

Forebay Conservation Easement Open House - October 29, 2025

Comments & Survey Card responses:

1. **Saundra Huff:** I'm opposed because that would prevent us ever having access to our property. We bought it many years ago with the thought it would eventually be a good investment. The bikers ride across our property without permission. We haven't minded but we don't want them to assume they own the trails or the property.
2. **Karl Shuler:** I like the portion of the area, but I'm not sure a 'conservation easement' is the right choice. The city already can use it, and conserve it, but still would allow for different possible uses for other citizens and future elected officials. As planned it would restrict future options for Payson City. Of particular concern is the northwest corner of the planned 480 acres. This small area could allow for access to other recreation areas to the east.
3. **Sarah Ogden:** Are any other cities (not Lehi) an option? I recently heard they allowed in their own city for some mature trees with bald eagles nests to be cut down...to make way for a park. Just wondering if they'd truly care to protect our special spaces if this is how they treat their own? P.S. I love the Forebay & want to always be able to access it. Hoping foraging would still be allowed.
4. **Anonymous:** The City property & I think it should be open to all citizens. Not to a select few users. It's going to be just like payson canyon. Closed to most public citizens. There is a disability act that should allow disability citizens to use the public land. There will be no public access for the property around this city property.
5. **Matt Barton:** (Comment 1) The Forebay Recreation Area has been a staple mountain biking area for our family for greater than 10 years. The trails, fresh air & open space brings balance to our lives. Please protect this community gem for all generations to come! Thank you (Comment 2: benefits of conserving land?) Preserving natural open space for the community to recreate.
6. **Mary Lou Turley:** (Property – Michael Turley et. al) 30:097:0001 We are interested in selling the property (fair value) or getting a fair trade of Payson property. Please contact us!
7. **Jolee Henroid:** 30:097:0001 (Turley et al) We are interested in selling our property for fair market value – or trading for Payson Property.
8. **Jason Hanks:** I think it would be a win to access property owners from Payson Canyon.
9. **Allison Booth:** I agree with the conservation easement as written as of today. I hope the 'Payson' city council will consider the best option for 'Payson' residents who have paid for the property. Other arguments for favor and consideration of other city residents should be taken very seriously and looked at in the Payson resident perspective. The benefits of the property to Payson residents far outweigh another city property owner.
10. **Kerri Welton:** Please put Forebay in a conservation easement.
11. **Marvin Christensen:** (Comment 1) Forebay conservation restricts the land to hiking only. Other properties, both private and Federal, are not accessible through forebay. There needs to be a road for off road vehicles and electric motorcycles. Also, how do people with disabilities access and enjoy forebay. (Comment 2: benefit of conserving land?) None. Forebay land locks other private property and does not allow access to Federal property.
12. **Wes Bott:** (Comment 1) I would urge the members of the city council, mayor and city admin to preserve this area that current and future generations can enjoy the beautiful open space that is

Forebay. The benefits to the community are vast and powerful. I know that Forebay Conservation Easement will allow this amazing space to impact the community for generations. Spaces like this need to be preserved and cherished. (Comment 2) Payson has a rare asset in Forebay. This type of space is so beneficial to a community. Access to natural land such as Forebay offers recreation, education, & winter resources that are unique to Payson. No other community in Utah County holds such a gem.

13. **Representative for Carol Bennett Family Trust:** Thank you for the open house. I represent an owner of property to the north east of the proposed conservation easement – the Carol Bennett Family Trust. My client appreciates the idea of the conservation easement generally, and hopes that a provision will be made to allow access to the trust’s property and other nearby property – either by leaving a small area out of the easement or allowing for an access road to still be built in the easement area. Thank you for your consideration! (signed for Jim Wright, Pam Brown)
14. **Carey Pierce:** (Comment 1) This special area should be protected for all the future residents of south Ut Co. The time is now to protect it! (Comment 2: benefits of conserving land?) Protection of open space is one of the most important parts of a community.
15. **Thurman & Rosemarie Evans:** We are private property owners. Our property is in Elk Ridge. We will be affected by this decision but we believe that a compromise could be reached. We would like to be annexed into Payson pay taxes in Payson but we would like an ingress and egress into the property. Not high density but one acre parcels.
16. **Tom Armitage:** (Comment 1) Great idea but existing landowners must not be land locked. (Comment 2: benefits of preserving land?) A great idea but existing landowners must not be land locked.
17. **Adam Cowie:** Please protect this land as open space for recreational uses. Payson residents have paid through their utility bills for this land (through the water fund). Resident priority and desires should be strongly considered over and above non-residents who want their demands met without any investment on the property. Be bold. Preserve Forebay for future residents – not for developers' gain.
18. **Doug Welton:** There was a lot of work & public feedback that went into preserving the Forebay area. It needs to be preserved. As we grow, open space disappears. Accessible access to year round outdoor access is important. Once it's gone, it's gone. Please put Forebay in a conservation easement.
19. **Cary Stockwell:** We need to preserve the 4 bay area so that future generations will still be able to have a local habitat to enjoy.
20. **Bob Paxton:** I am a landowner at the south border of Elk Ridge. I am a total believer of the Forebay Area, which would expand future trails into Elk Ridge. However, I would like road access ability from Payson Canyon Rd to lands of Payson, the County and to Elk Ridge – so landowners are not landlocked. This keeps future option available to Payson City & gives controls to the city.
21. **Sarah Ogden:** Everybody needs access, & free access, to nature. It’s good for our health, our wildlife, & our planet.
22. **Brent Cheever:** Utah has been all about build, build, build for the past several years. We don’t need a development on every hillside in the state. People need preserved places to go to recreate and to get away. Utah is growing rapidly and it would be a travesty to lose Forebay, taking away

yet another place to enjoy nature. The mountain biking community would suffer greatly as this a main location for local High Schools to practice and recreate.

23. **Alease Bott:** We have enough areas to develop. Green space that is raw and natural is needed. It's a sanctuary and a place of natural beauty that we need to keep open to the public.
24. **Jeanette Pierce:** Once the space is gone, it's gone. It is so valuable and such a draw to the community.
25. **Anonymous:** No development. No roads. The canyon is already so busy!
26. **David Palfreyman:** Comments relayed via telephone conversation with Dave Tuckett. Mr. Palfreyman was not able to attend, but wanted his voice heard. He was very appreciative of Payson City working with him over the years. He always had the intention to be able to build on his property some day. He was instrumental in helping the city build the two new golf holes (14 & 15). He provided easements and some property for the holes. He really hopes that the city council will provide the possibility of having an access from the Payson Canyon side so the private property owners have the ability to work together to develop their properties. He does not feel that it would hurt the other city properties being in a conservation easement. He is hopeful that the city will give careful consideration to those property owners who help make the golf course a reality and the great course it is today. He was very kind and complimentary of the city and city staff over the years.
27. **Two letters from Shuler family (Lee Pope, Karl Shuler, Jed Shuler)** See attached.