



Anticipated Project Constraints

- Flood control access and river maintenance
- Private property encroachments
- Vacating the 1300 South Street right-of-way
- Invasive species removal and control
- Public access and site safety
- Potential soil contamination
- Transient issues
- Others?

Anticipated Project Opportunities

- Improve community connections to the Jordan River Parkway and adjacent parks/open space.
- Restore riverbank and riparian corridors.

- Provide a Jordan River water trail access.
- Create safe angler access.
- Provide user amenities.
- Improve Jordan River water quality.
- Provide environmental education.
- Others?

Your Input is Important

- Identify the priority improvement projects that are important to you.
- Give us your feedback on opportunities and constraints.
- Suggest user amenities you would like to see.
- Ask project staff questions.

WAYS TO COMMENT

- Workshop Response Form
- SLC PPL Website: <http://www.slcgov.com/open-space/three-creeks-confluence-project>
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**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR PUBLIC WORKSHOP NO. 2**

Tuesday, July 19, 2016
Glendale Library
5:00–7:00 p.m.

**Three Creeks Confluence Open Space:
Reactivation and Riparian Restoration Project**

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION, PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS DIVISION

Public Workshop No. 1
 June 7, 2016
 5:00–7:00 PM



Glendale Library
 1375 S Concord (1240 W)
 Salt Lake City

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Three Creeks Confluence Open Space: Reactivation and Riparian Restoration Project Public Workshop. We are glad you could attend and look forward to receiving your input on this important effort. This is the first in a series of three public workshops that will be held during the 6-month planning process to reinvigorate this relatively unknown and unique 6-acre open space along the Jordan River right in the heart of Salt Lake City (City). The project is located where three major tributaries (Red Butte Creek, Emigration Creek, and Parleys Creek) join the Jordan River. Currently, the confluence is paved over with a dead-end segment of the 1300 South Street right-of-way, and the open space land to either side is impacted by invasive species, garbage, and encroachments from private property.

This workshop is designed to facilitate your input, which will guide the design of specific improvement solutions. For this workshop we have prepared this handout and a series of poster boards that identify project area resources and other existing conditions. During

the workshop you will be given the opportunity to ask questions of staff and provide us with your comments and suggestions.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the information included in this handout and on the poster boards. Most importantly, let us know which priority areas are significant to you and which improvement options you prefer by filling out the Workshop Response Form included in this handout. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask members of the Project Team who are here to listen to and answer your questions. Thanks for participating!

Project Timeline

The design process for this project is anticipated to occur over an approximate 6-month timeline, with an expected completion date for the design phase of September 30, 2016. During that time, there will be three public workshops held where you can provide input on project designs. Each of the major project work efforts and public workshops are shown in Figure 1. Following the design process, the City intends to hire

PROJECT TASK	DATE					
	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016	August 2016	September 2016
Task 1: Coordinate Project and Meetings	[Blue bar spanning all months]					
Task 2: Conduct Site Inventory and Analyses	[Blue bar spanning April, May, June]					
Task 3: Develop Design Concepts		[Blue bar spanning May, June]				
Task 4: Facilitate Public Engagement			*	*	*	
Task 5: Facilitate Stakeholder and Technical Committee Involvement			[Blue bar spanning June, July, August]			
Task 6: Prepare Construction Documents				[Blue bar spanning July, August, September]		

Figure 1. Timeline for the Three Creeks Confluence Open Space: Reactivation and Restoration Project.



a contractor to implement the recommended improvements. Construction is anticipated to be completed by September 2017.

What are the Goals for This Project?

- **Health:** Improve and expand “green infrastructure.”¹
- **Transportation:** Expand and improve transportation options.
- **Environmental:** Enhance ecological values and improve water quality.
- **Community:** Create community connections to the river and interpret the site’s significance.

What is the Scope of Work for This Project?

The City has hired a consultant, BIO-WEST, Inc., to help facilitate the public engagement and planning process. BIO-WEST will also develop detailed design and construction documents for project implementation. So far the City has secured over \$550,000 in funding for project implementation. Specific design elements that are proposed for implementation include:

- establishing a “green infrastructure” asset;
- providing trail access and connections to the Jordan River Parkway Trail;
- unearthing a short segment of the three creeks pipe culverts;

¹ Green infrastructure reduces and treats stormwater at its source while delivering environmental, social, and economic benefits. Green infrastructure is effective, economical, and enhances community safety and quality of life. See more at: <http://www.americanrivers.org/initiatives/pollution/green-infrastructure/what-is-green-infrastructure/#sthash.fPtUaic.dpuf>



- implementing invasive species removal and control;
- planting native upland and riparian vegetation habitat areas;
- establishing clear public property boundaries;
- developing opportunities for nature education, exploration, and river access;
- stabilizing stream banks;
- connecting the site with nearby community institutions; and
- providing a venue for community art projects.

What Other User Amenities Are Being Considered?

- Walking paths and crosswalks
- Benches and shade structures
- Interpretive signs
- Garbage receptacles
- Canoe storage facility
- Regulatory signs

- Entry features
- Bike racks
- Fishing pier
- Bridge across the Jordan River
- Canoe/kayak put-in/take out
- Fences

What Community Functions do Riparian Corridors Provide?

Riparian corridors are the transitional areas along a river or stream that fall between the aquatic (in-stream) and upland (landscape) habitat types. Riparian plants that occupy these transitional areas are typically adapted to conditions that are periodically wet and periodically disturbed by flood events. The City’s urban creeks and their associated riparian corridors are unique and important natural resources. Riparian areas occupy only a small proportion (less than 3%) of the land area of Utah and comprise only about 1.2% of the land area of the City. Despite their small size,

riparian corridors serve a variety of important community functions within the landscape, including:

- recreation and aesthetics,
- open space and public lands access,
- shading and water temperature control,
- floodplain storage and flood-damage reduction,
- wildlife and aquatic habitat,
- wildlife travel corridors and connectivity,
- sources of organic matter to stream ecosystem,
- stream bank stability and safety,
- pollution and nutrient filtration,
- sediment trapping, and
- storm water and irrigation water conveyance.

