

Salt Lake City
Public Lands

2022 Annual Report

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Message From Director Kristin Riker

Another year has come to an end, and I want to thank all the Public Lands staff, volunteers and PNUT board members for their efforts to improve Salt Lake City's public green spaces in 2022.

While COVID restrictions have eased, the essential value of parks and the need for access to outdoor recreation remains. Our public lands have never been more important to our mental, physical, and spiritual health.

This last year, 2022, was an important year for Salt Lake City's Public Lands Department. Our Reimagine Nature Master Plan, that we all put so much work into, was adopted in June and has since won three national awards. With its adoption, there has been a collective energy and focus on how we can be more resilient and sustainable within the context of our community.

We opened the beautiful Harrison Community Garden, the Bridge to Backman, and celebrated the opening of another section of the Folsom Trail. We also celebrated the 100-year anniversary of Nibley Golf course just as Golf celebrated another a record revenue year in 2021 and now, once again, Golf has exceeded that revenue record in 2022.

We continued to offer great special events for all ages and abilities, including Yappy Hours and the City's first laser light show. We also hosted the US World Cup Climbing event in Pioneer Park, the Premier SuperCopa soccer event at the RAC, and so many more privately organized, publicly permitted events.

The City's first Park Ranger Program was launched, with 18 amazing individuals welcoming, assisting, and connecting visitors of our public green spaces to our services, events, and amenities.

All Public Lands Divisions saved more water in 2022 than in any of the previous five years, despite high temperatures and low precipitation. This was in large part due to the installation of new software that allows us to irrigate smarter and more efficiently.

Council approved \$23,200,000 in sales tax bond funding to make improvements at the SLC Cemetery, Pioneer Park, and an initial startup for an Urban Wood Reutilization facility.

In addition, on November 8th Salt Lake City residents confirmed the findings of our master plan engagement and passed the Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond, a monumental investment in our public lands that will help us keep pace with the growth of SLC.

AND we stewarded thousands of acres of natural areas and parks for everyone in our city to enjoy. Most of all, I am proud of our organization's adaptability as we continue to serve the public throughout the difficult, ever-changing conditions of a sustained pandemic, our hotter summers, and growing unsheltered population.

Yes, this was a challenging year. I hope that all can see the amazing resiliency and the powerful positive impact this Department has had on the health and wellbeing of Salt Lake City. I wish to extend a sincere thank you to those who have worked long hours, worked in the heat and cold, listened deeply to residents, responded to emergencies and to all who put 110% effort into their work.

Thank you, Public Lands staff, volunteers, stakeholders, and residents, for your dedication and support throughout the year. It's an honor to work with such a talented and enthusiastic group, and to work for city residents who care so deeply for their public open spaces.

Reimagine Nature: SLC Public Lands Master Plan

On June 7th, the Salt Lake City Council voted in favor of adopting the new “Reimagine Nature: SLC Public Lands Master Plan.”

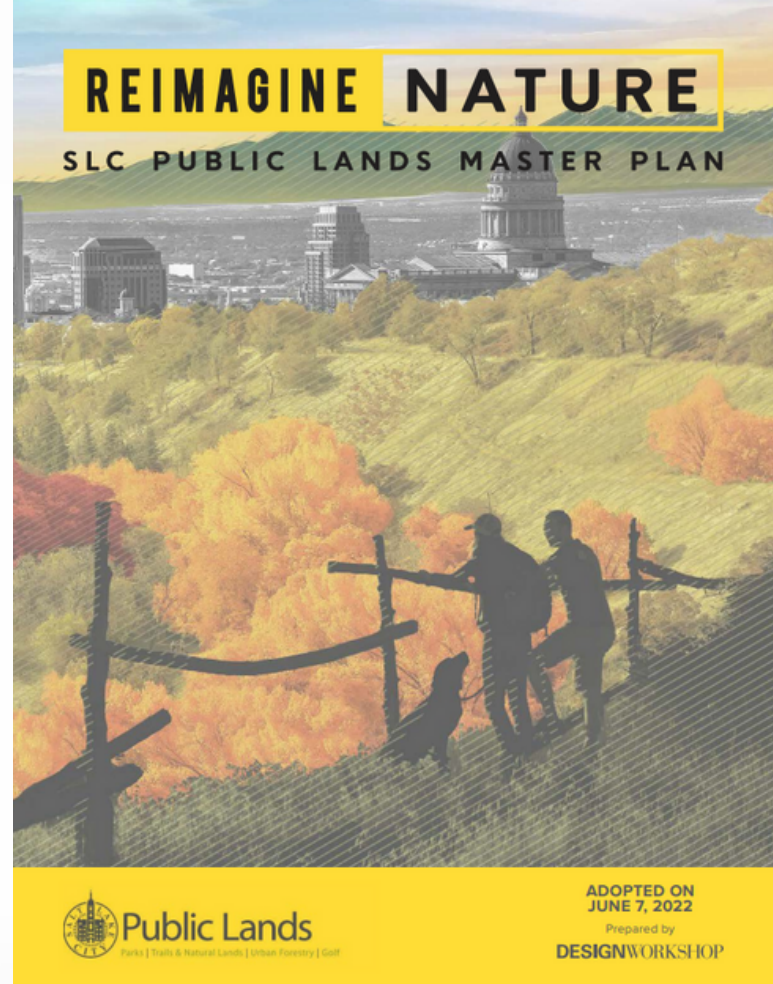
The first city-wide Public Lands Master Plan in 29 years, Reimagine Nature delivers a vision for the next 20 years and is informed by over 12,000 community members who shared hopes and dreams for play, civic pride, nature, outdoor fitness, greening, and more in the city. The public process elevated conversations of transitioning Public Lands from a Division to a City Department that would allow for a more robust planning arm focused on projects and ecological services.

The Reimagine Nature vision proposes big ideas to transform and sustain quality outdoor spaces that are welcoming, safe, and walkable; ensuring people, wildlife, and ecosystems benefit from fair investment of Salt Lake City resources over the next 20 years.

In 2022, the Reimagine Nature Master Plan was recognized with the following awards:

- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Honor Award for Analysis and Planning
- Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) High Achievement Award for Public Engagement
- ASLA Colorado Chapter Honor Award for Analysis and Planning

Learn more about the Reimagine Nature Master Plan by visiting ReimagineNatureSLC.com.



During 2023, Public Lands Administration will be updating the annual performance metrics that are included in this report to better reflect the strategies, policies, and actions that are outlined in the plan.

Public Lands will also be developing a 5-year action plan during 2023 to help us implement highly impactful master plan recommendations between now and 2028.

Reimagine Nature: What was accomplished in 2022?

Even though our department only had seven calendar months in 2022 to work on the master plan after it was adopted, we achieved several of the recommended plan actions during that time.

Some highlights include:

- Establishing a Park Ranger program to encourage compliance with protective ordinances, educate park users, and safeguard public land assets from damage and abuse. (Strategy P-1, Policy 1.2)
- Passing two Parks Bonds to fund improvements to iconic spaces and structures and enrich our parks. See page 7 of this report for information about some of these projects. (Strategy P-1, Action 1.1A)
- Identifying funding to develop land for an urban wood re-utilization program that will reduce carbon footprint and increase sustainability of operations. (Strategy S-1, Action 1.3A)
- Consolidating several positions around the department into a single Public Lands Communications and Engagement Team. (Strategy C-1, Action 1.2A)



REIMAGINE NATURE

SLC PUBLIC LANDS MASTER PLAN

A community-driven plan for the future of Salt Lake
City's natural lands, urban forest, golf and city parks.



NATURAL
LANDS



URBAN
FOREST



CITY
PARKS



CITY
GOLF



Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond

"Salt Lakers love the outdoors, they love their community green spaces, and I'm thrilled to see such broad support for new parks, trails and open spaces in every corner of our capital city. This bond will bring about generational change for our neighborhoods, and I can't wait to see it take shape."

- Mayor Erin Mendenhall

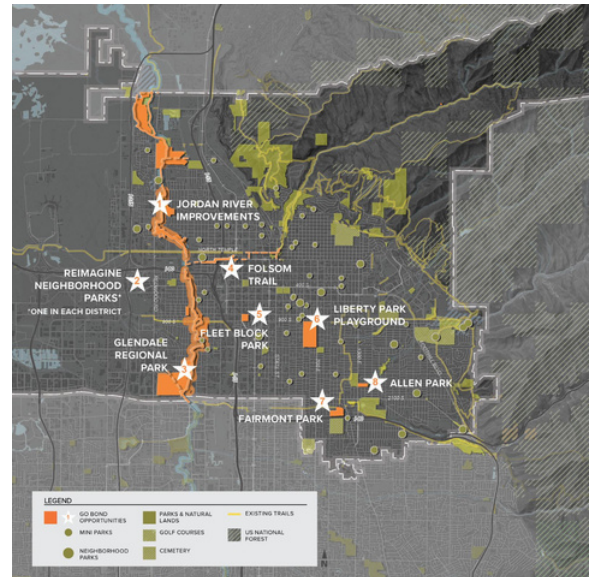
Salt Lake City voters clearly communicated their support for new and improved parks, trails, and open spaces on November 8, with 71 percent of voters casting a ballot in favor of the \$85 million Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond.

Eight bond projects were identified through public input, the Reimagine Nature Public Lands Master Plan (2022), preliminary polling data, geographic distribution, equity in level of service across the City, and the Mayor's 2022 Plan.

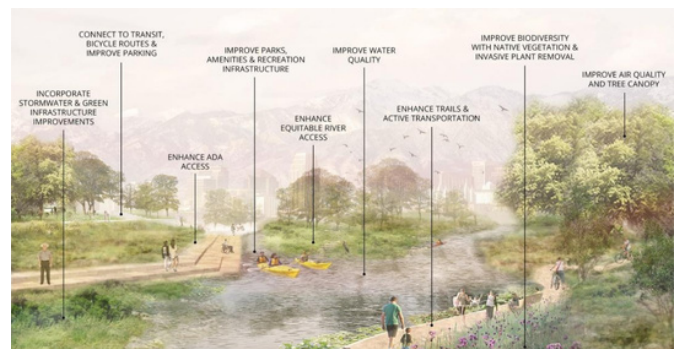
Bond funding will be obtained in multiple tranches over the life of the 20-year bond. Public engagement and conceptual design are already completed or underway for some of the projects selected to receive bond funding, while work on others won't begin until after bonds are issued.

Bond projects include:

- A new, 17-acre Glendale Park at the old Raging Waters waterpark site on 1700 South, which will be Salt Lake City's newest regional park (like Liberty and Sugar House Parks) in more than 60 years.
- A new park at the Fleet Block in the Granary District, a Salt Lake City neighborhood with very few green spaces to play.
- Updating, refreshing, and increasing community identity in at least one neighborhood park, trail, or open space in each of the City's seven City Council districts.
- A brand-new playground for all abilities at Liberty Park.
- Improvements to Allen Park and Fairmont Park in the Sugar House neighborhood.
- Improvements in water quality, pollinator habitats, open space activation, and migratory nesting grounds in two of the City's critical waterways: the Jordan River and Emigration Creek.
- Completing the connection of the Folsom Trail to the Jordan River Parkway Trail and adding landscaping and additional trail amenities along the entire trail, improving east/west connections and providing easier access for biking and walking to and between these public spaces.
- Increasing the City's tree canopy and plant biodiversity, and restoring natural landscapes in parks and open spaces that use less water and are adapted to arid climate.



Map of existing mini and neighborhood park sites across the City. Source: Design Workshop, Inc.



Artist rendering of potential improvements along the Jordan River Corridor as shared in the Reimagine Nature Plan. Source: Design Workshop, Inc.

All bond-funded projects have or will include community engagement to help the City determine final design and implementation plans so that public spaces better serve individual neighborhoods.

Stay up to date by visiting SLCparksbond.com and following the Public Lands Department on social media (@SLCPublicLands).

Urban Forestry Division

2022 was another dry, hot, and busy year for the Urban Forestry Division, but the City's team of professional arborists planted, pruned, and removed significantly more trees than the previous year while working through 53% more emergency response call outs and 31% more building permit reviews and inspections. Across the board Urban Forestry Division staff responded to increased demand for service with high quality production.

For the third consecutive year our Urban Forestry Division delivered success for Mayor Mendenhall's 1,000 Trees Initiative by planting 1,198 in the City's west side neighborhoods. City-wide the Urban Forestry Division planted 2,663 new trees in 2022.

Urban Forestry Division Arborists also demonstrated their skill in the 2022 Utah Tree Climbing Championship, placing 1st in 4 of 5 individual events and taking home 2nd and 3rd place in the Master's Challenge.



15,065

Park Trees

5,189

Golf Course Trees

69,363

Neighborhood Street Trees

25,000+

Vacant Planting Sites

4,113

Services Requests

4,299

Trees Pruned

2,663

Trees Planted

1,872

Trees Removed

992

Stumps Removed

1,622

Emergencies Mitigated

676

Permits Completed

12

Events Attended

566

Building Plan Reviews/
Compliance Inspections

8

12,410

Completed Work Records

Parks Division

Several exciting projects were completed in Salt Lake City's Parks Division during 2022, including the new Harrison Community Garden (next page) and new playground at Miami Park (next page). We also celebrated the retirement of long-time Parks Director Lee Bollwinkel, and we completed exciting projects at the RC Park, Jackson Park, and the International Peace Gardens.

In late 2022, Toby Hazelbaker was hired as the new Parks Division Director. Toby brings many years of excellent public sector management experience to the division.



Lee Bollwinkel Retirement

Lee Bollwinkel worked for the Parks Division for over 40 years. During his time with the City, Lee worked in a variety of roles. Most recently, he was the Parks Division Director. He will be missed. Congrats on your retirement, Lee!

Jackson Park Pergola Rebuild

In August, Jackson Park received a brand-new pergola thanks to support from Home Depot and community volunteers.

RC Park Completion

RC enthusiasts now have a new place to play at Salt Lake City's newest addition to Modelport at 7595 California Ave.

Germany Gate Refurbishment

Vandalism to the International Peace Garden's Germany gates occurred in 2021. After extensive restoration work, the gates are now back and looking better than ever in 2022.

Harrison Community Garden

In August we celebrated the grand opening of Harrison Community Garden. Located along 700 East at Harrison Ave, this garden is the eighth community garden established under the Green City Growers Program, which identifies vacant or under-utilized spaces to transform into community gardens that are managed and run by local non-profit Wasatch Community Gardens.

Providing plots for 50 gardeners, Harrison Community Garden creates access to fresh, nutritious food, benefits the surrounding environment, and strengthens community connections.



Miami Park Receives New Community-Built Playground

Salt Lake City's Westpointe neighborhood has a new place for children to play.

On Thursday July 28th, a brand new community-and-kid-designed playground was installed at Miami Park (1571 N Miami Rd). The playground installation was completed over the course of a two day build period that brought more than 100 volunteers together from Salt Lake City, Pure Storage Inc.'s Pure Good Foundation, and national nonprofit KABOOM!

We're thrilled to have this new playground in the Westpointe neighborhood and are excited for community members to engage with this space for many years to come.



Park Ranger Program

Uniformed park rangers are now serving visitors to Salt Lake City's parks and public spaces as part of a significant new program designed to bolster the experience of visitors to the City's beautiful outdoor public spaces.

"Park rangers are iconic additions to parks all over the world, and I've felt for a long time that Salt Lake City's remarkable open spaces deserve such a program. I'm proud to welcome our very own team of individuals whose love for our outdoor areas is contagious," said Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall. "It's a thrill to see this project, which I've dreamed of for years, come to fruition."

The Park Rangers mission is to ensure the City's parks, trails, and natural areas are welcoming, safe and positive places through education, presence and friendly interactions with park visitors.

The rangers will be based out of four hubs located in Fairmont Park, Liberty Park, Jordan Park, and Pioneer Park. Rangers will have offices in these parks. However, they will be present in many of the parks throughout the City and in the Foothills Trail System.

The program has been funded through the City's general fund and features 18 rangers, a program director, a supervisor, and an office facilitator.

The Park Rangers will have a close relationship with the Salt Lake City Police Department and social service organizations. They have been trained on how to evaluate potential issues in parks and involve the police or social service organizations when necessary. The Rangers are not law enforcement officers and will not enforce city laws or ordinances, but will promote voluntary compliance through programming and education.



"The Public Lands Department is excited to launch this innovative program in our parks. As Salt Lake City grows and becomes more diverse, we need to have diverse responses to community needs. We believe Park Rangers can make a significant difference in the community by building relationships with the community, educating park users, and connecting people to amenities they may not have been aware of."

Public Lands Department Director Kristin Riker

Pioneer Park

What's New with Pioneer Park in 2022?

In early 2022, nearly 1,000 people responded to the “Pioneer Park – Your Downtown Park” Vision Plan survey. From them we learned that just 23% of respondents are satisfied with the park as it is now and that 76% of respondents are satisfied with the Vision Plan and would be more likely to use the park once the plan is complete.

The community's top priorities for Pioneer Park improvements include more natural elements (trees, flowers, water features, etc.), security improvements (lighting, restroom design, park rangers, etc.), recreation and play features and comfort amenities (adding restrooms, drinking water, shade, seating, mist feature). This is consistent with the feedback we heard throughout the design process from the public survey to in-person events, and stakeholder meetings.

What's Next?

\$3.44M in impact fee funding was dedicated to Pioneer Park by the City Council in 2019. Survey respondents indicated that their priorities for phase 1 included more natural plantings, the plaza, and event pavilion. The project team worked through 2022 to determine which of the public's preferred improvements can be included in phase 1 and what should be phased for construction when additional funding is available. Design of Phase 1 will begin in early 2023 with construction to follow.

YOUR DOWNTOWN PARK GUIDING PRINCIPLES

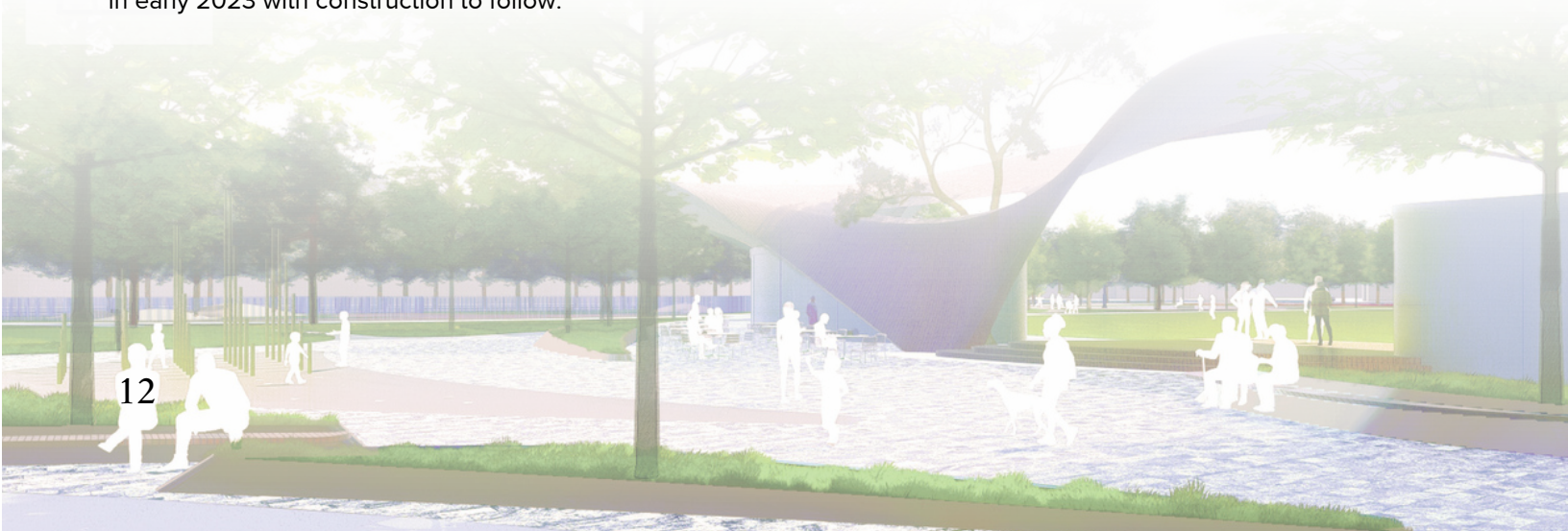


Sales Tax Bond

As part of a sales tax bond in 2022, the Salt Lake City Council approved \$10 Million in funding that will be utilized for phase 1 improvements.

Learn More:

www.slc.gov/parks/pioneer-park-improvements/



Glendale Regional Park

2022 brought exciting progress towards the development of a plan for the Glendale Regional Park site, former home to Raging Waters.

After multiple rounds of community engagement, Public Lands is pleased to have developed a community-informed Park Plan for Glendale Regional Park, which will be moving through the adoption process in early 2023.

Highlights of the plan are centered in the public feedback received and include:

- Community Gathering and Event Spaces – a promenade/community plaza spanning the north central gateway, an event stage and lawn, smaller pavilions and picnic lawns, and a riverside beach and boardwalk.
- Play Spaces for Everyone – hiking, walking and paved trails, an all-ages and abilities playground, climbing features, multi-use sport courts, dog park, and sledding hill.
- Places to Enjoy the Water – kayak rental, boat dock and ramp, and an outdoor pool.
- Places to Wheel Around – an ice/roller skating ribbon, skateboarding area and bike trails.

Next Steps

Funded by \$7.5 million in development impact fees and a portion of the Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond, construction plan development is now underway. Phase 1, including an all ages and abilities playground, complete with assistive technologies, is underway and will be open to the public by Spring 2024. Additional phases of the park development will follow.

Learn more at:

www.slc.gov/parks/parks-division/glendale-waterpark/

Hillside Sledding & Mountain Views



Playground for All Ages & Abilities



Community Plaza & Promenade



Funded by \$3.2 million in development impact fees and a portion of the Parks, Trails, & Open Space Bond, construction plan development is now underway with Phase 1 construction complete and new amenities scheduled to open to the public in spring 2024.

Salt Lake City Cemetery

The Salt Lake City Cemetery made great strides towards the future in 2022.

This year, an irrigation system overhaul began to transition the Cemetery's central control system to smart irrigation controller WeatherTrak. As a result, the Cemetery will have more control of the system resulting in improved water conservation.

Additionally, the Cemetery is in the process of securing a contract for a new Cemetery mapping and records software. This new software will allow visitors to utilize interactive mapping features to guide them to their loved ones' graves and search historic cemetery records from their smartphones.

The Cemetery also had a successful year in utilizing community partnerships. In October, Cemetery staff and the Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery group hosted tours of the Cemetery to the State Legislature to highlight the history and importance of the space. With the support of those in attendance, the Cemetery was able to draft and submit a formal request for funding to assist the City with projects outlined in the Reimagine Nature: SLC Public Land Master Plan.

The Cemetery continued their partnership with the Friends of Group in organizing a Memorial Day Cemetery Clean-Up Event. This year's event was a success with 13,720 pounds of green waste being diverted from the landfill and recycled.

Through collaboration with Urban Forestry and the Friends of Group, 43 trees were planted to broaden the species available in the Mark Smith Memorial Arboretum.



423

Burials in 2022

157

Graves Sold

126,700

Total Burials to Date

100

Plots Remaining for
Purchase

2,200

Wreaths Placed in
collaboration with
Wreaths Across America

13,720

Pounds of Green Waste
Recycled by Friends of
Cemetery Group



2022 Events at the RAC

- US Quidditch Cup
- HS Rugby State Playoffs
- Ultimate Disc State Playoffs
- US Soccer Presidents Cup
- Legends Western Invitational
- Premier Super Copa
- North American Invitational 7's
- Ultimate Disc Ski Town Classic
- SpiderFest
- Special Olympics Utah Fall Sports Classic
- UHSAA State XC Championships

Regional Athletic Complex

The Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) completed its 7th full season and had a record year in hours played, revenue, and economic impact.

In 2022, the complex hosted 36 tournaments and events bringing over 200,000 visitors from 36 states and 12 countries to Salt Lake City.

The RAC saw a record-breaking number of events featuring out of state participants with a total of 17, bringing \$19.8 million in economic impact to the City. The RAC also saw record breaking revenue this season totaling \$691,850.

The RAC was also home to the City's annual Monster Block Party, bringing thousands of community members to the complex for a night of Halloween fun.

Completed Projects at the RAC

Ground and Stormwater Project

This year, the RAC completed a ground and storm water project to create a sustainable storm water system for the complex.

A feasibility study was conducted by landscape architect firm MGB+A to determine the best plan of action. The study found that the ground water levels was almost equal to the existing south pond's volume and recommended using the complex's existing water pump to control water levels and feed water from the pond to an existing storm water collection pond located at the north end of the complex instead of utilizing SLC Public Utilities' drain.

Our Parks Division's plumbing team disconnected the water line from the SLC Public Utilities' drain, located the existing pipe, trenched and tied into the pipe that connects the north and south pond, and implemented future stubbing with conduit for water circulation and mosquito management.

As a result of this project, the RAC is seeing savings of \$20,000 annually by keeping ground and storm water within the complex and no longer needing to utilize SLC Public Utilities' drain.



Rose Park Lane Parcel Rezoning

Rose Park Lane Parcels 1902, 1932, 1944, and 1954 were approved by City Council to be rezoned from residential to open space.

Totaling 3.57 acres, we're excited to add this plan to Public Land's inventory and prepare the site for future public land development.

Planning & Ecological Services

Bridge to Backman Completion

Backman Elementary students living west of the Jordan River now have a significantly safer and shorter walk to school thanks to the newly built Bridge to Backman Elementary.

Previously, students would have to reach the school by using 500 N. or 700 N., which made for a longer walk that was closer to traffic.

Additionally, this site is also part of the National Park Service “Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program” project to generate a community-centric restoration design plan for the surrounding natural area. The final design will likely include intentional landscaping and safety improvements, watchable wildlife areas, an outdoor classroom and permaculture garden and/or similar amenities.

Trails Plan

Construction on phases 2 and 3 of the Foothill Trail System Master Plan was paused in 2021. The pause continued through 2022 while we worked with trail design and environmental sustainability consultants to review phase 1 construction.

During 2023, we will report back on the findings from those consultants.

Mary's Spring Rehabilitation

Located in Parley's Historic Nature Park, Mary's Spring supports a variety of native plants and wildlife in the area.

Due to degradation from intense paw and foot traffic, a portion of the spring and surrounding areas were fenced off as a protection area in 2020 and restoration efforts in the area began in Spring 2021.

Our Natural Lands team addressed invasive weeds, planted new native plants, and manipulated the hydrology in the area to ensure proper watering. As a result of these efforts, we're beginning to see an increase in insects and bird life in the area.

Allen Park

In 2022, we completed a Cultural Landscape Report for Allen Park, which features the site history of Allen Park, analysis of existing site conditions, and recommendations for historically and culturally sensitive site improvements in the future.

In 2023, we will make progress on the Allen Park Adaptive Reuse and Management Plan, which will serve to guide us in making site improvements and activating and managing the park in the future.



Special Event Permitting

2022 was the first full calendar year that the special event permitting office used only the permitting platform OpenCounter. We smashed our previous record of 518 permits processed in one year, by processing 641 in 2022. We see this as an indication that more people are finding and connecting with our office via OpenCounter. Having gained 365+ days of use on the platform, our office has shaped the OpenCounter permitting process to be a faster and more efficient experience for applicants in 2023.

We saw the largest use of SLC Council District 2 for special events in 2022. We hope this is a trend towards spreading out the public spaces used for special events to all sides of the city. For 2023, we would like to see even more of our public lands in all council districts used for special events where appropriate.

2023 also set a record for the most Block Party permits issued. A Block Party permit is a great opportunity, on a small scale, for neighbors to connect and strengthen their community bonds.

396

Total Permits Issued

641

Total Permits Processed

95

Block Party Permits
Issued

330

Special Event Permits
Issued

106

Demonstration/
Spontaneous Activity
Permits Issued

110

Film Permits Issued

City Events

Throughout 2022, Public Lands brought community events back to Salt Lake City in full force.

The year's line-up saw classics such as Yappy Hour and Monster Block Party as well as a variety of new events. We hosted our first ever Laser Light Nights to celebrate Independence Day and Pioneer Day, brought the Classic Car Show and Kensington Street Festival to the Ballpark neighborhood, and hosted a beer garden at the Fisher Mansion.

We also celebrated the completion of improvements to Glendale Park and the dedication of the Archie and Louis Archuleta Bridge.

13

Total Events

31

Total Activated Days

13

Parks/Locations

35,637

Total Attendees





2022 Volunteerism by the Numbers

21

Volunteer Events

618

Total Volunteers

1,367

Volunteer Hours

Volunteerism & Stewardship

Public Lands was able to facilitate over 1,300 volunteer hours in 2022. After having a productive spring of volunteerism, we put a temporary pause on activities over the summer due to staff turnover and several members of the volunteer team accepting promotions to become park rangers.

We relaunched efforts in the fall and had a successful end to the volunteer season.

The City's new Park Rangers provided phenomenal support to our fall volunteer events as we rebuilt our volunteer coordination team.

With a fully staffed team, we're excited to see how we can improve stewardship in Salt Lake City during 2023.

Golf Division

The Golf Division saw a continued growth trend both in participation and revenue in 2022. Interest in the game of golf is high and programs designed to introduce people to the sport and develop skills were full this past summer and the Golf Division plans to add even more instructors for 2023.

The Golf Division will be re-investing retained green fee revenues in numerous capital improvement projects that will begin to be implemented in 2023 including golf cart path repairs and new construction along with tee box leveling and expansion projects at all City golf courses. A full irrigation system replacement at the Rose Park Golf Course is funded and will begin design and construction in 2023.

The Golf Division continues to work closely with Public Lands administration staff to identify opportunities to share resources to better meet the needs of residents and visitors.



1,012

Acres Maintained

7

Golf Courses

108

Golf Holes

6

Club Houses

33

Full Time Employees

15

Free Practice Areas

256

Part Time & Seasonal
Employees

395,397

Annual Golf Rounds
(5-Year Average)

21

Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Advisory Board

2022 was an exciting year for the department's Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Advisory board (PNUT Board).

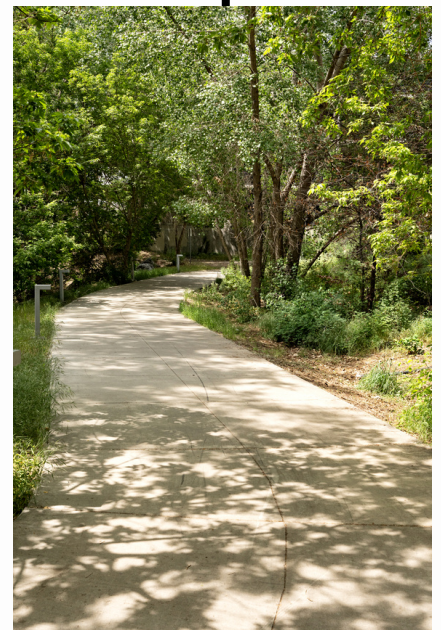
The board is tasked with providing and overseeing strong stewardship of the City's parks, natural lands, urban forest and trails; educating the public and advocating for the City's parks, natural lands, urban forest and trails policies; and encouraging and facilitating public involvement and input, and the incorporation of that input into the City's parks, natural lands, urban forest and trails plans and policies.

The PNUT Board provided valuable feedback on the department's Capital Improvement Program applications, budget initiatives, and multiple master plan documents.

The following people were members of the PNUT board during 2022:

- Ginger Cannon (At Large)
- Jenny Hewson (At Large)
- Frances Ngo (At Large)
- Meridith Benally (At Large)
- Polly Hart (At Large)
- Aaron Wiley (D1)
- Melanie Pehrson (D2)
- Phil Carroll (D3)
- Clayton Scrivner (D4)
- Brianna Binnebose (D5)
- CJ Whittaker (D6)
- Samantha Finch (D7)

Thanks, PNUT Board Members!



Workforce by the Numbers



Administration

22 Full-Time Employees

- Customer Service
- Finance
- Planning & Design
- Project Management
- Public Relations & Communication
- Property Acquisition
- Volunteer Coordination
- Outdoor Education
- Technology Support
- Special Events
- Warehouse Operations

Park Ranger Program

21 Full-Time Employees

Parks

55 Full-Time Employees

- City Cemetery
- Graffiti Response
- Greenhouse
- Irrigation & Plumbing
- Parks Maintenance
- Property Maintenance
- Regional Athletic Complex
- Warehouse Operations

Natural Lands

4 Full-Time Employees

- Natural Lands Restoration
- Open Space Maintenance
- Trail Maintenance

Urban Forestry

17 Full-Time Employees

- Park and Neighborhood Tree Maintenance
- Tree Planting
- Tree Preservation During Construction
- Tree Health and Safety Service Coordination & Consultation

Golf

33 Full-Time Employees

- Golf Professionals
- Maintenance
- Golf Administration & Programming

Asset Summary

Parks

Total Acres: 791.84

- 2 Regional Parks
- 15 Community Parks
- 20 Neighborhood Parks
- 42 Mini Parks
- 3 Special Event Parks

Park Amenities

- 20 Baseball Fields
- 14 Softball Fields
- 29 Multiuse Fields
- 67 Tennis Courts
- 24 Pickleball Courts
- 12 Basketball Courts
- 12 Sand Volleyball Courts
- 16 Reservable Pavilions
- 77 Playgrounds
- 39 Restrooms
- 10 Dog Parks
- 3 Skate Parks

Trails

- 143.92 Miles of Trails
- 3 Bike Parks
- 1 Regional Paved Trail
 - Jordan River Parkway Trail
- 1 Regional Dirt Trail
 - Bonneville Shoreline Trail

Urban Forestry

- 15,005 Park Trees
- 5,189 Golf Course Trees
- 68,526 Neighborhood Street Trees
- 25,000+ Vacant Planting Sites

Golf

- 5 Driving Ranges
- 5 18-Hole Courses
- 2 9-Hole Courses

City Cemetery

Total Acres: 122

- 9.5 Road Miles
- 126,700 Burials to Date

Natural Lands

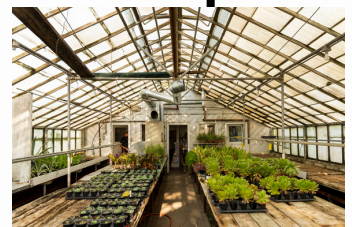
Total Acres: 1,992

- 4 Urban Streams
- 1 Historic Nature Park
- 1 Bird Refuge
- 2 Wetland Preserves
- 9 Miles of River
- 2 Square Miles of Natural Grassland

Regional Athletic Complex

Total Acres: 120

- 15 Multi-Use Fields
- 1 Championship Field
- 8 Fields with Lights



Performance Metrics

Administration

Acquire new properties to keep up with population growth:

No new properties were acquired in 2022.

Percentage of SLC residents living within 1/2 mile walk of a park:

84% (Data provided by The Trust for Public Land)

Community Engagement:

Digital engagement: 9,472 total social media followers, an increase of 1,629 from 2021. 8,083 newsletter subscribers, increase of 488 from 2021.

In person engagement: 4,271 interactions.

User satisfaction for all Public Lands Divisions and programs:

Not tracked during 2022.

Parks Division

Ratio of maintained acres per maintenance FTE:

FY21 Actual: 10.03, FY22 Target: 10

Maintenance budget per acre:

FY21 Actual: \$8,462.00, FY22 Target \$8,700.00

Number of developed park acres:

878.5

Regional Athletic Complex

Field utilization per week average (Calendar Year):

22.0 hours

Reservation hours (Calendar Year):

9,876 hours

Revenue (Fiscal Year 2022):

\$691,850.00

Economic Impact (Calendar Year):

\$19.8 Million, data provided by Visit Salt Lake

City Cemetery

Number of graves sold:

157

Number of burials performed:

423

Ratio of maintained acres per maintenance FTE:

FY21 Actual: 6.34, FY22 Target: 6.5

Maintenance budget per acre:

FY21 Actual: \$8,462.00, FY22 Target: \$8,700.00

Maintenance budget per acre:

FY21 Actual: \$14,246.00, FY22 Target: \$15,000.00

Trails and Natural Lands Division

Trails and Natural Lands Division Acres per natural resources staff (FT equivalents):

633 acres/FTE

Percentage of properties with formal restoration or enhancement plans:

15%

Percentage of properties monitored for vegetation condition:

26%

Number of vegetation species planted in SLC Public Lands:

75

Number of Council Districts with an active biodiversity enhancement project:

3

Percentage of weed-impacted acreage treated for noxious invasive weeds:

12%

Urban Forestry Division

Ratio of trees planted to trees removed:

1.42 : 1 (2,663 trees planted, 1,872 trees removed)

Number of trees pruned annually:

4,299

Percentage of urban wood recycled:

40%

Special Event Permitting

Total permits issued/processed:

396/641

Block party permits issued:

95

Special event permits issued:

330

Demonstration/Spontaneous activity permits issued:

106

Film permits issued:

110

Golf Division

Annual golf rounds - 5 year average:

395,397

Annual water usage - 5 year average:

378,974 (per 100 cubic feet)

Online reservation percentage:

53%

Email database subscribers:

48,739



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