

PIONEER CROSSING PARK - PHASE I

PROJECT FACT SHEET

SUMMARY

The vision for the Pioneer Crossing Park is a joint effort of the Jordan River Commission, Salt Lake County, West Valley City, Granger Hunter Improvement District, and a citizen group interested in celebrating this site's unique cultural history. This site is the location of the first crossing of the Jordan River by the Mormon pioneer families that settled west of the Jordan River. The first phase of the project targeted the south end of the property, slated to become a natural sanctuary for Jordan River wildlife and migratory birds. With project partners, the Jordan River Commission developed a phased management plan for invasive vegetation removal and revegetation to increase habitat potential to birds and wildlife, help to reclaim the Jordan River corridor from rampant invasive vegetation infestations, and to reactivate this natural space to mitigate unwanted activities in the area.



OBJECTIVES

- Create an integrated weed management strategy to control and manage invasive weed at the project site;
- Utilization of experienced field crews to conduct on the ground weed control to preserve existing healthy, mature riparian forests and prevent invasive species spreading;
- Preserve robust native mature riparian vegetation and restore native grasses to the site.;
- Track tangible progress of the project using photo points and invasive species mapping;
- Utilization the MyJordanRiver.org mobile website to educate trail users about the project and thank project supporters; and
- Build a sense of public ownership and stewardship for natural lands within the community.

OUTCOMES

- 100 volunteer hour committed
- 1,000 invasive trees and shrubs removed
- 10 acres of herbaceous weeds and phragmites treated
- 2,000 lbs of trash and debris removed
- 650 lbs of native grass seed spread
- 8 acres of natural space restored and reactivated
- 4 acres of mature native riparian forest preserved

PARTNERS

