Plan framework was adopted at the Utah Lake Authority meeting in April, with ongoing work through the summer to create a full management plan for adoption later this year

Utah County Sustainability Coalition : ongoing work with Utah County civic and community leaders on watershed and active transportation initiatives

Utah Lake Trail Wayfinding & Signage Standards : ongoing support to Mountainland Association of Governments to develop a comprehensive wayfinding and signage standard for the Utah Lake Trail system using the Jordan River Trail as a foundation

Utah County – Jordan River Water Trail Master Plan & Implementation : ongoing support for planning, funding and implementation of new boating access points and mitigation of major navigation hazards, including portages

Saratoga Springs – Wander Development Jordan River Nature Park : ongoing support and input to develop a 30-acre linear park between Saratoga Road/Pony Express Parkway and Pioneer Crossing Blvd. as part of the Wander Development

Salt Lake County – Jordan River Water Trail Master Plan & Implementation : ongoing support for planning, funding and implementation of new boating access points and mitigation of major navigation hazards, including portages

Draper – The Point Development : ongoing support for range to river trail system, open space, transit and stormwater infrastructure for The Point development

West Jordan – Big Bend Nature Park & Preserve : ongoing support for phased development of approximately 70 acres into a nature park and wildlife preserve

Taylorsville – Mid-Valley Bus Rapid Transit Station Area Planning : review, input and support of Station Area Plans for three proposed transit station areas in the vicinity of the Jordan River on 4500/4700 South between the Jordan River and Redwood Road

Taylorsville – Sorenson Research Park Expansion : ongoing advocacy and support to planning and community development staff to support preserving critical riparian buffer and flood plain in an area zoned for office/warehouse development as an expansion to Sorenson Research Park

Murray – Cottonwood Creek Confluence Subdivision : providing community input and advocacy for a subdivision petition and development plans at the confluence of Cottonwood Creek at the Jordan River to incorporate river oriented and enhancing development, and river access

Millcreek – Jordan River Parkway Trailhead and Trail : ongoing support for phased development of trailhead, trail and bridge

Salt Lake County Jordan River Regional Park Master Plan : support and input for the master planning of the Jordan River Regional Park between approximately 3900 South and 2100 South

Salt Lake County Parleys Trail Connector – 900 West to Jordan River Trail : ongoing support and input to complete the western portion of Parleys Trail

Salt Lake City – Emerald Ribbon Plan : ongoing advocacy and input for the Emerald Ribbon master plan for the Jordan River Parkway in Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City – River District Business Alliance Community Vision : working with the River District Business Alliance on a Design Assistance Team (DAT) grant application to develop a community vision “centering community and culture around the Jordan River” for an area from approximately 300 North to 300 South, and from 900 West to Redwood Road

Salt Lake City – Glendale Regional Park : ongoing support for master planning, funding and phased implementation for redevelopment of former Seven Peaks Water Park into the proposed Glendale Regional Park

Salt Lake City – Rocky Mountain Power “Power District” Property Master Plan : the Salt Lake City Council recently rezoned about 5 acres of property at the Jordan River for the development and construction of its new headquarters, and related infrastructure and river oriented amenities; groundbreaking for the “Power District” on April 12 included a joint city/state/private initiative to bring a Major League Baseball expansion team franchise to Utah

Salt Lake City – North Point Small Area Plan : ongoing advocacy efforts to create a substantial riparian buffer to the Jordan River, including meetings and coordination with real estate developers pursuing annexation and zoning petitions

Salt Lake County Shoreline Heritage Area : ongoing advocacy to help advance the ideas in the Salt Lake County West General Plan (adopted 2022) and Plan Salt Lake Comprehensive Vision (adopted 2015) to preserve and restore undeveloped open space and agricultural areas around the Jordan River delta and Great Salt Lake South Shore wetland and upland critical habitat identified as the Shoreline Heritage Area

State Legislation & Initiatives

Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan : participate on the Steering Committee for the water resource management planning throughout the Great Salt Lake Basin to balance water resources to restore the lake to healthier levels, balance water needs throughout the basin, improve water quality and address other watershed issues

Riparian Corridor Legislation : the Utah Water Task Force has created a working group to study possible legislation around protection of riparian corridors, led by Representative Gay Lynn Bennion; the working group has held three meetings over the past six weeks, and is currently drafting a proposed bill and potential related appropriation request

Great Salt Lake Commissioner : Governor Spencer Cox recently named Brian Steed as the Great Salt Lake Commissioner, who was subsequently confirmed by the Utah Senate on June 14 (governor.utah.gov/2023/05/15/gov-cox-appoints-brian-steed-as-new-great-salt-lake-commissioner)

Jordan River Watershed Council : the Jordan River Watershed Council was conditionally certified on April 12, at the spring meeting of the Utah Watersheds Council; ongoing review to address conditions of certification with the Utah Attorney General’s staff, with pending adjustments and updates to Commission Bylaws

Federal Legislation & Initiatives

H.R. 4094 / S.R. 1955 – Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act : To amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, and for other purposes (Rep. John Curtis, House Sponsor; Sen. Mike Lee, Senate Sponsor)

Federal Infrastructure Funding : Jordan River Commission officers, Governing Board and Technical Advisory Committee members, and staff hosted a meeting with Senator Mitt Romney and his staff on

Friday, May 5, to thank him for his efforts with infrastructure funding, and to discuss five key infrastructure funding priorities

- Big Bend Nature Park & Preserve in West Jordan
- Water quality infrastructure improvements such as the Vitro Ditch stormwater outlet in South Salt Lake
- Riparian restoration across the Jordan River Parkway
- Trails and active transportation system expansion
- Replacement of aging bridges like 9000 South, 7800 South, 3900 south, and 500 South in Salt Lake County that pose major safety and navigation hazards and lack pedestrian capacity