



LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund

Despain Ranch and Bird Refuge Easement



Description: This is a working cattle ranch that occupies open pasture land and wetlands that are adjacent to the eastern shore of Utah Lake. It abuts a county trail, and borders Utah Lake State Park.

Location: This property lies on the eastern shore of Utah Lake and is located between 1200 South (Orem) and the Provo Municipal Airport in Utah County.

Acreage: 231.46 acres

Grant funding: \$200,000

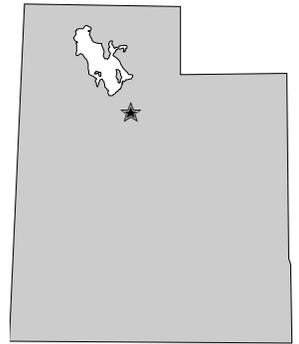
Total Project Cost: \$815,000

Grant Awarded: December 2000

Land Ownership: Private ownership

Conservation Easement Held by: Provo City

Local Support: Utah County, City of Orem, Provo City,



Public Benefits

Viewshed/Scenic Quality: The open pastural acreage provides a natural setting on the eastern shore of Utah Lake. This property abuts a walking trail and Utah Lake State Park, and provides open natural vista for visitors.

Wildlife Habitat: As part of the eastern shore of Utah Lake, this property attracts a variety of shorebirds and other wildlife species.

Recreation: This land is near the Utah Lake State Park and adjacent to Utah County's Lakeshore Trail. The preservation of this critical open space would ensure that current and future generations would be able to enjoy an important part of the eastern shore of Utah Lake in an open and natural setting. The property provides a buffer for the trail and other recreational uses.

Agricultural Land: This land sustains a productive cattle ranching operation.

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