

# AFTER THE PILE

## Site Futures Committee 2013-2023

History and Public Outreach for a  
Community Vision

Presented to City/County Joint Meeting  
Commissioner McGann April 17, 2026



# ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 2012 BY MTPSC

## **Mission of the Site Futures Committee:**

Conduct a public planning process to develop a **community vision** for potential future use of the former Atlas Uranium Mill Site property.

## **Vision of the Site Futures Committee:**

Grand County and Moab City will **acquire, develop, and manage** the former Atlas Uranium Mill Site property in cooperation with other agencies to provide a wide range of social, physical, economic, and **community** focused amenities.

**Five-Year Update of Community Vision is required by City and County Council resolutions. Community Visions completed 2013, 2018, 2023.**

# BENEFITS OF ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY VISION

## Opportunity for

- Continued DOE funding for cleanup
- Determine what infrastructure may transfer with property
- Guide future planning and management of site
- Obtaining community input for desired future use

**Each Community Vision was presented to Moab City and Grand County for endorsement. Each completed plan was unanimously endorsed by both bodies.**

# 10 PRINCIPLES FOR SITE DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

1. Continue **collaboration** with the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management site through the completion of environmental remediation and site cleanup.
2. Work in **partnership** with the DOE Office of Legacy Management to assure future public health and safety.
3. Plan future site use based on the **community's vision and needs** emphasizing facilities that can be enjoyed by local residents.
4. **Prioritize health and safety** throughout site design and facility development.
5. Pursue **short and long-term sources of funding** to support facility development, property management, and site operations.

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6. Use **sound planning** to create a welcoming north gateway to Moab.
7. Develop a **phased multi-year implementation** plan.
8. Incorporate **environmental sustainability and energy conservation** measures.
9. Emphasize **resource conservation and enhancement**.
10. Recognize **existing rights -of-way and property deed restrictions**.

# SOME SITE CONSTRAINTS

- 74% of the 480 acres are undevelopable: floodplain, rights-of-way (highway, railroad and utility), steep hillsides, conservation easement, sovereign lands of Utah (river)
- DOE Legacy Management sites discourage overnight use because of liability
- Potential below surface soil contamination
- Culinary ground water not available on site
- Ground water is managed by Legacy Management

- Norm Boyd, AtLarge \*
- Kristine Braun, Grand County
- Sabrina Henry, National Park Service
- Jason Johnson, Utah FFSL
- Donna Metzler, City of Moab
- Saxon Sharpe, Atarge (vice chair)\*
- Rock Smith, BLM
- Russ von Koch, Atarge (chair)\*
- Lee Shenton, UMTRA Liaison (non voting)

\* Members who have served all 10 years

- Public workshop May 15, 2013
- First 30-day public comment period (online, email, phone)
- Public workshop September 18, 2013
- Second 30-day public comment period (online, email, phone)

## Site Futures Committee 2018

- Norm Boyd, AtLarge\*
- David Everitt/Lisa Church/Rani Derasary City of Moab
- Jennifer Jones, BLM
- Zacharia Levine, Grand County
- Tony Mancuso/Jason Johnson, Utah FFSL
- Saxon Sharpe, Atarge (vice chair)\*
- Amy Tendick, National Park Service
- Russ von Koch, Atarge (chair)\*
- Lee Shenton/Russ von Koch, UMTRA Liaison (non-voting)

## Public Outreach

- Prepared Grand County Moab Tailings Project webpage
- First 30-day public comment period
- Open house workshop May 31, 2018
- Second online and written comment period advertised by news release, newspaper, radio interview, flyers, and radio public service announcements

# Site Futures Committee 2023

- Ben Alter, Grand County Economic Development
- Norm Boyd, AtLarge \*
- Rani Derasary, Moab City Council
- Noelle Gignoux, Grand County P&Z
- Jenna Gorney, Grand County P&Z
- August Granath, Grand County
- Joette Langianese, Moab City
- Elissa Martin, Grand County P&Z
- Mary McGann, Grand County Commission
- Tony Mancuso, Utah FFSL
- Saxon Sharpe, AtLarge (vice chair)\*
- Amy Tendick, NPS
- Russ von Koch, AtLarge (chair)\*
- Lisa Wilkolak, BLM
- Jessica Thacker, UMTRA Liaison (not voting)

# Public Outreach

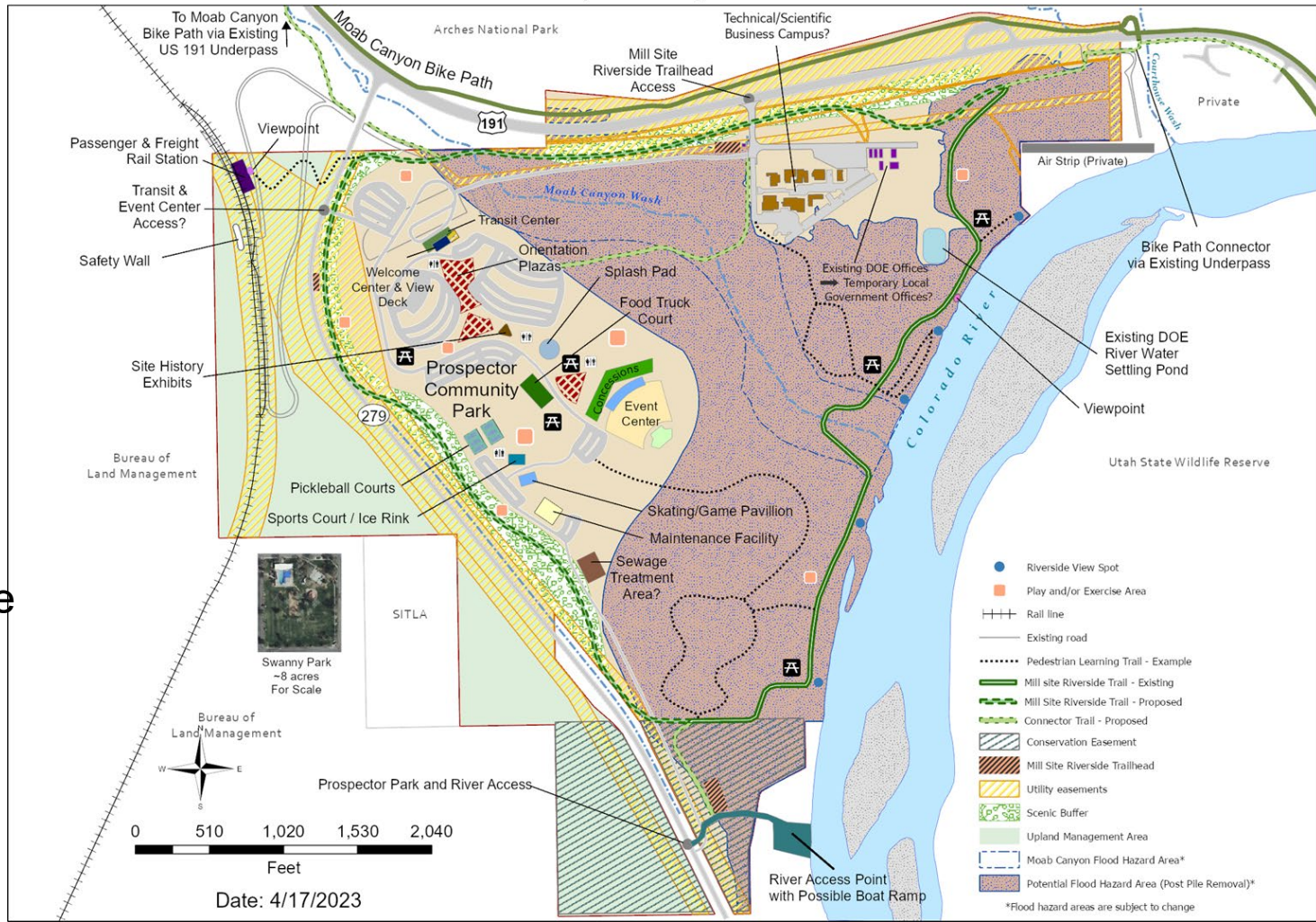
- Open house/workshop November 16, 2022. Comments accepted and survey form distributed
- Online survey on the county's community engagement portal, Grand County Connects website active for 10 weeks
- 179 survey responses were submitted to online survey
- Open house held in city chambers

# North Moab Gateway Area - 2023 Community Vision Update Map

## Conceptual Facility Locations

### Community Vision

- Focus on resident-friendly uses
- Strong support for event center, trails, a boat ramp & transit center
- Design should reduce water use & environmental impacts and increase sustainability



# PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE TO REMAIN

Bold indicates infrastructure requested by Green/Colorado River Sovereign Lands, Utah Forestry, Fire, & State Lands

**DOE Administrative Office Area:** access road, parking lot, modular buildings, septic tank, leach field

**Access Roads:** DOE administrative site entry on US 191, 2 access roads on 279

**DOE rail siding:** access road, on-site cliff stability monitoring system, safety wall

**Infrastructure:** freshwater pond, **pumping stations**, **pumps**, water storage tanks, **ground water injection** and **extraction wells**, sand filtration facility, distribution lines, irrigation system, non-paved improved and unimproved roads, electrical power lines and substations, non-potable water structures, septic systems and related sewer lines, phone and data lines, right-of-way, current and future flood plain projections, landscaping

**Community Vision Future Infrastructure Needs:** potable and non-potable water, sewage disposal/treatment area, maintenance building and yard

# SUMMARY OF 2023 ONLINE SURVEY COMMENTS (n=179)

## Survey Response Use Preference Ranking

5 4 3 2 1

