

The background is a topographic map showing contour lines with elevations such as 7400, 7200, and 7000. It includes street names like Gravel Pit, Selman Reservoir, Terra Linda, Sahara Dr, Lynne Ln, Doris Wy, Arcadia, Melodie, Walden, Walden Dr, Gresthill Dr, Kline Ave, Sycamore Dr, Holly Ln, Hugo Ave, Delmont Dr, and Theur. Zoning codes R-2-8, R-1-8, R-1-10, R-M, and R-2-10 are also visible.

LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program

program and selected projects

LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund

	Grant	Total Match	Federal*	Other State**	Private	Local Gov't	Landowner Donation	Total Cost	Acreage
Funded in 2000:	\$2,269,550	\$8,044,550	\$1,150,000	\$101,000	\$1,789,550	\$1,104,000	\$3,900,000	\$10,314,100	7,835.56
Funded in 2001:	\$2,468,678	\$11,942,242	\$8,412,000	\$30,500	\$960,742	\$807,485	\$1,731,515	\$14,410,920	6,662.31
Funded in 2002:	\$3,366,006	\$13,456,754	\$4,558,300	\$0	\$3,672,272	\$595,882	\$4,630,300	\$16,822,850	17,332.40
Funded in 2003:	\$665,412	\$5,346,412	\$1,060,000	\$0	\$708,000	\$2,895,412	\$683,000	\$6,011,824	1,679.43
Total Funded:	\$8,769,736	\$38,789,958	\$15,180,300	\$131,500	\$7,130,564	\$5,402,779	\$10,944,815	\$47,559,894	33,509.70

*Federal funds come from Farmland Protection, Forest Legacy, Fish and Wildlife, Army Corps of Engineers, URMG, and BLM

**State funds came from Department of Agriculture and Food and Department of Natural Resources

Program Overview

The LeRay McAllister Fund was conceived as an incentive program to encourage landowners to consider conserving their valuable landscapes. The fund targets the critical agricultural land, habitat, watershed protection areas, and other unique landscapes.

The program requires that funded projects must strive to create new partnerships. Funding is typically available to:

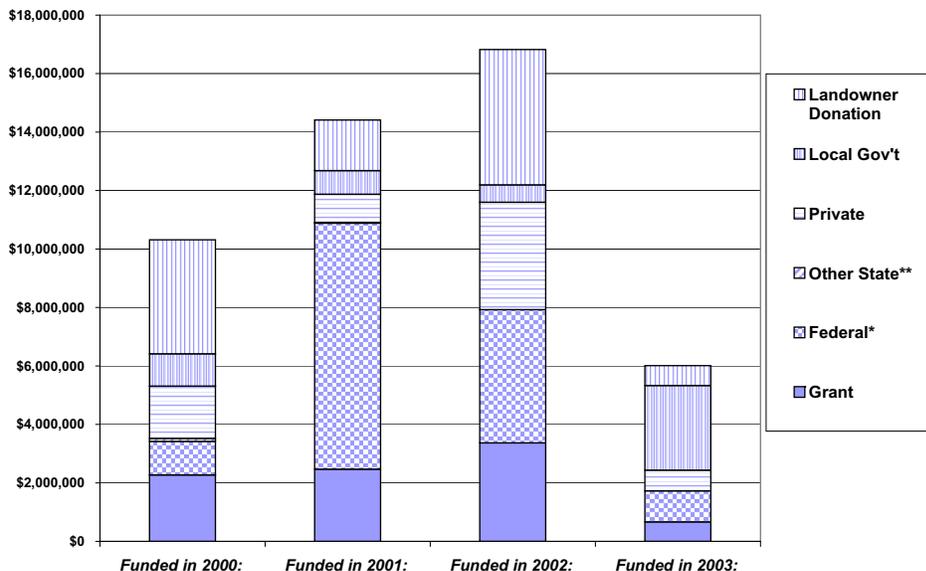
- Local governments
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Agriculture
- 501(c)3 Organizations

Projects must also be matched at least 50% by other sources. To date, the need to preserve critical lands has been great enough to merit an average **1:5 ratio** for the State's contribution.

"In our rapidly growing urban areas, it is increasingly important and cost effective to preserve open space while it still exists."

- Representative Blake Chard,
15th District
Letter of Support, April 2000

LeRay McAllister Fund Matching Ratio



ALL projects require support by the local communities through their local elected officials and legislators. Rural communities have supported critical land projects even more than urban communities. Over \$4.7 million has been requested and received in rural areas of nine counties compared to \$3.7 million in seven urban areas.

Average State Grant Dollars per Acre		Leverage of Outside Funding vs. State Funds	
Rural:	\$188.12	Rural:	\$5.40 to 1
Urban:	\$446.83	Urban:	\$4.54 to 1
Overall:	\$253.04	Overall:	\$5.02 to 1

Average Total Dollars per Acre	
Rural:	\$1,204.00
Urban:	\$2,474.08
Overall:	\$1,522.74

“There’s a saying that you don’t miss the water until your well is dry. That can be said about open space. When it comes to open space, you only have one chance to do this right.”
Rep. Ralph Becker
2/24/99

[regarding the Grafton Town] “The Grafton ghost town area possesses a fame that extends far beyond Utah’s borders. This is precisely the type of land that the legislation was intended to preserve..”
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
June, 2000

Decisionmaking Principles

The Quality Growth Commission is committed to prudently balancing the conservation and economic interests in the State since both are relevant to quality growth. Accordingly, the Commission only uses preservation funds when appropriate principles are satisfied:

Principle #1 – Local Control

McAllister funds may be used to acquire land or an easement only after the local elected legislative body within whose jurisdiction the subject property lies has, in a formal public meeting, provided the opportunity for public input and has subsequently approved the acquisition.

Principle #2 – Defining the Public Benefit

McAllister funds may be used for an acquisition of land or an easement only after the Commission has prepared, reviewed and adopted a statement of findings describing the compelling public benefit(s) that are unique or irreplaceable to be derived from the acquisition.

Principle #3 – Housing Affordability and Economic Opportunity

McAllister funds may be used in an acquisition which materially impacts housing affordability and economic opportunity in an area only after the Commission has identified a compelling and off-setting public benefit which, in the balance of the greater public good, adequately mitigates the anticipated negative impact on housing affordability and/or economic opportunity.

Historic Preservation



Grafton Town
Washington Co.

- historic structures, fields and canals
- one of most photographed ghost towns in the West
- part of the Zion Scenic Corridor

Water Quality Preservation



- Peaceful Valley Ranch**
Morgan County
- 5,500 acres of vital watershed protection
 - preserves flows of East Canyon Creek
 - partnered with Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

[regarding the Kays Creek Parkway acquisition]
“As the sponsor of the Quality Growth Act this is exactly the kind of project we had in mind when the Legislature passed and appropriated money for the Act.”
 - Representative Kevin Garn, Majority Leader, 16th District

Recreation Preservation



- Summit Park**
Summit County
- provides public access to the Great Western Trail
 - popular backcountry ski destination
 - excellent hiking location near urban core

“If we don’t do it in the next few years, it will be too late. In my district (Salt Lake City), there won’t be any open space left.”

Sen. Patrice Arent
2/16/99

Wetlands Preservation

[regarding the Jordan River remandering project] "This part of Salt Lake County is growing rapidly, and the area is facing the imminent threat of development. In fact, it is likely the last major section of critical lands along the Jordan river in urban Salt Lake County that has not yet been developed right up to the banks."

Rep. Wayne Harper
September, 2000



- Jordan River** • high-quality wetland adjacent to river
- Re-meander** • re-meandering will restore river's natural flows
- Salt Lake County** • used by more than 180 bird species

Scenic Quality Preservation

[regarding the Curtis Jones Farm] "The farm is a significant asset to southeastern Utah, and its preservation as a working farm is consistent with community efforts to promote long-term agricultural viability, maintain critical open space, and appreciation of Bluff's cultural heritage."

Rep. Keele Johnson
October, 2000



- Curtis Jones Farm** • part of a rural, historic town site
- San Juan County** • located in one of Utah's most scenic areas
- adjacent to the San Juan River

Agriculture Preservation



Black Agriland
Davis County

- productive vegetable farm
- goods sold locally and exported out of Utah
- uses advanced irrigation techniques

“While we have talked, we have lost thousands of acres of undeveloped land and family farms.”

Rep. Ralph Becker
2/6/99

Wildlife Habitat Preservation



Bar J Ranch
Sevier County

- 2,400 acres of prime elk and deer habitat
- home of endangered Bonneville Cutthroat Trout
- preserving healthy riparian systems

Scenic Quality Preservation

1999

Washinton County – Virgin River Confluence
Bluff – Curtis Jones Farm
Rockville, Washington County – Grafton Town Preservation
Davis County – Black Agriland
Morgan County – Peaceful Valley Rance

2000

Bluffdale – Jordan River Corridor Preservation
Davis County – PacifiCorp Conservation Easement
Layton – Kays Creek Corridor
Marriott-Slaterville – Gary Hess Property
Sevier County – Jorgensen Bar J Ranch Conservation
Parowan – Meek's Pioneer Farmstead Park & Urban Fishery
Provo – Despain Ranch and Bird Refuge
Salt Lake County – Dry Creek Riparian Restoration
Summit County – Summit Park
Wellsville – American West Heritage Center Farmland Preserve
West Jordan – Jordan River Critical Lands Preservation and Re-meandering

2001

Carbon and Emery Counties – Wilcox Ranch
Coalville, Summit County – Chalk Creek Restoration
Grand County – Proudfoot Bend Ranch
LaVerkin, Hurricane, Washington County – Virgin River Confluence, Phase II
Logan City, Cache County – Rinder-Knecht Property
Rockville, Washington County – Cox Property
Salt Lake County – Willow Heights, Big Cottonwood Canyon Watershed Protection
Summit County – Castle Rock
West Valley City – City Wetlands/Storm Water Park

2002

Castle Valley, Grand County – Castle Valley Preservation Initiative
Clearfield, Davis County – Mabey Pond
Holladay, Salt Lake County – Holladay Open Space Project
Paradise, Cache County – Brook Ranch Easement
Summit County – Provo River Corridor