

Southwest Waterways Visioning

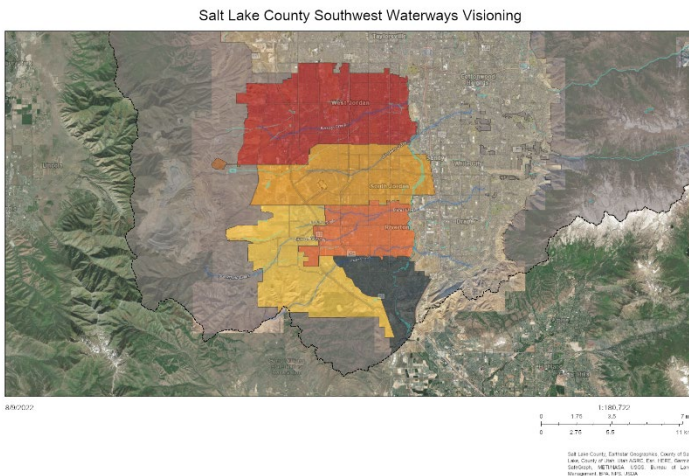
Project Purpose and Description:

The purpose of the Southwest Waterways Visioning Plan is to facilitate and guide long-term improvements of the perennial and intermittent waterways flowing out of the Oquirrh Range in Salt Lake County. These include Bingham Creek, Midas Creek, Rose Creek, Butterfield Creek, Copper Creek, and Barneys Creek.

The Southwest Waterways Visioning Plan process will produce an existing conditions report, public engagement strategy, and a final Visioning Plan document. The Visioning Plan will highlight areas of opportunity in each of the waterways, recommend best management practices, possible policies for implementation, and include a toolbox of design concepts and guidelines. This process will offer each municipality concepts and resources for implementation of the Southwest Waterways Visioning Plan and may be included as part of future general plans, park and trails plans, economic and capital improvement plans, and new or modified ordinances in each respective municipality.

Project Area:

The area for this project will include the urban corridors, from head of the waterways to the Jordan River, of the perennial and intermittent waterways flowing out of the Oquirrh Range in Salt Lake County, including Bingham Creek, Midas Creek, Rose Creek, Butterfield Creek, Copper Creek, and Barneys Creek.



Governmental partners are those with boundaries near or contiguous to the creeks, including West Jordan, South Jordan, Herriman, Riverton, Bluffdale, and Copperton.

Project Participants

Steering Committee (one representative from each City and selected stakeholders):

- Provide guidance throughout the project and connect city resources, staff, residents, and elected officials.

- Commit approximately 5 hours per month (0-3 hours per week) to the visioning project.
- Present the *Southwest Waterways Visioning Plan* document to their respective planning commissions, city councils and elected officials (as needed throughout the timeframe of the project).

Project Management Group (Salt Lake County, Wasatch Front Regional Council, and Consultant[s])

- Lead out and direct each phase of the project.

Public (property owners, residents, business owners, general population)

- Engaged via city communication networks, social media, and other mediums as recommended by the consultant(s) and Project Management Group.
- Participate via online surveys, workshops, and other engagement strategies through project area.
- Invited to final celebration to learn ways their community can begin the implementation process.
- Property owners involved through the visioning process

Stakeholders (Municipal staff, businesses, elected officials, non-profit groups, and other interested parties)

- Meet with the Project Management Group to provide input and feedback.
- Chosen based on criteria developed by Project Management Group and Steering Committee.

Phase 1: Existing Conditions (October 2022 – January 2023) 30%

Description: Compile into one location data on current conditions as well as local/regional plans. The existing conditions should also include a summary for each of the waterway corridors. Data resources to consider include:

- Public and private land ownership data
- Land-use (General Plans, existing land use data, existing zoning)
- Housing (Moderate Income Housing Plans, recommendations and plans for future, current housing stock and demand)
- Transportation (Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), STIP and other UDOT projects, scheduled city roadway improvement projects, Street & Intersection Typologies Design Guide)
- Active Transportation (trails, on-road bicycle routes, sidewalk data)
- Parks and open space plans
- Stormwater management plans and utility data
- Watershed management and riparian corridor plans
- Activity centers and destinations
- Population demographic and projections
- Economic centers
- Tax increment/Opportunity zones financing areas
- Other data and studies as relevant

Tasks:

- Meet individually with Municipalities and identified stakeholders to inventory existing conditions, previously completed studies, and relevant data. Meetings will include discussion of project goals, potential recommendations, and opportunity areas for the Plan.

- Analyze and perform additional research as needed.
- Review and refine the scope and goals.

Deliverables:

- An existing conditions summary report and supporting associated data and maps to be used as a standalone document and to facilitate workshops, surveys, and the final document.
- Finalize project scope, goals, processes, and milestones.

Phase 2: Community Visioning (February 2023 – September 2023) 50%

Description: Southwest Waterways Visioning Workshops will be planned and carried out to engage community members, municipal partners, elected officials, and stakeholders in concept planning and visioning exercises to understand restraints and identify opportunities, recommendations, best management practices, and creative solutions.

Tasks:

- Conduct a preliminary workshop for the Steering Committee and stakeholders.
- Conduct flexible community engagement strategies to reach all communities throughout project area.
- Publish online survey(s) and publicize through robust communication strategy (coordinated with communication efforts of stakeholders)
- Develop a vision statement and goals for the *Southwest Waterways Visioning Plan*.

Deliverables:

- Produce a report of possible improvements including locations, types of improvements, and projected benefits of implementation.
- Summary of results from the workshops and online survey(s).
- Publish draft vision statement and goals for Plan.

Phase 3: Southwest Waterways Visioning Plan (September 2023 - November 2023) 20%

Description: Ideas and concepts generated from the workshops, survey(s), Steering Committee meetings, and individual stakeholder meetings will be used to generate a Southwest Waterways Visioning Plan draft document. The final Visioning Plan should consider the following: goals, partner roles, opportunities areas, recommendations, best management practices, precedents, funding mechanisms and policy tools to perpetuate progress.

Tasks:

- Review and update with input from the Steering Committee and other stakeholders.
- Publish and present draft Plan for further comment and refinement.

- City representatives will present the final document to respective planning commissions and city/county councils.
- Host a final celebration of the visioning document for the public and partners.

Deliverables:

- *Southwest Waterways Visioning Plan* document
- Project website summary

Budget:

Total project value is \$150,000

Grant:

WFRC TLC Program \$118,000

Local Match (Salt Lake County): \$20,000; In-Kind Match

Salt Lake County Assessor's Office – Drone imagery

Subtotal: \$138,000

Participating Municipalities at \$2,000 each:

West Jordan

Bluffdale

Herriman

Riverton

South Jordan

Copperton (MSD)

Subtotal: \$10,000

Total Project Value: \$150,000