
Memo: Public and Stakeholder Involvement Wasatch Canyons General Plan

Public Body: Salt Lake County Council and Mayor
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Meeting Date: June 9th, 2020

Overview: The planning process for the Wasatch Canyons General Plan from July 2017 to date has had significant public and stakeholder involvement throughout the process. Public input was gathered through online outreach (surveys), questionnaires, newsletter updates, and community events such as open houses, educational forums, neighborhood meetings, interviews, and focus group meetings with Canyon users. Additionally, non-profits, government agencies, transportation agencies, community councils, and other stakeholders were involved during the process. The Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission, project Steering Committee, and project stakeholders served as the sounding boards for ideas, guided the process and refined the plan. Below is a summary of events and participating organizations.

Community Events

- 2 Open Houses at Millcreek Community Center
- 2 Open Houses at Whitmore Library (Cottonwood Heights)
- 2 Open Houses in Cottonwood Heights City
- 1 Open House at Holladay City Hall
- 1 Open House at Corner Canyon High School (Draper)
- 1 Open House at Sandy City Public Library
- 1 Open House at Solitude Ski Resort
- 2 Booths at Snowbird
- 2 Booths at Salt Lake City's Farmers Market
- 1 Booth at Brighton Ski Resort
- 1 Booth at Donut Falls Trail Head (Big Cottonwood)
- 1 Booth at Silver Lake (Big Cottonwood)
- 1 Booth at Mill Creek Canyon
- 1 Booth at Wheeler Farm (Murray)

Online Surveys:

There were two online surveys/questionnaires that contained the same questions and information from the in-person events and was meant to serve as a detailed comment tool for those wanting to dive into each goal and strategy. There were 3,174 survey respondents and around 4,000 process participants.

Public Hearings:

To date, there have been three public hearings, at the Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission on November 1, 2018, and February 6 and March 5, 2020 and one public hearing at the Salt Lake County Council on May 19, 2020.

Organizations and Agencies Involved in the Planning Process:

- Community Councils: Granite, Big Cottonwood, Lambs Canyon, Mt Aire, Canyon Rim, East Millcreek, and Mt. Olympus
- Government: Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, U.S. Forest Service, Central Wasatch Commission, Town of Brighton, Town of Alta, Salt Lake City, Millcreek, Holladay, Cottonwood Heights, Sandy, Draper, Murray, State of Utah Public Lands and Recreation, Salt Lake County (multiple departments), Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission, Summit County, Park City, and others
- Other Organizations: Canyon groups such as businesses and ski resorts, Cottonwoods Foundation, Save Our Canyons, Salt Lake Climbers Alliance, Friends of Alta, Wasatch Back Country Alliance, Boy Scouts of America, Trails Utah, Wasatch Mountain Club, Sierra Club, and others
- Steering Committee: County (multiple departments), Planning Commission & Partner Agencies