

# CENTRAL WASATCH ENVIRONMENTAL DASHBOARD



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## What is the Environmental Dashboard?

The Dashboard is a tool for decision makers to track the Central Wasatch’s environmental health and evaluate impacts in future planning discussions. It is the intention that the Dashboard is a legacy project and will be updated on a regular basis. It is scientifically based, data rich, and technically credible.

The Dashboard compiles data currently collected throughout the Central Wasatch Mountains in a way that provides a picture of the complete health of the mountain range, as well as a mechanism for measuring the health moving forward.

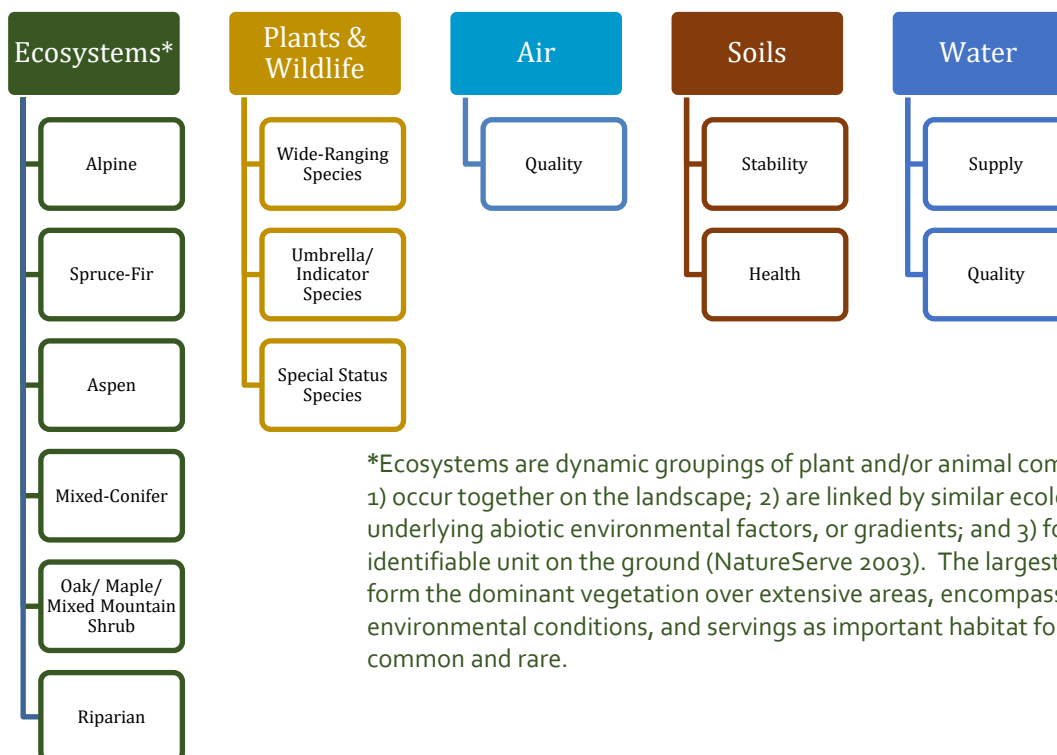
## Dashboard Terminology and Organization

The project team has defined the overall organizational framework and terminology for the Dashboard, as follows:

<b>Element</b>	High-level topic area that provides the organizing structure of the Dashboard
<b>Target</b>	Broadly categorized components that are the focus of analysis and reporting
<b>Nested Target</b>	Sub-categories under each target that help define or focus attention on the specific constituent part of the broad targets
<b>Indicator</b>	Metrics used to evaluate the health or condition of the targets
<b>Threshold</b>	Levels of magnitude or intensity that define the indicator’s health and scope

## Preliminary Dashboard Framework (DRAFT)

The first levels of the Dashboard Framework, including elements, targets, and nested targets have been developed. Note that this structure may evolve as nested targets and indicators are identified, and that some nested targets and indicators may relate to more than one element (e.g., umbrella/indicator species may relate to both Ecosystems and Plants & Wildlife elements).



\*Ecosystems are dynamic groupings of plant and/or animal communities that: 1) occur together on the landscape; 2) are linked by similar ecological processes, underlying abiotic environmental factors, or gradients; and 3) form a readily identifiable unit on the ground (NatureServe 2003). The largest ecosystems form the dominant vegetation over extensive areas, encompassing a range of environmental conditions, and serving as important habitat for species both common and rare.