

AFTER THE PILE

Site Futures Committee 2013-2023

History and Public Outreach for a
Community Vision

Presented to Grand County
Commission

Commissioner McGann April 7, 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 need** 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

Site Futures Committee 2013

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

* Members who have served all 10 years

Public Outreach

- 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, At-Large *
- David Everitt/Lisa Church/Rani Derasary, City of Moab
- Jennifer Jones, BLM
- Zacharia Levine, Grand County
- Tony Mancuso/Jason Johnson, Utah FFSL
- Saxon Sharpe, At-large (vice chair) *
- Amy Tendick, National Park Service
- Russ von Koch, At-large (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 on-line 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, At-Large *
- 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, At-Large (vice chair) *
- Amy Tendick, NPS
- Russ von Koch, At-Large (chair) *
- Lisa Wilkolak, BLM
- Jessica Thacker, UMTRA Liaison (non-voting)

Public Outreach

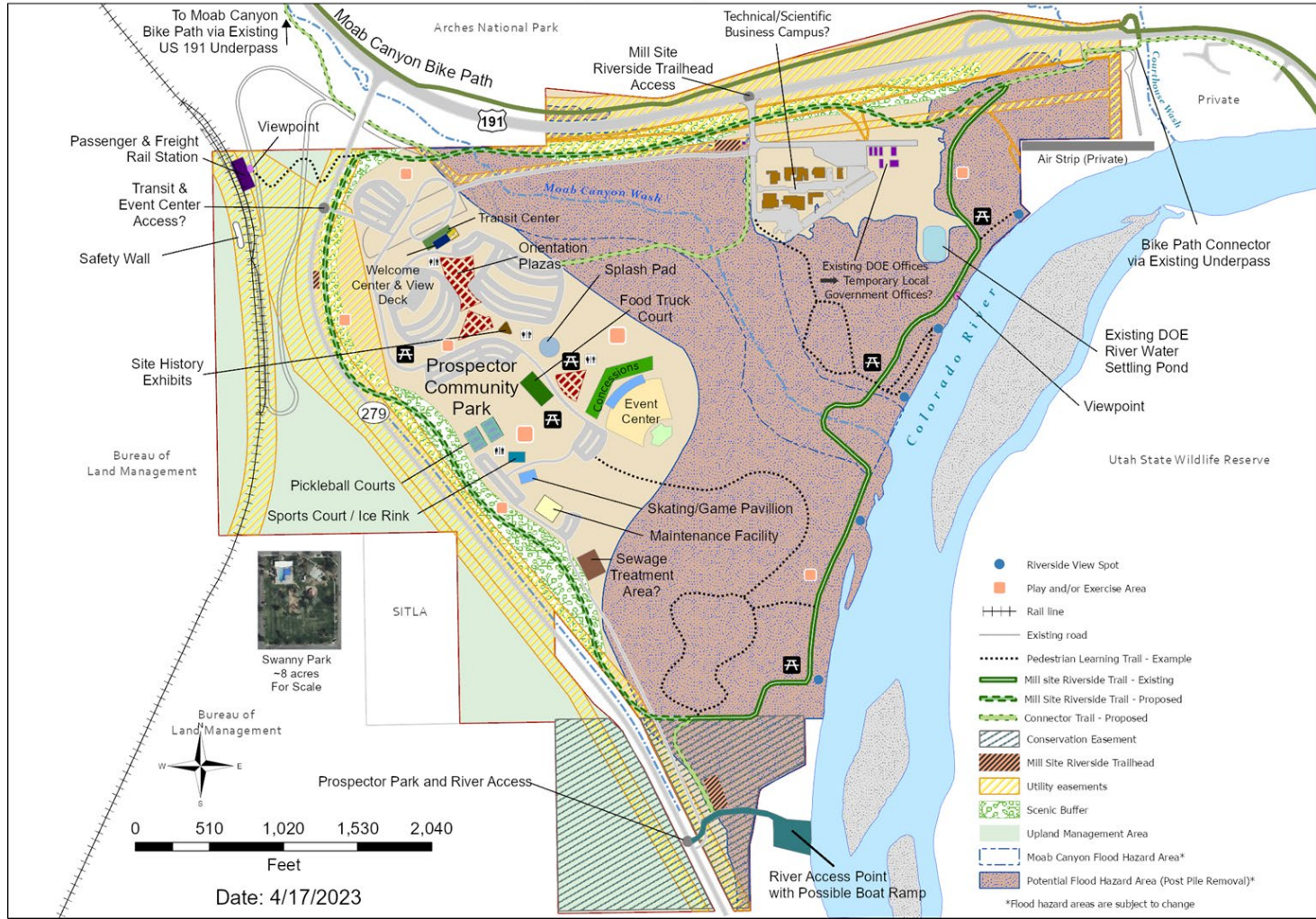
- Open house/workshop November 16, 2022. Comments accepted and survey form distributed
- Online survey on the county's community engagement portal, Grand County Connects website active for 10 weeks
- 179 survey responses were submitted to online survey
- Open house held in city chambers

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 sub-stations, non-potable water structures, septic systems and related sewer lines, phone and data lines, rights-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

