

# URBAN DESIGN UTAH 2019 LEGACY AWARD

On behalf of Urban Design Utah, we are pleased to present you with this Legacy Award in recognition of excellence and achievement in urban design. Interested parties from the Utah Chapters of The American Institute of Architects, The American Planning Association, The American Society of Landscape Architects, and The Congress of the New Urbanism have come together to form a professional interest community known as Urban Design Utah. Each year project(s) across the State of Utah are chosen by this group to illustrate select urban design lessons, principles, and achievements which are important for our municipalities, departments, agencies, and design firms to learn. Your project embodies many of these valuable lessons.

This is a prestigious statewide award within the design community and is the highest urban design award available in the State of Utah. It is not a designer's award, but rather an institutional award granted to the municipal or departmental sponsor of the project.

The award, now in its sixth year, recognizes communities that have excelled in vibrant placemaking through urban design, programming and community building. You are joining a short list of celebrated past recipients including:

9<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Business District, SLC  
Plat of Zion, Salt Lake City  
Center Street, Provo  
City Creek Park - Memorial Grove, SLC  
Main Street, Park City  
Legacy Parkway Trail

Main Street, Brigham City  
Broadway & 300 S, SLC  
Holladay Village and Plaza  
25<sup>th</sup> Street, Ogden  
Town Square Park, St. George  
SLC Downtown Farmers Market

We recognize that the creation of successful communities, neighborhoods, gathering spaces, programs, etc. are the result of many individual, community and institutional contributions over decades. We hope you will invite and include others in celebrating this special recognition of your achievement. Congratulations!

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IS PRESENTED TO

THE JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION  
SALT LAKE COUNTY - UTAH COUNTY - DAVIS COUNTY

FOR

## UNITY + VISION THE JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL

The Jordan River Parkway Trail is a 45-mile trail that follows the Jordan River through Utah's most urbanized metropolitan area. It is a key element of the Jordan River Parkway, a regional linear park connecting Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake. The trail also links other urban trails — the Murdock Canal Trail and Provo River Parkway Trail in Utah County, the Legacy Parkway Trail in Davis County, the Rio Grande Rail Trail in Davis and Weber Counties, and the Ogden River Trail in Weber County — to create approximately 115 miles of continuous trail network between Provo and Ogden, which is now the second longest paved urban trail system in the United States, according to the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

Development of the trail was initiated in the early 1970's as part of a State effort. Individual cities gradually completed sections in a piecemeal fashion, at times meeting significant challenges at jurisdictional connecting points. In order to unify the corridor's improvement efforts, a regional coordinating agency, the Jordan River Commission, was formed by an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement in August, 2010, which helped raise the necessary funding and guide development of numerous connections to link the entire parkway trail together. Two final sections of the trail were completed in 2017.

The Jordan River Parkway Trail was designed and developed with multiple community services in mind. It is an active transportation link that connects neighborhoods, businesses, parks, recreation facilities, schools, and other

points of interest. It provides a unique outdoor recreation facility that promotes health and wellness through physical activity, walking, and in recreational equipment along its length. It is also an important link from urban areas to a natural oasis through Utah's most urbanized area, with abundant opportunities to interact with nature, observe wildlife, and learn about the unique and critical hydrology and ecosystems of the Great Salt Lake and its riparian tributaries. Additionally, the Parkway provides services that improve air quality through active transportation, connects individuals to experiences in nature that promote both physical and mental health and wellness, and accompany other development goals to improve water quality, and preserve and restore critical wildlife habitat.

The Jordan River Parkway Trail now connects 3 counties and 16 cities, and is one of the most significant regional active transportation and outdoor recreation facilities in the State. Not only does the trail connect the built and natural worlds, but also highlights the importance and effectiveness of partnership and process in creating a regional asset that no single entity could realize on its own. The transformation that came from a well-crafted community vision, supported by a broad coalition of champions, stands as a testament to the unity and vision of so many who call the Wasatch Front home. We celebrate the power of cooperation, partnership, and stewardship exhibited by public agencies and private enterprises, who felt momentum building from small, isolated efforts and were able to accomplish something grand.

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