

APPLICATION NUMBER 7-

Jordan River Commission

Project Title: Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

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Red Butte Creek Project Proposal Form

Applicant Name: Jordan River Commission
Project Title: Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development
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1. Estimated Project Costs:

Labor	\$269,000.00 (consultant labor – see Timeline for breakdown)
Materials	\$60,000.00 (printing, meeting materials, signage, media costs)
Equipment	\$0.00
Administration	\$20,000.00 (part-time intern)
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total	\$349,000.00 (10.5% of total funding available)

Other Sources of Project Funding:

Jordan River Commission	\$68,250.00 (in-kind: 25% of Director's time for three years)
Mountainlands AOG	\$2,000.00 (in-kind: GIS database and mapping)
Wasatch Front Regional Council	\$10,000.00 (in-kind: GIS database and mapping)
TOTAL IN-KIND MATCH:	\$80,250.00

Total project costs including other sources of funding: \$429,250.00

This proposal requests 10.5% of the total available funding as an investment in prevention and in the long-term protection of the directly impaired reaches and the entire Jordan River watershed.

2. Describe the purpose and need of the project:

Purpose

- To invest in prevention and develop a set of Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development within a one-half mile radius of the Jordan River.
- To facilitate the adoption of riparian corridor protection ordinances by local governments along the Jordan River and throughout the watershed, based on these best practices.
- To understand and apply the lessons learned by the State of Utah and Salt Lake City to minimize the impact of existing and future development on the water quality, fluvial form and function, wildlife habitat, and natural vegetation of the Jordan River watershed.
- To educate local governments, landowners, developers, and the general public on the benefits of low impact development and preserving and protecting the Jordan River riparian corridor.

- To prevent future occurrences by identifying buffer and encroachment guidelines for riparian corridors, as well as establishing best practices for both existing infrastructure and future development along riparian corridors in the Jordan River watershed – including those directly impacted by the releases.
- And ultimately, to result in an overall improvement in Jordan River water quality and health of the Jordan River watershed.

Need

- The oil spills occurring along Red Butte Creek were the result of many circumstances, but occurred primarily because of a number of encroachments into the Red Butte Creek riparian corridor, and a lack of regulatory tools existed to address these existing encroachments.
- 7,300 acres of undeveloped land exist along the Jordan River corridor, but 3,800 of those are planned for development. Less than optimal development of this land has the potential to have a dramatic and negative impact on the water quality, habitat, and integrity of the Jordan River ecosystem.
- There is a lack of coordinated inter-jurisdictional best practices to guide and regulate development along the entire Jordan River corridor, which has resulted in varied impacts to the river and inconsistent development patterns.
- The Jordan River Commission is the only governmental agency focused entirely on elevating the health of the Jordan River corridor, and limited resources affect ability of organization to implement a process like this on its own.
- The development of consistent, watershed-wide development best practices will require a broad, collaborative in order to build the local government buy-in necessary to result in successful adoption of such protective practices throughout the corridor.

3. Estimated time frame of the project with significant milestones (Note: Project must be completed with final reports filed by November 10, 2014):

Phase I - Development of Best Practices (\$160,000 of Labor Budget)

RFP for consultant issued:	March 2012
Consultant selected:	May 2012
Research and background review:	June 2012
Public input period:	July 2012
Draft Best Practices released:	September 2012
Public input period:	September 2012
Final Best Practices released:	December 2012

Phase II - Educational Campaign (\$109,000 of Labor Budget)

Presentations to local governments:	January – April 2013
Outreach to major landowners/builders:	March – May 2013
Media and community outreach:	January 2013 – Summer 2013
Education may include: physical signage, printed materials, television or radio, public presentations, workshops, mailers, etc.	

Phase III - Final Reporting and Project Documentation

Final Report to DWQ:	October 2013
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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:

The specific scope of this effort is the approximately 50-mile Jordan River corridor, from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake, and including all lands within a one-half mile radius of the river. This equates to a project area of 50 square miles or 32,000 acres. In addition, both Salt Lake County and the City of Cottonwood Heights have expressed its interest in applying the riparian

corridor development best practices created through this process to other stream riparian corridors. This would further expand the influence of the project to include the entire Jordan River watershed. See attached map.

5. Describe how the project will specifically enhance and protect waterways affected by the Red Butte releases and improve the conditions of one or more of the following: wildlife, habitat, natural vegetation, water quality or emergency response:

The Red Butte releases directly affected a portion of the Jordan River downstream of 1300 South. This proposed project has the potential to positively impact this specific section of the Jordan River, as well as to dramatically improve the water quality and overall health and integrity of the entire length of the Jordan River system.

Within the Jordan River corridor today, 3,800 acres are planned for future development, and redevelopment potential exists on many more. The objective of the proposed project is to provide local governments and the community with tools to guide and manage land development/redevelopment activities within the Jordan River watershed - ensuring conservation and protection of water quality, wildlife habitat, and natural vegetation in careful balance with the need for economic development and growth.

The water quality and overall health of the Jordan River Corridor is largely a result of everything that occurs adjacent to and upstream of the river. The cumulative impact of region-wide implementation of the best practices developed through this process will be to dramatically improve the conditions throughout the Jordan River - including the reaches specifically affected by the Red Butte releases.

When implemented by local governments within the Jordan River corridor, these practices will provide guidance to:

- Minimize stormwater runoff discharged directly to the river
- Maximize filtration of storm by natural systems before it reaches the river
- Minimize the amount of sediment/organic matter added to the Jordan River from unmanaged stormwater
- Minimize disturbance/enhance and restore riparian corridor vegetation
- Manage and control invasive and inappropriate plant species
- Identify vegetative buffer strip between site development and the natural river corridor
- Ensure protection of critical terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat features of the corridor

Where cities or counties along the Jordan River have existing riparian corridor protection ordinances already in place, such as in Salt Lake City, this process may suggest additional guidelines that can strengthen and enhance these ordinances, further protecting additional waterways feeding into the Jordan River such as Millcreek, Parley's, Emigration, Red Butte, Bingham, Rose and City Creeks.

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

The activities occurring within and the overall health of the Jordan River corridor play a critical role in the water quality of the Great Salt Lake and inter-regional wildlife systems. The Jordan River is an important link for waterfowl and migratory birds connecting the Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake, and is a directly within the North American Central Migratory flyway. Water quality in the Jordan River directly affects the water quality and overall health and success of the Great Salt Lake as a nesting and resting area for these migratory birds. Along the length of the Jordan River, several pockets of undeveloped land have been preserved as open space and are being restored by Commission partners. These include large preserves such as the Legacy Nature Preserve, the Redwood Nature Area in West Valley City, and the Galena property in Draper, as well as several smaller projects along the entire length of the river.

The proposed project has the potential to guide development and minimize the impacts of development along the tributaries of the Jordan River, (specifically Big and Little Cottonwood Creeks, but also Parley's, Emigration, Red Butte, and City Creeks), expanding the scope well beyond the Jordan River itself. And finally, this project is a component part of the broader mission of the Jordan River Commission to implement the vision outlined in the Blueprint Jordan River. The best practices developed

through this effort will be incorporated into several additional, future projects working towards elevating the overall condition of the Jordan River Corridor and implementing the Blueprint Jordan River vision.

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

The broad, collaborative nature of the proposed process is designed to build ownership throughout the community and broad local government participation and political support. When individuals participate in crafting of a document, project, or policy they are more likely to be spokespersons and supporters of the project. By inviting governmental decision-makers and staff from all political jurisdictions along the Jordan River to participate in the crafting of the proposed Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development, they will be more likely to implement the practices within their local governments, therefore maximizing the impact of the project on the water quality, wildlife habitat, and natural vegetation of the Jordan River.

The proposed educational campaign and community outreach efforts will result in:

- Greater public understanding on impacts of development on waterways and riparian ecosystems,
- Greater public understanding and awareness of the environmental and social benefits of preservation, conservation design, and low impact development,
- Empowerment of individual land and homeowners to employ tools and strategies to minimize and mitigate impacts of development through planning and design, and
- Greater public awareness and appreciation for the Jordan River and its riparian corridor, and consequently greater political support for additional investments in protecting this corridor

Finally, by increasing awareness of the Jordan River eco- and recreational system, the project will lead to healthier lifestyles and a reconnection of urban dwelling humans with the natural environment. It will stimulate curiosity and exploration, and new opportunities for education, interpretation, and recreation and eco-tourism related economic development.

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

The Jordan River Commission has established a role in the region as a cross-jurisdictional authority focused on river-wide preservation, protection, and responsible development of the Jordan River. The Commission's primary goal is to share information and to be a resource for local governments and those working along the Jordan River. The development and promotion of consistent guidelines and approaches to managing development along the Jordan River will be a key component of the Commission's mission of river-wide collaboration and coordination. The Commission proposes to hire a professional consulting team to lead a broad collaborative process to develop a series of protective best practices for riparian corridor development, and communicate the products to the community at large.

Deliverables

The final products of this process would include two deliverables:

- A. A document that specifies a series of **Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development** to be ultimately adopted into ordinance by the local governments along the Jordan River. The best practices would apply to several types of development occurring within a one-half mile buffer of the Jordan River, including parks, natural areas, residential development, transit oriented development, commercial developments, industrial developments, public facilities, and utility and transportation infrastructure. It may include regulatory incentives for development projects that meet the highest levels of riparian corridor protection.

The Riparian Corridor Development Best Practices will target:

- Water Quality – including stormwater, hydrology, bank stabilization
- Biodiversity – including terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat
- Protection and Safety – including flooding, emergency response, encroachment and buffer guidelines, management of invasive species, etc.
- Aesthetics and Visual Quality – including building massing and scale, vegetative buffers, etc.
- Outdoor Recreation – including trails, boating facilities, pedestrian bridges, parking and other public facilities.

- B. **A Public Outreach and Educational Campaign** to communicate and distribute information about the development best practices to local governments, developers, major landowners, and the community at large. The scope of this element will be determined once a consultant is under contract, but may include television and print media, online and social media, presentations to local governments and stakeholder groups, printed materials, mailers, and physical signage along the Jordan River corridor.

Stakeholder Involvement

It is the goal of the Jordan River Commission to develop these best practices through a collaborative process that leads to local government buy-in and implementation. The process would include a broad public participation element including workshops with local government planning staff and elected officials, as well as general community input opportunities. The specific scope and approach will be defined once a consultant has been hired, but we anticipate a minimum of three public workshops, online interaction tools, and monthly meetings with the Commission's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Additional public outreach will include an educational campaign to disseminate, promote, and share the tools created through this process and emphasize their importance to the entire region.

Authorization and Support for Process

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement creating the Jordan River Commission identifies development reviews of all public and private proposals within a one-half mile radius of the Jordan River, and has been signed by all members of the Commission. This project is the first step by providing best practices to guide development/redevelopment activities.

In addition, the establishment of best practices for riparian corridor conservation and development to be adopted into ordinance is identified in both the Blueprint Jordan River vision and in the Salt Lake County Water Quality Stewardship Plan as implementation projects. Furthermore, it was the single most important project identified by a broad, interdisciplinary group at the Commission's first Strategic Planning retreat held in October 2011.

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

The Jordan River Commission is a new organization, but the creation of this new agency itself required a broad, collaborative and regional process similar to the proposed process. The Commission was created upon the signing of an Interlocal Cooperation agreement and accompanying bylaws, both of which were carefully drafted through a series of workshops including all the cities and counties along the Jordan River, and with the involved participation of several state agencies. The Commission has now been in operation for over one year and has continued to expand its membership to include new governmental agencies and community partners.

The members of the Jordan River Commission itself bring a depth of experience in managing large public processes, including the development of the Blueprint Jordan River. The Blueprint Jordan River visioning process, co-led by Salt Lake County and Envision Utah, involved nearly 3,000 individuals, reached out to every local government along the Jordan River, and included a robust public education and awareness campaign.

Finally the Jordan River Commission's Executive Director, Laura Hanson, joins the Commission after a decade leading regional planning processes as a consultant. She has managed nearly four-dozen land planning projects, many with project areas that crossed geographic and political boundaries and with budgets exceeding this request. This experience will ensure the proposed project is managed professionally and will meet all established budget and timeline requirements, and will accomplish all stated project milestones.

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

It is one of the primary goals of the Jordan River Commission's Governing Board, Staff and TAC to establish and implement consistent and science-based best practices for development activities occurring along the Jordan River for the long-term. Any such ongoing efforts will be absorbed into the Commission's regular annual operating budget. Immediately upon release of the

final Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development, the Commission will begin three concurrent efforts to implement these best practices and protective guidelines:

- A. Adoption into Ordinance: The Commission will make regular presentations, and offer trainings and technical support to local governments along the Jordan River and its tributaries, to encourage the adoption of the best practices into ordinances applying to the Jordan River corridor and other riparian corridors feeding into the Jordan River.
- B. Certification of Existing Ordinances: The Commission's TAC will conduct reviews of any existing riparian corridor or sensitive lands ordinances adopted into policy by the Commission's member governments. Recommendations will be made to strengthen and enhance these ordinances based on the newly created Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development. Ordinances that meet the intent of the best practices will be "certified" by the Jordan River Commission.
- C. Individual Development Review: For Commission member governments where no existing, adopted riparian corridor or sensitive lands ordinances exist, the Commission's TAC will conduct a review of each individual, large-scale development project occurring within one-half mile of the Jordan River against the newly created Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development. Recommendations will be made to the local government to improve the proposed project and minimize adverse impacts to water quality, natural vegetation, and wildlife habitat. The local government will implement these recommendations to the extent possible.

11. List consultants or agency partners that have participated in project development:

The development of this project proposal is the result of a series of meetings of the Jordan River Commission and its Technical Advisory Committee. The Jordan River Commission is an interlocal cooperation eleven local governments, two special districts, six community partners, and with the support of representatives of eight state agencies and governmental offices. In addition, the TAC is comprised of over forty technical experts from private organizations as well as from local, state, and federal agencies. A full list of Jordan River Commission membership is attached.

Please note that the Commission's Board and TAC membership includes representatives from both Chevron and the Utah Division of Water Quality. These representatives have recused themselves from participation in the development of this project proposal or any decision-making related to the proposal.

Signature: 
Applicant

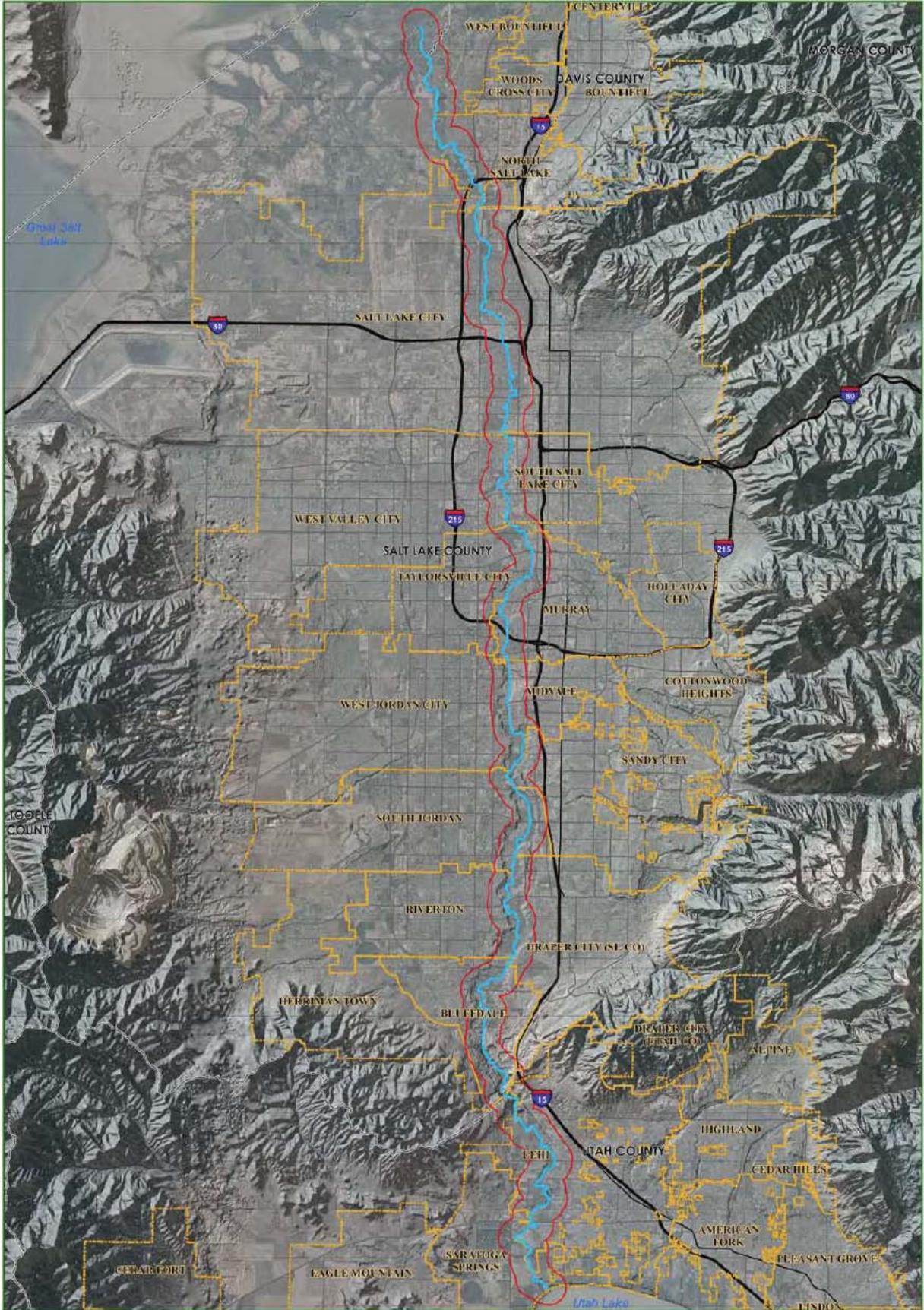
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Member Agency or Organization	Representative
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City of Taylorsville	Mayor Russ Wall
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STATE OF UTAH PARTNERS	
Utah DEQ, Division of Water Quality	Mr. John Whitehead
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Utah DNR, Division of Wildlife Resources	Mr. Doug Sakaguchi
Utah DNR, State Parks and Recreation	Mr. Chris Haller
Utah DNR, Division of Water Resources	Mr. Greg Williams
Utah DNR, Division of Water Rights	Mr. Chuck Williamson

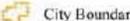
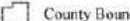
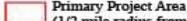


TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE			
#	Member Agency or Organization	Representative	Action Plan Subcommittees
1	TAC Chair , Community, Civil engineer	David Eckhoff	Hydrology, Stormwater
2	TAC Vice-Chair , Ex Officio Representative 1	Lynn Larsen	Recreation, Community Building
3	Draper City	TBD	
4	City of North Salt Lake	Ken Leetham	Community Building
5	City of Saratoga Springs	Jim McNulty	Community Building
6	City of South Salt Lake	Dennis Pay	Community Building
7	City of Taylorsville	Mike Meldrum	Community Building
8	Cottonwood Heights City	Morgan Brim	Community Building
9	Davis County	Scott Hess	Community Building, Recreation
10	Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District	Mark Attencio	Hydrology
11	Salt Lake County	Phil McCraley	Veg & Habitat
12	Salt Lake County	Marian Hubbard	Hydrology, Stormwater, Veg & Habitat
13	Sandy City	James Sorenson	Community Building
14	Utah County	TBD	
15	West Valley City	Steve Pastork	Community Building
16	Ex Officio Representative 2	TBD	
17	Ex Officio Representative 3	TBD	
18	Mountainlands Association of Governments	Jim Price	Community Building, Circulation
19	Wasatch Front Regional Council	LaNiece Davenport	Community Building, Circulation
20	US Army Corps of Engineers	Scott Stoddard	Hydrology, Veg & Habitat
21	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Chris Cline	Veg & Habitat
22	US Geologic Service, Water Science Center	Bernard Stiop	Hydrology
23	South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District	Vai Bowiden	Veg & Habitat, Hydrology
24	Salt Lake Mosquito Abatement District	Sammie Dickson	Veg & Habitat, Hydrology
25	Utah DEQ, Division of Water Quality	Hilary Arens	Hydrology, Stormwater,
26	Utah DNR, Division of Forestry Fire & State Lands	Ryan Nesbit	Hydrology, Veg & Habitat
27	Utah DNR, Division of Parks & Recreation	Chris Haller	Recreation, Circulation
28	Utah DNR, Division of Water Resources	Greg Williams	Hydrology
29	Utah DNR, Division of Water Rights	Chuck Williamson	Hydrology, Recreation
30	Utah DNR, Division of Wildlife Resources	Doug Sakaguchi	Veg & Habitat
31	Legacy Nature Preserve	Eric McCulley	Veg & Habitat
32	Envision Utah	Gabe Epperson	Community Building, Education
33	Community, Salt Lake County Fish & Game Association	Dan Potts	Veg & Habitat, Recreation
34	Community, Center For Green Infrastructure Design	Sumner Swaner	Community Building, Circulation
35	Community, HDR	Karen Nichols	Hydrology, Stormwater
36	Community, Tree Utah and GSL Audubon	Ty Harrison	Veg & Habitat
37	Community, SLC Public Utilities	Tom Ward	Hydrology, Stormwater
38	Community, Architect	Christine Morr	Community Building
39	Community, Open space and recreation advocate	Adriaan Boogard	Recreation, Stormwater, Veg & Habitat
40	Community, Civil engineer and recreation advocate	Mike Sullita	Recreation, Hydrology, Stormwater

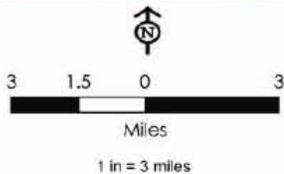


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Legend

-  Jordan River
-  City Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Primary Project Area (1/2 mile radius from river)

Base imagery source: National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) natural color aerial photography for Utah 1 meter resolution color aerial photography taken in the summer of 2009.



RICHARD GRAHAM
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MAYOR

December 13, 2011

Hilary Arens
Utah Division of Water Quality
PO Box 144870
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Dear Hilary:

Salt Lake City Parks & Public Lands is pleased to express support for a proposal by the Jordan River Commission to create a model for best practices for the Jordan River Corridor. If this project is funded, the Jordan River Commission will be able to provide tools for communities along the Jordan River to adopt better management strategies that will ensure improved quality of the Jordan River.

Historical adverse impacts have damaged the Jordan River and have caused the State of Utah to deem the river water quality impaired. In the past the Jordan River had substantial meander corridors with marshes, oxbows, sloughs and ponds; however, it is currently a highly channelized and developed river with impaired water quality. This project would help the municipalities and citizens along the Jordan River better implement management practices and address impacts to the river.

Parks & Public Lands, a land management division within Salt Lake City, is pleased to support the Jordan River Commission in their endeavors to improve the water quality, habitat and ecosystem function of the Jordan River.

Sincerely,



Emy Maloutas
Director, Salt Lake City Parks & Public Lands

Cc: Mayor Becker, Salt Lake City Council

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Ms. Hilary Arens
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Ms Arens,

The Division of Water Resources is pleased to support the Jordan River Commission's proposal to develop Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development. Any project which helps to preserve and develop Utah's water resources while promoting consciousness and conservation of our water related resources. The Division of Water Resources supports this proposal which supports the preservation and conservation of resources within a basin with limited resources.

Current funding prevents us from assisting this project financially. However, we support the efforts and look forward to seeing the results. Please feel free to contact Todd Adams, my Assistant Director, at 801-538-7272 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Strong, P.E.
Director





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December 13, 2011

Ms. Hilary Arens
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Re: Red Butte Creek Request for Proposals

Dear Hilary,

The water quality, natural vegetation, wildlife, and overall health of the Jordan River have been significantly damaged by a century of rapid growth of the Wasatch Front. The crude oil releases into Red Butte Creek have served to highlight the fragile nature of our urban streams and riparian ecosystems. Protecting rivers and streams through the use of ordinances helps safeguard stream corridors from being infringed upon by development, and helps establish a protective riparian barrier.

Salt Lake County's Watershed Planning and Restoration Program supports the proposal made by the Jordan River Commission to develop a set of Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development to assist local governments in protecting streams from future damage. Building on the successful implementation of other riparian ordinances, such as Salt Lake City's Riparian Corridor Overlay Zone, we believe that this proposal is an investment in the future health and quality of the Jordan River watershed as a whole. The Best Practices will establish standards for buffers, limiting encroachment, reduce stormwater runoff, minimize disturbance to native vegetation, and protect both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat areas.

The Jordan River Commission is the only cross-jurisdictional agency focused entirely on protecting and improving all aspects of the Jordan River corridor, and Salt Lake County is supportive of the Commission's efforts to facilitate dialogue and the development of comprehensive standards for the entire river corridor, and the entire watershed. By providing upstream protection and management, we believe that this proposal has the potential to positively affect the reaches of the Jordan River that were directly impacted by the crude oil releases of 2010.

For these reasons, we ask you to support The Jordan River Commission's proposal for Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development. We can learn from the lessons and hard work of the State of Utah, Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City responding to these unfortunate events, and ensure our riparian corridors are better protected in the future.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Baird, P.E.
Director



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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December 13, 2011

Ms. Hilary Arens
Division of Water Quality
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Re: Red Butte Creek Request for Proposals

Dear Ms. Arens:

The water quality, natural vegetation, wildlife, and overall health of the Jordan River have been significantly damaged by a century of development and rapid growth along the Wasatch Front. Unfortunately, the 2010 oil spills place additional burdens on this already fragile ecosystem. In retrospect, limiting encroachment into the Red Butte Creek riparian corridor and establishing protective buffer zones could have prevented the damage to this creek and kept oil from reaching the Jordan River.

The Wasatch Front Regional Council supports the proposal made by the Jordan River Commission to develop a set of Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development to assist local governments in preventing future, similar occurrences. We believe that this proposal is an investment in the future health and quality of the Jordan River watershed as a whole by establishing standards for buffers, limiting encroachment, reducing stormwater runoff, minimizing disturbance to native vegetation, and protecting both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat areas. This proposal is consistent with our efforts to promote the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision adopted by the Wasatch Front Regional Council and to develop a Green Infrastructure Network for the Wasatch Front Region.

As the only cross-jurisdictional agency focused entirely on protecting and improving all aspects of the Jordan River corridor, the Jordan River Commission's efforts will facilitate dialogue and the development of comprehensive standards for the entire river corridor. We believe that this proposal has the potential to positively impact the reaches of the Jordan River directly impacted by the releases through upstream protection and management.

For these reasons, we ask you to support the Jordan River Commission's proposal for Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development. We can learn from the lessons and hard work of both the State of Utah and Salt Lake City responding to these unfortunate events, and ensure our riparian corridors are better protected in the future.

Sincerely,

Doug Hattery
Deputy Director



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Ms. Hilary Arens
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Re: Red Butte Creek Request for Proposals

Dear Hilary,

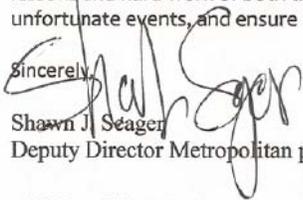
The water quality, natural vegetation, wildlife, and overall health of the Jordan River has been significantly damaged by a century of development and the rapid growth of the Wasatch Front. Unfortunately, the additional burdens placed on this already fragile ecosystem from the 2010 oil spills could have been prevented. In retrospect, limiting encroachment into the Red Butte Creek riparian corridor and establishing protective buffer zones could have saved this creek, and prevented oil from reaching the Jordan River.

Mountainland Association of Governments supports the proposal made by the Jordan River Commission to develop a set of Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development to assist local governments in preventing future, similar occurrences. We believe that this proposal is an investment in the future health and quality of the Jordan River watershed as a whole, by establishing standards for buffers, limiting encroachment, reducing storm water runoff, minimizing disturbance to native vegetation, and protecting both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat areas.

As the only cross-jurisdictional agency focused entirely on protecting and improving all aspects of the Jordan River corridor, we are supportive of the Jordan River Commission's efforts to facilitate dialogue and the development of comprehensive standards for the entire river corridor. We believe that this proposal has the potential to positively impact the reaches of the Jordan River directly impacted by the releases through upstream protection and management.

For these reasons, we ask you to support The Jordan River Commission's proposal for Best Practices for Riparian Corridor Conservation and Development. We can learn from the lessons and hard work of both the State of Utah and Salt Lake City responding to these unfortunate events, and ensure our riparian corridors are better protected in the future.

Sincerely,


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