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Date/Time: December 15, 2025 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: South Jordan City Hall/ Zoom option

Board Members		Attendance
Don Tingey	Chair	In-person
Angela McGuire	Vice Chair	In-person
Lars Erickson	Board Member	Online
Amber Brown	Board Member	Absent
Sonia Lopez	Board Member	Online
Colby Hill	South Jordan Representative	Absent
Patrick Leary	Salt Lake County Representative	Absent

Others Present: Kevin Steed (online), Alyssa Gamble (online), Maddie Judge (online), Anna Crookston

This meeting was conducted both in person and electronically via Zoom. Agendas, recordings, and meeting minutes can be accessed on the Utah Public Notice site at utah.gov/pmn.

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction: *Board Chair, Don Tingey*

Board Chair Don Tingey brings the meeting to order. He moved item D.1. to the next item on the agenda.

D. Presentation:

D.1. Wasatch Community Gardens, Alyssa Gamble, Community Garden Program Director

The board received a presentation (Attachment A & B) reviewing the results of the Community Garden Interest Survey conducted by Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) for the Bingham Creek Regional Park. Alyssa Gamble provided a brief overview of WCG's mission and programs, noting that in addition to community gardens, the organization offers community education, youth and school gardens, job training, volunteer opportunities, and advocacy and justice programs, all focused on empowering people to grow and eat healthy, organic, and local food. The survey was available from March 2024 through July 2025 and received 32 valid responses after removing tests and invalid submissions. All respondents expressed excitement about the possibility of a community garden at the park. Survey responses reflected interest from a wide range of locations across the valley, which was noted as typical for community gardens since participants often choose gardens based on convenience to work or commuting routes rather than solely proximity to home. Respondents indicated several ways they would like to be involved, including volunteering, attending events, and supporting the project. Approximately 50% of respondents expressed interest in registering for a garden plot, while a small number stated they would not

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participate directly but were supportive of the project. Open-ended feedback highlighted enthusiasm for expanding garden access in the southern part of the valley, where fewer community gardens currently exist, and emphasized benefits related to health, access to fresh produce, and community amenities. Based on the survey results, WCG concluded that while there is strong interest, current demand is not sufficient for them to manage a garden at this time. Their standard practice is to receive two to four times as many expressions of interest as the number of plots planned in order to ensure sustainable operation. The existing responses indicate demand for approximately 11 plots, which is significantly lower than the 30 to 55 plots typically supported at county-operated community gardens. As next steps, WCG suggested the possibility of a future petition to reassess interest or, if the Park Board wishes to move forward, offering consultation support. However, WCG stated that with the current level of demonstrated demand, they would not be able to manage a community garden at the Bingham Creek Regional Park.

Vice Chair Angela McGuire asked how the community garden interest survey was advertised.

Maddie Judge explained that the survey was hosted on the Wasatch Community Gardens website, which is a central platform used to share information about their programs and opportunities. She noted that there had been discussion about distributing the survey through additional channels, such as Daybreak's communication platform, but she was unsure whether that was ultimately implemented. She also shared that a community member who was very passionate about the project helped promote the survey through individual outreach efforts, rather than through a broad or formal distribution list.

Vice Chair Angela McGuire commented that if the survey was primarily hosted on the Wasatch Community Gardens website, it may be difficult to accurately assess the level of interest within the city, as the distribution method would not necessarily reach a broad or representative group of local residents. She noted that limited outreach could impact how well the results reflect true community demand.

Chair Don Tingey stated that he recalled a Wasatch Community Gardens staff member speaking with him about the survey and that he remembered some coordination occurring with the HOA. However, he noted that because it had been some time, he could not recall the specific details of how the outreach was ultimately conducted.

Vice Chair Angela McGuire asked if WCG staff could look into whether that outreach through the HOA or other communication platforms ever occurred, noting that without broader distribution to residents, it is difficult to accurately assess the true level of community interest.

Chair Don Tingey recalled that there had been some effort to broaden the distribution of the survey beyond Wasatch Community Gardens' website. He noted that while the community member who was assisting with outreach did not live in Daybreak and may have lived in West Jordan, he remembered discussions about creating messaging that could be posted and shared more widely. He could not recall the exact extent of the distribution, such as whether Wasatch

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Community Gardens shared it first and the city reposted it, or whether it was shared through Daybreak channels, but he did remember an attempt to broadcast the survey more broadly than just through Wasatch Community Gardens.

Vice Chair Angela McGuire questioned whether the survey distribution had been fully followed through and expressed concern about whether the results accurately reflected the level of interest within the community. She noted that without broader outreach, it is difficult to determine true community demand, especially given the availability of established communication platforms such as the South Jordan Citizens Facebook page and the Daybreak Facebook page that could have been used to reach a larger and more representative audience.

Maddie Judge stated that she would review her notes to confirm where the survey had been distributed and verify the specific outreach channels that were used.

Chair Don Tingey recalled that there may have been a postcard or similar printed information used as part of the survey outreach, noting he remembered the image and some of the language on it. He suggested that confirming this would be worthwhile.

Alyssa Gamble stated that she sees an opportunity for a future petition or additional engagement efforts, whether initiated now or later, based on the evident enthusiasm and passion reflected in the survey responses. She suggested that this could be a valuable way to gauge community interest more fully.

Vice Chair Angela McGuire asked whether initiating a future petition or engagement effort would require a resident to contact Wasatch Community Gardens to lead or sponsor it, similar to how the original survey was promoted. Alyssa Gamble explained that typically, moving forward with a new community garden request relies on a grassroots approach, with a resident or community member initiating and sponsoring the effort. Vice Chair Angela McGuire asked whether the resident who initially helped promote the survey is still involved in the process. Alyssa responded that the resident has not been involved recently, noting that maintaining contact with her became somewhat challenging. Vice Chair Angela McGuire clarified that the original resident dropped out and no one else has stepped forward to lead the proposal. She suggested that the board could revisit the topic in the future for further discussion.

Chair Don Tingey expressed that he was glad to see there is community interest in a garden. He noted that they are still evaluating capital funding and emphasized that any new garden would likely require a partnership for initial costs. He appreciated that the survey results were not an immediate call to action, allowing the park authority to plan and grow the initiative over time.

Board Member Lars Erickson asked whether Wasatch Community Gardens currently manages any community gardens in other regional parks within the county. Alyssa Gamble confirmed that Wasatch Community Gardens manages community gardens located within county parks, including Garden of Wheaton and Sugar House Park, noting that all of their county gardens are situated on county park property.

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Board Member Lars Erickson asked about the level of maintenance at the existing community gardens, specifically inquiring how much weeding is typically required. Alyssa Gamble emphasized that the gardens require constant weeding, indicating that ongoing maintenance is a continuous and active responsibility for participants and volunteers. Board Member Lars Erickson clarified that his question about weeding was intended more to understand the precedent and typical maintenance expectations for community gardens.

Chair Don Tingey asked how best to continue the conversation regarding a potential community garden. Alyssa Gamble suggested that the next steps should begin with identifying any local residents who are passionate about establishing a garden at Bingham Creek Regional Park. Once a local sponsor is identified, she recommended reevaluating and improving the community outreach strategy based on lessons learned from the previous survey. She also proposed setting clearer parameters and a defined timeframe for the next survey, rather than leaving it open-ended, to ensure the responses more accurately reflect current community interest and demographics. Chair Don Tingey suggested that community engagement efforts this spring, led by board member Sonia Lopez, could include exploring who might serve as a local champion for the garden and initiating conversations around interest and support within the community.

Board Member Lars Erickson asked how long the recommended timeframe is to run a community engagement effort to gauge interest in establishing a garden at Bingham Creek Regional Park. Alyssa Gamble responded that she would recommend keeping the survey or engagement effort active for approximately nine months to a year to allow sufficient time to gather meaningful community input. Maddie Judge added that, typically, Wasatch Community Gardens budgets about two to two and a half years from the initial idea of a garden to its installation. She noted that keeping the survey open for an extended period is helpful to accurately gauge community support and ensure meaningful input. Alyssa Gamble added that, following the engagement process, it would typically take one to two years to develop the site, coordinating with the county on budgeting, contracting, and other logistical details before the garden could be installed. Chair Don Tingey clarified that budgeting, permitting, and contracting for a potential garden would go through the park authority, in consultation with the county since they handle park maintenance. He noted that next steps for a capital project at Bingham Creek are still uncertain due to the county's budgeting process and the availability of ZAP funds. He suggested staying in contact and potentially beginning a community engagement process as early as the spring.

Alyssa Gamble concluded by thanking the board for their time, expressing appreciation for the discussion, and inviting them to reach out with any additional questions.

B. Public Comment:

No members of the public were present, either in person or online.

C. Minute Approval:

C.1. BCRPA Board Meeting, October 27, 2025

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C.2. BCRPA Board Meeting, November 17, 2025 Action Item: Approval

Vice Chair Angela McGuire had amendments to November 17, 2025 minutes on page 2 for the Art Project(s) update.

Action: A motion to approve the October 27, 2025 BCRPA Board Meeting minutes and the November 17, 2025 BCRPA Board Meeting as amended was made by Board Member Lars Erickson and seconded by Board Member Sonia Lopez. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Park Maintenance & Operations:

E.1. New Event or Field Requests, Don Tingey *No request(s)

E.2. Park Maintenance & Operation and Financial Update. Kevin Steed, *SLCo Parks and Recreation*

Kevin Steed reported that he had a question regarding a recent delivery of plants that were brought to the park but did not belong to the site. He explained that the plants were placed in the plumbing chase because the shipping label listed the park address and South Jordan. Mr. Steed explained that the paperwork accompanying the plant delivery was very limited and only indicated "South Jordan" and that the location was within city boundaries. He noted that the address provided referenced Bingham Creek, which is why the plants were delivered to the park, although it was unclear why they were sent there or who they belonged to. He stated that the plants did not appear to be intended for the park. He added that while he assumes they belong to South Jordan, he does not have any confirmation of their origin or intended destination. He requested assistance in identifying the right owner of the plants so they can be delivered to the correct location

Chair Don Tingey said he will reach out to the city's park department and follow-up.

Board Member Lars Erickson suggested that it may be appropriate if they aren't the City's to contact the delivery company to determine the origin of the plants and arrange for them to be picked up. He noted that leaving the plants at the park could result in lost revenue for the intended recipient and that returning them would help ensure they are delivered to the correct location. He asked about the possibility that the plants could be related to an outstanding punch list item from the project's implementing contractor. He suggested that the delivery might have been severely delayed or overlooked and recommended confirming whether any unresolved contract work could explain why the plants were delivered to the park.

Kevin Steed explained that, based on his understanding of the project and discussions with Andrea Sorenson, the delivered plants were unlikely to be related to any planned replacement work, as no purchases had been authorized for that purpose. He stated that he was surprised by

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the delivery and did not anticipate that the plants belonged to the park, noting that multiple parties are typically involved in plant-related decisions. At the time, he was unable to confirm their origin and directed staff to temporarily store them in the plumbing chase until more information could be gathered. Regarding maintenance operations, he reported that winter activities are proceeding as usual, with irrigation staff continuing to clean restrooms and conduct daily park checks. He emphasized that this seasonal staffing approach is standard practice, and that the unexpected plant delivery remains his primary concern at this time.

Vice Chair Angela McGuire commented that she continues to observe a high level of use at the park, noting that when she drives by the pavilion and playground there are often many cars present. She stated that this indicates the park is actively being used by the community.

Kevin Steed reported that park usage has been unusually high for December, stating that all of the parks have been extremely busy and, in some cases, busier than they are during the middle of summer. He attributed the increased activity to the unseasonably warm and pleasant weather, noting that people are taking advantage of conditions not typical for this time of year.

F. Future Park Development:

F.1. Art Project(s) update – Art Subcommittee update.

Action Item: Restroom Mural Artist Selection & Design Process

Vice Chair Angela McGuire reported that the committee met via Zoom with the three finalist artists and has selected a recommendation to present to the board. She stated that the committee recommends Elisa Gomez as the artist to complete both murals.

Action: A motion to select Elisa Gomez was made by Board Member Lars Erickson and seconded by Board Member Sonia Lopez. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Tingey discussed the next steps for notifying the selected mural artist and the other finalists. He asked Vice Chair Angela McGuire if she preferred that he send the notification or if she would handle it. It was agreed that Vice Chair Angela McGuire would send the email on behalf of the Arts Committee, consistent with past practice, informing the selected artist of the recommendation and copying Chair Don Tingey so he could follow up with the contract and administrative process. She would also notify the other finalists that a selection had been made.

Board Member Sonia Lopez asked whether the board would still have the opportunity to visit the mural site before the contract is finalized. She inquired if Chair Don Tingey would arrange the site visit or if it would be coordinated based on the board's availability.

The board discussed scheduling a site visit for the mural project. Members agreed they were comfortable conducting the visit either before or after the artist signs the contract, provided the artist is also comfortable. They confirmed that the restrooms at the site are open during the day

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and agreed to notify the selected artist, inform her of her selection, and coordinate a time for the visit based on her availability.

Board Member Sonia Lopez asked about wall damage at the mural site and whether repairs should be addressed before the artist begins painting. She inquired if this topic should be discussed at the current meeting or deferred to a later time.

Vice Chair Angela McGuire noted that the women's restroom has exposed bolt holes from a changing table that was removed when the park first opened. She suggested the board consider whether to reinstall the changing table or simply patch the holes before the mural project begins. Kevin Steed responded that either option would be acceptable from the park's maintenance perspective. He noted that if the board wants to reinstall the changing table, the park staff can handle that, but if they prefer not to, staff can simply patch the holes in the wall. Vice Chair Angela McGuire added that leaving the wall patched rather than reinstalling the changing table might be beneficial, noting that one purpose of the mural is to help prevent vandalism. She suggested considering whether it would be better to address the wall issue after the mural has been completed.

The board discussed the plan for addressing the changing table and wall repairs in relation to the mural project. They agreed it would be easier to reinstall the changing table after the mural is completed. It was noted that there is no changing table in the men's restroom, and patching the wall for now is recommended. The board emphasized informing the artist where the table will be located so it can be accounted for in the mural design. They agreed this approach also supports the goal of reducing vandalism. The board then shifted focus to the mural timeline, agreeing to move forward with the project.

G. Stakeholder Relationships

G.1. Stakeholder relationship update, Sonia Lopez, Board Member

Board Member Sonia Lopez provided an update on the board's social media strategy. She noted that, previously, she had planned a robust schedule with approximately two posts per week, but she now intends to scale back to one or two posts per month until more events are scheduled, particularly during the summer. She indicated that she would update the social media calendar accordingly and will adjust the posting frequency as event activity increases.

The board agreed that one to two posts per month is a realistic and manageable approach. Members noted that even this reduced frequency represents an improvement over previous posting activity.

Board Member Sonia Lopez added that she supports the revised social media plan, noting that reducing the posting frequency will ease her workload and allow for higher-quality, non-

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repetitive content. She reiterated that this was her main update and invited board members to share any topics or suggestions for future posts.

H. Public Stewardship:

H.1. Park Authority Monthly Financial Report(s), Board Chair Don Tingey

H.1.1. Monthly Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority Financial Reports

Chair Don Tingey provided the monthly financial report, noting that there were no significant updates aside from interest charges for the month. He asked if any board members had questions regarding the report.

Vice Chair Angela McGuire asked for clarification regarding the 2024 rental income, noting that funds received in the spring of the current year would have been applied to 2024. She observed that this timing explains why the income does not appear in the current financial report.

Chair Don Tingey confirmed that the timing explanation is correct and noted that Kevin Steed will need to have Diane Booth process the 2025 rental revenue. He added that a check will need to be issued to the park authority when the 2025 rentals are closed out. He also assumed that no pavilion rentals are currently taking place.

Kevin Steed confirmed that pavilion rentals are not occurring during the winter, noting that the site is closed for the season due to low demand. He noted that he would ensure the rental revenue is handled appropriately. He added that while specific pavilion reservations can be made upon request, at this late point in the year, being the final two weeks, there would be no rentals processed, as a two-week lead time is typically required. He confirmed he would have the necessary actions completed.

H.2. 2026 BCRPA Meeting Schedule

Action Item: approval

The board reviewed and finalized the 2026 meeting schedule for approval and posting. Several corrections were noted; the September meeting was moved to the 21st to align with the third Monday, and the October meeting was shifted to the 26th to avoid overlapping with Jordan School District's fall break and teacher comp days. Other dates were confirmed, including January 26, February 23, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 22, July 20, August 17, November 16. The board discussed canceling the December meeting altogether, noting that historically there is minimal activity that month and to allow attention to the CD account changes occurring in January. With these adjustments, the amended 2026 meeting schedule was agreed upon for approval and posting.

Action: A motion to approve the 2026 annual board meeting schedule as discussed and amended was made by Board Member Angela McGuire and seconded by Board Member Lars Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

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H.3. Next meeting (January 26) agenda item(s) discussion, Board

- Restroom Mural Art, Final Design Approval | BCRPA Board Officers | Restroom Mural Art Project update | ZAP Application

H.4. Future meeting(s) agenda item(s) discussion, Board

- Restroom Mural Art Project update | ZAP Application | Field Requests

Vice Chair Angela McGuire suggested forming a committee to advance the disc golf project. She noted that having a dedicated group could help coordinate site walkthroughs, meet with staff and Dan Langford, and coordinate with the county to ensure the project progresses, as she feels it has been stagnant.

The board discussed forming a committee to advance improvements for the disc golf area. They recalled that earlier in the spring, the board had planned three projects: the tunnel mural, restroom murals, and allocating funds for disc golf upgrades to enhance the experience for active users. Dan Langford had provided a list of suggested improvements, which Blake Jackson had reviewed, but no formal implementation plan had been developed for park crews to execute the recommendations. Chair Don Tingey, Board Members Colby Hill, and Lars Erickson volunteered to participate on that committee. They planned to contact Blake Jackson to review the suggested improvements and potentially conduct a site walkthrough soon, noting that snow could affect timing if delayed. The committee aims to identify practical actions that can be completed within the budget before the next board meeting.

Closing Comments:

Board Secretary Anna Crookston reported that she contacted Jason Miller, the City's Parks Manager, who confirmed that no plant order has been placed.

Chair Don Tingey noted that Colby Hill confirmed the plants are not the City's.

Kevin Steed stated that he will contact the plant distributor to determine the intended destination for the plants so that the issue can be resolved appropriately.

ADJOURN

Board Member Lars Erickson motioned to adjourn. Vice Chair Angela McGuire seconded the motion. The board approves unanimously.

This is a true and correct copy of the December 15, 2025 Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority Meeting Minutes, which were approved on January 26, 2026.

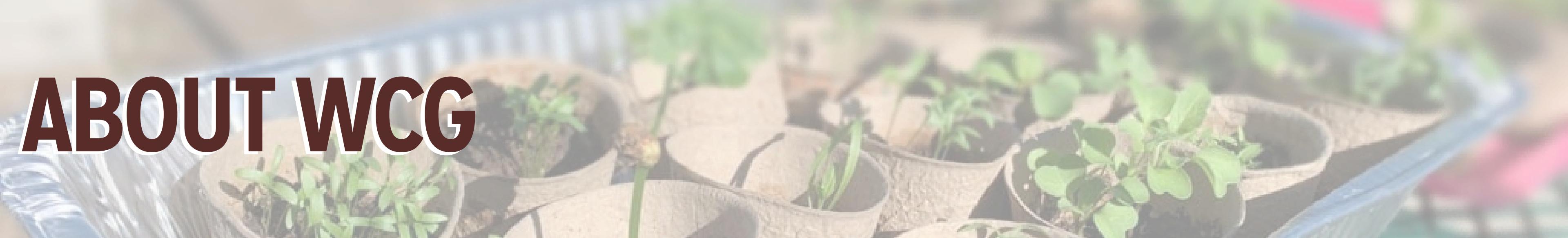
BINGHAM CREEK REGIONAL PARK

Community Garden Interest Survey



WASATCH
COMMUNITY
GARDENS





ABOUT WCG

Mission

To empower people to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food.

Since 1989 we have provided children, adults, and families in Salt Lake County with access to land and education for growing and eating fresh produce, while building and nurturing community connections through gardening and healthy food.

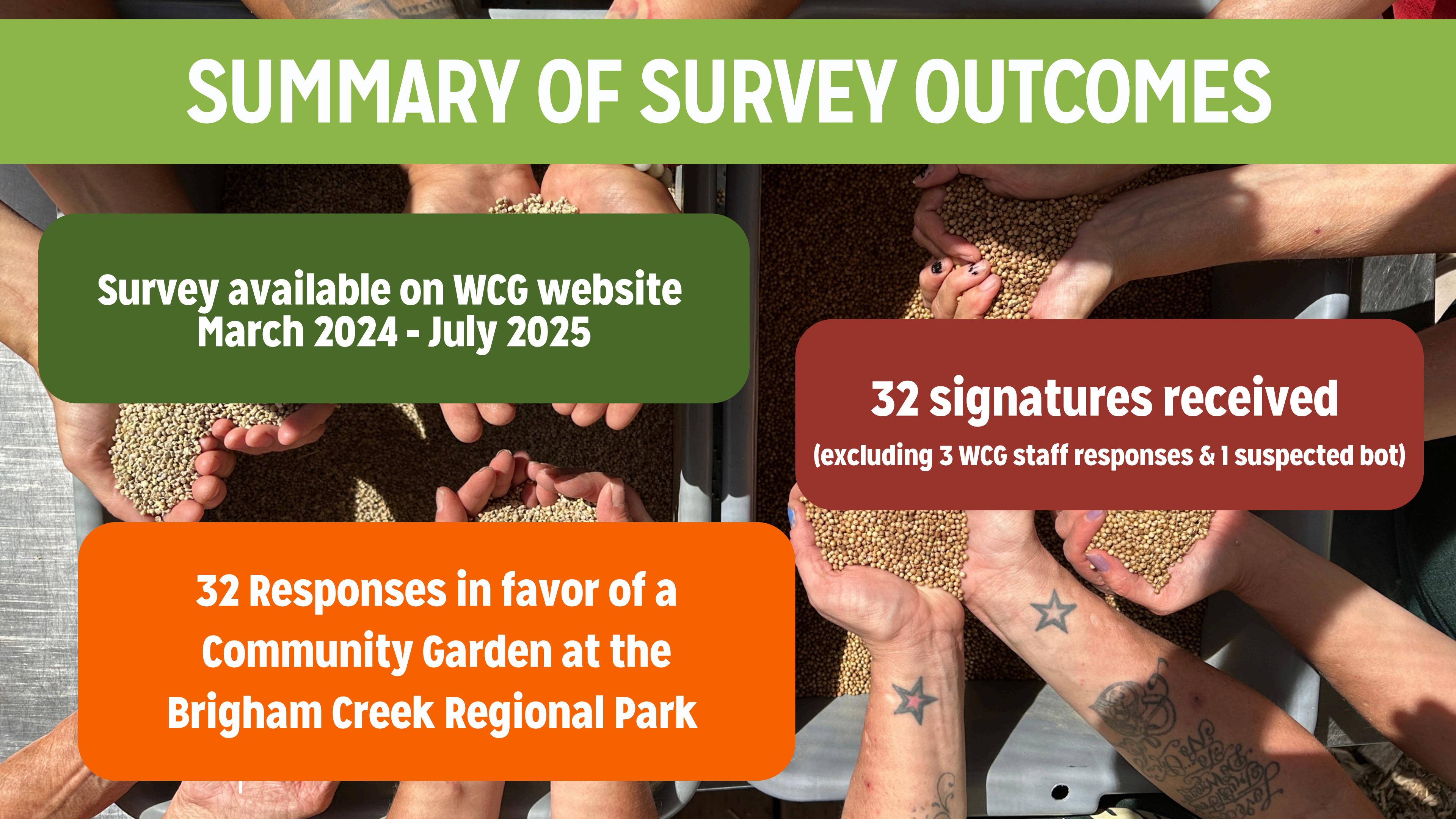
WCG Programs

Community Garden Program
Education Program
Youth and School Gardens
Job Training Program
Volunteer Program
Advocacy and Justice Program

Values

Inclusion | Collaboration | Joy | Stewardship

SUMMARY OF SURVEY OUTCOMES

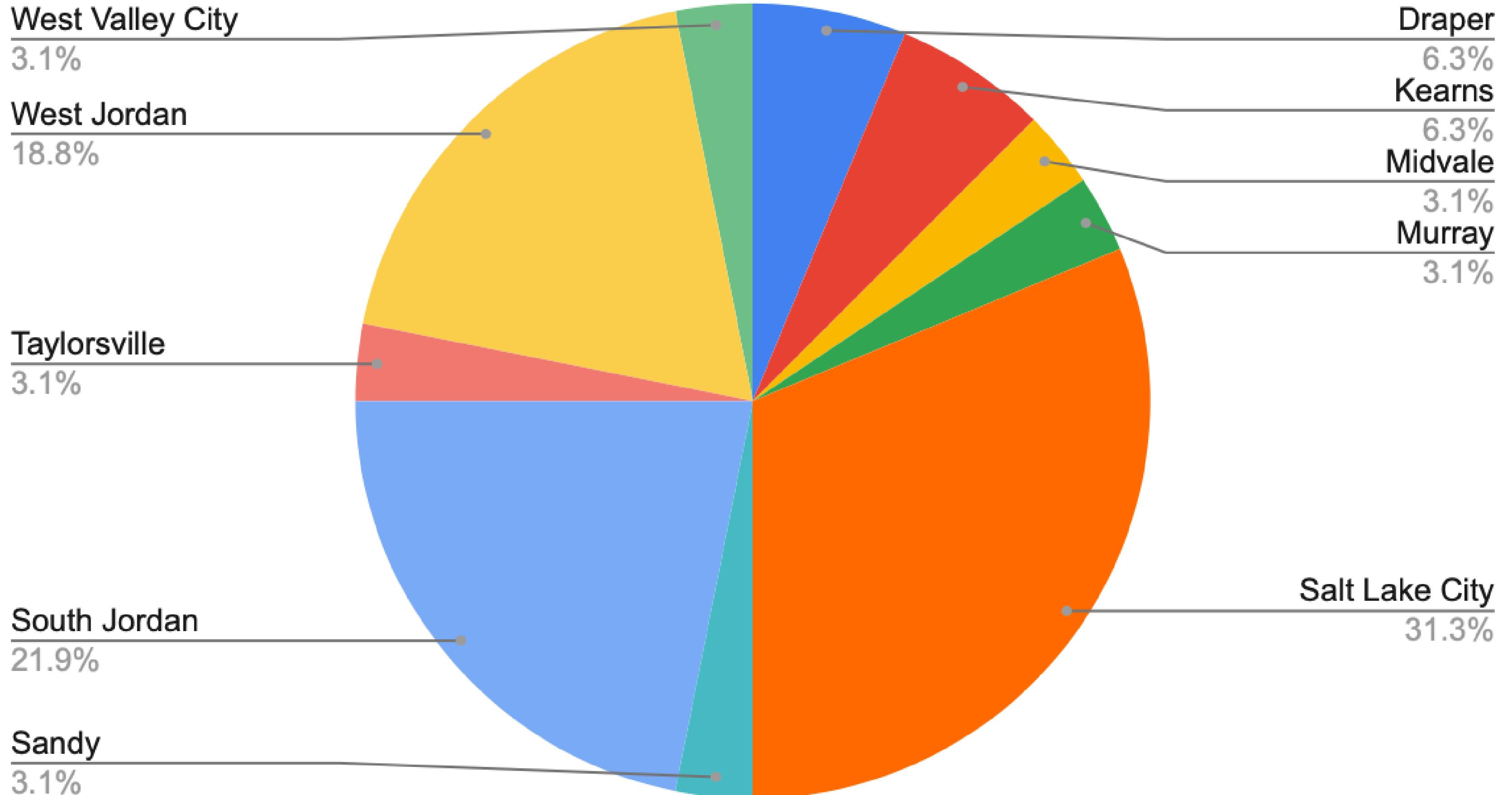


**Survey available on WCG website
March 2024 - July 2025**

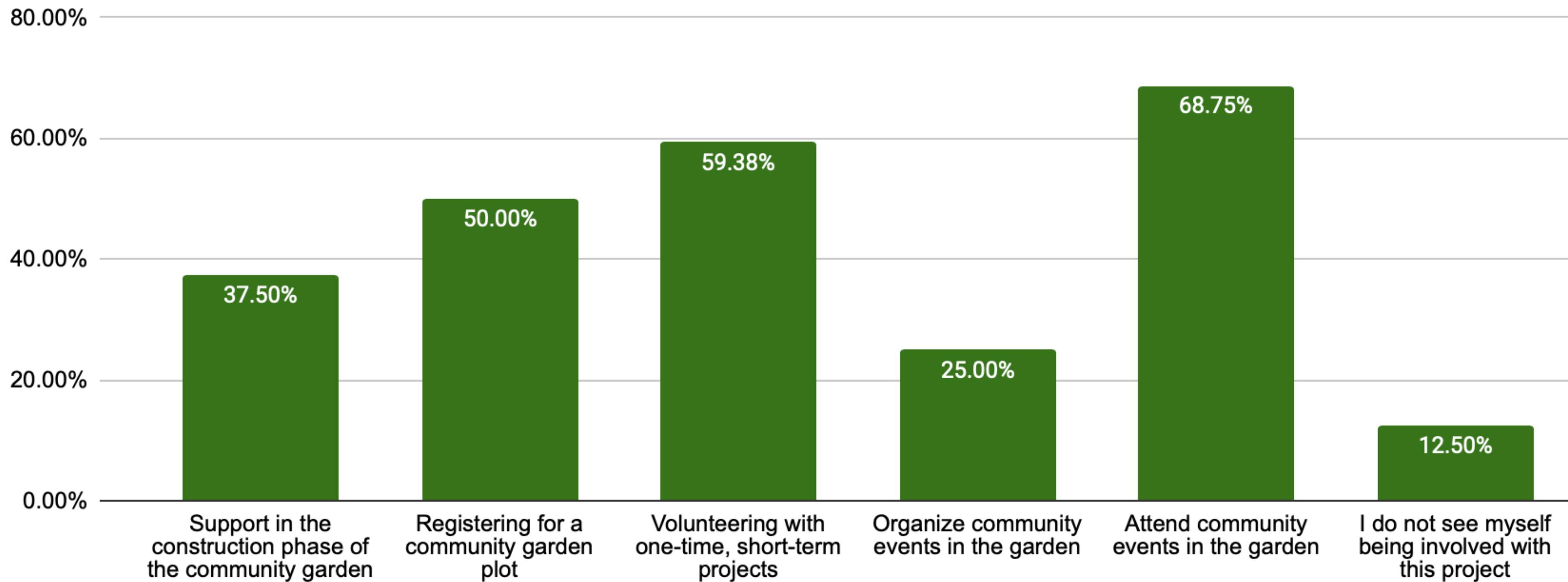
**32 Responses in favor of a
Community Garden at the
Brigham Creek Regional Park**

32 signatures received
(excluding 3 WCG staff responses & 1 suspected bot)

Survey Takers City of Residence



Respondent Interest in Being Involved





SUMMARIZED SURVEY COMMENTS

Location

Addresses needs in southern end of the Salt Lake Valley.

Proximity of garden to survey respondents.

Connection & Health

Gardens support health and access to fresh produce.

Spaces to connect with community and nature, learn about food system.

Excitement

Interest in volunteering and helping with the garden.

Support of community gardens everywhere.

Recommendation

Recommended that support be given to the creation of a community garden at the Bingham Creek Regional Park.

WCG FINDINGS

The survey did not demonstrate the demand that WCG would need to take next steps to develop and manage a site.

- This survey illustrates demonstrated demand for approximately 11 plots.
- Parks for Produce gardens have anywhere between 30-55 plots per garden.



WCG requires 2-4x more signatures than there will be plots to have enough demand to develop & sustainably manage a community garden.

NEXT STEPS

- Future Petition for a garden at Bingham Creek Regional Park to reevaluate opportunities for WCG development and management.
- Regional Park Board consider alternatives to WCG development/management of a community garden.
- No Action

QUESTIONS?



CommunityGardenSurvey ey - I support the development of a potential community garden in partnership with Wasatch				CommunityGardenSurvey ey - I am interested in being on the planning committee.	CommunityGardenSurvey - Comments or Concerns
City	Postal Code	CommunityGardens Survey - Date of Signature:	Community Gardens and the Park Authority Board		
Salt Lake City	84103	4/3/2024	Yes	No	Community Gardens are an important resource. They should be available in all
Draper	84020	5/13/2024	Yes	No	
West Jordan	84088	2/13/2025	Yes	Yes	I think this is a wonderful idea and will do all I can to help support a garden in this end of the valley. I dont drive so involvement is dependant on my ability to get to and from locations. I would love to see this garden open as an option for community gardening. We need more gardens in the south end of the valley and this is a great location for one to be.
West Jordan	84088	4/2/2024	Yes	No	
Salt Lake City,	84102	4/2/2024	Yes	No	
Salt Lake City	84115		Yes	No	
Taylorsville	84129	7/15/2025	Yes	No	
Kearns	84118	4/2/2024	Yes	No	
Salt Lake City	84115		Yes	No	
Salt Lake	84103	4/2/2024	Yes	No	
Kearns	84118	6/28/2024	Yes	No	I'm always in support of more community gardens EVERYWHERE!
Salt Lake City	84103	10/1/2024	Yes	Yes	N/A
Salt Lake City	84102	9/9/2024	Yes	No	
Salt Lake City	84111	4/2/2024	Yes	No	
South Salt Lake	84106	9/23/2024	Yes	No	
SOUTH JORDAN	84009	3/7/2024	Yes	Yes	Excited to see this growth near me, where I can help!!
South Jordan	84009	3/30/2024	Yes	No	
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West Jordan	84088	4/22/2024	Yes	No	
SOUTH JORDAN	84095	4/26/2024	Yes	No	
West Jordan	84081	5/6/2024	Yes	Yes	Community gardens create safe spaces for our community to connect with each other and nature. It can be used for people to learn how our food is grown, learn that it takes patience and care. I am excited to have one nearby! N/A - We need more gardens on this side of the valley!
Midvale	84047	5/30/2024	Yes	Yes	
Salt Lake City	84105	3/17/2025	Yes	No	
Salt Lake City	84107	8/7/2024	Yes	No	
South Jordan	84009	8/13/2024	Yes	Yes	
West Jordan	84084	9/15/2024	Yes	No	
Draper	84020	9/18/2024	Yes	No	
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West Valley City	84128	11/14/2024	Yes	No	
Salt Lake City	84102	3/13/2025	Yes	No	
Salt Lake City	84106	1/16/2025	Yes	Yes	We need more community gardens, helps with connecting, mental and physical health and everyone deserves the access to free fresh produce m!
West Jordan	84081	1/25/2025	Yes	No	
south jordan	84009	3/6/2025	Yes	No	
South Jordan	84009	4/25/2025	Yes	Yes	You should also support the development of a community garden in partnership with WCG and the Park Authority Board.
Sandy	84070	5/9/2025	Yes	No	
Murray	84107	6/5/2025	Yes	Yes	