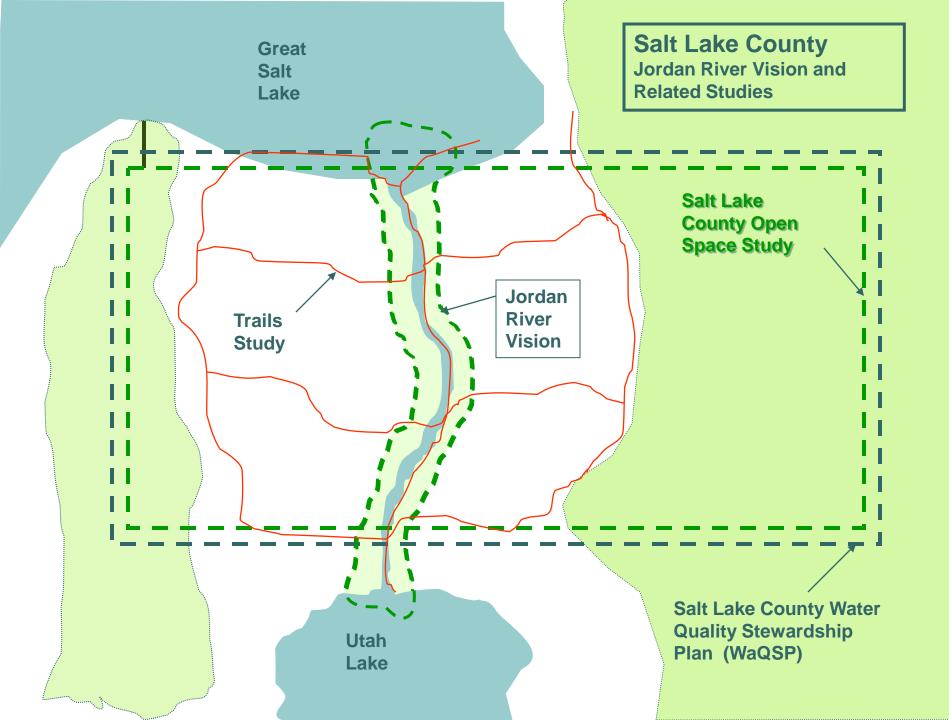
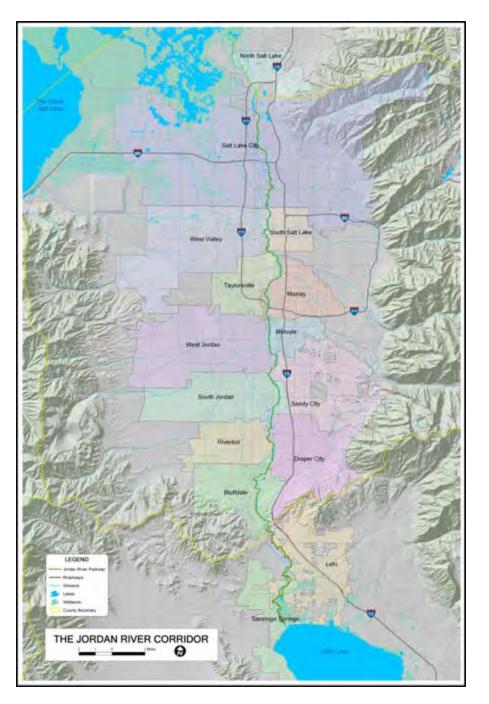


Blueprint Jordan River: an Eco-Logical approach

Gabe Epperson and Kristine Widner, Envision Utah







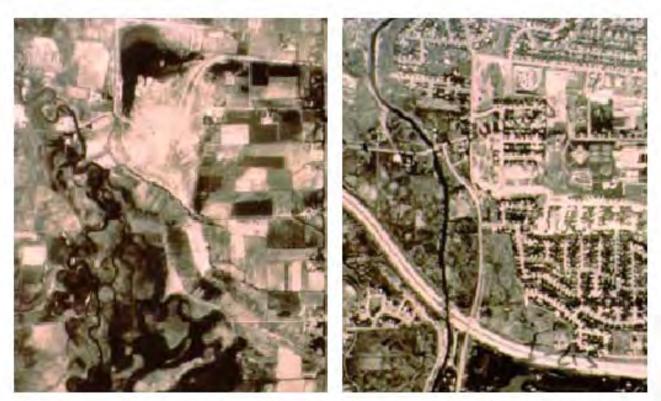
Partnership with municipalities along the Corridor is critical for success

Communities include:

Lehi Saratoga Springs Bluffdale Riverton Draper Sandy **South Jordan** West Jordan Midvale Murray Taylorsville West Valley South Salt Lake Salt Lake City North Salt Lake City

Salt Lake County Utah County Davis County

History of channelizing and development has altered the River



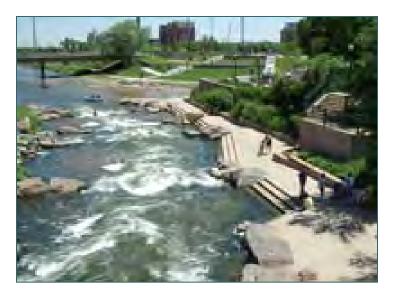
THE JORDAN RIVER CORRIDOR IN MURRAY IN 1937 (LEFT) AND IN 1990 (RIGHT)

Jordan River Crossings



Underpass @ Hwy 201

South Platte River Restoration Denver, CO (\$20 million federal grant)



•140 acres of new parkland

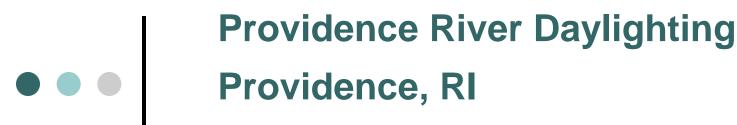
•Elimination of 250 direct sources of river pollution

•Restored wildlife corridor, native riparian vegetation

•Spurred economic growth in neighboring areas (REI opened flagship store)

•Today more than half of the state's bird species use the river as a habitat

 banks are lined with homes, mixeduse developments and businesses





•Day-lighting involved the removal of 1,150 feet of roadway, asphalt, and concrete

•New gondolas, docking platforms

•Created an impressive focal point for the city and the region

•Major economic development generator

Chicago River (\$50 million invested in revitalization)

The Main Branch Riverwalk

The City will develop the Main Branch Riverwalk as a unique urban destination with year-round concessions and amenities that highlight the river as an important natural and cultural resource. The crown jewel in the Chicago River's system of trails and walkways is the Riverwalk along Wacker Drive on the Main Branch. This reach of the Chicago River is already well known for its stunning views of downtown. Completion of the Main Branch Riverwalk will solidify the river as a major urban destination that is unique to Chicago.

The City will build an accessible river-level walkway from Lake Street to the existing riverwalk east of Michigan Avenue. The walkway will include connections under each bridge to provide for continuous enjoyment of the space, and will incorporate retail, entertainment, dining and recreational activities.



Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Plaza, the first phase of the Main Branch Riverwalk, will be completed in 2005. The complete build-out of the Riverwalk will cost an estimated \$50 million. The Chicago Department of Transportation is currently completing design and engineering work for the remainder of the project.

Provo River Restoration Project

• Created a multiple-thread meandering river channel connected to existing remnants of historic secondary channels, wetland ponds and small side channels.

Long-term project outcomes include:

- a five-fold increase in the trout population
- doubling of the riparian bird population
- diverse native vegetation
- two additional miles of main river channel; and,
- nine additional miles of small sidechannel habitats and wetlands



Vision developed through public input:



 3,000+ residents participated in workshops and on-line surveys



The Vision:





Establish Nature Preserves

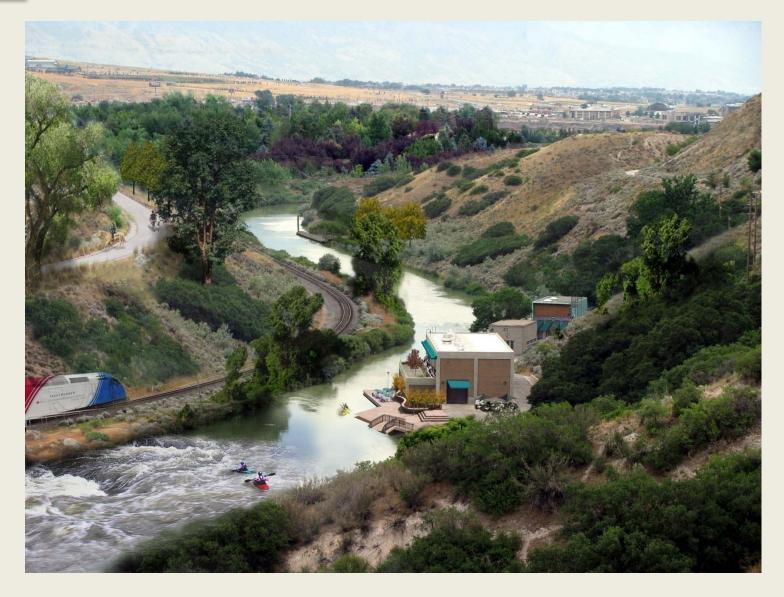








Provide Recreational Amenities









Facilitate Urban Renewal





Proposed Jordan River Commission

- Using the Utah Lake Commission as a working case study...
- Implement the Blueprint "Vision" and "Principles"
 - Lake-to-lake trail, nature preserves, recreation amenities, attract tourism, nature centers & education and much more...
- Raise funds for:
 - Purchasing critical lands, restoring wetlands, and capital projects: trails, boat landings, bridges, restrooms, etc.
- Provide input on and review of appropriate design standards for large developments within ½-mile of the River
- Create a forum for informed discussion and input about projects that may impact the River and the Region, such as:
 - water treatment facilities, regional trail systems and transportation projects.



Proposed Jordan River Commission

Board Structure:

- 1. 2/3 of Board: (20 Reps)
 - -elected representatives appointed by each local government
 - -State Agencies (DNR, DEQ)
 - -Water District (JVWCD)
- remaining 1/3= other organizations apply for membership and are selected by the governmental entities (if selected, required to contribute dues) (10 Reps)



Acquire open space, restore wetlands, capital improvements...





Provide Recreational Amenities: bridges, boat launches, trail projects, recreational facilities, etc.





Facilitate Urban Renewal:

redevelopment, design standards, capital projects, bridges, boat launches, restoration, etc.





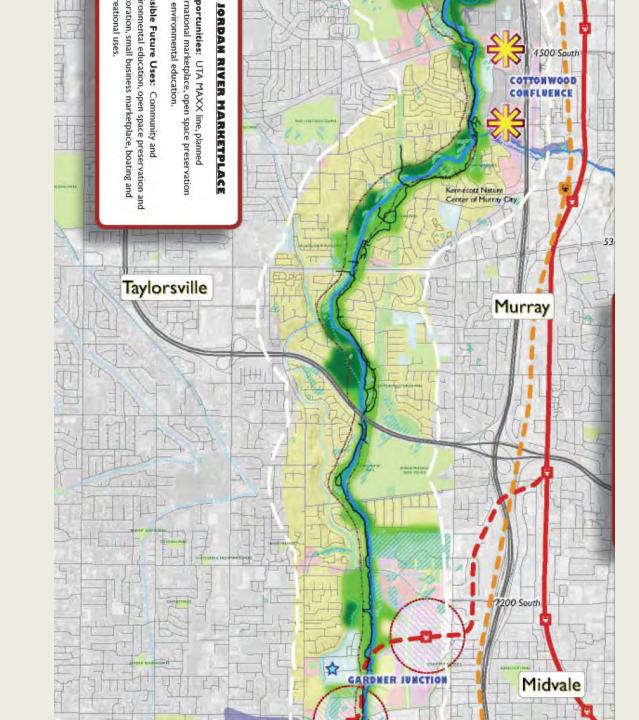
Joining the Commission WILL provide economic benefits to members...

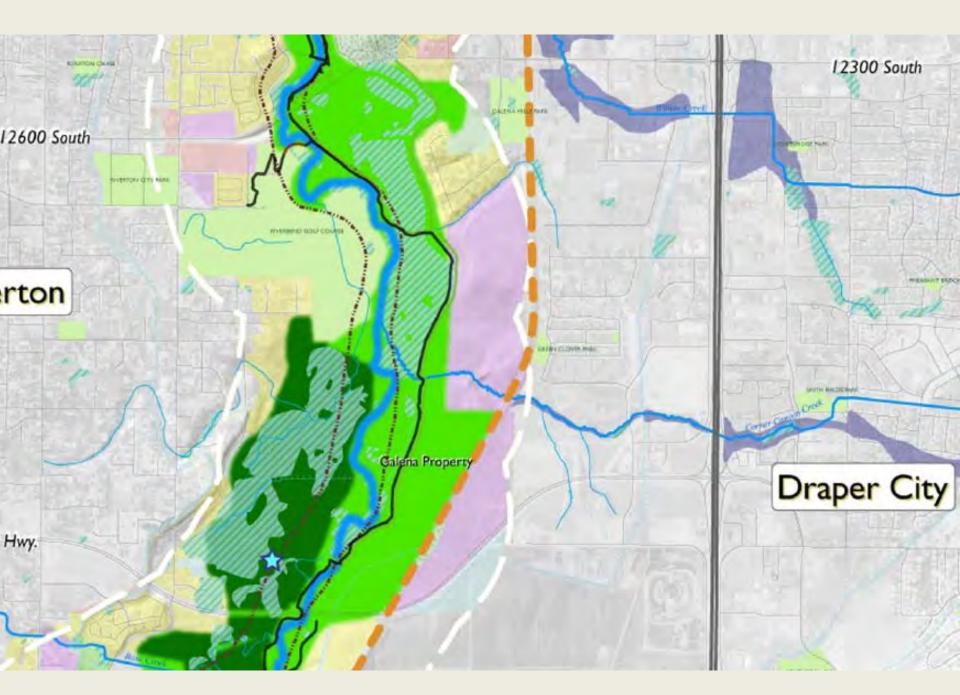
- A Commission increases the ability to attract Federal and private investment
 - Mitigation funds from UTA, UDOT and others, redevelopment, transportation grants, conservation grants from EPA, and more...
- Increased property values
- Increase in tourism and sales tax revenue
- Linking trail to regional transportation systems will reduce traffic and improve health of residents
 - New North Temple, West Valley and Mid-Jordan TRAX stops on the River
 - New Frontrunner Stops near the River in S. Jordan, Draper, and Lehi
 - Trail connections to PRATT, Dimple Dell, Decker Lake, City Creek, Provo River, etc.
 - New DOT bridge crossings in Utah County

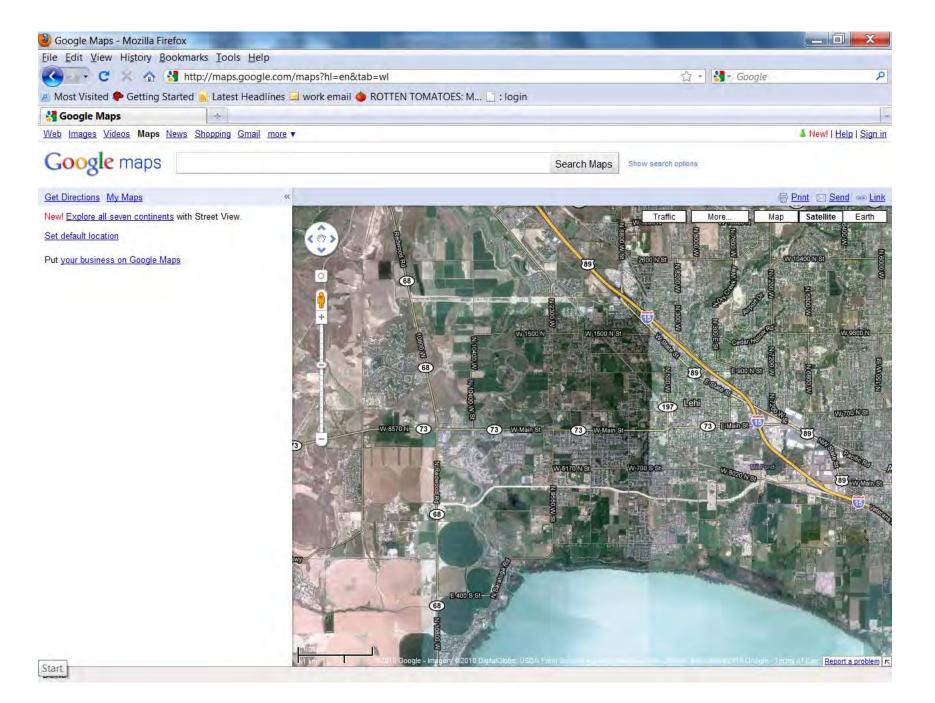


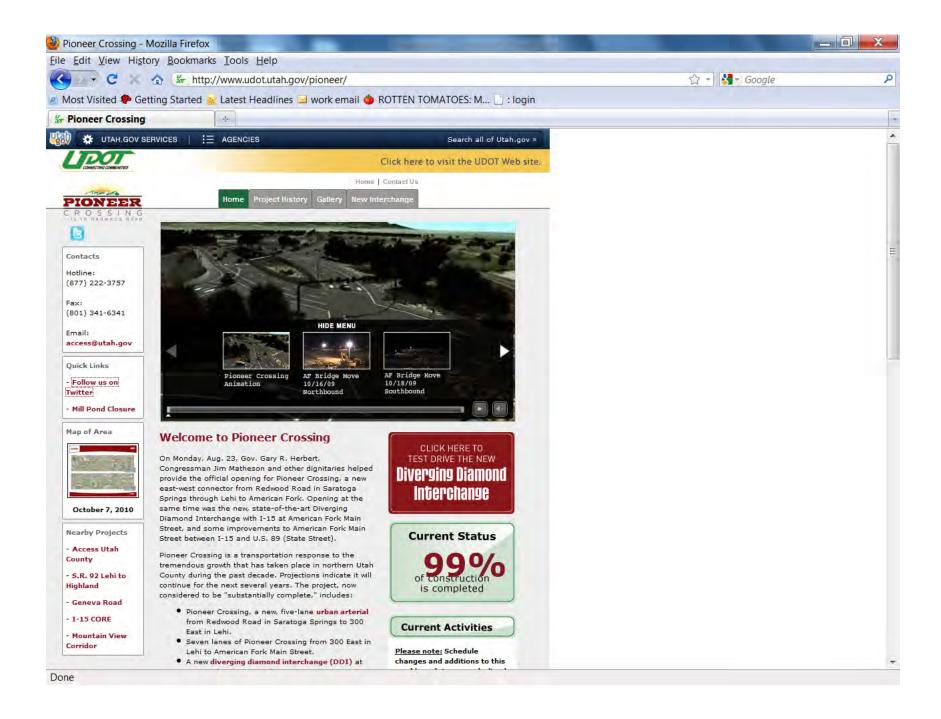
...future of the Jordan River









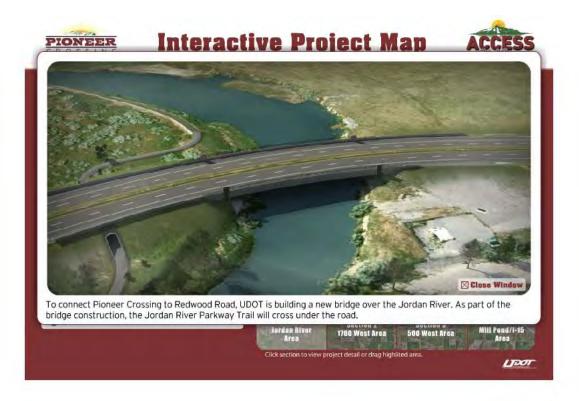


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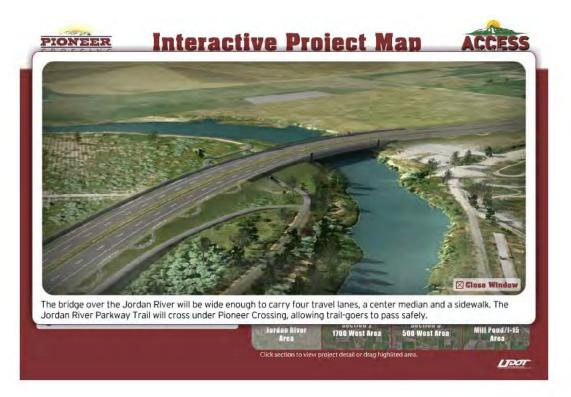
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