

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan Project Update

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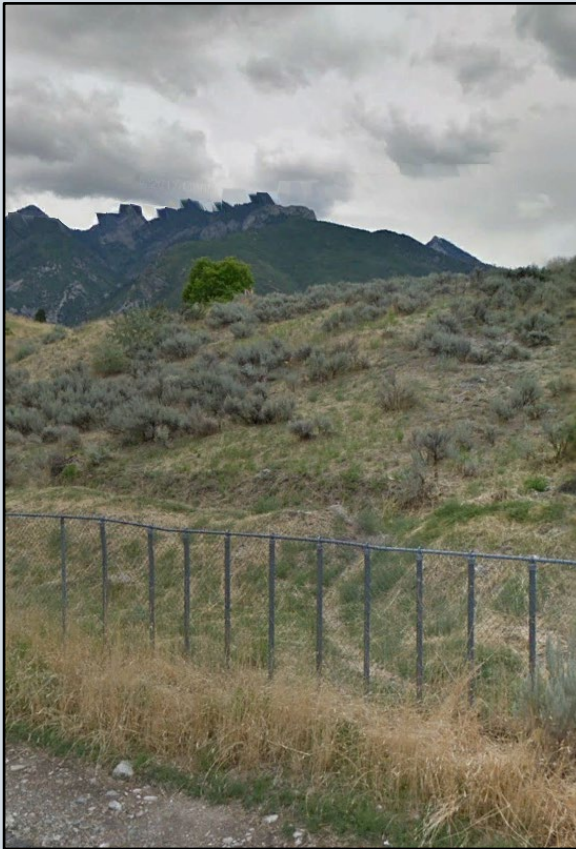
Scope of the Plan

The Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan is an addendum to the Cottonwood Heights General Plan. It is intended to provide a long-range and broad vision and provide recommendations for future budget, policy, and land use decisions related to parks, trails, and open spaces throughout the city.

This plan does not approve any specific projects for new parks, trails, or open space preservation. Such projects would require additional discussion, design, and public input.



Plan Updates



The following references have been added to the plan:

▪ **Private Property Rights Acknowledgement**

Cottonwood Heights respects private property rights. In the State of Utah, a government use eminent domain for park, trail, and open space development, and that is not identified as an implementation strategy in the plan. As such, any plan elements represented on private land would only be realized through voluntary agreements between landowners and local government, or through requirements made during substantial future development projects.

The plan envisions trail development that is of mutual benefit to trail users, adjacent landowners, easement holders and residents. Trail access will only be acquired in a manner that respects the rights of property owners and individual perspectives on the best use of land.

This plan is not a detailed plan of trail alignments, nor is it an acquisition or construction plan. More detailed site-specific planning, analysis, design and public input must occur after a general plan amendment has been approved, as appropriate.

▪ **Reference to nationally recognized park standards**

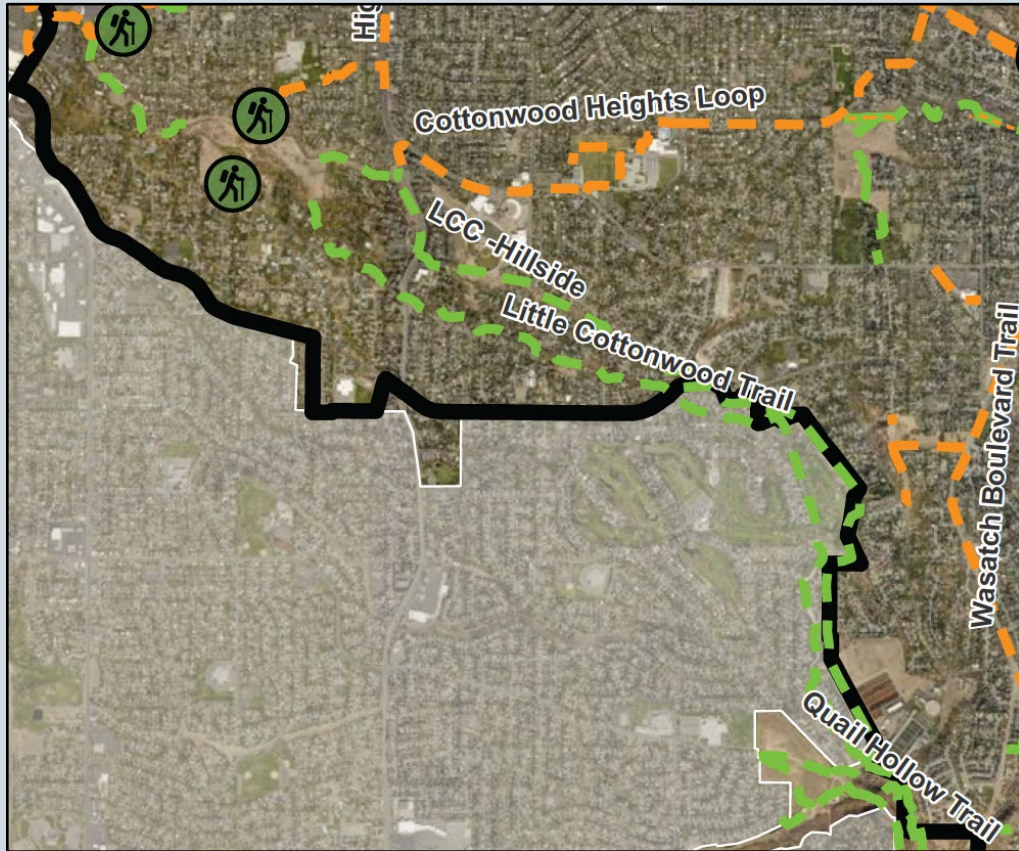
A revision is in progress to ensure reference is made to nationally accepted parks standards to support and validate various recommendations made in the plan.

Purpose of the Future Trails Chapter

- Interconnected recreational trail network that connects neighborhoods to city and regional parks, open spaces and activity areas through a seamless integration of sidewalks, natural trails, & urban trails
- Active transportation network that connects sidewalks, neighborhood pedestrian connections, urban and natural trails, and bike lanes throughout the city and between cities
- Access to public lands for city resident and non-city users without interfering with the quality of life of nearby residents.



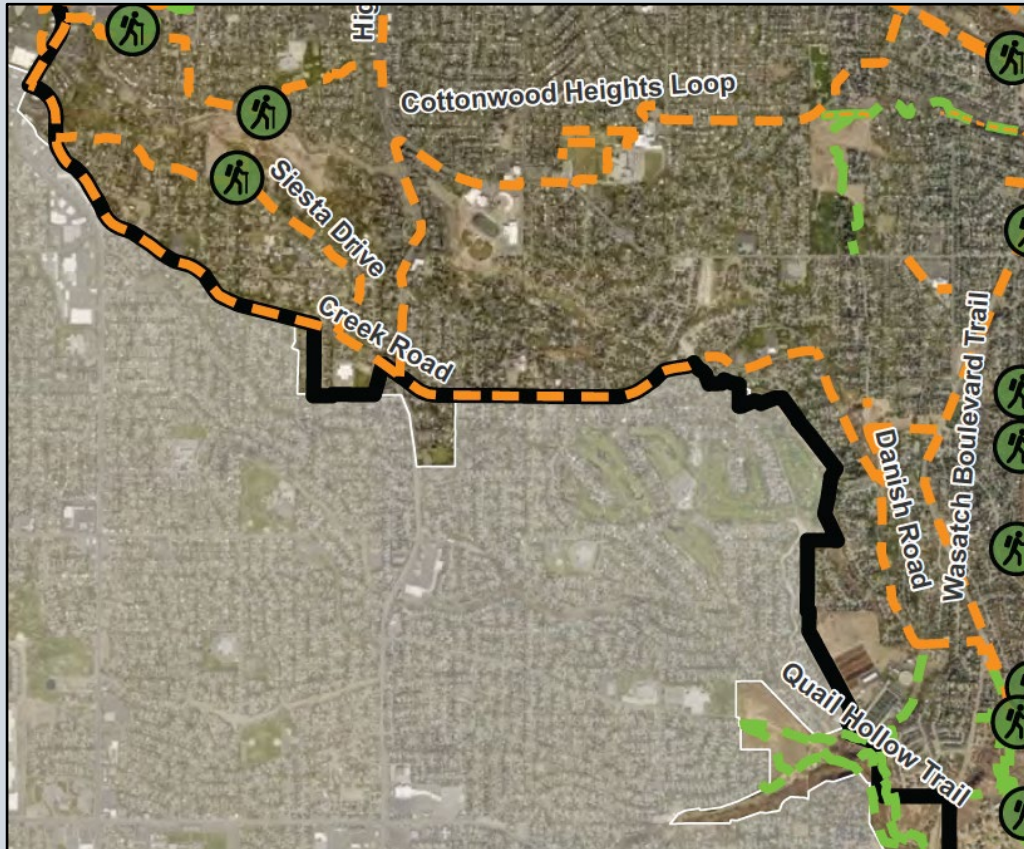
Little Cottonwood Canyon Trail – Original Intent



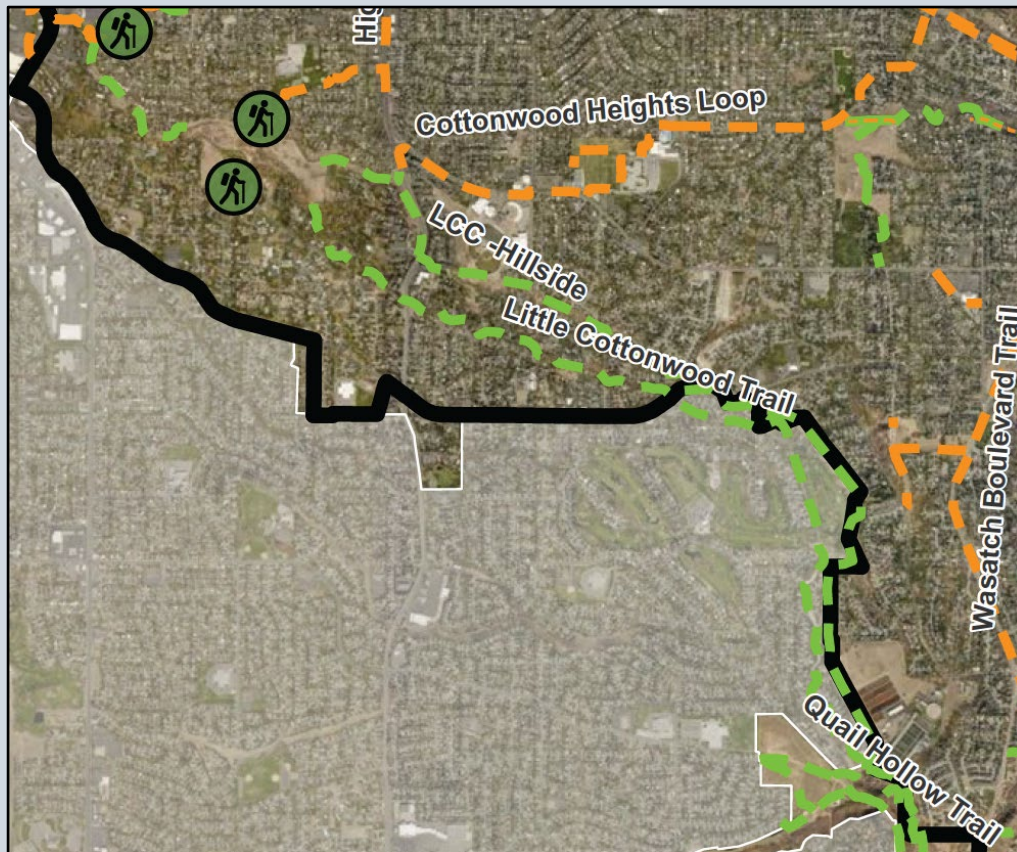
“The Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail is a tremendously popular trail that follows Big Cottonwood Creek from the base of Big Cottonwood Canyon to Holladay City. There is an opportunity for a similar trail to be built along the Little Cottonwood Creek from the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon all the way to Wheeler Farm in Murray. This proposed trail extends for over 6 miles through multiple jurisdictions, mostly along privately owned property. This concept will require additional research, planning, and significant public outreach in the future.”

Two possible alignments were identified, either closely following the creek or possibly following the hillside along the border of Crestwood Park and along the back of Brighton High School.

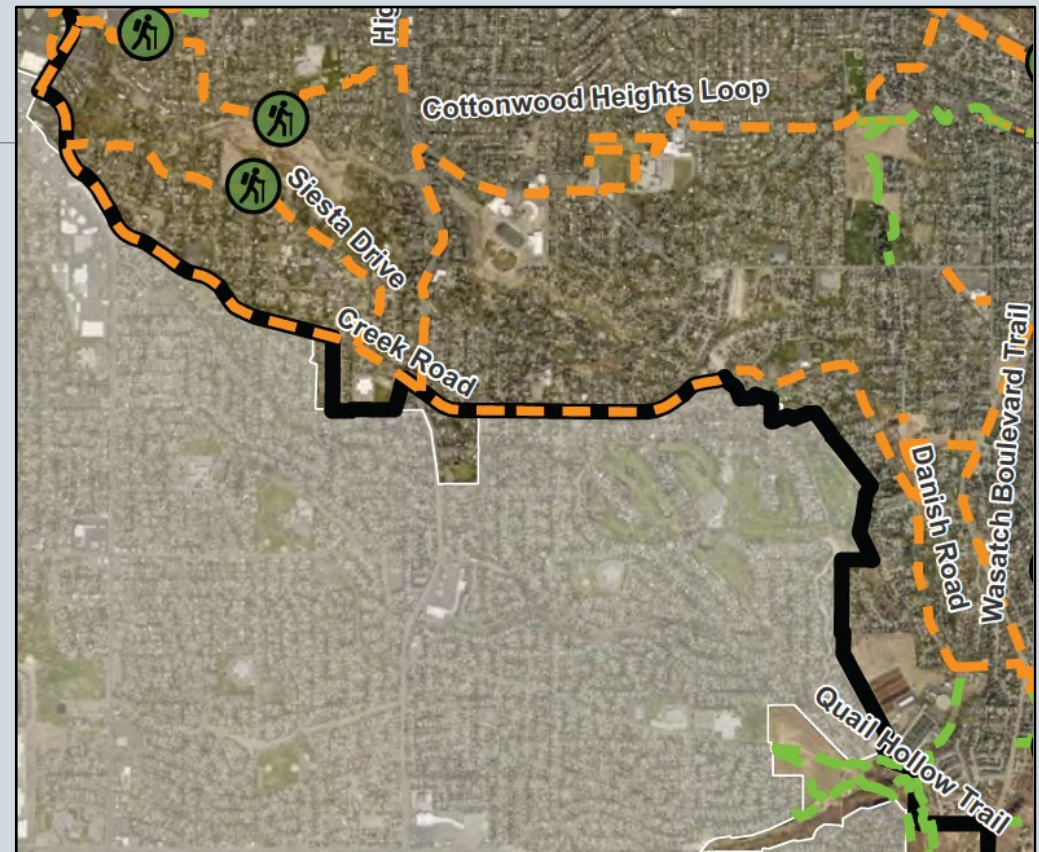
Little Cottonwood Canyon Trail - Alternative



- Based on recent public feedback, staff has identified alternative routes for future trails that follow existing public roads
- This alternative eliminates both Little Cottonwood trail alternatives (Creek and Hillside) but still accommodates the future vision of an interconnected trail system throughout the city



Existing Plan



Alternative

Neighborhood Urban Trail Examples

BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON TRAIL –
EXAMPLE 1



BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON TRAIL –
EXAMPLE 2



Neighborhood Urban Trail Examples

ROSE CREEK TRAIL - RIVERTON



BOULEVARD TRAIL - LOGAN



Neighborhood Urban Trail Examples

JORDAN PARKWAY ROAD – SOUTH JORDAN



UNIVERSITY PARKWAY - PROVO



Neighborhood Urban Trail Examples

9400 SOUTH – SANDY



900 EAST - MURRAY

