

900 South Stormwater Wetland Treatment Facility

This autumn, the Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities is redesigning the stormwater outflow along 900 South, between 900 West and the Jordan River. The project will involve the re-engineering of the existing stormwater canal to establish a wetland capable of treating the stormwater that flows through the 900 South Stormdrain System. Stormwater, which comes from rain runoff and our urban creeks, is polluted as a result of contact with streets, pesticides and fertilizers from our landscapes, and other impacts of urban living. The project intent is to improve the quality of the stormwater being discharged into the Jordan River.

Added project benefits will include both riparian and water conservation demonstration gardens, pathways and overlooks in the wetlands, and interpretive materials for visitors that describe the facilities functions and the role community members can take to improve stormwater quality.

The re-engineering and design phase will occur over the autumn of 2012, with construction beginning in the spring of 2013 and scheduled to be completed later that summer. Project costs are estimated at \$350,000, with a portion of the design being paid through a grant with the Utah Division of Water Quality. To learn more about this project, and to comment on the demonstration garden components, visit www.slch2o.com, or contact Stephanie Duer at (801)483.6860 or by email at stephanie.duer@slcgov.com.

