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Habitat and Natural Systems

Jordan River Water Trail Vegetation Project Resumes This Winter 01.19.2026 (**SLC Public Lands**)

Inland Port sends \$5M for public safety, wetlands improvements in Salt Lake City 01.16.2026 (**KSL News**)

How mapping a water-guzzling invasive weed could help refill the Great Salt Lake 03.25.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**) *Utah scientists have calculated the weed suck up 71,000 acre-feet from the Great Salt Lake each season, the equivalent of the Jordan River's flow for nine months.*

Spread of invasive, water-sucking phragmites often requires 3-year treatment in Utah's wetlands 04.06.2026 (**Fox 13**)

Letter: Traps along the Little Confluence Trail? It's time for oversight and protections of the Jordan River. 04.16.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

MLS celebrates Earth Day: Greener Goals Week of Service 04.20.2026 (**MLS Soccer**)

Jordan River cleanup highlights Larry H. Miller Week of Service 04.28.2026 (**ABC 4**)

Thousands of volunteers roll up their sleeves for Larry H. Miller Week of Service 04.28.2026 (**KSL TV**)

City Nature Challenge BioBlitz: Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve 04.25.2026 (**UPR Community Calendar**)

Restoring the Great Salt Lake Ecosystem 04.30.2026 (**Every CRS Report**)

Larry H. Miller annual Week of Service helps restore Jordan River and strengthen communities nationwide 05.06.2026 (**Utah Policy**)

What are phragmites, and why does Utah burn them? 05.27.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**) (**Cache Valley Daily**) (**KNVU**)

Water and the River

The water bills and issues to watch during Utah's legislative session 01.14.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**) *Senator Fillmore's Proposed Bill for the Jordan River highlighted*

Utah snowpack behind schedule as warm storms push snowlines higher 01.15.2026 (**Town Lift**) *Provo/Jordan River at 65%*

Utah urges water conservation preparations with outlook 'not looking great' 01.25.2026 (**KSL**)

Utah's Integrated Report Draft from Division of Water Quality ready for public review 02.04.2026 (**Division of Water Quality**)

COLUMN: Water users need to come together and compromise 03.07.2026 (**Herald Journal**)

Fish struggle in Jordan River as low runoff leaves water dangerously shallow 04.20.2026 (**Fox 13**)

Utah Lake Authority campaign hopes to educate public about harmful algal blooms 04.20.2026 (**KSL News**)

What makes the Jordan River's water yucky, and what's being done about it? 05.04.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Dead fish, algal blooms and E. coli: More attention turns to the Jordan River's water quality 05.11.2026 (**KSL News**)

The Jordan River: Is it safe to swim? Who's in charge of clean up? How can I help? 05.05.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Video: More attention turns to the Jordan River's water quality, but struggles persist 05.04.2026 (**KSL TV**)

Warm, dry winter increases risk of harmful algal blooms in Jordan River 05.20.2026 (**Utah Public Radio**)

Water - Great Salt Lake

5 lessons learned about the Great Salt Lake in 2025 outlined in new report 01.07.2026 (**KSL TV**) (**KSL News**)

Why this winter could test Utah's protocols for the Great Salt Lake 02.04.2026 (**KSL News**)

Utah lawmaker wants state to match \$200M Great Salt Lake fundraising effort 02.04.2026 (**KSL News**)

Trump says he wants to make the Great Salt Lake 'great again' 02.21.2026 (**KSL TV**)

There's a new 'driver' in Great Salt Lake water. Will Utah target it next? 04.09.2026 (**KSL News**)

PRESS RELEASE: Urban Water Conservation Sends New Water Flows to Great Salt Lake 04.06.2026 (**GSL Water Trust**) (**Utah News Dispatch**) (**ABC 4**) (**USA Today**) (**KSL News**) (**Deseret News**)

Letter: The Great Salt Lake needs MAGA, too 05.17.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

The threat farmers around the Great Salt Lake fear more than drought is development 05.31.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Comfort and Inclusivity

Gov Cox proposes \$50M for homelessness services, including construction of SLC campus 12.05.2025 (**KUTV**)

Salt Lake City wants to enhance its camping ordinance, but is it going too far? 04.15.2026 (**KSL News**)

Recreation

SLC won't delay second wave of \$85 million for park upgrades. See what it will buy. 12.02.2025 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Glendale Regional Park opens in Salt Lake City as first in over 60 years 12.06.2025 (**Deseret News**) (**ABC 4**)

Utah bill requires all boaters to complete new annual safety course before operating watercraft 01.26.2026 (**St. George News**) (**HB 54**)

Not All "E-Bikes" Are the Same 02.24.2026 (**West Jordan**)

Gettin those miles in when we can.Jordan River Trail is one of the longest urban trails in the U.S! 04.30.2026 **(YouTube)**

Free Golden Spoke Ride returns May 16, celebrating 100-mile trail network 05.11.2026 **(Town Lift)**

Utah's top locations for bird watching this spring 05.05.2026 **(ABC 4)**

Unique spots to visit this summer in Salt Lake City 05.27.2026 **(Fox 13)**

Safety and Wellbeing

Salt Lake City eyes grants to cover safety, Jordan River upgrades amid potential budget deficit 12.05.2025 **(KSL) (Deseret News)**

92 arrests made, 122 citations issued in monthslong sweep of Jordan River Parkway 12.05.2025 **(KSL)**

Neighbors push back against proposed biotower in Salt Lake neighborhood 01.05.2026 **(KUTV 2)**

They're done with this year's homeless count. Here's what stood out in Salt Lake County. 02.01.2026 **(Salt Lake Tribune)**

Volunteers walk Jordan River Trail for Point-in-Time homelessness count 01.30.2026 **(KSL TV) (KSL.com) (YouTube)**

Fire reported along Jordan River in Saratoga Springs 02.10.2026 **(ABC 4)**

Brush fire near Jordan River extinguished by Lehi Fire Department, other agencies 02.18.2026 **(Lehi Free Press) (Daily Herald) (ABC 4) (Daily Dispatch) (Gephardt Daily)**

ICE agents involved in SLCPD arrest of alleged fentanyl dealer near Jordan River Trail 02.20.2026 **(ABC 4) (KSL TV)**

Sister of man found dead in Jordan River asks public for help finding answers 03.26.2026 **(Fox 13) (Fox 13)**

SLC wants to make it safer to cross the street to a long-awaited park. A new state law adds a hurdle to improvements. 04.21.2026 **(Salt Lake Tribune)**

Brush fire burns several acres along Jordan River Parkway in West Valley 05.03.2026 **(KUTV 2)**

Man hospitalized after rescue from 'very dangerous section' of Jordan River Surplus Canal 05.14.2026 **(KUTV 2) (Daily Dispatch)**

Salt Lake City closes Cottonwood Park bridge after residents' safety concerns 05.11.2026 **(Fox 13)**

Development and Transportation

Draft of the Northwest Area Plan is now available to view 12.10.2025 **(Salt Lake City)**

Different projects to close sections of roads, trails in Salt Lake City 01.03.2026 **(KSL Newsradio)**

Can Light Rail be Saved at Point of the Mountain? 01.30.2026 **(Building Salt Lake)**

Mo' Bettahs Rides Wave All the Way to Bluffdale near Jordan River 02.11.2026 **(Restaurant News) (Utah Business)** *press release highlights proximity to Jordan River, shows community value in the trail and river.*

Vacant Poplar Grove to be Developed into Housing 02.13.2026 **(Building Salt Lake)**

Historic Fisher Mansion could get more rehab money as it inches toward reopening 02.15.2026 **(Salt Lake Tribune)**

New master plan draft calls for more mixed-used corridors on SLC's northwest side, including the new Power District 02.02.2026 **(Building Salt Lake) (Hoodline)**

Looking ahead: What to watch for in the 2026 economy 01.12.2026 (**Deseret News**) *The Power District and the Point Development highlighted as projects that may help protect the Utah Economy this year*

Breaking it down: Inside the planning of 2100 North freeway 03.19.2026 (**Daily Herald**) *The project will include construction of 14 new bridges. Two pedestrian bridges will be built over the freeway in coordination with Lehi City. One will connect the Jordan River Trail to a future city park. The other will accommodate a future trail next to the railroad tracks and a future Utah Transit Authority line.*

Lehi residents kept awake by construction on section of Jordan River Trail 04.07.2026 (**KUTV 2**)

Pedestrian detour in place on Lehi's Jordan River Trail as new freeway construction begins 04.11.2026 (**KSL News**)

UTA Midvalley Express opens 04.28.2026 (**Ride UTA**) (**ABC 4**)

Glendale rezone proposal could lead to for-sale units near Jordan River 05.08.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**)

New Glendale proposal aims to convert vacant SFH lot into townhomes 05.12.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**)

New Affordable Infill Project Pitched for Glendale Using City's Bonuses 05.19.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**)

New SLC bikeways promise safe and train-free east-west access 05.28.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**) (**Planetizen**) (**KSL News**)

Development - Northpoint Area

Rezone pitch in Northpoint could flip agricultural land to industrial 01.05.2026 (**Building Salt Lake**)

An influential Utahn wants to tee up 80 acres of dwindling open space in SLC for industrial uses 01.12.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Commission delivers blow to request to rezone 80 acres of land near Great Salt Lake 01/16/2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**) (**Building Salt Lake**) (**KSL News**)

'Blindsided' by new homeless campus, west side lawmakers want a seat at the table 02.11.2026 (**KSL News**)

Bill to scuttle SLC homeless campus is actually about helping the Great Salt Lake, top Republican insists 02.13.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Development - Power District

SB242 could work against plans for getting people to the Power District 02.24.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

Larry H. Miller Real Estate announces restoration plans for the Jordan River at the Power District 02.26.2026 (**Utah Policy - News Release**)

With or without baseball, a water-centric landmark is in the works in Fairpark District 02.26.2026 (**Utah News Dispatch**)

'Generationally meaningful': Officials announce Jordan River revitalization project 02.26.2026 (**ABC 4**)

Larry H. Miller Company hires international landscape architect firm for Jordan River redevelopment 02.26.2026 (**Deseret News**)

Larry H. Miller Real Estate Announces Restoration Plans for the Jordan River at the Power District 03.26.2026 (**PR Newswire**) (**Herald Journal**)

\$3.5B Salt Lake City mixed-use development to feature retail, possible MLB stadium 02.27.2026 (**CSA**)

They transformed Seattle's waterfront and designed New York's innovative High Line park. Can they turn around the Jordan River? 02.27.2026 (**Salt Lake Tribune**)

How Miller group plans to transform Jordan River section into a community gem 02.27.2026 (**KSL**)

Larry H. Miller Company announces project to restore Jordan River on Salt Lake's west side 02.27.2026 **(KUTV) (KMYU)**

West Side neighbors hopeful, and cautious, about Jordan River plans 02.27.2026 **(KSL TV) (KSL Sports)**

No development yet two years into Utah's pitch for Major League Baseball 02.27.2026 **(KJZZ) (KUTV) (KMYU)**

\$3.5bn ballpark proposed as sports-mad city takes lead in MLB expansion race 03.05.2026 **(Talk Sport)**

Development - The Point

First projects at The Point to add apartments, retail, entertainment 03.30.2026 **(Building Salt Lake)**

Communications, Education, and Art

Humans of the U: Teri Harman 02.02.2026 **(At the U)** *student connecting people to their local bodies of water like Utah Lake, Jordan River, Great Salt Lake*

Volunteers invited to help protect the Jordan River 03.11.2026 **(Lehi Free Press) (AF Citizen)**

Earth Day 2026 local activities 04.15.2026 **(City Weekly)**

Salt Lake weekend events: Eco-fun, Japan Fest and Beltane 04.23.2026 **(Axios)**

Brad Parry, vice chair of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation, tapped for inaugural Schnitzer Prize of the West, for restoration project involving Bear River Massacre site 05.13.2026 **(Utah Review)**

2026 Legislative Session

The water bills and issues to watch during Utah's legislative session - Jordan River gets a spotlight 01.15.2026 **(Castle Country Radio)**

What to know ahead of Utah's 2026 legislative session 01.20.2026 **(Axios)**