



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Improving Lives Through People, Parks and Play



Magna Regional Park Groundbreaking

Three themes emerge when I contemplate everything the Parks and Recreation team has accomplished this past year. We continued to build parks, recreation, and trails assets in order to meet the needs of our growing community; we cared for and invested in our wonderful existing facilities, parks and open spaces; and we executed our mission to improve the quality of life for our most important asset of all – the people of Salt Lake County – like never before.

This annual report succinctly tells the story of each of our Parks & Recreation service areas: parks, recreation, golf, open space, fiscal, and planning. It provides key data, highlights important accomplishments, and profiles ongoing projects in each area. From cutting a ribbon on a new inclusive playground to entertaining thousands of children at Wheeler Historic Farm, you will see a snapshot of what 2019 meant for the division. It is my hope that in this report you will better understand the amount of work our employees put in daily to accomplish our goals.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the 2019 Parks and Recreation story. Here's to another year of "Improving Lives through People, Parks and Play."

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Salt Lake County Mayor

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Our 73rd year of providing quality parks and recreation experiences to Salt Lake County residents was one of continued growth and improvement. I hope you enjoy this annual report that effectively tells our story. For me, it is a reminder that we are a people-powered organization and I am continually impressed by the level and diversity of services our employees provide. Thank you to our team for the positive impacts we continue to have on so many lives.

Martin Jensen
Director of Parks & Recreation

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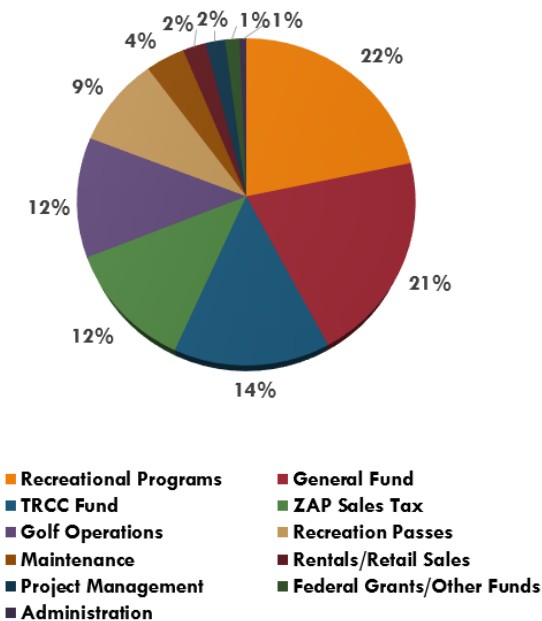
PARKS & RECREATION BY THE NUMBERS



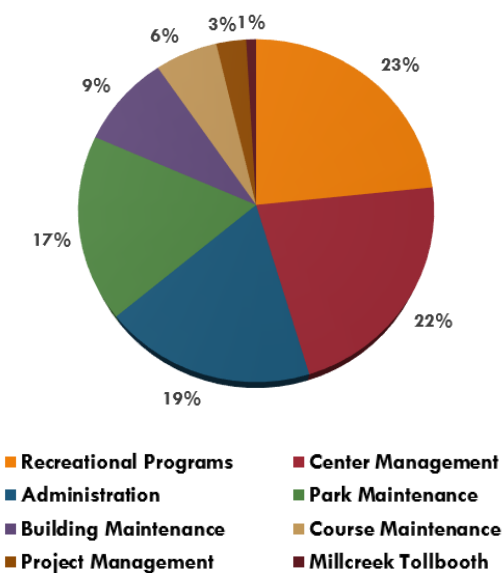
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Fiscal section is a ten-member team that is in charge of all the fiduciary responsibilities involved in running our division including – payroll, employee onboarding, contracts, payable and receivable accounting and the budgeting process. This year, the team added a business analyst position in charge of data integrity and process improvement.

2019 Revenues



2019 Operating Expenditures



Projected Revenue	
Recreational Programs	\$13,698,662
General Fund	\$12,958,148
TRCC Fund	\$9,138,765
ZAP Sales Tax	\$7,742,100
Golf Operations	\$7,498,961
Recreation Passes	\$5,666,898
Maintenance	\$2,454,356
Project Management	\$1,216,996
Rentals	\$984,431
Retail Sales	\$449,861
Millcreek Canyon Tollbooth	\$600,000
Administration	\$413,390
Open Space Fund	\$205,090
Federal Grants	\$93,467
TOTAL REVENUE	\$63,121,125
Projected Expenses	
Recreational Programs	\$14,745,468
Center Management	\$13,864,739
Administration	\$11,773,563
Park Maintenance	\$11,096,288
Building Maintenance	\$5,575,051
Course Maintenance	\$3,713,571
Project Management	\$1,767,999
Millcreek Canyon Tollbooth	\$584,446
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$63,121,125



Copperton Park Playground

PARKS & WHEELER FARM

Salt Lake County Park Operations is charged with maintaining 109 park spaces throughout the county as well as our numerous trails, open space, and facility grounds. Headquartered at the Park Operations Center in West Jordan, this section also manages Wheeler Historic Farm and our Urban Farming program, and handles all park pavilion reservations – including group picnic and yurt reservations in Millcreek Canyon.

2019 QUICK FACTS

2,245
Pavilion Reservations

65,000
Wheeler Farm Community
Event Attendees

572
Millcreek Canyon
Picnic & Yurt Reservations

12,135
Wheeler Farm Student
Field Trip Participants

111
Softball Field
Reservations

158
Special Event
Permits Approved



Wheeler Historic Farm

MAGNA REGIONAL PARK GROUNDBREAKING

In October, Mayor Jenny Wilson along with several community leaders celebrated the beginning of construction on Magna Regional Park. Phase I of this park includes approximately 25 acres of amenities: one multi-purpose field, a destination playground and splash pad, walking paths, several pavilions, as well as restrooms, parking and a maintenance facility.

In the works since purchasing 62 acres of land from Orbital ATK, development and design began when voters approved the Zoo, Arts and Parks & Recreation Bond in 2016. The new park is expected to be complete in mid-2021.



WHEELER FARM SUNDAY MARKET

Two years ago, the management of the farmer's market at Wheeler Farm announced that they would no longer continue to operate at the facility. After a re-branding and evolution to emphasize opportunities for local producers, Wheeler Historic Farm staff began operating the newly-minted Wheeler Sunday Market.

Celebrating its second summer, the event has continued to be a large well-loved community event, with a wide variety of vendors from fresh produce to handmade art. This season hosted 106 vendors and saw an average of 1,300 attendees each week.



EAST RIVERFRONT PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Salt Lake County and South Jordan City, and several community partners teamed up to re-design and re-build the playground at East Riverfront Park into an inclusive playground. Designed for children of all abilities and their caretakers, the inclusive playground provides opportunities to stimulate the five childhood development categories: physical, social, sensory, cognitive, and communication. It also encourages interaction between children of varying abilities within the play space. The new playground opened in July with a community celebration and ribbon cutting.





All-County Cross Country Meet

RECREATION

Our Recreation section improves the lives of thousands of residents and visitors of all ages and abilities by providing access to 20 recreation centers, 19 pools, 3 ice centers, five child care facilities, youth and adult sports programming and award-winning adaptive recreation programs. Every day, our facilities host patrons who seek access to better mental and physical health through a more active lifestyle.

2019 QUICK FACTS

1,709,783
Recreation Center Visits

138,637
Program Participants

661
Lifeguards Certified

768
Child Care Enrollments

222,732
Child Care Meals Served



Adaptive Sled Hockey Game

2019 URPA AWARDS

The Utah Recreation and Parks Association, our state affiliate of the National Recreation and Parks Association, honors our industry's best people, programs, and facilities each year. Our team received the following awards for their excellence in the field:

- Outstanding Adaptive Program - Sled Hockey
- Outstanding Aquatics Professional - Amber Milne
- Outstanding Recreation Professional - Megan Zollinger

SKI & SNOWBOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ski and Snowboard program at Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation is the oldest and largest public ski and snowboarding program in the state. It has grown substantially since it began in the 1990s, expanding to multiple recreation centers and ski resorts to fulfill the growing demand.

Recently, the program has been able to reach even more kids thanks to a partnership with Snowbird Resort and a grant from Share Winter Foundation. The grant has allowed us to offer financial assistance from reduced program costs to full scholarships, including gear, for low-income families. This has provided the opportunity for 340 kids to hit the slopes and learn the sport of alpine skiing or snowboarding. In total, the ski and snowboard program served 2,900 kids this year.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff training and development was an emphasis for the Recreation team this year. Over 20% of merit staff attended or were involved with formal trainings or certification courses with the following:

- Utah Recreation & Parks Association
- National Recreation & Parks Association
- National Alliance of Youth Sports
- National Drowning Prevention Association
- Association of Aquatic Professionals
- Athletic Business Conference
- USU Care About Childcare Conference

The first ever Recreation Summit was also held this November. Developed by Recreation staff, the Summit hosted over 100 employees who participated in training and discussion sessions on a variety of topics from safety to team building.



CHILDCARE SERVICES

Recreation offers affordable state-licensed childcare programs at five of our facilities across the county. In 2019, they served over 700 children through preschool, pre-kindergarten, before and after school, off-track, and summer day camps, engaging youth in a variety of opportunities to learn new skills, socialize, & explore.

In partnership with Utah Community Action, Childcare also provided needs-based access to Early Head Start. This program provides comprehensive child development & family-centered services for low-income families with very young children, aiming to prepare youth for success in school & life.



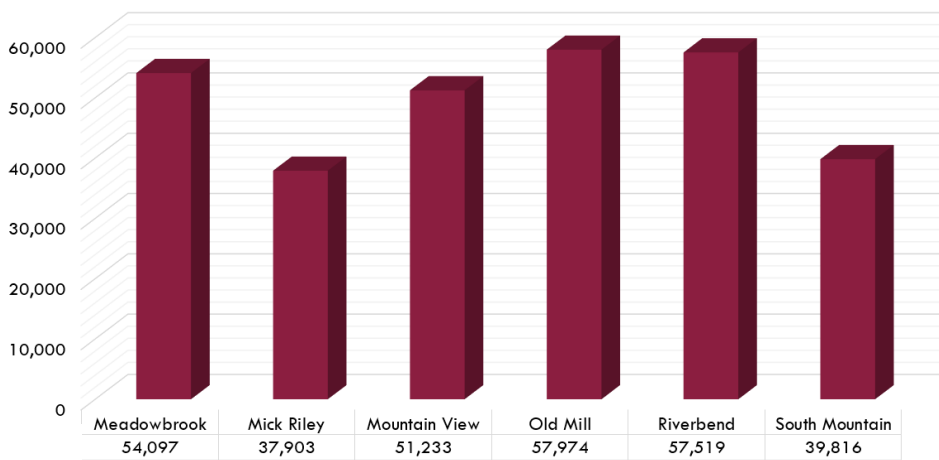


Old Mill Golf Course

GOLF

Salt Lake County Golf operates and maintains six regulation golf courses supervised by PGA-certified professionals: Meadowbrook, Mick Riley, Riverbend, Mountain View, Old Mill, and South Mountain. Our courses provide a high-quality golf experience at an affordable price and each one offers a unique area of focus. From Mick Riley’s family atmosphere to the resort feel and look of South Mountain – thousands of golfers of all abilities and ages chose to golf at a Salt Lake County golf course this year.

2019 QUICK FACTS



Rounds Per Course

298,542
Total Rounds

\$6,799,226
Total Revenue



MICK RILEY IMPROVEMENTS

Mick Riley Golf Course celebrated its 53rd year of operation undergoing two major renovation projects set to dramatically improve the course operations and patron experience. In October, the project to upgrade the course's irrigation came on-line – adding a fully-automated system and replacing the original sprinklers, which needed to be manually set every night. The new clubhouse and cart facility are substantially complete. The clubhouse includes a café with patio seating featuring excellent views of the course and mountains. We look forward to celebrating the new facility with a grand opening this spring. In all, this \$4 million capital investment in Mick Riley ensures the course will continue to serve Salt Lake County golfers for generations to come.



OPEN SPACE

Our Open Space program works to preserve Salt Lake County natural lands for the enjoyment of county residents and the public at-large. Open space lands may be preserved, enhanced and restored in order to maintain or improve a property's natural, scenic, ecological, cultural, hydrological, or geological value. The Open Land Trust Fund Advisory Committee assists in identification of potential land acquisitions in order to meet the program's goals.

“WETLAND-IN-A-BOX” PROGRAM

Salt Lake County Open Space's Wetland-in-a-Box restoration pilot program works to revegetate wetlands in Salt Lake County. These efforts provide vital habitat for native pollinators, including monarch butterflies, and can reclaim areas that have been overtaken by invasive species.

Through a partnership with the Engaged Service Learning students in the University of Utah's Conservation Biology and Global Environmental Issues classes, we propagated locally-collected plant materials in their greenhouse and then sourced additional milkweed materials with the University's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Program at Decker Lake Detention Center. After seedlings were large enough to transplant, they were installed in our Salt Lake County wetland properties.



BOARDS & VOLUNTEERS

Our success would not be possible without our citizen volunteers. Whether it's our advisory board members, coaches, farmhands, or weed-pullers – volunteer hours provided over \$1 million of in-kind value to our organization. Thank you to these dedicated supporters for believing in our mission and gifting us with their valuable time and expertise.

4,210 Adult & Youth Service Volunteers	885 Community Service & Special Event Volunteers	48,191 Total Volunteer Hours
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Volunteer Soccer Coach, Millcreek Recreation Center



Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers, Wheeler Historic Farm



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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| Peter Jensen | |

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members and staff, Draper Recreation Center



Regional Trails Planning Map

PLANNING

The Planning team at Salt Lake County Park and Recreation coordinates construction and capital improvement projects, from new buildings to improved playgrounds. The six-member section also formulates future plans for new amenities using community input. With the passage of the 2016 Parks and Recreation Bond, the team has been busy fulfilling the public's request for a new recreation center in Draper, urban trail expansions, two new regional parks – Bingham Creek in South Jordan and Magna Regional Park in Magna – and other improvements to our parks and facilities throughout the valley.



COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PLANNING

This year, our planning team's focus on civic engagement led to several community-driven discussions around future parks and recreation planning. Every major undertaking, especially those with potential community impacts, involved proactive community outreach. In Holladay, over 500 residents showed up to let their voice be heard about proposed amenities for Olympus Hills Park. Future regional parks for Magna and South Jordan were shaped by conversations with residents, and potential off-leash dog park sites as well as a Regional Trails Master Plan update saw planning staff holding public meetings throughout the valley.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

- Bingham Creek Regional Park (March)
- Jordan River Water Trail (April)
- White City Canal Trail (May)
- Olympus Hills Bike Skills Park Open House (May)
- Regional Trails Master Planning (August)
- Off-Leash Dog Park Planning (August)

2019 PROJECT STATUS BY CATEGORY

		Design	Contracting	Construction	Anticipated Completion
New Parks	Bingham Creek Regional Park Phase I				2022
	Knudsen Park				Done
	Magna Regional Park Phase I				2021
	Pioneer Crossing Park Phase I				2020
Park Improvements	Butler Park Pickleball Courts				Done
	Creekside Park Irrigation Improvements				Done
	Dimple Dell Regional Park Improvements				2020-2021
	East Riverfront Park Inclusive Playground				Done
	Harmony Park Playground and Pavilion Replacement				Done
	Larry H Miller Softball Complex Renovation				2020
	Lodestone Park Phase 4				Done
	Oak Hills Tennis Court Clubhouse				2020
	Oquirrh Regional Park Improvements				2020
	Riverview Park Restroom Replacement				2020
	SLC Multi-Use Sport Courts				Done
	Southridge Park Irrigation Improvements				Done
	Sugar House Park Pond Improvements				Done
Trails	Jordan River Water Trail				2020-2021
	Jordan River Parkway Wayfinding Signage				2020
	Utah & Salt Lake Canal Trail Phase 3				2020
	White City Canal Trail				2020
New Facilities	Draper Recreation Center				2020
	Wheeler Farm Outdoor Education Center				2020
Recreation	Copperview Parking Lot Light Replacement				Done
	Gene Fullmer & Northwest Recreation Center Pool Renovations				Done
	Holladay Lions Multipurpose Room Flooring Replacement				Done
	JL Sorenson Light Replacement and Slide Repair				Done
	Redwood Racquetball Court Replacement				Done
	SLC Sports Complex Ammonia Evaporator Replacement				Done
	Taylorsville Outdoor Pool Slide Resurface				Done
Golf	Mick Riley Irrigation Renovation				Done
	Mick Riley Clubhouse Replacement				Done

