

SECTIONS F & G 114th to 118th South

Description

This is really one section, but was described as two sections for the public open houses, one on each side of the river. The completed trail going north from this section is on the west side of the river. The completed trail going south is on the east side. Also, there is an equestrian trail connection a little farther south on the west side, which continues to Tithing Hill Historic Bridge in Riverton.



There is no trail or right-of-way on either side. The trail on both sides of the river already exists for a mile. Due to informal use, there are a number of pathways crossing the unfinished trail areas. It may be better to connect the trail formally, rather than have people cutting through along the riverbank. The future 11400 South Road Construction is planned to include a trail crossing with the road bridge. Also, the future 11400 South Road Construction will accommodate the trail under the road crossing.



West side: Currently, the section for which the trail is planned is designated agricultural/open space. The property to the west is zoned 1.8 residential. It is a requirement of the South Jordan City Plan that a portion of the property along the river be dedicated as a trail connecting to the existing JRP trail. A concept design for subdivision development has been submitted to the planning department. However, as of yet, no preliminary plans have been approved.

East side: Trail head access for this segment of trail will be from the existing Jordan River Rotary Park located off 12300 South. Draper City plans to extend the existing trail on the east side from 11800 South north to the city boundary at 11400 South. South Jordan City has plans to extend the trail north to approximately 11200 South for neighborhood access. The trail would cross four private properties, two S.L. County parcels, and one State Parks & Recreation parcel. The City is currently negotiating with landowners and Salt Lake County for easements along the river north to



114th South. There are county bank stabilization easements that will require the trail to be routed away from the river along these properties.

What needs to be done

1. Work with UDOT for funding to complete the bridge as soon as possible.
2. Determine whether or not to focus on trail on one side of river or both.
3. Acquire rights-of-way.
4. Design trail.
5. Estimate costs for the trail.

Concerns and Issues

- Environmentally trails on both sides of the river are discouraged.
- Routing trail away from county bank stabilization easements.
- Funding.

Public Input

(Note: The rankings indicate that completing the trail in this area has a high priority, but the West side may be preferred over the East side.)

WEST SIDE

Most respondents ranked this section as medium-high priority.

Rank	6	4	3	1	5	8	7	9	2
Responses	12	10	9	6	6	5	4	4	2

The only comments were addressing the trail on both sides of the river - conclusion: not needed.

One respondent suggested a pedestrian bridge.

Wetland & Wildlife Habitat - Some grassland cover noted. Also, areas for shore birds.

I would add that there are Russian olive, thistle (both undesirable plants), and willow on the pasture lands. The habitat value for wildlife as the area presently exists is limited. If the area were developed into a well maintained park, then it would also have limited value for wildlife. Doug Sakaguchi, DWR

EAST SIDE

Most respondents ranked this section as low-medium priority.

Rank	7	4	9	5	2	1	3	6	8
Responses	13	8	8	7	6	5	5	4	3

Same comments as above - not needed on both sides.

Go ahead with the trail if it is already funded.

Wetland & Wildlife Habitat - None identified. I would add that wildlife habitat values would be very limited because of the Russian olive and the developments so close to the river. Doug Sakaguchi, DWR

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

- The bridge at 11400 South needs to be put in as soon as possible.
- Set up stakeholder process to work on priority trail route(s).

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