

# NORTHWEST QUADRANT COMMUNITY PLAN

"Creating a Sustainable Community"

November 26, 2007



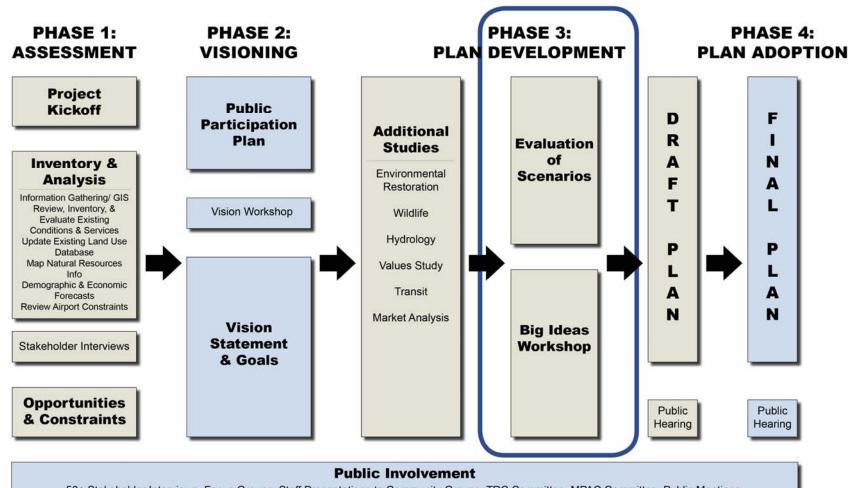








# PROJECT PROCESS



50+ Stakeholder Interviews, Focus Groups, Staff Presentations to Community Groups, TRC Committee, MPAC Committee, Public Meetings, Public Hearings, Media Outreach (TV, press releases, phone calls, correspondence)

# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT TO DATE

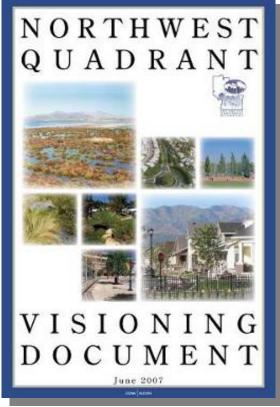
- 14 Master Plan Advisory Committee and Technical Resource Committee Meetings
- Over 60 Stakeholder Interviews
- 2 Public Workshops
- Chamber of Commerce Presentation
- Property Owner/ Environmental Community Meetings, Property Owner Charettes, Site Visits
- City Council Briefings & Planning Commission Updates







At Workshop I we defined the components and Vision of a sustainable community



# THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT VISION

# The Northwest Quadrant will be a community that embodies the principles of sustainable development in order to:

- balance and integrate the social, economic and environmental components of the community,
- meet the needs of existing and future generations,
- respect the needs of other communities in the region, and
- preserve and enhance natural ecological functions.





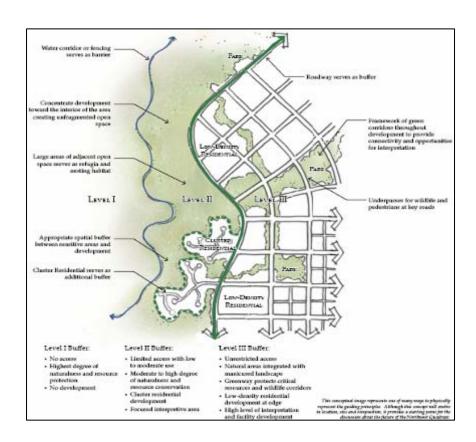




# ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES

# "Protect ecological systems."

- Preserve and enhance natural ecological functions.
- Conserve and manage native plant and animal communities to maintain ecosystem functions.
- Restrict development within the 100-year floodplain.
- Minimize hazards related to geology, soils, groundwater, industrial activities, and hazardous materials.
- Determine appropriate buffers between habitat and development areas.







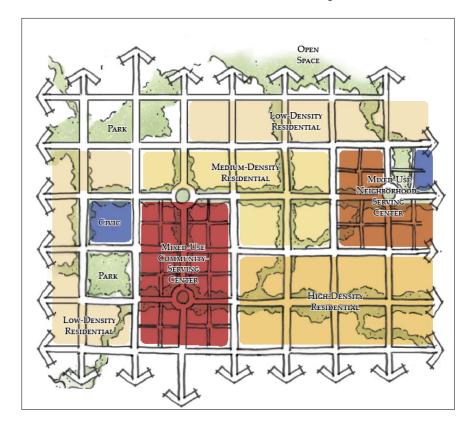




# N E I G H B O R H O O D S

# "Create residential communities that allow residents to live, work and play in their neighborhoods, and foster a sense of community."

- Design communities to encourage social interaction and support family and community relationships.
- Create vibrant, safe, integrated, and walkable neighborhoods.
- Provide housing densities that support use of alternative and public transportation.
- Include a variety of housing types and opportunities to enable a wide range of economic levels, age groups, and lifestyles to live within a community.
- Create neighborhood areas that provide attractive public spaces, such as civic spaces, community centers, parks, plazas, community gardens, and natural open space.
- Cluster residential development to minimize land consumption and create quality environmental conservation areas.









Low Density Residential



Medium Density

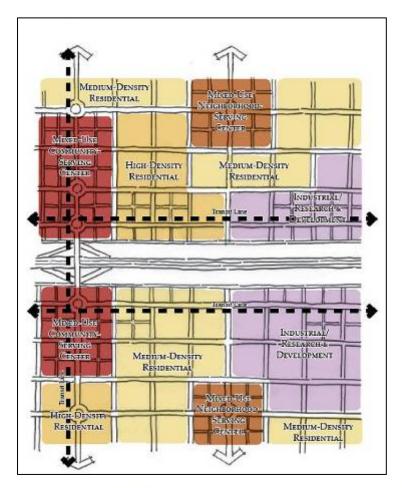


High Density Residential

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# "Encourage a balanced community with a diversity of employment opportunities."

- Create a hierarchy of pedestrian oriented, mixed-use neighborhood and communityserving centers with a diversity of commercial, office, employment and housing opportunities.
- Preserve areas for future industrial, manufacturing, research or distribution.
- Preserve areas for future airport expansion and airport related industry.
- Create economic opportunities by linking the location of jobs with transportation and housing options.
- Concentrate commercial and industrial development near major transportation corridors.
- Encourage industrial and manufacturing uses adjacent to I-80 and around the intermodal rail facility.











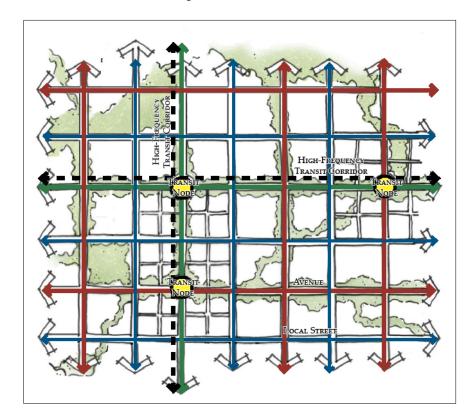
Mixed-Use Centers (Commercial, Housing, and Office)

Industrial/Research & Development

# MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION

"Establish and maintain a balanced multi-modal transportation system that provides effective, efficient, and safe mobility for residents."

- Encourage growth along existing and planned transportation corridors and transit nodes.
- Increase land use densities at major bus and rail transit nodes along transit corridors.
- Connect new residential areas with the West Bench Community and other areas of the City.
- Purposefully integrate urban form and the transportation network.
- Promote development that is transit, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly.
- Provide appealing and comfortable pedestrian street environments in order to promote pedestrian activity and transit ridership.











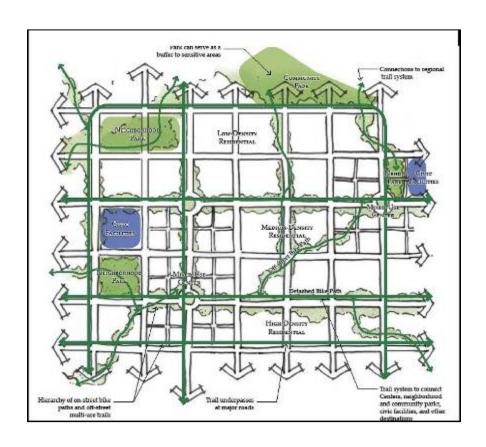
Transit Nodes & Lines

Street Network

# PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION

"Provide a diverse system of parks, trails, and recreational facilities."

- Provide and maintain a diverse, high-quality, safe, and affordable system of parks and recreational facilities that provide for all age groups.
- Provide a system of interconnected trails that connects to neighborhoods and services, and adjacent regional trails.
- Promote bicycling and walking as ways to enhance personal health and improve the community environment.







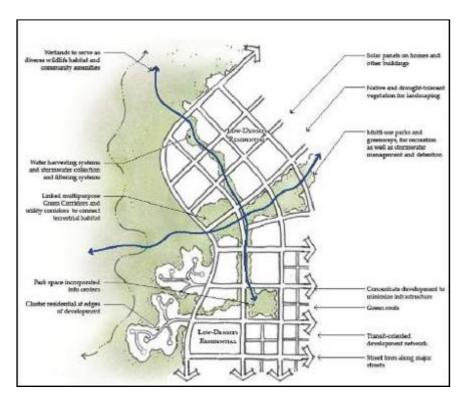




# GREEN DESIGN

# "Conserve water and energy resources, enhance air and water quality, and protect natural environments."

- Encourage construction that utilizes green building technologies and practices.
- Encourage use of energy efficient infrastructure, such as energy efficient street lights, traffic light, waste and wastewater pumps, and treatment systems.
- Enhance energy efficiency by using passive and active solar strategies and natural cooling.
- Implement a stormwater management plan that infiltrates, reuses, or evapotranspirates runoff to prevent flooding and promote aquifer recharge.
- Create compact land use patterns to support transit and pedestrian circulation.
- Locate greenways to provide an infrastructure for green technologies, and to provide a connection between residents and the natural environment.







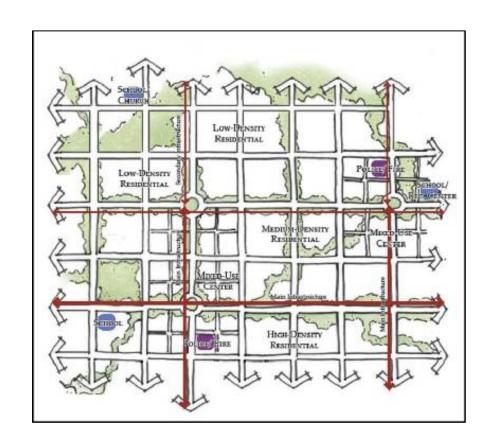




# PUBLIC SERVICES

# "Provide coordinated and efficient public services within the area."

- Create reliable, cost-effective, environmentally sustainable systems of utilities, public facilities, and services.
- Collaborate with adjacent townships and cities, various Federal, State, and County agencies, and appropriate service providers to provide coordinated and sustainable development of the region.
- Minimize public service costs by encouraging compact, clustered development.
- Encourage the integrated establishment of education facilities.
- Determine the appropriate size and location of educational facilities in proximity to homes, rapid transit routes, and/or civic amenities.
- Plan for police, fire, and emergency services that are staffed at appropriate levels.











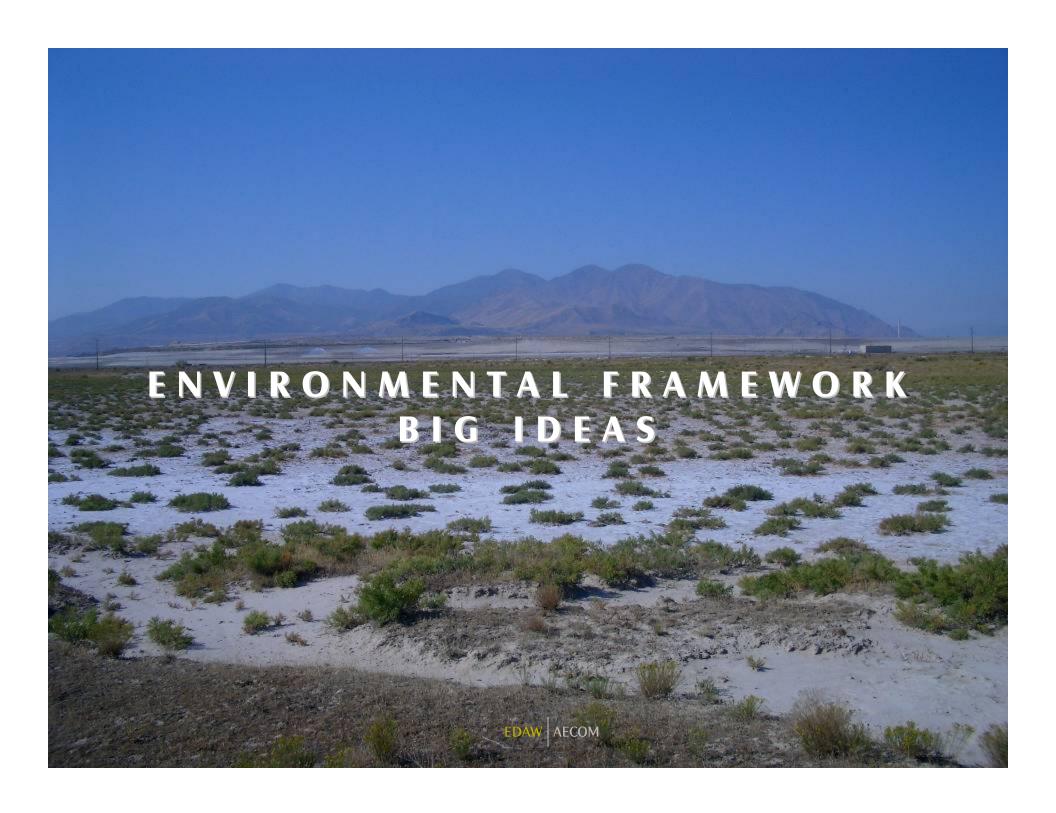


# **Overall Framework**

# BIG IDEAS TO MAKE THE VISION A REALITY

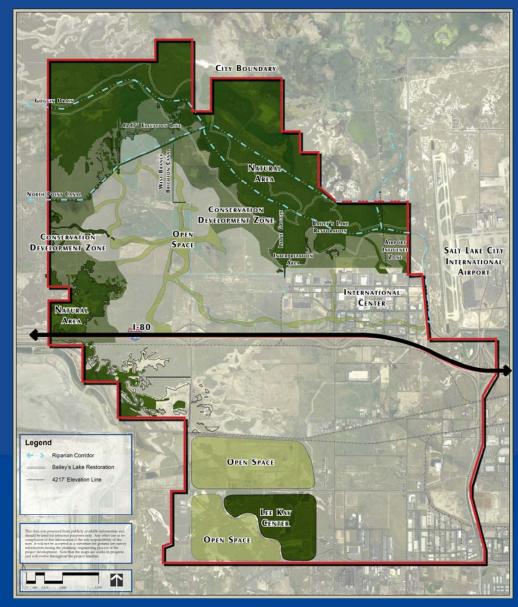
# Three frameworks drive the Plan:





# ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMFWORK CONCEPT

- Protect sensitive wetland areas
- Protect health, safety & welfare with no development below 4215' /4217'
- Buffer Bailey's Lake & the Inland Sea Shorebird Reserve (ISSR)
- Create a hierarchy of protected areas:
  - Natural Area
  - Conservation Development Zone
  - •Open Space
- Create an internal greenway system
- Create open space areas at North and South
- Provide additional recreation and open space areas through reclamation efforts (land fills, etc.)
- Restore key areas such as Bailey's Lake
- Incorporate toolbox to determine buffers and barriers



## **NORTHWEST QUADRANT ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK**





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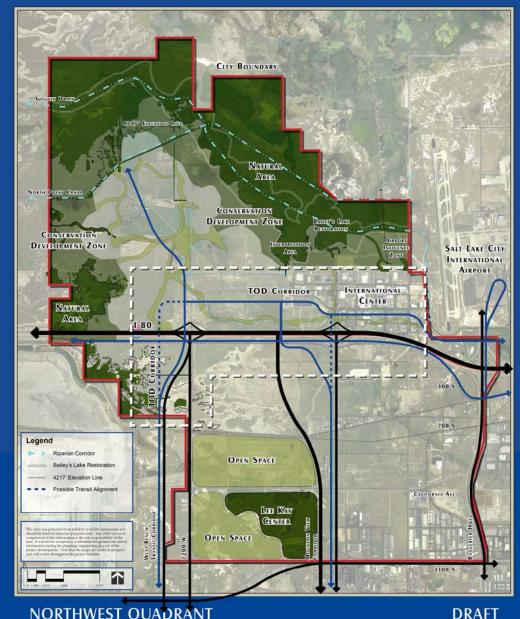
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# TRANSIT FRAMEWORK CONCEPT

- Implement proposed Mountain View Corridor & West Bench General Plan transit lines
- Incorporate a transit corridor with a high percentage of jobs within this area
- Build development framework around transit lines & stops
- Connect North & South with a new over or underpass
- Create transit loops
- Site transit to complement development
- Connect to Tooele County with a commuter train
- Concentrate transit system to maximize feasibility



**NORTHWEST QUADRANT** TRANSIT FRAMEWORK



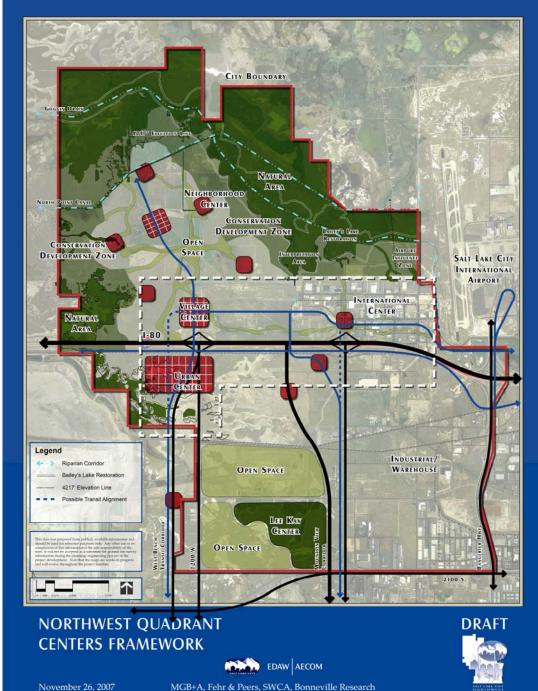






# CENTERS FRAMFWORK CONCEPT

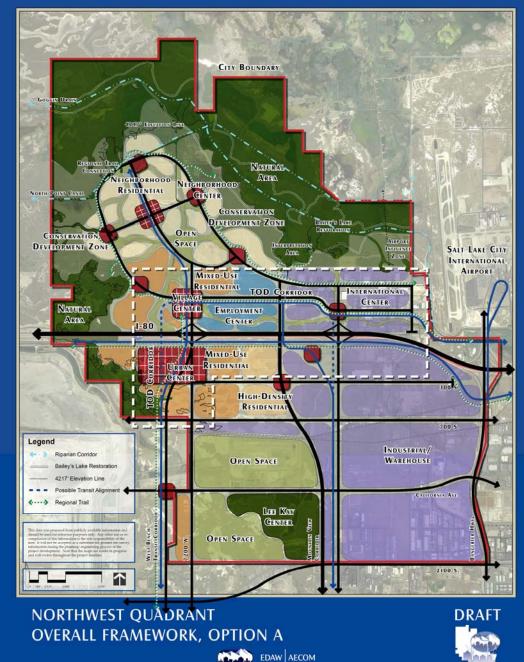
- Incorporate 3 larger mixeduse centers
- Incorporate 2 high schools at North & South, and possibly a higher education center located in large centers
- Incorporate a series of smaller neighborhood centers
- Connect mixed-use centers with transit
- Connect centers at North and South with a new under/ overpass





# OVERALL FRAMFWORK CONCEPT

- Connect communities and form an edge to development with a loop road
- Focus development inward
- Incorporate a series of smaller neighborhood centers and neighborhoods
- Separate neighborhoods with open space connections and corridors
- Incorporate new transit-oriented development corridors
- Expand industrial base
- Incorporate different gateways to suggest different experiences



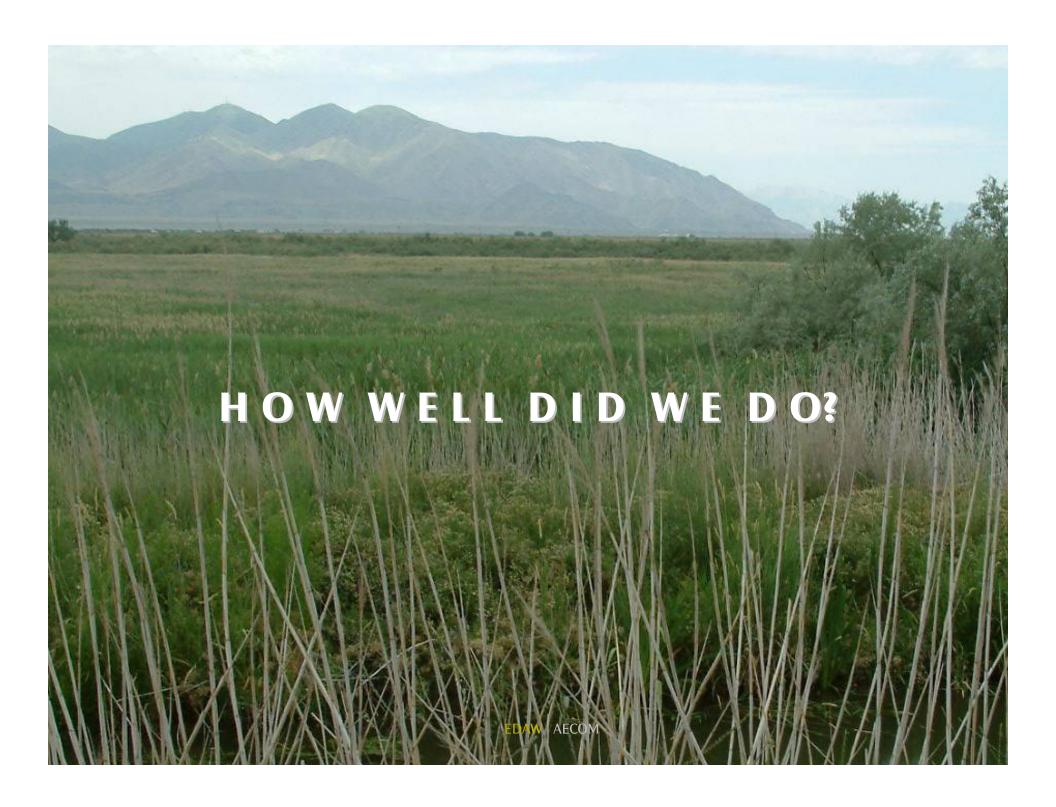




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# SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES AND INDICATORS MUST HAPPEN AT ALL LEVELS



Environmental Social Economic

# **NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY**

Environmental Social Economic

# HOUSEHOLD /INDIVIDUAL

Environmental Social Economic **Sustainable Community** 

# 10-POLICY LEVEL SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

# **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- 1. Amount of Protected Land
- 2. Types of Protected Land
- 3. Resource Protection
- 4. Major Emphasis on Restoration

# **SOCIAL**

1. Infill,
Redevelopment,
and Contiguous
Development
2. Ideal
Neighborhoods
3. Access to Transit

# **ECONOMIC**

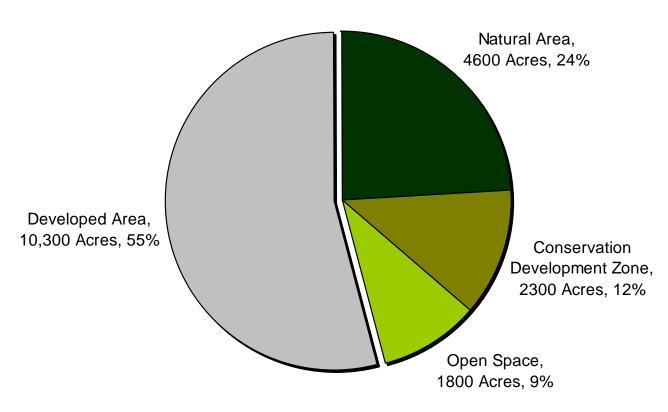
- 1. Job/Housing
- 2. Job Creation
  - 3. Creation of Centers



# ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATOR #1:

# **Amount of Protected Land**

# **Protected Lands**



# ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATOR # 2: Type of Protected Land

# **Natural Areas**

- No Access
- No Human Activity
  - Natural Resource Focus
  - Mitigation/ Enhancement
  - Wildlife & Habitat Protection



# ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATOR # 2: Type of Protected Land

# Conservation Development Zone

- Moderate Access
- Moderate Human Activity
  - Conservation-Oriented Neighborhoods
  - Upland Preservation
  - Buffers
  - Agriculture
  - Interpretation
  - Apply Toolbox



# ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATOR # 2:

# **Type of Protected Land**

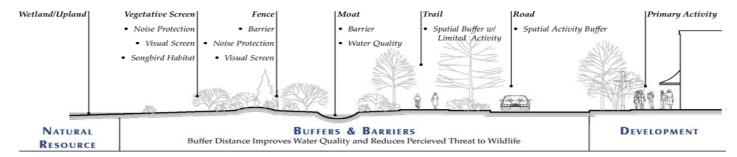
# Open Space

- High Access
- High Human Activity
  - Multi-Purpose Corridor:
    - Active Recreation
    - Interpretation
    - Parks/Trails
    - Community Gardens
    - Stormwater Detention/Utilities
    - Defines Community's Identity
    - Community Separators



# **ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATOR #3: Resource Protection**

A Resource Protection Toolbox....



# NATURAL RESOURCES

### Existing Site Conditions:

- · Low Functioning Playa
- High Functioning Playa
- Evaporative Basin
- Salt Basin
- Canal
- Freshwater Marsh
- Suitable Long-billed Curlew Habitat (Upland)

### **BUFFERS**

Buffers should protect wetlands and wildlife from the effects of adjacent land use

- Water Quality
  - Sediment
  - Nutrients & Metals
- Moderate stormwater runoff
- Reduce Perceived Threat
- Reduce Noise
- Invasive Species
- Provide Edge Habitat
- Provided Suitable Long-billed Curlew Habitat (Upland)

### **BARRIERS**

### Barriers should:

- Restrict Access
- Screen Land Use Activity
- Attenuate Noise
- · Reduce Light
- Restrict Domestic and Feral Animals

# EXAMPLES OF LAND USE INTENSITY

- High Impact Development
  - High-Density Residential
  - Active Recreational Uses
- Medium Impact Development
  - Low to Medium-Density Residential
  - Commercial Uses
  - Office Uses
  - Passive Recreational Uses
- · Low Impact Development
  - Light Industrial Uses
  - Interpretational Areas
  - Open Space with Restricted Access
  - Cluster/ Conservation Development

# ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATOR #4:

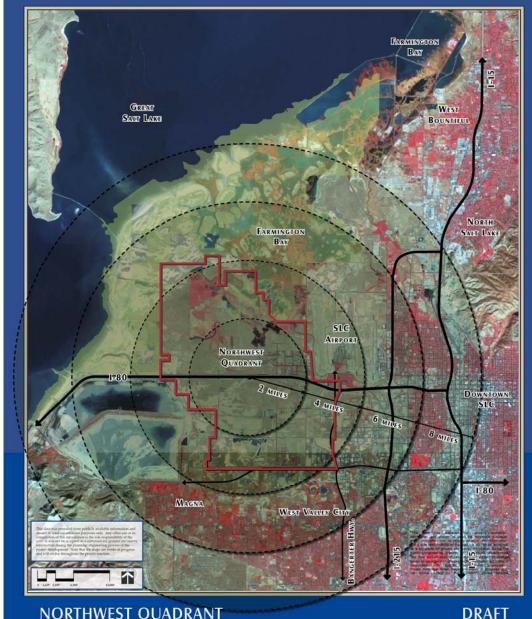
# **Major Emphasis on Restoration**

- For example, restoration of the Bailey's Lake complex (1,300 acres) would enhance conditions for many species
- Other restoration areas for mitigation



# SOCIAL INDICATOR #1: Infill, Redevelopment and **Contiguous Development**

- The 2007 Update to the **Envision Utah Values Study** found:
  - People prefer future growth within existing communities
  - When confronted with increased density in existing communities, people prefer new town centers
- The NW Quadrant is Wasatch Front's largest infill opportunity
- The NW Quadrant is SLC's largest redevelopment and reuse of underutilized lands



NORTHWEST QUADRANT **REGIONAL CONTEXT MAP** 





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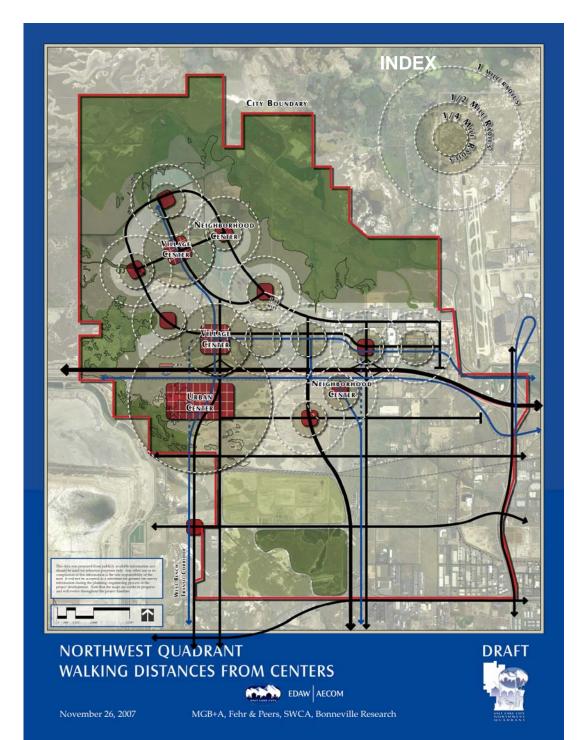
# SOCIAL INDICATOR # 2: Ideal Neighborhoods

- Ideal Community Preferences based on 2007 Values study:
  - Housing Type: Mix of moderate single family homes and town homes
  - Neighborhood Age/ Life Stage Mix: Neighbors who are mix of ages and family stages
  - Public Transportation Options: Public bus, rail, and TRAX nearby
  - Type of Community: Village
  - Size of Yard: Homes with a variety of yard sizes
  - Open Space: Public parks and gardens, recreational fields, playgrounds, nature preserves, and trails all nearby
  - Architectural Design: Custom units with unique architecture and design



# SOCIAL INDICATOR # 2: Ideal Neighborhoods

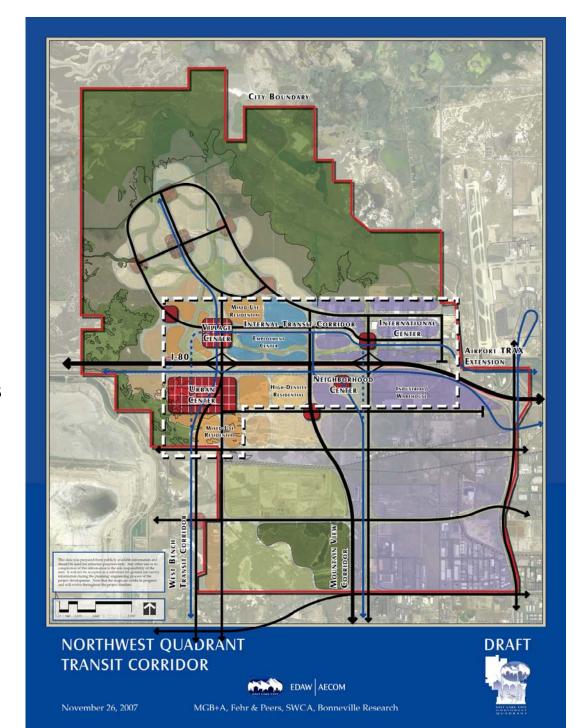
- Convenience is Important:
  - Grocery stores, gas stations, schools, parks and recreation, libraries, and hospitals are all desired within 10 minutes from home
- Within the Northwest Quadrant:
  - Majority of residential areas are within walking distance of a Neighborhood Center
  - Neighborhood Centers will consist of higher-density residential, an elementary school, park, retail and commercial areas
  - Majority of industrial and commercial areas are located within walking distance of a transit station



## SOCIAL INDICATOR #3:

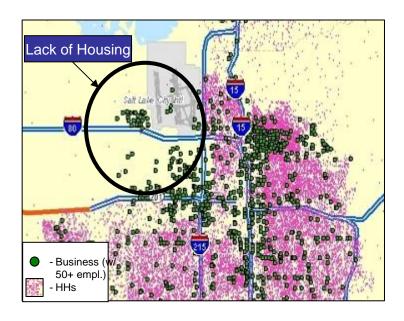
#### **Access to Transit**

- Ability to make shorter trips by walking or cycling.
   Urban and Village Centers contain a mix of land uses, with pedestrian access between homes, businesses and jobs
- Access to transit for longer trips 11,100 existing jobs within walking distance of proposed transit corridors, not including 15,000 jobs at the SLC Airport
- Proposed transit lines that will serve this area include:
  - Mountain View Corridor
  - Airport Extension
  - West Bench Transit Corridor



# ECONOMIC INDICATOR #1: Job/ Housing Balance

Adding households to the NW
 Quadrant and bringing jobs and
 housing into balance has the
 potential to lower average
 commute distances, relieve
 congestion, and decrease air
 pollution



Wasatch Front Employment Cores				
Core	Jobs <sup>1</sup>	HHs (within 5-min drive <sup>2</sup> )	Ratio	
International Center/Airport	38,859	1	38,859.5	
201/ California Ave.	47,106	1,043	45.2	
Sandy	18,563	4,275	4.3	
Provo/BYU	42,880	12,820	3.3	
Downtown Salt Lake City	62,609	23,813	2.6	
University of Utah	32,557	14,202	2.3	
Layton Hill	20,160	10,190	2.0	
Cottonwood	6,371	3,241	2.0	
Thanksgiving Point	2,915	2,239	1.3	
Fort Union	11,518	14,418	0.8	
Ogden	9,152	11,816	0.8	
Jordan Landing	3,114	4,214	0.7	
West Valley City	4,610	10,139	0.5	
Sugarhouse	4,487	21,825	0.2	
Daybreak	11	1,850	0.0	
All Wasatch Cores	304,912	136,086	2.2	

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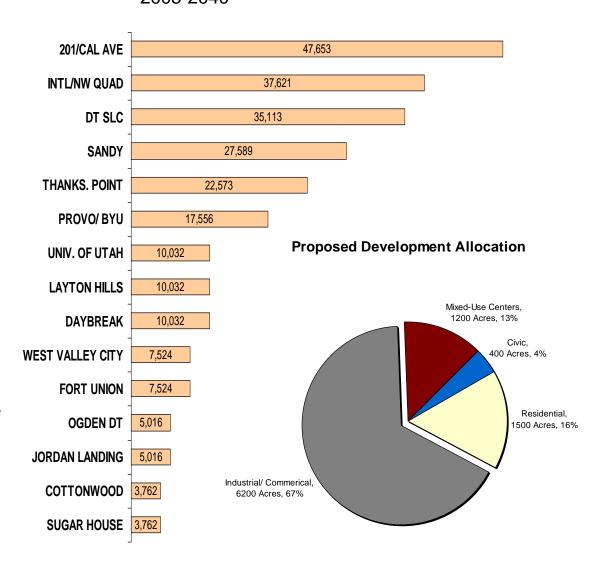
- The Northwest Quadrant is already out of balance by at least 8,000 households
- Current imbalance has been contributing to sprawl and greenfield development in outlying areas

Desired Ratio; Existing Cores 2 - 3 jobs/households	Households Required @ 2006 NW Quadrant Employment	Households Required @ 2040 NW Quadrant Employment	Households Required @ 2040 (including surrounding employment growth) <sup>1</sup>
1.0	23,897	55,130	99,284
1.5	15,931	36,753	66,190
2.0	11,949	27,565	49,642
2.5	9,559	22,052	39,714
3.0	7,966	18,377	33,095
3.5	6,828	15,751	28,367
4.0	5,974	13,783	24,821

# ECONOMIC INDICATOR # 2: Job Creation

- NW Quadrant needs housing to increase the desirability of the area
- NW Quadrant has significant potential to add jobs and housing; which might otherwise locate outside the City and County
- Expand SLC's industrial base
  - New or additional industrial growth areas
  - Intensification of underutilized industrial areas

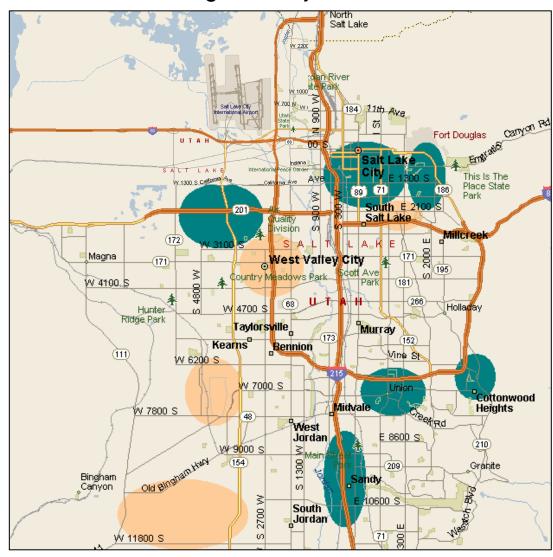
# RCLCO Allocation of Employment Growth<sup>1</sup> Wasatch Front 2005-2040



# ECONOMIC INDICATOR #3: Creation of Centers

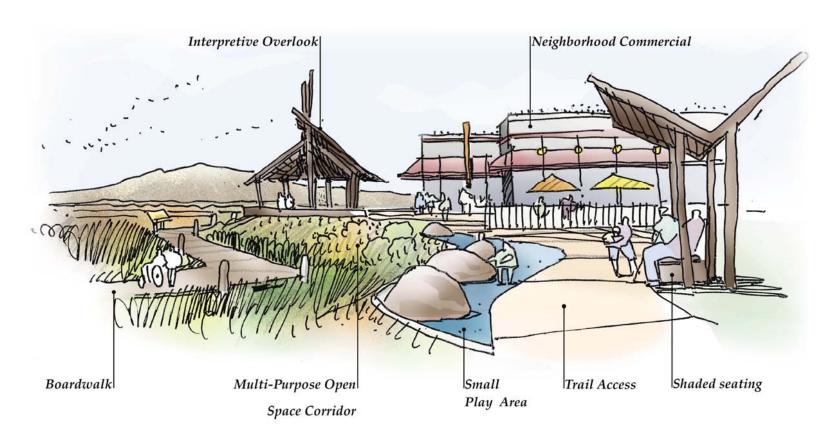
- Salt Lake Valley could support several additional centers compared to other Cities of its size
- Downtown will grow independent of other center growth
- The NW Quadrant has significant potential to add jobs which might otherwise locate outside the City and County

#### **Existing and Major Centers**





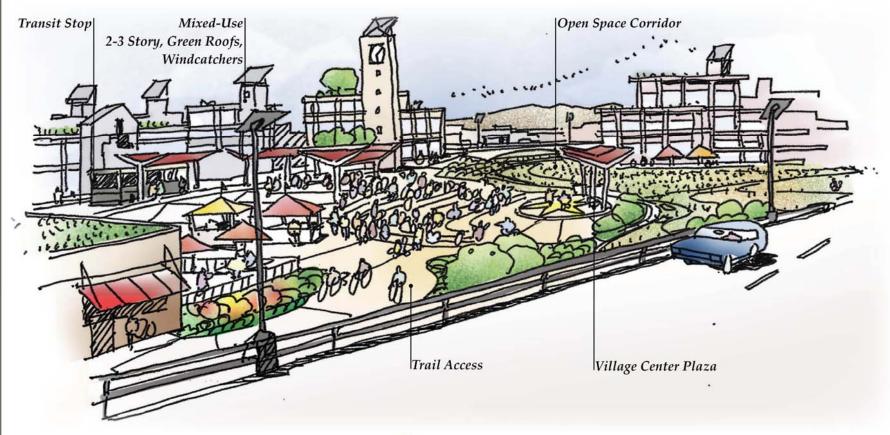
### NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER







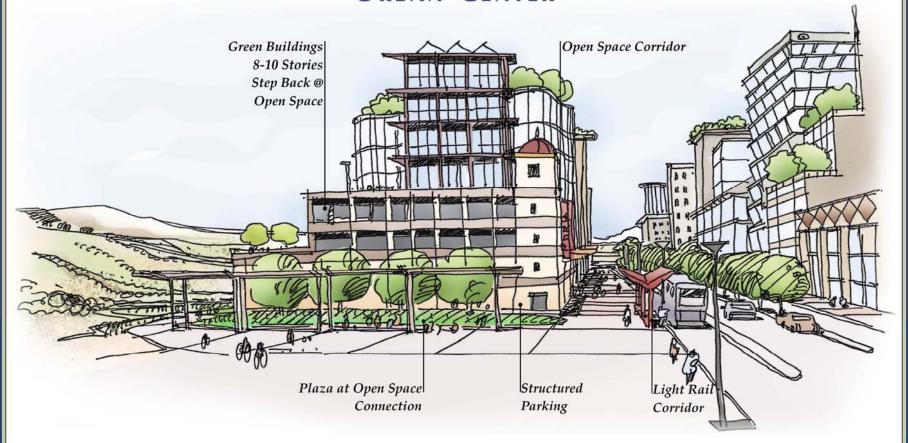
### VILLAGE CENTER







### URBAN CENTER







### PUBLIC BIG IDEAS WORKSHOP

## Big Ideas Workshop

The Salt Lake City
Planning Division held a
public visioning workshop
for the Northwest Quadrant
Community Master Plan.

#### LOCATION:

Salt Lake City Main Library

#### DATE:

Monday, November 26, 2007

#### ATTENDANCE:

Approximately 100 people



#### PUBLIC WORKSHOP GENERAL COMMENTS

- Environmental, social, economic and other concerns are incorporated well
- Environmental framework is fantastic
- Transit framework is a beautiful design
- Idea of village and neighborhood centers works well
- Preservation of industrial land is good

#### PUBLIC WORKSHOP SUGGESTED REFINEMENTS

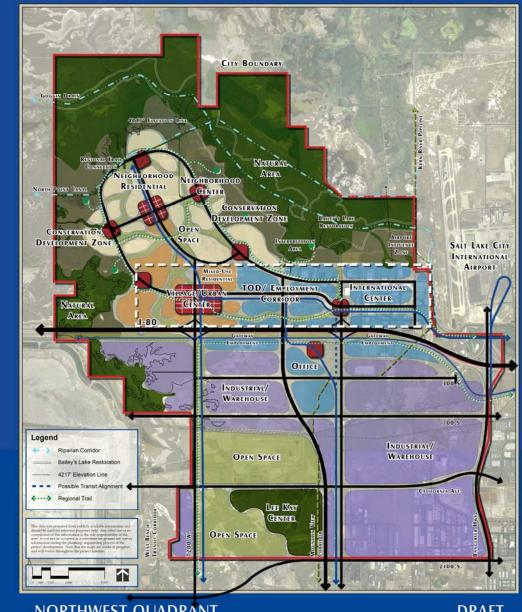
- Include agricultural uses
- Prohibit development below 4217'
- Build off a sustainable community model, not just a traditional neighborhood model
- Incorporate a diagonal grid system, building on views and vistas
- Incorporate aesthetically pleasing industrial/ manufacturing along I-80

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP SUSTAINABILITY CONCEPTS TO BUILD ON

- Integrate 'Dark Sky' requirements
- Use alternative energy sources
- Promote LEED-ND and Sustainable Sites Initiatives
- Use only native plantings
- Incorporation of agriculture (locally produced food)
- Integrate water conservation technologies; water harvesting, grey water usage, etc.



### REVISED FRAMEWORK CONCEPT



**NORTHWEST QUADRANT** OVERALL FRAMEWORK, OPTION A



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### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Wasatch Front Development Trends, Envision Utah, Robert Charles Lesser & Co.
- Utah Values & Future Growth, Envision Utah, Harris Interactive
- Wildlife and Habitat Buffer for the Bailey's Lake Complex, Applied Watershed Sciences
- West Salt Lake County Transit Study, DMJM Harris, EDAW
- Functional Assessments of Wetlands and Wildlife in the Salt Lake County Shorelands SAMP Area
- Salt Lake County Shorelands Plan, Swaner Design, SWCA, Envision Utah

