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from the
Jordan River Commission



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The Jordan River & Parkway



Jordan River & Parkway Info

Jordan River & Watershed

- 51 mile river, through Utah's most urbanized region
- Flows north from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake
- Drains a 3,805 square mile area including Provo River watershed
- 13 natural tributaries, 4 waste water treatment discharges, and numerous stormwater discharges

Wildlife

- 157 “common” bird species – migratory and resident varieties
- 52 large and small mammal species
- 27 fish species – 9 families (not including invertebrates)
- 17 amphibian and reptile species

Outdoor Recreation

- 46 mile multi-use trail, part of larger ~115 mile urban trail corridor from Ogden to Provo, and over 170 miles of connecting trails, paths & routes
- Diverse recreation opportunities include: multi-use trails and connectors, water trail, bike parks, sports parks, nature centers, wildlife preserves, fishing areas, golf courses, active and passive parks, community gardens, open space and natural lands

Regulatory Jurisdictions

Cities

- 16 municipal jurisdictions
- land use and zoning, storm water, transportation and mobility systems, parks, trails and open space, fire and public safety

Counties

- 3 counties – Utah, Salt Lake, Davis
- parks, trails and open space, transportation and mobility, public health, watershed and flood control, fire and public safety

Special Districts

- water, waste water, storm water, transportation and mobility

State & Federal

- land management, water quality, water rights, air quality, transportation and mobility, fish and wildlife protection, flood control, fire and public safety, emergency management

Background of the Jordan River Commission



The Jordan River Parkway Vision | 2008



Blueprint
Jordan River

Blueprint Jordan River Vision & Goals

- **Conserve and rehabilitate** natural river features and functions where possible
- **Expand and restore** wetlands and habitats
- **Manage stormwater** in the river and tributaries to improve water quality
- **Preserve and improve buffers** between the River and the built environment
- **Integrate complementary development** design standards into the River corridor
- **Remove physical barriers to boating** with alternatives that allow for flood control, water quality, recreation, and habitat improvements
- **Encourage active transportation** with a regional trail that connect communities to each other and to the Parkway

Organization of Jordan River Commission

Created by an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
August 2010

Current Interlocal Agreement Partner Agencies

- 16 Cities
- 2 Counties
- Governor's Office Appointee
- Legislative Appointee
- 2 State Agencies (DEQ & DNR)
- 6 Special Districts (Water & Sewer Districts; UTA)

14 Ex-Officio Governing Board Appointees

- Nonprofit Partners
- Corporate & Business Partners, including land managers
- Stakeholders & Community Members
- 3 Open Seats Currently Available

Utah Watershed Council Act

Jordan River Watershed Council



Watershed Council Act of 2020

Creation of a Statewide Watershed Council

- Representatives from Regional Watershed Councils
- Provides input and guidance to the Legislature and Departments

Formation of a Jordan River Watershed Council

- Governing Board is actively working to establish the Commission as the Jordan River Watershed Council entity
- Will expand our mission beyond the Jordan River Parkway to include other partners across the watershed geographic area
- Target implementation date of December 2021

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A major source of litter are all the storm drains around Salt Lake and northern Utah Valley, which all lead to the Jordan River, typically without any filtration.

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Millcreek's Love Your Watershed Community Service Event Kickoff



Friday, October 2, 2020

Millcreek City Hall

3330 S 1300 E

Millcreek, UT 84106

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Educational Activities • Food Trucks

We're working to improve water quality in the watershed of the Jordan River and our canyon creeks, and there's an important role we all can play. Did you know that the litter, leaves and sediment, and chemicals that get washed down the storm drains from our streets, gutters, parking lots and driveways when it rains and snows flow directly into these natural waterways? These pollutants and organic matter all have a major negative impact on water quality!

Please join us to kick off our **#LoveYourWatershed** Millcreek community service event on Friday, October 2nd. Come enjoy educational activities and food trucks to while helping to clean up our City Hall area. For the ultimate social distance option, you can also participate right from your own home or business.

We encourage everyone to get involved and participate going forward on the First Friday of each month by pledging to clean the gutters, parking lots and driveways around your home and business! Share your photos and experiences on social media with **#LoveYourWatershed**.

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#LoveYourWatershed #FirstFridays



LEAVES, LITTER, POLLUTANTS, AND DEBRIS OFTEN EMPTY DIRECTLY INTO THE RIVER NEARBY.

KEEP DRAINS CLEAN TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND EXPERIENCES WITH

**#LOVEYOURWATERSHED
#FIRSTFRIDAYS**



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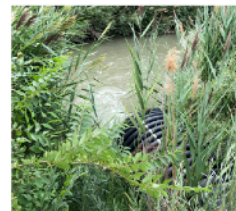


LEAVES, LITTER, POLLUTANTS, AND DEBRIS OFTEN EMPTY DIRECTLY INTO OUR CREEKS AND RIVERS.

JOIN US EACH FIRST FRIDAY TO KEEP DRAINS CLEAN AND CLEAR & IMPROVE OUR WATER QUALITY

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