

# THE UTAH QUALITY GROWTH COMMISSION

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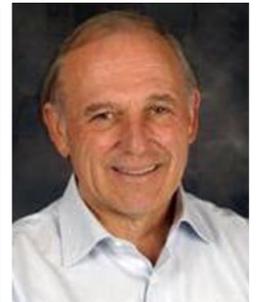
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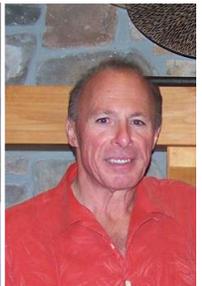
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The Commission has a diversity of backgrounds, political affiliations, and expertise - including real estate expertise, local government representatives, recreation and natural resources experts and agricultural interests.

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## Maintaining Utah's Strong Economy Depends on Maintaining Utah's High Quality of Life *-Keeping and Attracting the Best and the Brightest*

*The work of the quality Growth Commission (LRM Fund) is in line with the current need to plan for Utah's future by ensuring that our quality of life is not degraded by loss of agriculture lands or lack of open space in our cities.*

*To maintain Utah's strong economy, our businesses will need effective recruitment tools. The work of the Quality Growth Commission to maintain Utah's high quality of life is critical to this effort, and fits with other programs focused on quality of life such as:*

- *Local government planning assistance*
- *Transit oriented developments*
- *An Endowment for Open Space and Recreation Access*
- *Outdoor Recreation Grant program*



McAllister Funds helped preserve access to the world-famous Zion Narrows in 2019

# THE LERAY MCALLISTER CRITICAL LANDS CONSERVATION FUND

## Utah's approach to Open Lands

### FREE MARKET APPROACH

only willing buyers and willing sellers

### LOCALLY DRIVEN

Collaborative approach, projects driven by landowners and local government

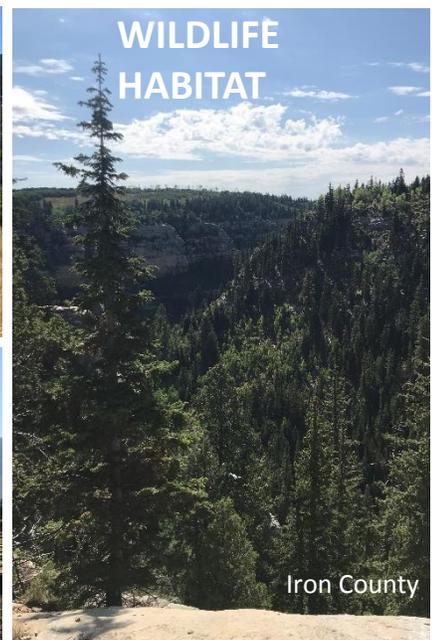
### REASONABLE PRESERVATION

Lands must be managed and kept in use

### FISCALLY PRUDENT

Requires matching funds to leverage state dollars, matching funds leverage state dollars at an 8:1 ratio

... for preserving or restoring open land and agricultural land



Examples of 2019 projects

## Looking Ahead – A Growing Need

Preliminary 2020 projects – additional applications expected:

- 15 projects
- \$6.5 million in requests
- \$63.7 million in total project costs
- 46% for agricultural lands
- Over 14,700 acres identified to be preserved
- Geographic distribution: 4 in Wasatch, 2 in Summit, Salt Lake, and Weber, and 1 in Sevier, Box Elder, Rich, Kane, and Utah Counties.

## Making an impact...

**123**  
projects  
**24**  
counties  
**>95,000**  
acres preserved  
**\$213 million**  
In matching  
funds

