



Growth Management in Utah

Utah Quality Growth Commission
October, 2014



What's Happening

- Your Utah, Your Future
 - Update the Growth Strategy
 - QGC has done two previous updates, 2003, 2008
- Mountain Accord
 - Salt Lake and Summit Counties
 - Looking at Transportation and Land use in Wasatch Canyons
- Wasatch Choice for 2040
 - Implementation continues





Utah Quality Growth Commission

- Established in 1999
- Has 13 Members appointed by the Governor with Consent of Senate
- Members represent
 - Cities and Counties
 - Farmers and Ranchers
 - Homebuilders and Realtors
 - Citizens at-large
 - State Dept. of Natural Resources
 - State Dept. of Agriculture and Food
- At least 5 members must reside in rural counties

Responsibilities of the Commission

1. Advise the Legislature and the Governor on Growth Management Issues
2. Assist Local Governments to plan for Quality Growth
3. Conserve Critical Lands by administering the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund



McAllister Fund



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- Makes grants to:
 - Local governments
 - Department of Natural Resources
 - Department of Agriculture
 - 501(c)3 Organizations
- Preserve or restore open and agricultural lands
- Requires a match of at least 50% of total project cost
 - Most Grants have higher leverage



LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund

94 Projects (some with multiple phases) Funded by the Utah Quality Growth Commission as of October, 2014

LEGEND:



Counties which contain a project funded by the McAllister Fund

• Approved Projects

• Note: The symbol shown above does **not** pinpoint project locations on the map.

Cache County

- American West Heritage Ctr., Phase I and II
- Logan City/Blacksmith Fork River
- Brooke Ranch
- Sagamore Farms
- Fuhriman Ranch
- Woodlee Dairy, Phase I and II
- Zollinger Farm
- Selman Ranch, Phase I & II
- Glenn Farm
- Trout of Paradise
- Curtis Farm
- Elkhorn Ranch
- Baxter Ranch
- Green Canyon Phase I, II

Weber County

- Gary Hess Weber River Property
- Ogden River Centennial Trail
- Bingham Fort Farm
- Weber Pathways Uintah Trail Segments
- Weber Pathways Uintah loop trail
- Buffalo Springs Farm

Davis County

- Black Agriland
- PacifiCorp Conservation Easement
- Kay's Creek Corridor
- Mabey Pond
- West Layton Farmland
- Utah Botanical Center
- Jaques Farm
- Stringham Heritage Property Phase I, II

Morgan County

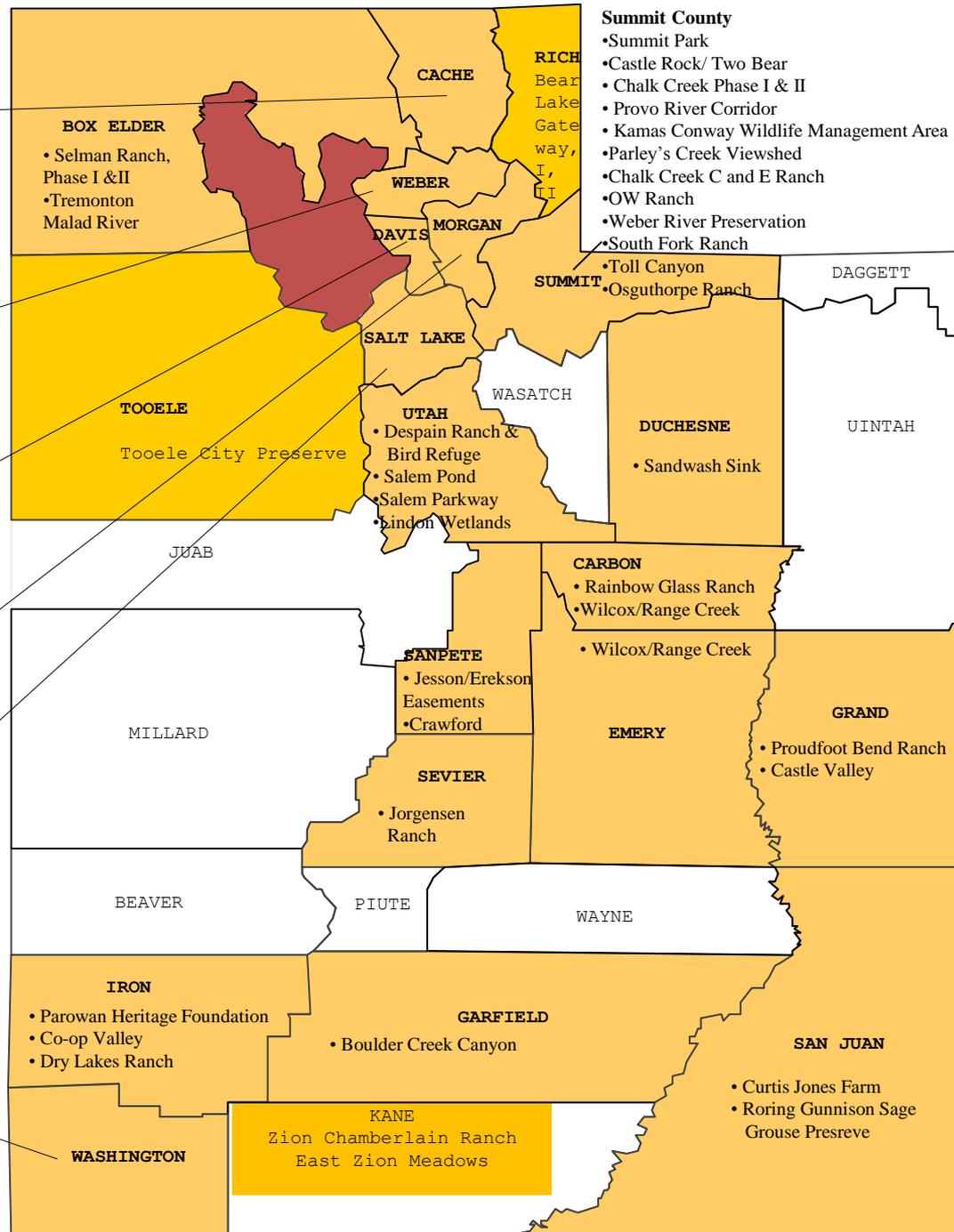
- Peaceful Valley Ranch
- Richins Ranch

Salt Lake County

- Dry Creek Riparian Restoration
- West Jordan, Jordan River Re-meandering
- West Jordan 8600 South Trail Head
- Bluffdale UPRR, North & South
- Willow Heights, Big Cottonwood Canyon
- West Valley City Wetlands
- TreeUtah/Audubon Habitat
- Restoration Phase I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII
- Red Butte Gardens
- South Jordan Shields River Walk
- Draper Corner Canyon
- Emigration Canyon Perkins Flat
- Foothill H Rock
- Rose Canyon
- Killyon Canyon
- Wasatch Hollow Restoration, Phase I, II
- Salt Lake City Jordan River Property

Washington County

- Virgin River Confluence, Phase I, II, III, IV
- Grafton Town, Phase I & II
- Santa Clara Arboretum, Phase I and II
- Virgin River Headwaters, Phase I and II
- Pine Valley Meadows Phases I and II



What Have We Done

- Preserved or restored over 80,000 acres in Utah
- Worked in 21 of 29 counties
- Invested about \$20 million in state funds, these are matched by more than \$150 million or about \$8 match for every state dollar invested
- Preserved watersheds, habitat, prime farmlands, trails, and historic areas.

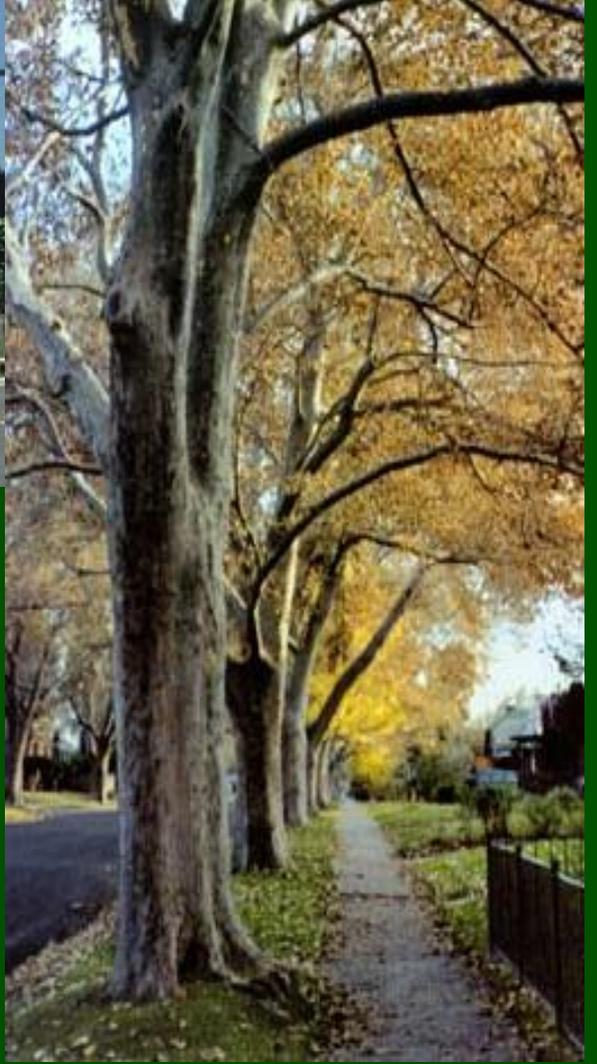


Conservation Need Continues

- **Food security**—the prime soils needed for fruits and vegetables are in the high growth areas
- **Air Quality**—Forests and farms can help clean the air
- **Watersheds and water quality**—Its cheaper to keep the water clean than to clean it up.
- **Landowners and local governments want this money**—regularly contact commission for funding



Planning Assistance



Planning Assistance

- SUPER TOOL—planning toolkits
 - Land Use Ordinance Library
 - Planning for Agriculture
 - Rural Character Toolkit
 - County Resource Management Planning toolkit
- Planning Grants
 - Part of the original Quality Growth Act
 - No grants since 2007



Planning Grants

- When the Commission was established in 1999 \$250,00 Per year was set aside for Planning Grants to help Local Governments do Quality Growth Planning.
- More than 50 different communities received assistance
- Need continues

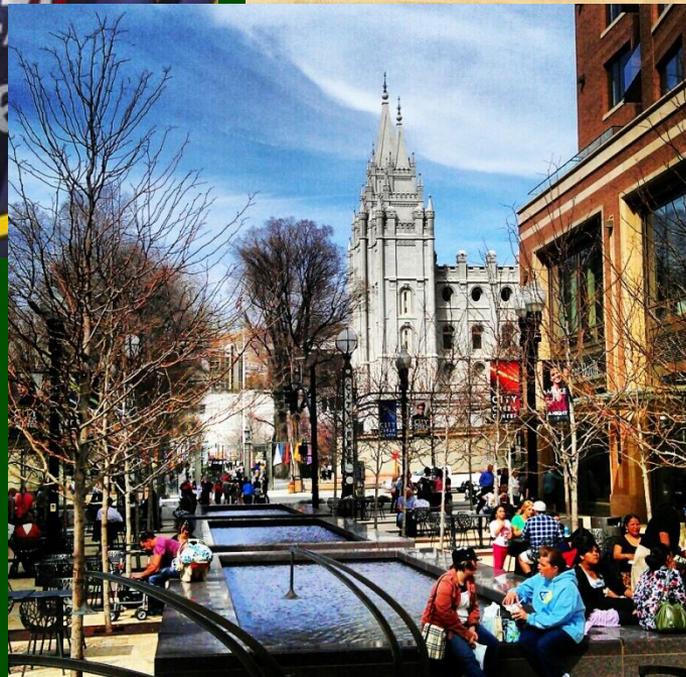


SUPER Tool

- One Stop shop for planning assistance
- Several useful original tools
- Needs to be recreated and updated.
 - With Resources this can happen



Quality Growth Communities



Quality Growth Communities

- Effort to Align State Infrastructure Spending with Quality Growth Principles:
- Over 50 Communities certified
- Needs to be updated
 - With Resources this is possible



Where Are We Now?

- No new appropriations to McAllister Fund since 2010
- No Planning Grants since 2007
- Commission Costs born by appropriation
 - Existing now on the last of those appropriations
 - Without new funds, may have to close our doors





We Still Have Work to Do

- Updates to SUPER
- Revitalizing Quality Growth Communities
- Still need to Preserve or restore open and agricultural lands
- Tell us what you want us to do, or tell us we are through.

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