



THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Salt Lake County Residents,

Salt Lake County is a great place to work and live thanks to you! Make a difference in your community and provide feedback on future projects, funding, and investments.

H2Oquirrh Visioning Plan

The H2Oquirrh Visioning Plan is focused on preserving open spaces and enhancing recreation.

Get involved by reviewing the plan and sharing your thoughts. Help create an Oquirrh landscape that balances recreation with preservation!

Check out the plan and share your input by November 25: slco.to/H2Oquirrh

Take the H2Oquirrh Survey

About the H2Oquirrh Visioning Plan:

H2Oquirrh aims to spearhead the long-term enhancement of waterways in southwest Salt Lake County by focusing on the natural and urban water corridors emanating from the Oquirrh Range. Targeting streams like Bingham, Midas, Rose, and others,

the project seeks collaboration with local governments, such as West Jordan and Herriman, to improve environmental and community well-being.

Through a comprehensive process involving existing condition analysis, public engagement, and visionary planning, **H2Oquirrh will:**

- Establish a community-endorsed framework
- Recommend sustainable practices
- Propose actionable policies
- Provide a comprehensive design toolkit to guide future improvements

Community Needs Assessment

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- What residents value most
- How we can improve our parks and recreation services

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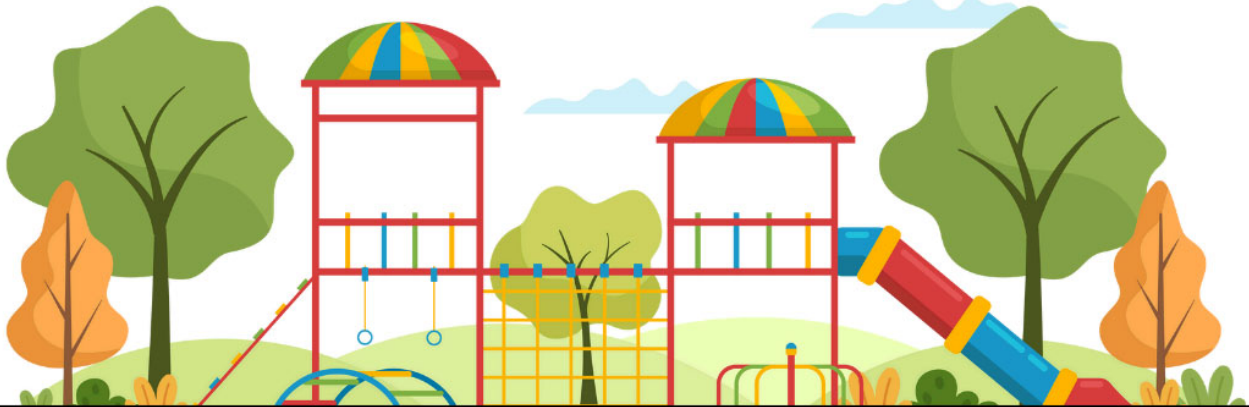
Make a difference in your county and take this 4-minute survey: arcg.is/19my4K1

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Survey closes 12/20/2024:
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National Family Caregiver Month

November is National Family Caregiver Month—a time to thank and honor the more than 53 million unpaid caregivers in the United States. While family caregivers should be celebrated every day, this is a time to recognize and honor caregivers, raise awareness around caregiving issues, and show support for the caregivers in our communities.

There are over 450,000 unpaid family caregivers in Utah. Caregivers help loved ones manage household tasks and assist with personal care. Almost two-thirds of family caregivers are women. Many tend to aging parents, while others care for children, partners or spouses who have disabilities. Some caregivers even look after friends or neighbors. As Utah's aging population continues to grow, the number of family caregivers is expected to increase by 30 percent. National estimates put the value of unpaid family caregiving between \$650 billion and over one trillion dollars.

While caregiving is a loving act of service, it can also take a toll on the family caregiver. Caregivers often help their loved ones around-the-clock. Almost half of Utah caregivers report feeling stressed about finances and having mental health concerns. Most caregivers work. Almost half of Utah caregivers work full time. Many care for young children, in addition to an older loved one. While every caregiver and care receiver are different, most caregivers will experience burnout or turn to family and friends for assistance at some point during the caregiving journey.

Salt Lake County offers the following tips for family caregivers:

- Seek support from Caregiver Support Programs that can connect you with resources and peer support groups
- Take care of your own health, especially your mental health, so that you can be strong enough to care for your loved one
- Caregiving is hard work! Take respite breaks often and give yourself credit for doing the best you can

To receive support and assistance as a family caregiver, contact **Salt Lake County Aging & Adult Services at 385-468-3200.**

Zoo, Arts & Parks (ZAP) Tax Reauthorized!

As in previous years, **Salt Lake County residents voted to reauthorize the Zoo, Arts & Parks (ZAP) tax.** This marks the fourth ZAP reauthorization by voters.

In 2025, thanks to a unanimous decision by Salt Lake County Council in October, **the ZAP tax will provide \$26 million** to empower 244 arts, cultural, and zoological nonprofits within Salt Lake County.

Learn More about ZAP

Public Safety

Although the Public Safety Bond did not pass, Salt Lake County remains committed to enhanced public safety and improved outcomes for people with justice involvement.

Human Services, Homelessness, and Criminal Justice Action Plan

Sincerely,



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Mayor of Salt Lake County



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