



LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund

UPRR/Jordan River Restoration Project



Description: This site will be the meeting point for the Jordan River Parkway Trail and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The site will provide a unique opportunity for the public to visit the Jordan River bottoms and enjoy the area's wildlife and other natural and scenic qualities. This area is also important riparian habitat for small mammals and migratory birds.

Location: The property is located between the Jordan River and the railroad along the Jordan River Bottoms at 15300 South 1300 West, Bluffdale City.

Acreage: 15.565 acres

Grant funding: \$155,000

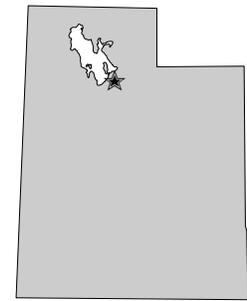
Total Project Cost: \$310,000

Grant Awarded: December 2000

Land Ownership: Bluffdale City

Conservation Easement Held by: Salt Lake County

Local Support: Sen. Mont Evans, Rep. David Hogue, Provo/Jordan River Parkway Foundation, Bluffdale City



Public Benefits

Recreation: This site will be the meeting place of the Jordan River Parkway Trail and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. By connecting these trails, this site will help create an interconnected trail system throughout the Salt Lake Valley and Utah County. The property will provide public access to the Jordan River for various types of recreation including fishing, walking, jogging, cycling, and bird watching.

Wildlife Habitat: This site and its context including the area along the river know as the "narrows" are consider to be the best wildlife habitat remaining along the Jordan River. In addition, the lowland riparian habitat this site possesses is considered to be the most critical habitat type in the state. This site is also part of a larger system of wildlife habitat known as the Jordan River Conservation Corridor which when completed will provide a natural corridor of preserved river bottom habitat stretching from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake.

Historical Significance: The land is reported to have been traversed by the old railroad that ran in the bottom of the Jordan River Valley. There used to be a railroad depot located on the property and remains of its foundation can still be seen.

Viewshed/Scenic Quality: This site provides the public an opportunity to visit a beautiful river bottom in a primarily natural state surrounded by agricultural land and undulating topography.

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