

Wasatch Hollow Natural Open Space Area



The Wasatch Hollow Natural Open Space Area acquisition and donation, celebrated May 6th, 2009, was accomplished with funds from Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County Open Space Programs, a generous donation from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints, with support from Utah Open Lands, Wasatch Hollow Community Council and Wasatch Hollow Community Association.

Located north of Wasatch Hollow Park, the acquisition site is approximately 1.95 acres occupied by natural vegetation and historic springs that feed Emigration Creek year round. Emigration Creek, running along the east border of the property, will be the focus of future restoration efforts.

This project was initially submitted by the Open Space Chair of Wasatch Hollow Community Council to the City through the Open Space Lands Program application process in June 2006. As this project developed, so did partnerships with community stakeholders and Utah Open Lands, a local land trust.

During the public campaign to raise funds and secure this site as open space, the property was sold three different times to potential developers. Towards the end of 2008 Salt Lake City secured the newest owners, the Goodwill Family, as willing sellers.

The 3.5 acres north east of the acquisition site, donated by the LDS Church offers a significant opportunity to increase stewardship of the areas valuable riparian habitat.

Partner contributions:

- ~ Salt Lake City - \$950,000 contribution and will hold fee title
- ~ Salt Lake County - \$427,000 contribution and will hold Conservation Easement
- ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints donation of 3.5 acres
- ~ Utah Open Lands - will be the third party enforcement on Conservation Easement for the acquisition site and hold the conservation easement on the LDS donation site

Stakeholder input will be solicited and a public planning process will be initiated the summer of 2009 to plan for site restoration, use and management.

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