



2012-2015 OUR FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION

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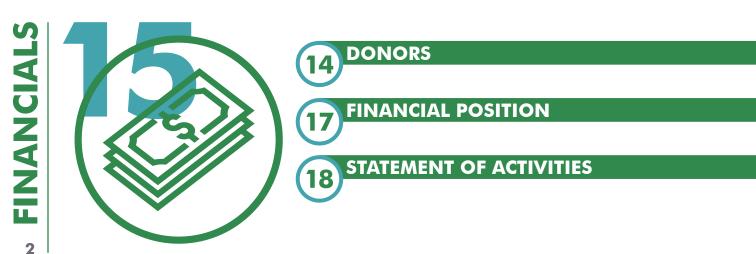
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COMMISSION

DEAR JORDAN RIVER STAKEHOLDER

It has been an honor to serve as the first Executive Director of the Jordan River Commission. It is such an incredible experience to see so many organizations and people from different backgrounds, political leanings, and perspectives coming together to share in a common vision of our river and its future.

Within a few short years our collective efforts to revitalize the river corridor have resulted in the Jordan River now being an increasingly frequent topic of discussion in local general planning processes, newspapers and radio stories, recreation and tourism conferences, political campaigns, and the dinner table. Since the Commission's creation, over \$16.17 million has been raised for new recreation, habitat restoration, education, and water quality projects. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional investments have been made by individual organizations to revitalizing the river corridor. The community has contributed over 12,000 volunteer hours to beautifying the corridor. The Jordan River is no longer an afterthought, and we recognize the important role that people like you play in this important cause.

Each year the number of supporters for the river has grown and expanded. These supporters include our dedicated Governing Board members, our generous community and corporate donors, thousands of hard-working community volunteers, the knowledgeable members of our Technical Advisory Committee, the dutiful staff within each of the governments that manage the river, and a growing number of advocates for the river within the State Legislature. The success of the Jordan River Commission is that of these individuals. If there is a moral to the Jordan River Commission story it is that the work of individuals can add up to an astounding impact, and that even more can be accomplished when we work together.

We should all be pleased by the collective efforts of our region to change the narrative of the Jordan River, and to see its potential beyond that of outdated stereotypes. With continued energy and focus, the Jordan River will be a defining feature and amenity for the Wasatch Front, and one that contributes to the wellbeing of both the wildlife within the river ecosystem and the many neighborhoods that surround it. Thank you for being a part of this movement.

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Laura Hanson Executive Director



MISSION & VISION

The Jordan River Commission was created by an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement in August 2010. It was created to facilitate regional implementation of the Blueprint Jordan River (a regional visioning document for the Jordan River corridor produced by Salt Lake County and Envision Utah), to serve as a technical resource to local communities, and to provide a forum for coordination of planning, restoration, and responsible development along the 50-mile Jordan River corridor.

Davis, Utah and Salt Lake Counties, along with Sandy, North Salt Lake and West Valley City, were the first to signed the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement creating the Jordan River Commission. West Valley City Councilman Corey Rushton was selected as the Commission's first chair. The initial Jordan River Commission members have since been joined by the cities of Taylorsville, South Salt Lake, Draper, Cottonwood Heights, Saratoga Springs, Salt Lake City, West Jordan, Riverton, South Jordan, the Utah Transit Authority and the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. In 2015, a Concurrent Resolution was approved by the Utah State Legislature and signed by Governor Herbert, allowing the State Departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as well.

The Commission hired an executive director in March 2011. Since then, the Commission has established a technical advisory committee, expanded governing board membership to non-governmental entities, including local businesses and non-profit groups, and is working to implement the Blueprint Jordan River.

OUR MISSION

"A voluntary partnership of cities, counties, state and other local governments to preserve open space, restore habitat, enhance community connections, promote responsible economic development, and improve water quality."

THE VISION

The Blueprint Jordan River is the first comprehensive effort to develop a publicly supported vision for the future of the entire Jordan River corridor and an implementation plan to turn the neglected river corridor into a defining amenity for our region. The Blueprint Jordan River visioning process was completed in December of 2008, with participation from 3,000 residents and local technical experts to created the vision. This vision is intended to capture the collective imagination of residents and to build an appreciation for the important environmental, social, and economic role the river has played and can play in our region.





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LAURA HANSON

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PROGRAMS

RIVERFRONT COMMUNITIES

BEST PRACTICES FOR RIVERFRONT COMMUNITIES

A guide for consistent, but flexible, management of the Jordan River environment.

A guide containing land-use standards that embrace the river. This document contains practical advice and local examples for implementing the guiding principles of the Blueprint Jordan River.

Received 2013 American Planning Association Award of Merit.

RIVER-FRIENDLY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

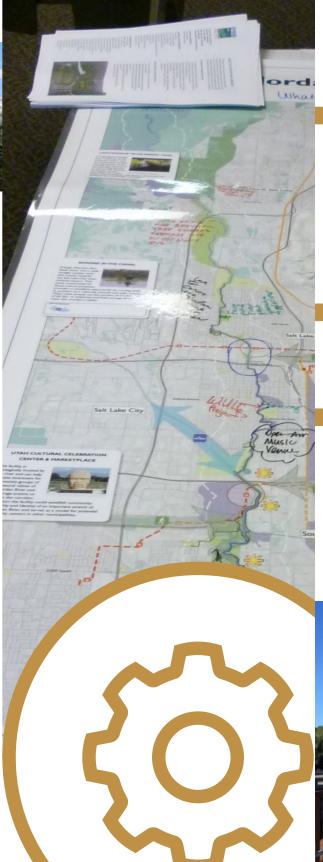


The River-Friendly Recognition Program includes two designations: one for communities along the Jordan River and another for developments within 1/2-mile of the river corridor. These voluntary programs encourage and recognize local planning and development design efforts that exemplify the Blueprint Jordan River vision.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIES



The Jordan River Commission hosts a series of technical training workshops for land managers and policy makers that delve into the details of the Best Practices for Riverfront Communities toolbox. Instructors range from local to national experts and topics have included streambank soil bioengineering, stormwater management, transfer of development rights, and many more.



REGIONAL COORDINATION/ PUBLIC POLICY

One of the Jordan River Commission's purposes is to provide a forum for coordination and collaboration, accomplished through monthly meetings, website, newsletter, project collaborations, and public policy efforts.

LOCAL POLICY EFFORTS

RIPARIAN CORRIDOR PROTECTION ORDINANCES A set of guidelines for local governments wanting to adopt a riparian corridor protection ordinance, as well as, links to several example ordinances from around the country as models.

SALT LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS BOND

Improvements to the Jordan River corridor was included in a bond on the November 2012 ballot, facilitated by the Jordan River Commission. The JRC helped educate the community on the potential improvements to the river corridor by the bond, and it was approved with 56.14% of vote.

STATE POLICY EFFORTS

State lobbying efforts have included helping to secure \$2.45 million in funding for trails and active transportation facilities, navigational hazard mitigation, conservation easement open space acquisition programs, and water quality improvements.

PARTNERSHIPS

4500 SOUTH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Jordan River Commission assisted in bringing The Jordan River Commission assisted the City of North Salt Lake in accessing funding from the Utah together Taylorsville, Murray and Salt Lake County to address this dangerous pedestrian crossing and Division of Forestry, Fire, & State Lands to purchase the property and access need to create a boater putcreate access to the Jordan River Parkway Trail. The new pedestrian bridge was unveiled in October 2015, in and take-out. The Commission also connected city improving access to all types of Jordan River Parkway with technical resources and user groups to design the users and the surrounding neighborhoods. most functional boat facility.





CENTER STREET BOAT TAKE-OUT





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BLUE-GREEN CORRIDOR

PUNCTUREVINE REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Jordan River Commission, in partnership with several local governments and various volunteer groups, have been working to remove puncturevine from the 45-mile Jordan River Parkway. Puncturevine is a nuisance weed that can inhibit recreation along the Parkway be puncturing bicycle tires and lodging into dogs paws and children's hands and feet. Volunteers have removed over 1,500 pounds of puncturevine from the Parkway.

In conjunction with the manual pulling of weeds, the Commission has released puncturevine-eating weevils as a biological control the past three years. The weevils, Michrolarinus lareynii and M. lypriformis, eat the seeds or stems of puncturevine and ultimately laying eggs in this food source. As the larvae mature, they eat the plant and renders the seeds inviable.

The Commission believes that with continued manual pulling, biological control and chemical spraying that the puncturevine problem can be tackled. Fewer thorns will mean more use of the Parkway. More use and "eyes-onthe-trail" will push out undesirable activity and use of the corridor for healthy activities will increase even further.



BLUE-GREEN RIVER CORRIDOR PROJECTS



9000 SOUTH BRIDGE

The Commission assisted in securing \$1.1 million to construct this pedestrian bridge under 9000 South and fill a gap in the Parkway and secured the donation of tunnel engineering and design.

BIG BEND RESTORATION AREA

The Big Bend Restoration Area is a proposed 70-acre habitat and stream channel restoration project in West Jordan. The Jordan River Commission has help to secure \$354,000 for restoration project design, invasive vegetation management, and migratory bird monitoring. The Commission has helped to plant over 500 native trees and shrubs, spread mulch, distribute 500 pounds of native grass seed, and removal of over 15 acres of invasive species, such as thistle, Russian olive, and hoary cress. Over 500 volunteers have been engaged on site with 2,000 volunteer hours logged. This project was featured in a webinar before a national audience.



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LOWER JORDAN PROJECT

The Commission is a partner on a threeyear restoration and community engagement project on the Lower Jordan River, engaging 60 students to date and planting over 1,000 trees.





GRANTS PROGRAM



SMALL GRANTS

The Jordan River Commission offers \$2,500 grants to help implement the recommendations of the Jordan River Blueprint and the Best Practices for Riverfront Communities toolbox. Past grant recipients include, Center of Documentary Expression and Art, Sorenson Unity Center, Tracy Aviary, TreeUtah, the City of North Salt Lake, South Salt Lake, and Saratoga Springs.

LARGE GRANTS

In partnership with Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and with generous support from the Utah State Legislature, the Jordan River Commission announced a new large grant funding cycle. The Commission allocated \$500,000 to local governments working to implement the recommendations of the Blueprint Jordan River and the Best Practices for Riverfront Communities toolbox. Additionally, \$250,000 has been generously contributed by Salt Lake County to help implement the transportation related elements of the Blueprint Jordan River vision.





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OUR RIVER — OUR FUTURE

GET INTO THE RIVER

Get Into the River is a collaborative event seeking to highlight the Jordan River corridor, as well as bring the community together to conserve and celebrate this natural, open space amenity. The two-day event is hosted by a community partnership including: Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, the Jordan River Commission and Splore.



Conservation Day invites corporate sponsors and public volunteers to clean and restore areas trailside and in-river. To date, 1200 volunteers have participated.

FESTIVAL DAY

On Festival Day, the public is invited to join in the fun by attending free festivals along the river. Municipalities along the Jordan River, along nonprofit organizations and community groups, host celebration festivities, providing fun opportunities to interact with and learn more about the Jordan River.



PARTNERS

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FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash equivalents	69,739
Accounts Receivable	23,952
Grants Receivable	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	93,691
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Intangible Asset	224,787
Accumulated Amortization	(95 <i>,</i> 845)
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	128,942
TOTAL ASSETS	222,633

LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	4,250
Accrued Expenses	5,356
Deferred Revenue	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,606
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,606
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	128,942
Unrestricted	84,085
TOTAL NET POSITION	213,027

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION \$222,633



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

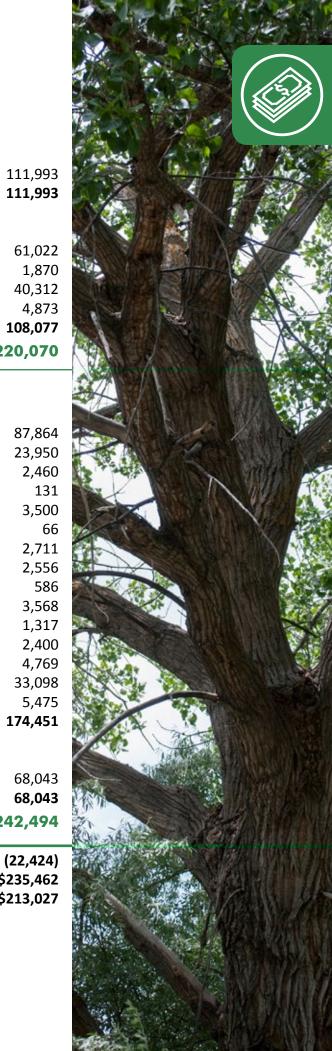
REVENUES
OPERATING REVENUE
Charges for Services
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES
NON OPERATING REVENUE
Grant Revenue
Interest Income
Donations and Sponsorships
Education Program Revenue
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES
TOTAL REVENUES
TOTAL REVENCES
EXPENSES
OPERATING EXPENSES
Wages
Benefits and Taxes
Outreach and Public Relations
Office Supplies
Office Lease
Postage
Miscellaneous
Events, Conferences, Workshops
 Printing and Binding
Telephone/Fax/Internet
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Education Program
Legal and Professional Insurance
Amortization Expense *
Utah Conservation Corps Interns
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES
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CHANGE IN NET POSITION TOTAL NET POSITION - BEGINNING TOTAL NET POSITION - ENDING

*Amortization Expense represents the depreciated value of intangible assets rather than an outlaying of cash.



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