

Wasatch Hollow Preserve Riparian Restoration Project

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION, PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS DIVISION



Public Workshop No. 1
 April 29, 2014
 6:00–8:00 PM

Anderson-Foothill Library
 1135 S 2100 E
 Salt Lake City

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Wasatch Hollow Preserve Riparian Restoration Project Public Workshop. We are glad you could attend and look forward to receiving your input on this important effort. This is the first in a series of four public workshops that will be held during the 6-month planning process to design and implement substantial elements from the 2011 Comprehensive Restoration, Use, and Management Plan approved by Salt Lake City (City). The plan describes a series of implementation projects for improvements to this 10-acre natural preserve. You can download a copy of the plan and other project information by going to the City’s website and the Parks and Public Lands webpage at: <http://www.slcparks.com>. Simply click on the Wasatch Hollow Preserve link for more information.

This workshop is designed to facilitate your input, which will guide the design of specific improvement solutions. We have prepared a series of poster boards that identify potential improvement options under consideration for implementation in 2014–2015. During this workshop, you will have the opportunity to

ask questions of staff and provide us with your comments and suggestions.

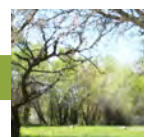
Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the information included in this handout and on the poster boards. Most importantly, let us know which proposed improvement projects are most important to you and your specific recommendation by filling out the Workshop Response Form included in this handout. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask members of the Project Team; we are here to listen to and answer your questions. Thanks again for participating!

Project Timeline

The design process for this project is anticipated to occur over an approximate 6-month timeframe, with an expected completion date of August 31, 2014. During that time there will be four public workshops held (including this workshop) where you can provide input on project designs. All of the major project work efforts and public workshops are shown in Figure 1. Following the design process, the City intends to hire a contractor to implement the recommended improvements. Construction is anticipated to be completed by September 2015.

PROJECT TASK	DATE					
	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	July 2014	August 2014
Task 1: Coordinate Project and Meetings	[Solid green bar]					
Task 2: Conduct Site Inventory and Analyses	[Solid green bar]					
Task 3: Develop Design Concepts		[Solid green bar]				
Task 4: Facilitate Public and Stakeholder Involvement		*	*	*	*	
Task 5: Conduct Environmental Permitting and Agency Coordination			[Solid green bar]			
Task 6: Prepare Construction Documents			[Solid green bar]			

Figure 1. Timeline for the Wasatch Hollow Preserve Improvements Project.





Improvement Projects Proposed for Implementation in 2014–2015

The City seeks to incorporate substantial elements of the Wasatch Hollow Preserve Comprehensive Restoration, Use, and Management Plan (2011) that was developed over several years with significant public input. The City has hired a consultant, BIO-WEST, Inc., to help the City and community visualize the improvements identified in the plan and develop detailed design and construction documents for project implementation. The City has secured over \$600,000 in funding for project implementation in 2014–2015. Potential improvement projects for this funding cycle include:

- development of user amenities at four access locations,
- reestablishment of riparian floodplain of Emigration Creek,
- removal of invasive species,
- reconnection of a historic spring to Emigration Creek,
- completion of primary and secondary access trails,
- installation of restoration fencing along the riparian corridor,
- installation of a new bridge and boardwalk in riparian and wetland areas,
- establishment of clear property boundaries through signage, fencing, and/or vegetation buffers,

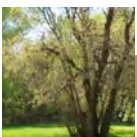
- restoration of upland and riparian vegetation,
- elimination of unauthorized footpaths, and
- creation of nature-play area(s).

See specific poster boards for proposed locations and representative photos.

Why is Emigration Creek Important?

Urban streams and riparian areas are unique, rare, sensitive, and highly important elements of the landscape. Riparian areas occupy only a small proportion (less than 3%) of Utah's land area and comprise about 1.2% of the City's land area. Despite its small size, the Emigration Creek riparian corridor serves a variety of important community functions within the landscape, including:

- recreation and aesthetics,
- open space and public lands access,
- shading and water-temperature control,
- floodplain storage and flood-damage reduction,
- wildlife and aquatic habitats,
- wildlife travel corridors and connectivity,
- sources of organic matter for the stream ecosystem,
- stream bank stability and safety,
- pollution and nutrient filtration,
- sediment trapping, and
- storm water and irrigation water conveyance.



Planning Process Background

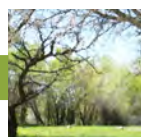
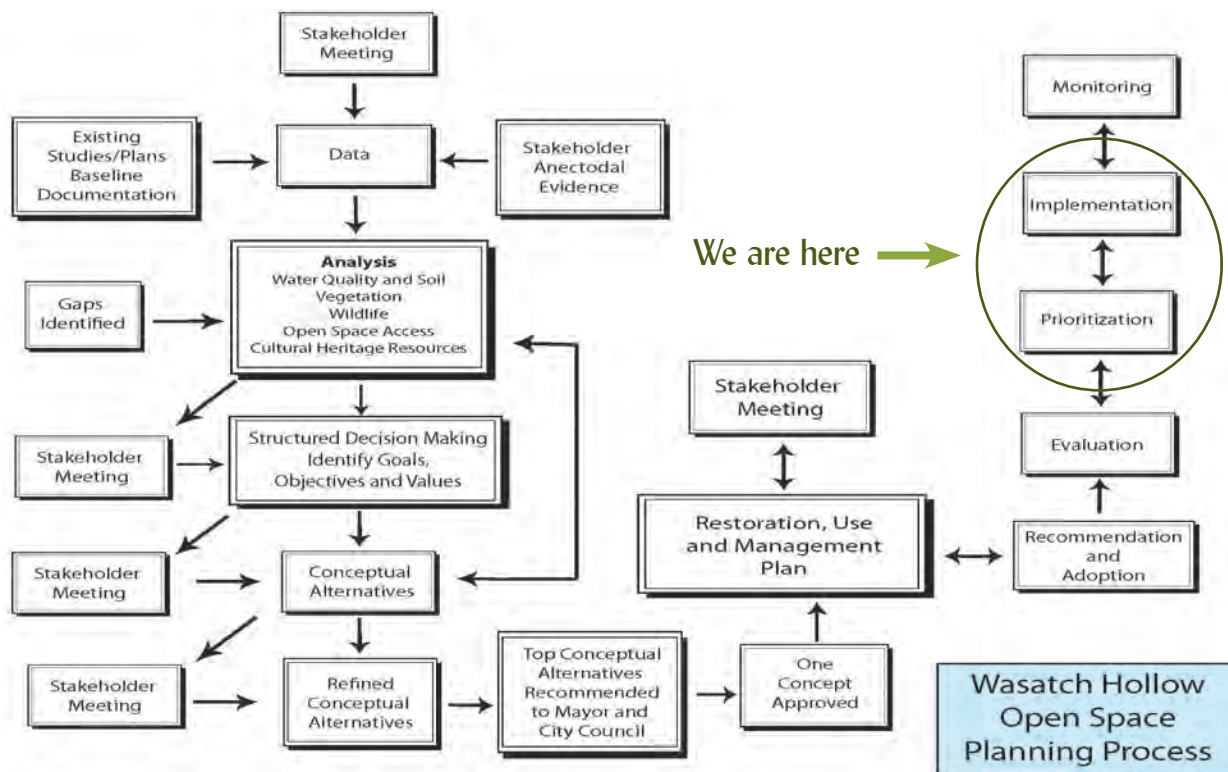
A structured decision making (SDM) process with stakeholder groups in 2009-2010 identified five “fundamental objectives” for design and management of Wasatch Hollow Preserve. These five objectives included:

- Restore and Protect the Emigration Creek Riparian Corridor and Adjacent Open Space Area.
- Establish Clearly Defined Boundaries to Prevent Encroachment and Foster Respect for Public and Private Lands.
- Provide Controlled Public Access that is Informed Primarily by Ecological Goals.
- Increase Safety by Reducing Risks on both Public and Private Land.
- Foster Cooperation and Collaboration Among Stakeholders in Stewardship of the Wasatch Hollow Preserve to Ensure Sustainable Long-Term Management.

During the SDM process, stakeholder groups discussed a range of means to accomplish these objectives, assessed tradeoffs and priorities, and identified performance measures.

The consultant team used the results of the SDM process to develop a spectrum of potential management alternatives for Wasatch Hollow Preserve. The public provided feedback on these alternatives during a series of public meetings held in 2010, evaluating the pros and cons of each alternative for each of the fundamental objectives. This process resulted in the incorporation of a preferred alternative into a Comprehensive Restoration, Use, and Management Plan that was finalized in 2011.

The Comprehensive Restoration, Use, and Management Plan identified specific capital improvement projects necessary to implement the final restoration and management alternatives, as available funding allows. A Capital Improvement Project funded in 2011-2012 accomplished demolition of the abandoned house, some invasive weed treatments, and limited footpath construction. Additional Capital Improvement funds are now available for the design and construction of additional improvements at Wasatch Hollow Preserve.



What are the Four Park Access Locations?

- Wasatch Hollow Park North Access Location
- Wasatch Hollow Park East Access Location
- 1700 East Street Access Location
- Kensington Street Access Location

Fencing-Type Options

- Five-foot post and rail fence with vinyl-coated mesh
- Four-foot split-rail fence
- Four-foot field fence
- Brush barriers

Trail Surfacing Options

- Compacted limestone crusher fines (best option for primary and secondary trails with heavy use)
- Native soil surface (best option for secondary trails with low use)
- Elevated boardwalk (best option for crossing wetland areas)

What Other User Amenities Are Being Considered?

- Benches
- Interpretive signs
- Garbage receptacles
- Doggie bag dispensers
- Regulatory signs
- Entry features



Your Input is Important

- Identify the priority improvement projects that are important to you.
- Give us your feedback on conceptual access designs.
- Suggest user amenities you would like to see.
- Ask project staff questions.

Ways to Comment

- Workshop Response Form
- SLC PPL Website: <http://www.slcparks.com>
- SLC PPL Project Contact: Lewis Kogan 801-972-7828 / lewis.kogan@slcgov.com

**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR PUBLIC WORKSHOP NO. 2**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2014
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