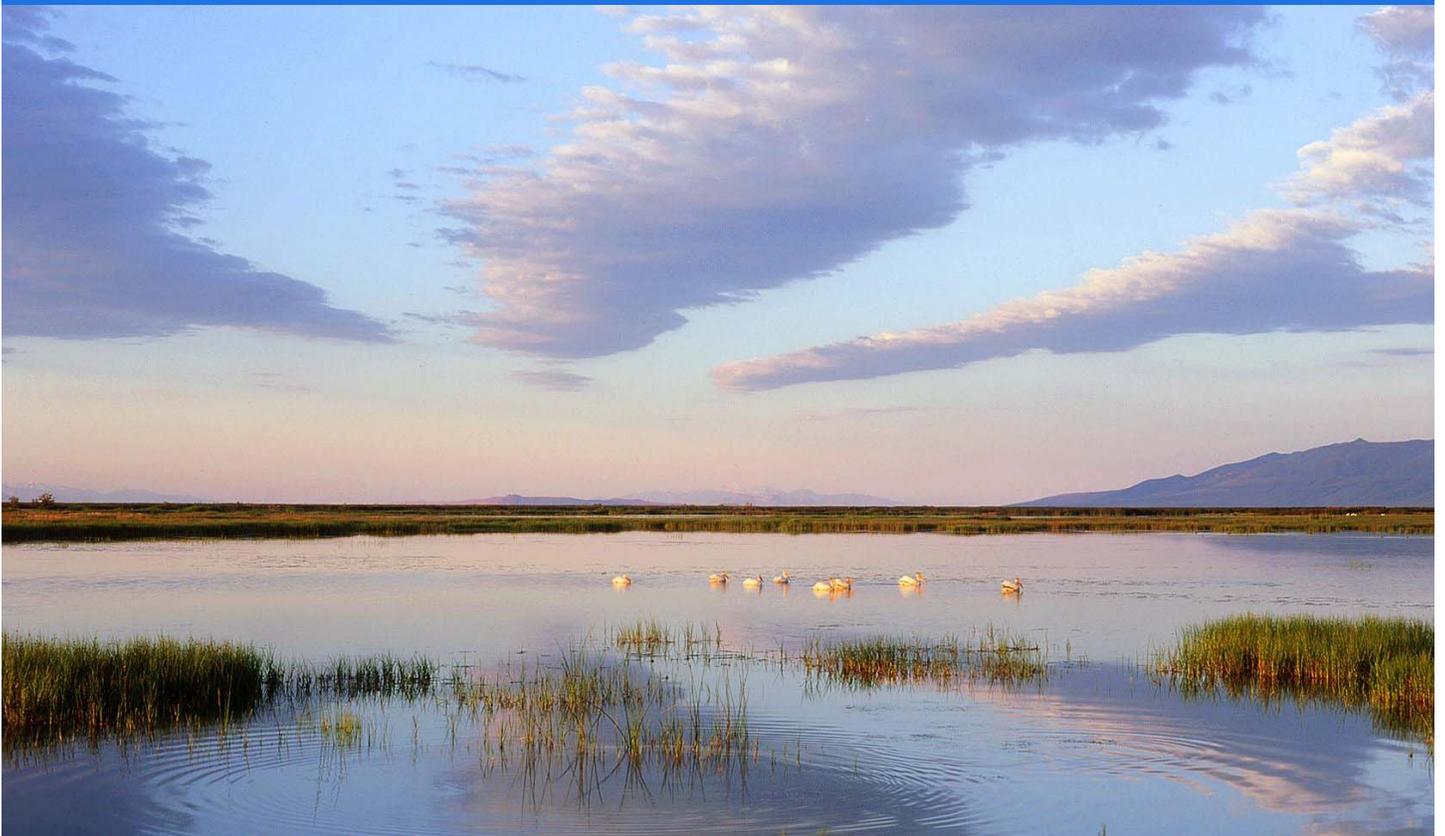


# WILLARD BAY SETTLEMENT FUND



WETLANDS CONSERVATION/EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

*A Proposal From The Nature Conservancy*

MAY 5, 2014



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May 5, 2014

Mr. Walt Baker  
Utah Division of Water Quality  
P.O. Box 144870  
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Re: Nature Conservancy Proposals for Willard Bay Mitigation Funding

Dear Walt:

By way of this letter and the attached proposals, The Nature Conservancy is applying to The Division of Water Quality for mitigation funding related to the March 2013 release of diesel fuel in Willard Bay State Park. We are pleased to submit the following four projects and initiatives for your consideration:

Project/Initiative	Request	Description
Land & Water Protection Initiative	2,180,000	Acquisition of wetland habitat/water rights
Wings & Water Education Program	516,000	Wetlands education for youth and the public
Stewardship and Monitoring Initiative	740,000	Habitat management and enhancement
<b>Wetlands Cons./Ed. Endowment</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>Long-term wetlands protection/improvement</b>
<i>Total Projects</i>	<b>4,936,000</b>	

We are submitting these projects as four separate proposals and are including the requisite Proposal Forms and supporting documents with each. The specific project addressed by this letter is highlighted in yellow above. A few additional notes:

- The budgets submitted with each proposal represent best estimates at this time.
- Knowing funds are limited, we acknowledge it is unlikely all four of these projects will be funded in full. However, in each case, a lesser amount than the full amount identified can still be put to good use.
- Current matching funds are indicated, but additional matching funds will likely be raised if the projects described are selected.

We appreciate you and your team considering these projects and stand ready to provide additional information for the “second round” if selected. Good luck with your deliberations, and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Livermore  
Utah State Director

**UTAH DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

195 North 1950 West

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870

**Willard Bay Project Proposal Form**

**NOTE: Proposal must be no longer than 6 pages. Supplemental documents such as letters of support, information to demonstrate previous project implementation and other relative supportive documents may be submitted in addition to this form.**

Applicant Name: The Nature Conservancy

Co-Applicant Name(s) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: **Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve – Wetlands Conservation & Education**

**Endowment**

Agency or Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 559 E. South Temple City: Salt Lake City State: UT Zip: 84102

Phone: (801) 531-0999 E-mail: hmosburg@tnc.org

Individual  Non-Profit  Govt. Agency  Academic  Commercial  Other

**1. Estimated Project Costs:**

Wetlands Conservation and Education Endowment	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,500,000*</u>

\*This is a four-year budget, 2014-2017 – see Exhibit A attached for full budget by year

Other sources of project funding:

Internal Funds/The Nature Conservancy	\$500,000
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Total project cost including other sources of funding: \$1,500,000

(please include bids for labor, equipment, rentals, etc.)

**2. Describe the purpose and need of the project:**

The Great Salt Lake ecosystem is internationally recognized as a vital link for migratory birds in the Pacific and Central Flyways. It has been designated a site of hemispheric importance by the Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network and is recognized within the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan. Between four and six million birds depend upon the Great Salt Lake as their staging and foraging ground each year, some in species numbers found nowhere else on Earth. Why do they come here? With wetlands covering only 0.2% of Utah, and primarily in northern Utah, the lake’s interconnected mosaic of wetlands, riparian areas, mud flats and seasonally flooded meadows provide a much-needed, rich abundance of invertebrate and plant life. In the arid West, this oasis in the high desert provides critical feeding and resting habitat for birds. Nowhere is this more apparent than on the eastern shores of the Great Salt Lake where fresh-water runoff from the Wasatch Mountains merges with the lake’s saline

water. Here, for over 30 years, The Nature Conservancy has worked to protect over 4,400 acres of emergent wetlands and uplands known as the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. The scarcity of water in the West makes this habitat particularly valuable, more so when population growth and its attendant pressures on water supplies, open space and wildlife habitat, are expected to continue at a rapid pace. This uncertain future, in combination with the lake's international role as a key flyway link for birds, accentuates the need for conservation action.

In order to achieve our conservation and management goals for the preserve, and ensure long-term stability for the program, we have established an endowment to support the following projects and programs: a.) Wings and Waters Wetlands Education Program, b.) land and water acquisition initiatives, c.) phragmites and other invasive species control programs, d.) lake wide conservation partnerships, e.) monitoring and science programs, f.) general Great Salt Lake outreach programs, g.) water rights and water banking initiatives, and h.) technical advice for public policy initiatives. The endowment currently pays out a 3-year running average of \$25,000, which is helpful. But the annual expenses of management, stewardship and running the education and outreach programs at the lake far exceed the funds generated by the endowment payout. Annually we raise funds to make up the difference. Additional funds from the Willard Bay Settlement agreement would significantly increase the funding we could rely on annually to help provide healthy habitat for the birds, and a wonderful venue for people's enjoyment.

**3. Estimated time frame of the project with significant milestones (Note: Project must be completed with final reports filed by January 1, 2018):**

Our application time frame is in keeping with the required time frame, 2014-2017. Please see Exhibit A for annual budgets.

**4. Describe the location of the project with attached location map, including details on the total area that will be directly enhanced by the project:**

Funds generated through the Endowment would be spent on projects throughout the preserve, but will also benefit wetland and conservation lake-wide and throughout the Great Salt Lake Watershed. See attached map.

**5. Describe how the project will specifically enhance and protect waterways affected by the Willard Bay diesel release and improve the conditions of one or more of the following: wildlife, habitat, natural vegetation, water quality or emergency response:**

It is quite possible that damages similar to Willard Bay will occur to nearby sites along the eastern shore in the future, due to the many existing pipelines bordering the lake. With this in mind, it is important to protect additional lands and waters, where possible, to ensure as much habitat is available to wildlife as possible in case of future spills or other damage to habitat and water quality.

The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve is a critical link in a chain of protected areas along the eastern shore of the lake, from the Bear River National Wildlife Refuge to Farmington Bay Wildlife Management Area. It is within this area that Willard Bay is located. Here, waters from Willard Bay, the Bear River, Kays Creek and other sources from the Wasatch Mountains merge, providing much needed feeding, nesting and rest areas for migratory birds. These areas operate as a matrix of habitat types; individually they hold great importance, collectively they are of even more value to bird populations, providing a diversity and scale not afforded by each individual site. When oil spills and other damages occur in one eastern shoreline wetland area, there needs to be enough protected wetland and upland habitat to provide for displaced birds of many species. The preserve is ecologically linked to Willard Bay through shared bird usage, and to Gilbert Bay through shared waters within the bay.

Sustainable funding will ensure our projects and program continue to improve conditions for wildlife, habitat and natural vegetation by protecting bird and wildlife habitat, and providing water to sustain native plants, birds and other wildlife. These benefits will not only be realized on the preserve, but also within the broader ecosystem of the lake.

**6. Describe project's connectivity to other natural areas or projects that further enhance wildlife, habitat, natural vegetation, water quality or emergency response:**

As mentioned in #5 above, the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake is linked by landscape and water, and provides ecologically important habitat to millions of birds. As such, the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve is a vital component of this tapestry, with 4,400 acres of protected land and wetlands, supporting upland birds like white-faced ibis, and wetland birds ranging from migratory ducks, to American avocets and black necked stilts. The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve is unique in providing large areas of uplands in addition to its wetlands.

**7. Describe any additional social benefits of implementing this project:**

The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve, first and foremost, provides upland and wetland habitat needed by birds. However it also provides benefits to people and the surrounding communities. In 2004, The Nature Conservancy opened a visitor facility at the preserve. The open-air facility includes a mile-long boardwalk, and a 30-foot viewing tower. This is a wonderful place to connect to nature, and disconnect temporarily from our busy lives, and serves as a kind of "Central Park" for Davis County. The facility is also the venue for a 4<sup>th</sup>-grade field trip program, which the Conservancy runs in partnership with Utah State University's Botanical Center. Over 10,000 students have taken advantage of this program to date. Property and water acquisitions made to protect and improve the overall health of the preserve enhance the visitor experience at the preserve – in essence maintaining the preserve not only for wildlife but for the children and other visitors coming to the preserve for a quality natural experience. In addition to these benefits to the community, the preserve also contributes to ecosystem services like providing natural water filtering through its wetland system, and contributing to the overall health of the lake.

**8. Project plans and details, including rights to work on specified piece of land:**

If funding is awarded to The Nature Conservancy, we would prioritize projects and programs to meet the greatest conservation, restoration and wetlands education needs on an annual basis, and spend the endowment income received accordingly.

**9. Describe your experience in implementing projects of similar scope and magnitude:**

The Conservancy has a 30-year track record of working at the Great Salt Lake and around the State. We acquired our first parcels in 1984, and have since acquired over 40 individual properties, which now comprise the 4,400 acre Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. Across Utah, the Conservancy owns and manages 16 separate areas, totaling more than 14,000 acres. Since 1984, the Conservancy has completed over 140 Utah conservation projects protecting more than 1.2 million acres of public and private land.

**10. Describe how ongoing maintenance of the project will be funded and carried out:**

If funding is awarded to The Nature Conservancy, the funds will be added to the existing Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve Endowment fund.

**11. List consultants or agency partners that have participated in project development (below):**

Primary partners:

<u>URMCC*</u>	<u>230 S. 500 E., SLC, UT 84102-2045</u>	<u>801-524-3146</u>
Name/Company	Address	Phone

<u>Ducks Unlimited c/o Craig Garner</u>		<u>801-803-4361</u>
Name/Company	Address	Phone

\*Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

Additional collaborative partners on our work at the lake include: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, North American Wetlands Conservation Act, Intermountain West Joint Venture, Layton City, Davis County, Syracuse City, Friends of the Great Salt Lake, and the Great Salt Lake Alliance.

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: May 5, 2014  
Applicant

**Exhibit A**  
**Wetlands Conservation and Education Endowment**  
**Four Year Budget**

<b>The Nature Conservancy in Utah</b>					
<i>Willard Bay Settlement Request</i>					
<b>Wetlands Conservation &amp; Education Endowment</b>					
<b>Conservation Priority</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Annual income generated by the Wetlands Conservation and Education Endowment would provide ongoing support for the following projects and programs: a.) Wings and Waters Wetlands Education Program, b.) land and water acquisition initiatives, c.) phragmites</i>					
<b>Endowment Contributions</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>			<b>1,500,000</b>
<i><b>Total Wetlands Endowment</b></i>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
a.) Deposited funds would be invested in appropriate financial vehicles					
b.) Interest and dividend income would be allocated on an annual basis					
c.) At 5%, endowment would yield approximately \$75k per year					
d.) Fund would be maintained in perpetuity to benefit GSL programs					



## Davis County Commission

Commissioner John Petroff, Jr.    Commissioner Louenda H. Downs    Commissioner P. Bret Millburn

April 29, 2014

Mr. Walt Baker  
Utah Division of Water Quality  
P.O. Box 144870  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Support for Nature Conservancy Proposals

Dear Walt:

I was interested to learn you and your team are in the process of administering the Chevron mitigation funds resulting from the spill in Willard Bay. Amongst other proposals you are reviewing, I am hoping you will favorably consider those submitted by The Nature Conservancy.

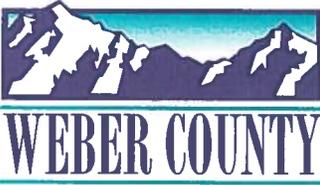
The Great Salt Lake is a tremendous asset for our community – especially the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. The Conservancy has an outstanding wetlands education program known as *Wings and Waters* which is laying the groundwork for greater wetlands appreciation lake-wide, and the organization is using sound science to assist with Lake management. The lessons learned here can help every agency involved with Great Salt Lake conservation efforts. Accordingly, in addition to helping us here in Davis County, funding the Conservancy's work has the potential to benefit the Great Salt Lake watershed as a whole.

After addressing the immediate needs of Willard Bay, I endorse the notion of the additional mitigation funds which are available being spent on programs such as the Conservancy is proposing. Thank you for considering this request and for the important work DWQ is doing to protect the waters of the Great Salt Lake.

Sincerely,

Louenda H. Downs  
Commission Chair





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April 29, 2014

Mr. Walt Baker  
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Re: Support for Nature Conservancy Proposals

Dear Walt:

I have read with interest that DWQ is in the process of accepting proposals from the public regarding the expenditure of Willard Bay Mitigation Funds. Amongst other proposals you are reviewing, I am hoping you will favorably consider those submitted by The Nature Conservancy.

The Nature Conservancy has an outstanding wetlands education program known as *Wings and Waters* which is laying the groundwork for greater wetlands appreciation lake-wide, and the organization is using sound science to assist with lake management. The lessons learned here can help every agency involved with Great Salt Lake conservation efforts. Accordingly, funding the Conservancy's work has the potential to benefit the Great Salt Lake watershed as a whole.

The needs of Willard Bay of course come first, but after these are met I endorse investing the additional mitigation funds which are available in programs such as the Conservancy is proposing. Thank you for considering this request. We appreciate the good work of DWQ in administering these funds and in so many other areas.

Sincerely,

  
Jan Zogmaister



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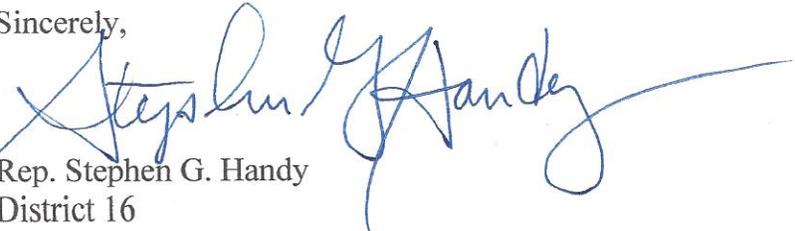
Recently, I have learned DWQ is accepting proposals for the allocation of Willard Bay Mitigation Funds. I am sure you are receiving many requests, but I hope you will consider those submitted by The Nature Conservancy.

I have been familiar with the work of the Conservancy for many years and think highly of their efforts. Specifically, the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve in Layton and Davis County is a tremendous asset to our community – and to the Great Salt Lake as a whole. The lessons learned here by young people, and the science and stewardship practices being applied, have the benefit of informing all those who work to sustainably manage and care for the Great Salt Lake.

The Conservancy has submitted proposals for Stewardship, Environmental Education (its Wings and Water Program), acquiring key wetland parcels and water rights and establishing an endowment for long term Lake management. I feel all of these proposals have merit and deserve your consideration.

I wish you luck with your deliberations and I am pleased to provide this endorsement of the Conservancy's funding requests. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
District 16



Office of the Dean  
0305 Old Main Hill  
Logan, UT 84322-0305

30 April 2014

Mr. Walt Baker  
Utah Division of Water Quality  
P.O. Box 144870  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Support for Nature Conservancy Proposals

Dear Mr. Baker:

I am writing to endorse The Nature Conservancy's application for Willard Bay Mitigation Funds now available for the Great Salt Lake.

Specifically, I believe you are now reviewing proposals for Stewardship, Environmental Education (the Conservancy's Wings and Water Program), acquiring key wetland parcels and water rights and establishing an endowment for long term Lake management. I feel all of these proposals have merit and deserve your consideration.

As you know, The Nature Conservancy is a quality organization known for delivering solid conservation results. Here at Utah State we have partnered with the Conservancy on numerous projects and programs over the years with very favorable outcomes.

I am sure you are reviewing many requests, and I realize those submitted by the Conservancy are just some of those you are considering, but if these projects are funded I know you won't be disappointed.

Thank you for the important work DWQ does to safeguard our state's water resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. MacMahon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James A. MacMahon  
Dean of Science and Trustee Professor of Biology

## Norma W. Matheson

2253 East Hubbard Avenue Salt Lake City, Utah 84108 (801) 582-4451

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Mr. Walt Baker  
Utah Division of Water Quality  
P.O. Box 144870  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Support for Nature Conservancy Proposals

Dear Walt:

I understand the Division of Water Quality is currently requesting proposals for mitigation funding made available as a result of last summer's Chevron oil spill in Willard Bay. I am sure you are receiving many worthy proposals, but I hope you will give those submitted by The Nature Conservancy every consideration.

As you aware, the Conservancy has been working to protect critical wetland and upland habitat on the Great Salt Lake for over 30 years. The Conservancy takes a balanced, collaborative approach while working with agencies, private landowners, scientists and other stakeholders to achieve results on the ground.

In its current work, the Conservancy is continuing to a.) Enhance critical habitat at the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve, b.) Acquire key water rights and tracts of land, c.) Educate young people about the importance of the Great Salt Lake through its *Wings and Water Educational Program*, and c.) use science to help inform Lake management. In my view, all of these initiatives are worthy of Chevron mitigation funding support.

I wish you luck with your deliberations and thank you for your work on behalf of the Great Salt Lake.

Sincerely,

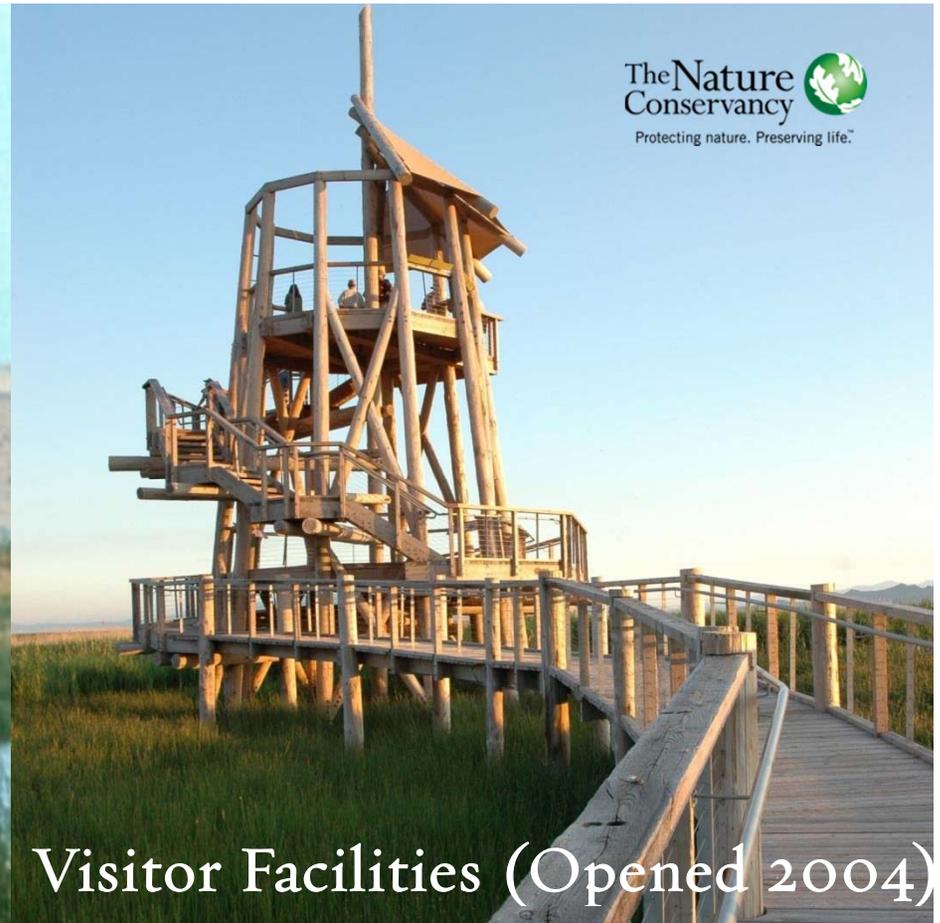
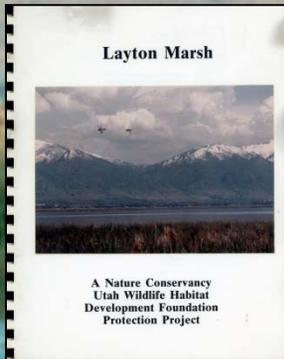


Norma Matheson

Wetlands Conservation and Education Endowment Area



# GSL Shorelands Preserve 30 years of land protection 10 years of interpretation



Visitor Facilities (Opened 2004)



Layton Marsh – 1192 Acres (1984)  
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### Preserve opens to public July 1

BY TOM RUSSELBERG  
Clipper Today News Editor

**LAYTON** — The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve is opening its doors to the public July 1.

Visitors will no longer find a gate and limited access. Instead, they'll find a small parking area — kept that way so as not to intrude upon the natural wetlands — as well as a mile-long boardwalk to better view the lake and its habitat and wildlife.

In addition, there's a two-story, 20-foot observation tower, and a 1,500-square-foot open-air pavilion.

"I love it," says Mike Koleschewski, a neighbor to the preserve. "My family's been there, my grandpa bought the farm in the mid '20s. I've lived there basically my whole life."

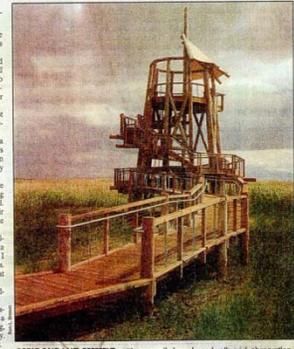
"I'm really proud of what they've done down there. They're providing some meaningful open space," he said. "They put their money where their mouth is, so to speak, and set up to the table."

In fact, he can see the both the pavilion and tower from his back patio. "As a kid, growing up, when I was 11 or 12, I would head down there, watch the birds. It's kind of neat to be able to do that again."

His farm is 53 acres on Gentile, including oases and other crops.

"Chris Montagna, director of conservation programs, notes that just as big a grand opening will take place next spring when interpretive displays are ready.

"That will be combined with guided tours. It's been long in coming, as land purchase and cooperation with area landowners



GREAT SALT LAKE PRESERVE, with new mile-long boardwalk and observation towers, opens to the public Tuesday.

ers has gradually made the Preserve possible. It now includes about 4,000 acres nestled in west Layton, at the end of Gentile Street.

The Preserve is in this point largely because of a massive farm-raising effort. "We've raised close to \$15 million over the last 20 years," said Loretta Barry, public relations director. It's part of a large statewide campaign to preserve a state of acres.

"People don't realize what a present the Nature Conservancy has been," she says. "This is land that will be protected forever."

There have been 24 new "transfers" over the past few years, meaning either easements have been obtained from local landowners, or property has been purchased outright.

"There has been an interest, a lot of common ground with the neighbors keeping open space, agricultural miles of development," Barry says.

It even comes down to "raising grants as a management tool," Montagna says. "We work with landowners where we can improve the habitat."

"This is such a sprawling, large preserve, we need the neighbors' help," he said. "We want it to be something that enhances the community — to be self-sustaining and we will be reaching out."

Already, students in Nancy Clark classes at Northridge High School have been working with the Preserve on some initial projects.

"We used to be known as the quiet conservation organization," Montagna says. "See 'PRESERVE,' p. A5

# The Salt Lake Tribune

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## Doors To the Shore

Projects aim to bring masses to the marshes

BY TOM WHARTON  
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

After years of benign neglect as a tourist destination, there is suddenly a building boom along the Great Salt Lake marshes.

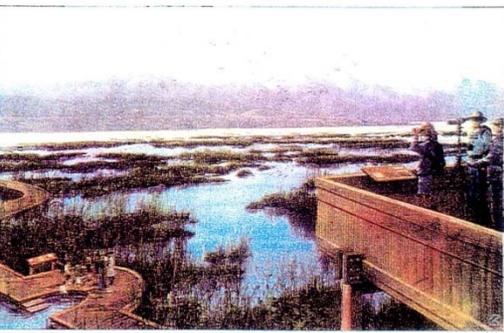
The Nature Conservancy announced plans Thursday to begin construction this month on the first phase of a visitor facility at its 3,400-acre Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve, previously known as the Layton Wetlands Preserve.

"Education is part of protecting resources," said Dave Livermore, Utah director of The Nature Conservancy.

The new facility is one of four already built or planned along the eastern waters of the lake.

A new visitor center off Interstate 15 near Brigham City for the federal Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge will include interpretive displays, classrooms, an auditorium, offices and research areas. It is almost fully funded. Division of Wildlife Resources officials also want to build a visitor complex at Farmington Bay. The Antelope Island State Park visitor center was dedicated in 1986.

Add a new Great Salt Lake Birding Trails map issued this year and a bird viewing facility near the Salt Lake County Landfill just east of the Great Salt Lake, and the once largely inaccessible lake is suddenly becoming less



The Nature Conservancy plans to begin building its Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve project this month.

so. And there are events such as the annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival in May.

"The more interpretation the better," said Livermore.

The Conservancy, a private organization sometimes referred to as the real estate arm of the environmental movement, has ambitious plans for its Shorelands Preserve.

The group, which already owns 13 miles of shoreline west of Layton, is in the process of raising nearly \$19 million for land acquisition, visitor facilities, management and an endowment.

That effort received a boost Thursday when Willard L. Zeebe Foundation trustee Steve Denkers presented Livermore with a \$1 million check. Money from other foundations has helped. The Conservancy raise \$2.3 million of the \$8.8 million needed to complete the visitor facilities.

The first phase of the Great Salt Lake preserve, expected to open in 2002, includes a nearly mile-long boardwalk, a 1,500-foot, open-air pavilion and an elevated, two-tier tower that will offer guests a platform to watch the millions

of birds that use the Great Salt Lake.

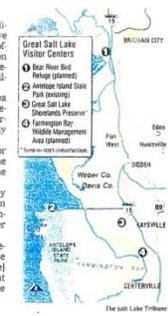
The next two phases call for additional boardwalk loops, interpretive panels, an enclosed classroom and office space. Much of the construction will utilize Douglas fir pilings reclaimed from the Great Salt Lake railroad trestles.

The Conservancy renamed the area the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve in an effort to reflect the importance of the area as internationally significant.

Steve Hicks, deputy project director at the Bear River refuge, said all the new facilities should complement one another.

That thought was echoed by Farmington Bay super-intendant Justin Doling, who said the interpretive center being planned at the Bear River refuge could cater to larger groups.

"These two efforts can be complementary," he said. "This marsh [The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve] cannot handle the size of groups that Farmington can handle. They will be two different facilities."



The Nature Conservancy  
SAVING THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH

The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve  
visitor center campaign

A Proposal to the Kresge Foundation  
February 5, 2003

THE GREAT SALT LAKE  
SHORELANDS PRESERVE  
VISITOR CENTER

**Press Release**  
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November 8, 2001

Press Contact: Sandra Wetzel  
(801) 531-0999 or (801) 238-2321  
www.nature.org/utah

**A NEW LOOK AT THE GREAT SALT LAKE**  
Nature Conservancy to Build Visitors' Facility and Launch Educational Programs Highlighting Wetlands

Davis County, Utah. The Nature Conservancy of Utah, announced plans today to build an interactive visitors' facility at their Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve (formerly known as the Layton Wetlands Preserve) as part of a three-phase, multi-year project. With groundbreaking scheduled for mid-November and Phase I completion scheduled for spring 2002, visitors to this new facility will be able to engage themselves at this internationally significant site like nowhere else around the lake. Initial Phase I plans include a nearly mile-long boardwalk, a 1,500-square-foot, open-air pavilion and an elevated, two-tier tower which will offer guests an extraordinary opportunity to view wildlife and diverse wetland habitats at the lake.

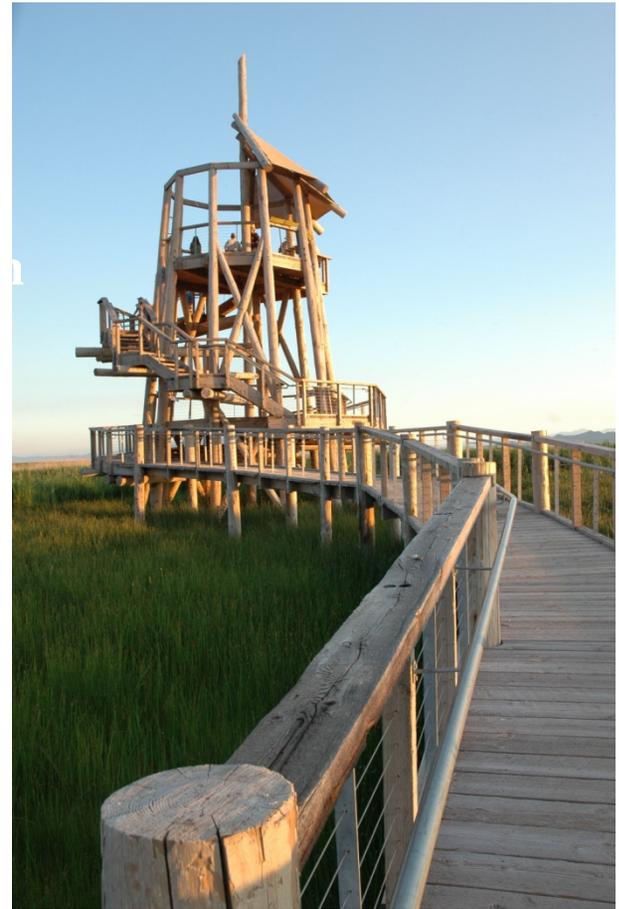
Also announced today is the name change of the Preserve from the Layton Wetlands Preserve to The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. With the Preserve composed of 13 miles of shoreline and nearly 3,400 acres of wetlands and upland areas, its new name reflects the importance of this area as an internationally significant western hemispheric site.

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# GSL Management & Stewardship Programs

*Wings & Water Wetlands Education Program*



**Wings & Water Wetlands Education Program**

**25 naturalist guides**  
**15 schools**  
**Teacher workshops**  
**10,000 + visitors**  
**UBC Partnership**