

2009 Recreation & Trails Master Plan ● ● ●

Introduction

The 2009 Recreation & Trails Master Plan is a subset of the 2009 Bountiful City General Plan, which was initiated by order of the Bountiful City Council in March of 2008. The Master Plan was created by a steering committee composed of representatives from the City Council and Planning Commission, and members of the community at large. It is due to the hard work and commitment of these people that this Plan came to fruition.



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Concept and Background

Trails, parks, and other recreational facilities, dramatically effect the quality of life within a community. A good recreation network not only improves the quality of life for current residents, but is an important economic tool for attracting and retaining businesses.

The 2009 Recreation & Trails Master Plan does not directly address existing parks or improvements to existing parks because those items are accounted for in the Bountiful City Capital Improvements Plan which is updated yearly. Rather, this Plan will primarily address future acquisitions and/or the development of new parks and trails.

Issues, Goals, and Policies

Issue: There are not sufficient alternative forms of transportation within the City.

Goal: Increase bicycle routes and jogging trails by 50% within the next 10 years.

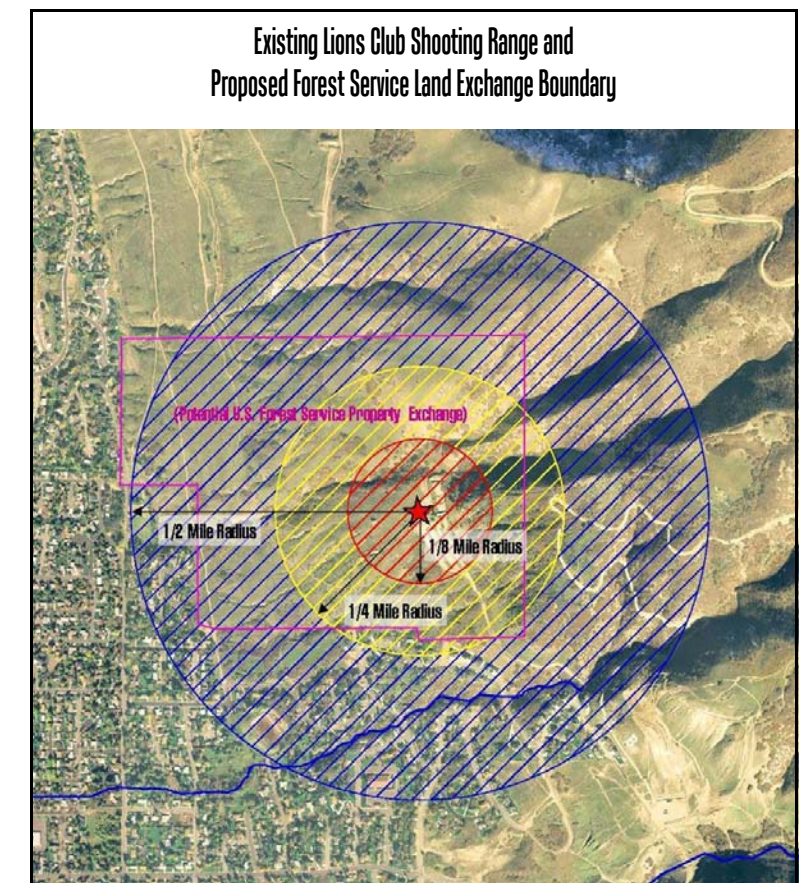
Action: Allocate approximately \$10,000 in Budget Year 2011 to study this issue and develop a plan.

Issue: The Lion's Club shooting range is an important service for residents of the community. However, it is an undesirable use in a residential area. Several of the existing skeet traps have been closed due to encroaching residential development. There is no sanitary sewer or culinary water serving the site, and there is no space to expand in the future.

Goal: Develop a contingency plan so that in the future the gun club could be relocated to a site where the negative impacts of a shooting range can be mitigated and where all public utilities are available.

Action: City officials should meet with representatives of the Lions's Club and other shooting organizations to determine the criteria for a shooting range.

Action: The City and/or Redevelopment Agency should set aside approximately fifty hours to work on this proposal.



Issue: New development has restricted and/or eliminated access to public lands located in the mountains above the City.

Goal: Identify and preserve existing accesses

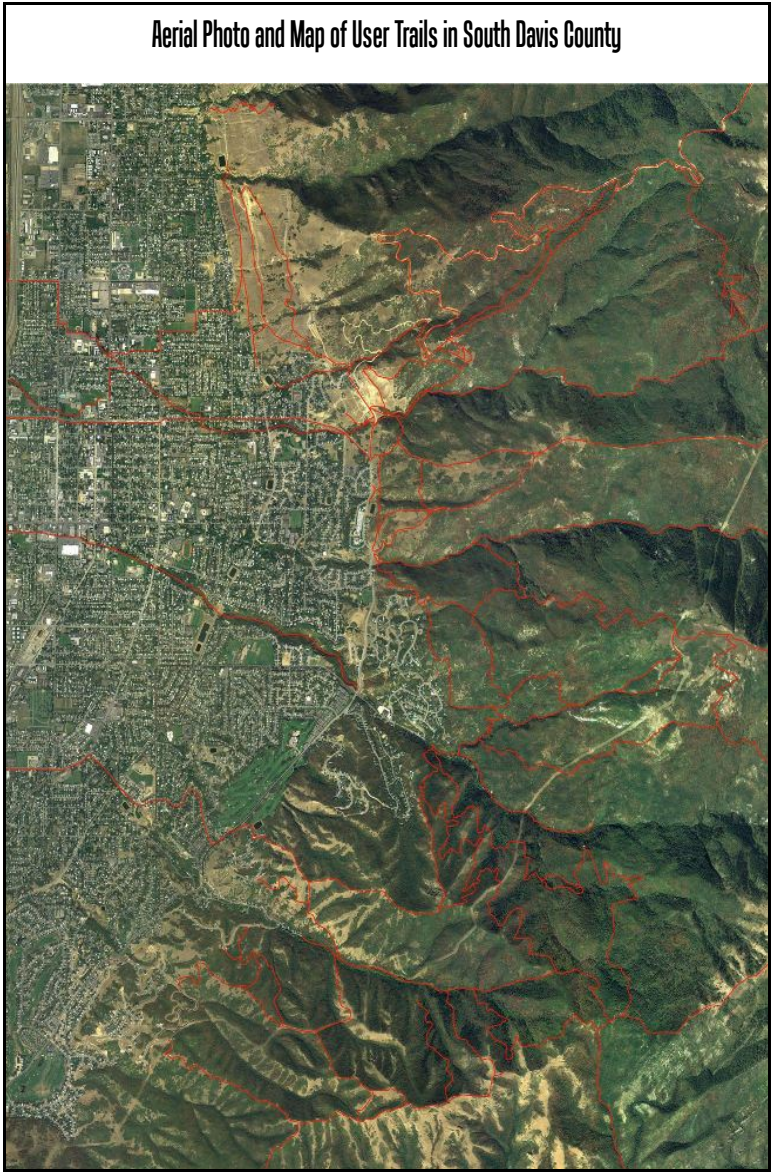
Action: Create a map that shows existing non-urban trails in and around the City

Action: Create a list of properties that are currently being used as trailheads/ access points.

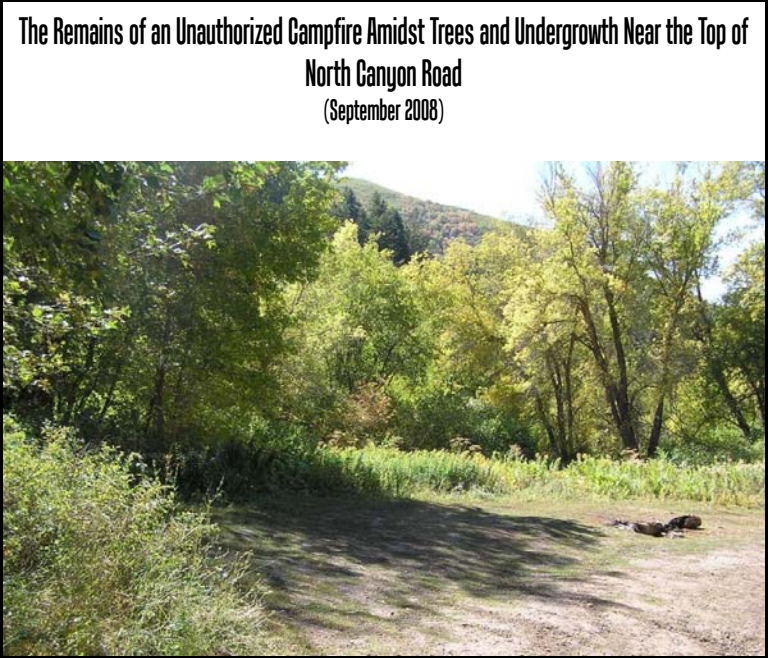
Action: Conduct a study to determine the funds necessary for property acquisition and/or maintenance.

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- Goal:** Provide new accesses in areas that have been cut-off by development.
- Action:** Create a map that shows public property ownership and private property ownership within and around the City.
- Action:** Determine where access to public property is desirable and create a list of properties that could be used as trailheads/access points.



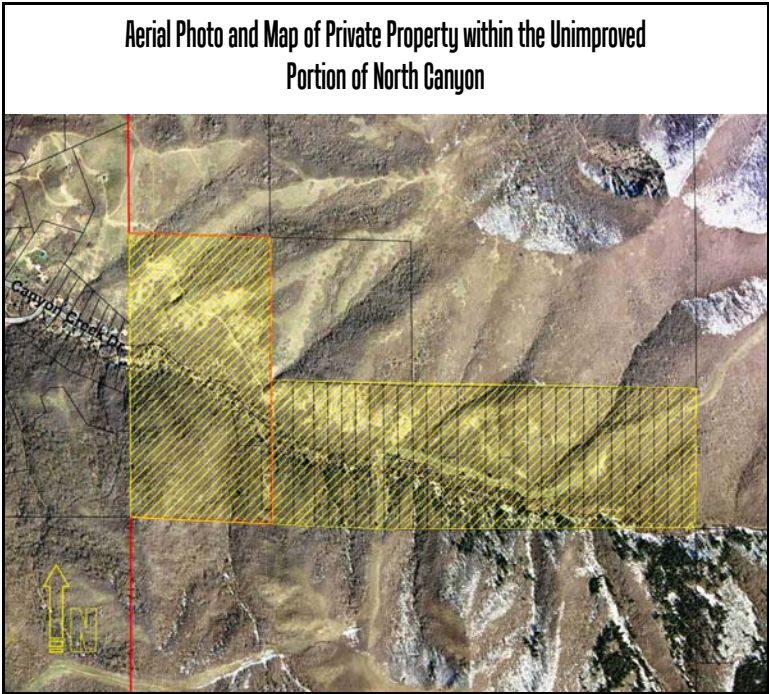
- Issue:** There are a lot of unapproved user trails located on Forest Service property and on private property.
- Goal:** Increase the number of approved, public trails.
- Action:** Over the next two years, study and prioritize the existing, unapproved user trails, for future acquisition.
- Action:** Create a baseline map as part of the 2009 Trails & Recreation Master Plan showing unapproved, existing trails as of this date.
- Issue:** North Canyon is a fire hazard because of all of the illegal activities that take place there. However, the majority of the canyon is located in Unincorporated Davis County.



- Goal:** Substantially clean up/mitigate the major fire hazards by fall of 2010.
- Action:** Work with Metro Fire and Davis County to develop an ordinance for property maintenance and fire restrictions in high risk areas that are accessible by the public.

- Action:** Contact private property owners and have them clean up their properties.

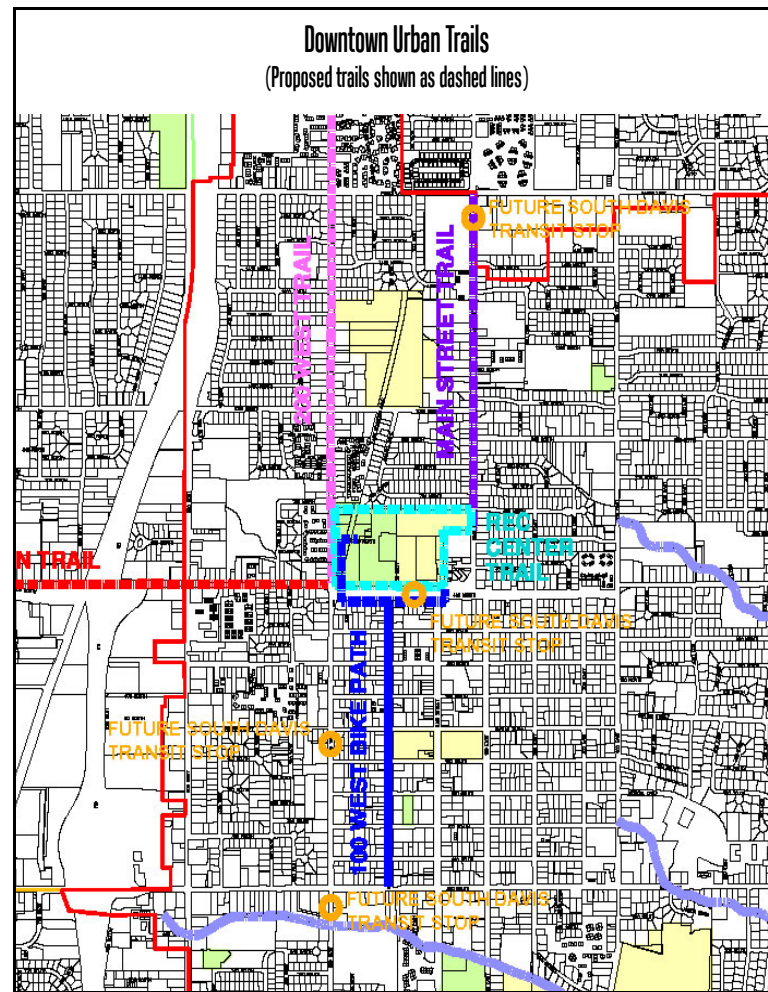
- Issue:** There is a trailhead at the top of North Canyon, but the only access is via an unimproved public



roadway that runs across private property along the bottom of the canyon. Furthermore, at some point a section of the canyon was subdivided into many small parcels that have no access to public utilities and that are not legally developable under current Davis County Ordinances.

- Goal:** Resolve the access and property ownership issues within the next 3 years.
- Action:** Work with Trust for Public Lands, the Forest Service, Davis County, the State of Utah, private property owners, and other interested parties to explore the feasibility of consolidating the smaller parcels into one ownership and/or establishing a future use plan for those areas that are developable.

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Issue: There is a growing demand for urban trails within the community.

Goal: Establish an interconnecting urban trail system that links pedestrian friendly uses within the City such as parks, schools, regional trails, mass transit, Downtown, etc.

Action: Draft and adopt an urban trails map as part of the 2009 Recreation & Trails Master Plan.

Action: Create a 10 year plan for the implementation of the urban trails map

Issue: There is a very limited amount of funds available for trails.

Goal: Generate new revenue to pay for the acquisition of trails

Action: Study the possibility of implementing a parks impact fee to help pay for new trails and parks

Action: Apply for trails grants

Action: Work with local businesses, service organizations, and other groups to raise funds and provide labor

Issue: Trails lack signage and other basic improvements.

Goal: Have a trail map posted at every trailhead, and post trail markers every 1/8 mile

Action: Establish a 5 year plan for funding and installing trail signs on all trails within the City's jurisdiction.

Goal: Bring all trails up to a minimum standard of improvement

Action: Establish a 5 year plan to adopt and implement a minimum trail improvement standard for all approved trails within the City's jurisdiction.

Issue: Many existing user trails are located on private property and State Law does not allow the use of eminent domain to acquire trails and government can no longer require developers to install trails without compensating the developers for the exaction.

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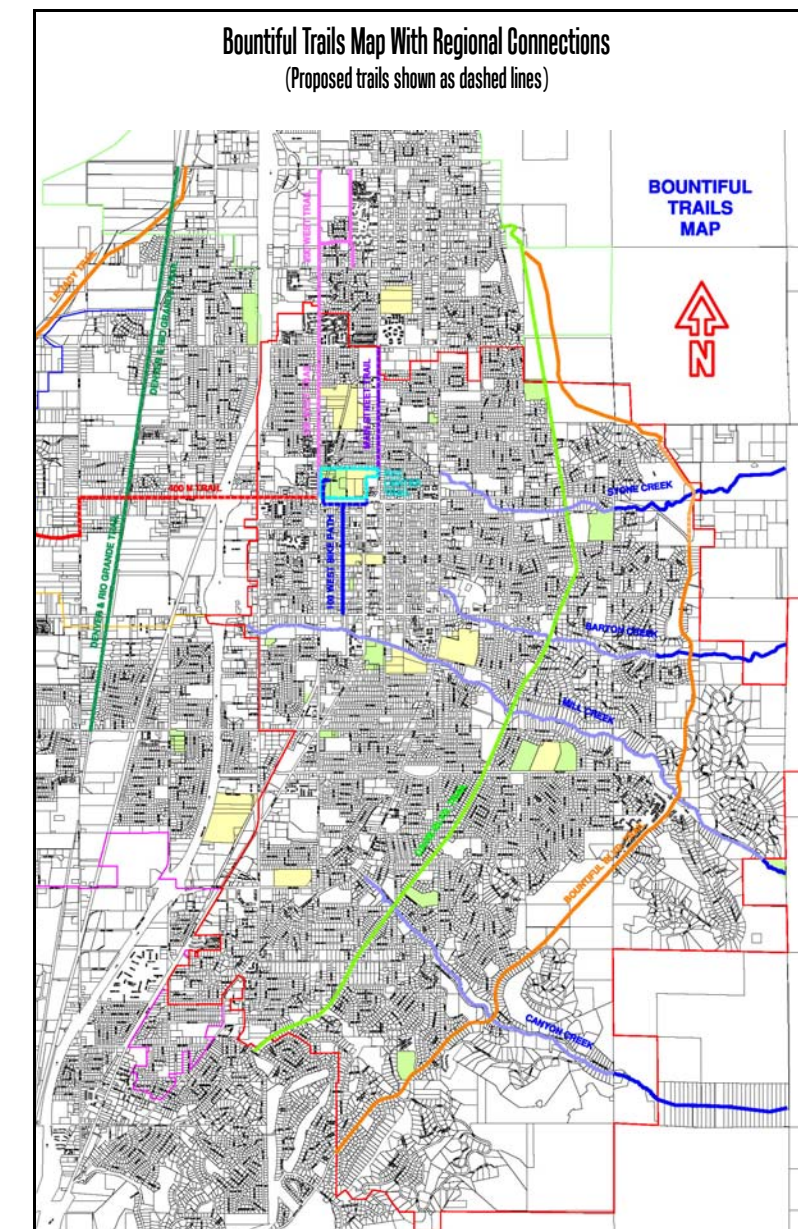
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Issue: The demand for access to public trails and public lands is increasing, and Bountiful City has installed a parking lot and restrooms at the mouth of Holbrook Canyon, however, a substantial portion of the Canyon is still held in private ownership.

Goal: Acquire fee title and/or a trail easement for the entire length of Holbrook Canyon.

Action: Negotiate with property owners in Holbrook Canyon to secure trail easements and/or to acquire property ownership.

Action: Apply for grant monies to facilitate easement and/or property acquisition



Conclusion

Bountiful City is committed to improving the quality of life for its residents by providing a diverse type of recreational opportunities, including natural open space, urban trails, shooting ranges, motorized trails, active parks, and natural surface trails. This 2009 Recreation & Trails Master Plan is a blueprint for achieving this objective, however, it can not address every desire, nor can it anticipate every contingency. The success of this plan depends on the strength and commitment of those who implement it.