Introduction

Salt Lake City is located in a beautiful natural setting between the Wasatch Mountains and the Great Salt Lake. Mountains and wetland environments are part of the City, Salt Lake City was settled and planned by Brigham Young and the Mormons in 1847. Since then, the City has grown in its natural setting to be its base and developed open space to the city area. This development and planning serve as a green oasis for many residents and recreation areas for the visitors who come here to enjoy the unique features of the City.

As the City's growth has moved outward, the natural environments have been encroached upon by development and subdivisions. This encroachment into the natural environments detracts from the natural beauty and open space amenities of the City. An increased citizen awareness of the value of the City's natural resources remains an important concern.

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Background

Pro-sand and natural environmental conditions of the coast are important to quality of life. This will becomes even more important as more urban development of cities in the future. A major threat is the loss of wetlands and other natural habitat.

Congress recognizes the quality of life in the state is becoming jeopardized by a loss of beachfront business related activities (such as tourism) and related opportunities for the community. Some of these activities are becoming degraded or disappearing due to lack of maintenance and lack of environmental awareness. Some have even expressed concern over the safety and health of the public. Other areas of the state such as Boulder, Colorado, have experienced dramatic losses of waterfront area due to development. Some states have also been known to face similar issues with similar impacts to their communities.

The stated policies of the state are to protect and preserve the coastal areas and their associated resources. The policies are to be implemented by the state in coordination with local government and private sector interests. The policies are to be developed and updated periodically to reflect the changing needs and conditions of the state and its coastal areas.

Open Space Concept

C onsideration of the Open Space issues and policies for Salt Lake City is organized around the following major themes: Special Areas and the valley land form. The city’s Open Space Plan has been developed during this period by the current City Planning staff. The City Planning staff is responsible for developing and implementing the Open Space Plan. The City Planning staff is responsible for developing and implementing the Open Space Plan. The City Planning staff is responsible for developing and implementing the Open Space Plan. The City Planning staff is responsible for developing and implementing the Open Space Plan.

Foothill Transboundary Area

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Recreational And Priorities

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cepting the existing public and private infrastructure, management principles of the developed areas, and the recommendations of the final plan, the table contains the following recommendations:

1. Designate recreational areas in areas that have been identified for development in the future.
2. Establish access to existing recreational areas such as parks, trails, and green spaces.
3. Develop trails and pathways for walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized activities.
4. Enhance the accessibility of recreational areas to all residents, including those with disabilities.
5. Promote the use of public transportation for access to recreational areas.
6. Develop and maintain community gardens and urban farms.
7. Establish educational programs and outreach activities to promote environmental awareness.
8. Designate trails that are part of the proposed regional trail system.
9. Designate areas for special events and festivals.
10. Develop a model of a corridor such as the Beltline Trail from the downtown area to the airport.

Specific Recommendations for Each Corridor

Shoreline Trail (Map Page 1)

- Ensure access to the shoreline for public use.
- Establish a system of public access points.
- Develop and maintain public beach areas.
- Provide amenities such as restrooms and trash receptacles.
- Establish a system of interpretive signage.

Implementation

In the Open Space Plan and the Washington Area Plan, the City plans to implement a series of open space improvements that will enhance the quality of life for all residents. The City has committed to funding over $150 million in open space improvements in the next 5 years.

Private Implementation Actions

- Identify open space opportunities and funding sources.
- Develop a comprehensive open space plan.
- Establish partnerships with private developers to implement open space improvements.
- Encourage the use of green infrastructure in new developments.

Schedule/Time Line

- Development of the Open Space Plan and implementation of open space improvements will occur in phases over the next 5 years.
- The City will provide a comprehensive update to the Open Space Plan every 5 years.
- The City will establish a dedicated funding source for open space improvements.

In summary, the Open Space Plan and the Washington Area Plan provide a comprehensive framework for the development and implementation of a high-quality open space system for all residents. The City will work with private partners to ensure the successful implementation of the plan and will continue to update the plan as needed to meet the changing needs of the community.