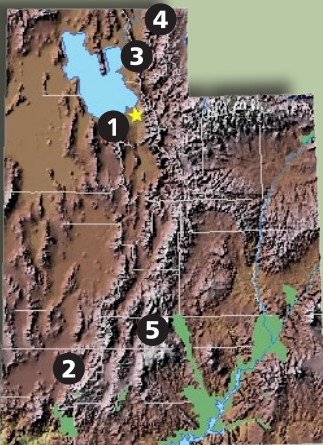




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Making the connection from the Jordan River Parkway Trail to public transit.



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## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2012

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Wayne County

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## Recent Successes

### Tremonton City Trails, Parks, and Open Spaces Master Plan

Tremonton realized there was a need for trail, park, and open space planning to serve the needs of the residents. Anticipating population growth, Tremonton felt it was the perfect time to plan for these current and future needs.

Fortunately, Tremonton has several natural corridors that could serve as potential recreation trails and areas for conservation and restoration. The Malad River is one of those corridors. It has the potential to become an amenity to Tremonton as well as to other communities in the region.

With the help of the Bear River Association of Governments, city staff & council, and the public, RTCA developed a

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*"RTCA was the perfect partner in establishing a trails, parks, and open space plan for Tremonton City. The RTCA led planning process was comprehensive and the plan document exceeded the City's expectations. The completed plan will be a springboard for the City achieving its trails, parks, and open space goals."*

Shawn Warnke, Tremonton City Manager

### ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and

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Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance?

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## 2011 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,991 Miles of Trail Developed

1,925 Miles of River Conserved

33,230 Acres of Open Space and  
Parkland Protected

94% Percentage of Community  
Partners Satisfied

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# Recent Successes cont.

comprehensive Trail, Park, and Open Space Plan that created a vision for Tremonton to meet the needs of the residents and prepare the City for a bright future.

The plan has been adopted by the City Council and has created enough interest that a life-long resident has generously donated land along the Malad River that will become a catalyst for a recreational and educational trail along the river.

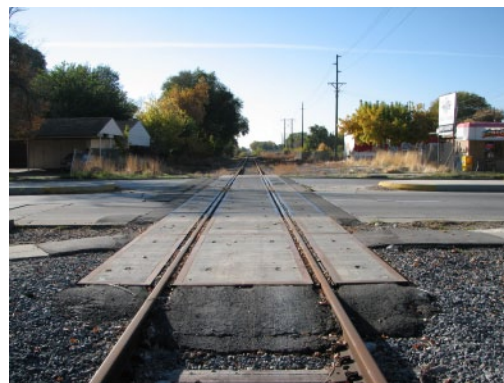
## Salt Lake City Rail Trail

Salt Lake City is committed to making trail connections throughout the City. The 900 S Rail Corridor (now called the 9 Line) provided that opportunity. In 2008, the Union Pacific Railway abandoned the rail corridor after the city made substantial improvements in another rail corridor through the city. This provided the opportunity for Salt Lake City to utilize the corridor and several large adjacent properties to create a much needed East-West connection. This trail not only connects residents of the West Valley to the city center, it creates a connection to the Jordan River Parkway Trail. This opens up new opportunities for active recreation along 15 miles of trail.

The City realized that there was some contention among local residents on what to do with the corridor, with many proposing a trail and some proposing development. The City applied for and was awarded an RTCA technical assistance grant to help.

Throughout the public process, RTCA's experience helped alleviate some residents fears of increased crime and vandalism and helped them imagine the possibilities that the corridor could offer. The adjacent parcels allow this corridor to become more than just a trail. Residents started to imagine pocket parks, community gardens, small trail-related businesses, and much needed open space in this urban residential neighborhood.

With a large section of the trail completed, the city is now engaged in a full master planning effort for the corridor with the trail as the backbone of the plan.



*"The RTCA program has been key in helping the city to reach out to the public during the planning of our proposed 900 South Rail and Surplus Canal Corridor trail system. We are indebted to RTCA staff for their professionalism and knowledge pertaining to the public processes required for trail building. We look forward to our continued partnership and successful completion of our trail!"*

Dan Bergenthal, P.E.,  
Salt Lake City Transportation Division

The 900 South Rail Corridor before and after.

# Current Projects

## 1. Jordan River Parkway Trail - America's Great Outdoors Initiative

Project Partner: Salt Lake County, West Jordan City, & Jordan River Commission  
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion  
Location: West Jordan

### Project Goal

As one of two projects statewide that are part of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative, this project will help close two of the four gaps (totaling less than 3.5 miles) in the 45-mile regional Jordan River Parkway Trail (JRPT) by coordinating with local, state, and federal agencies. This project will increase recreational access, improve physical activity opportunities, improve access to public transit, and help protect and restore wildlife habitat along the Jordan River. It links diverse neighborhoods to the most important greenspace in the metro area. Connections to the Legacy and Denver Rio Grande Western trails provide a total of 77 miles of continuous trail along the Wasatch Front.

The project also entails coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Mitigation Commission, and West Jordan City about a significant wildlife habitat improvement project located within the trail corridor, as well as developing a printed trail map of the entire JRPT corridor.

### RTCA Role

Development of a partnership, facilitation of meetings, trail mapping, identify funding sources, design and graphic expertise, and provide updates on the America's Great Outdoors Initiative. Complete a trail concept plan for West Jordan and Sandy Cities, for one of four remaining critical regional trail gaps, and assist Salt Lake City in identifying funding sources to construct their last remaining 0.5 mile gap in the trail.



Gardner Village transit stop providing service to Salt Lake City and other areas.

In addition, RTCA will work with the Jordan River Commission and Salt Lake County to provide consistent information about the regional trail system resulting in a map of the Jordan River Parkway Trail.

## 2. Red Canyon Trail

Project Partner: Scenic Byway 12 Foundation  
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion  
Location: Bryce Canyon City

### Project Goal

Develop a trail concept plan for five miles of bike and pedestrian trail to complete the Red Canyon Trail from the Dixie National Forest to Bryce Canyon National Park, located in the Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area. A trail concept plan will allow partners to compete for grant funding to hire a consultant to implement the project.



Red Canyon Trail adjacent to Scenic Byway 12 and the Dixie National Forest.

# Current Projects cont.



Wildlife along the shores of Bear Lake.

## RTCA Role

Facilitate meetings to develop a project vision with associated goals and objectives and develop a conceptual trail plan that identifies appropriate funding sources.

## 3. Willard City Trail

Project Partner: Willard City  
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion  
Location: Willard City

### Project Goal

A 13-mile trail network through the City of Willard connecting to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, city parks and neighborhoods, Willard Bay State Park, and the U.S. Forest Service trails.

### RTCA Role

Coordinate and develop a partnership of local, state, and federal agencies including Perry City, Box Elder County, Bear River Association of Governments, Willard Bay State Park, and U.S. Forest Service. Assist in the development of a trail concept plan to help the city apply and secure funding.

## 4. Bear Lake Heritage Pathway

Project Partner: Bear Lake Regional Commission  
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion  
Location: Rich County, Utah & Bear Lake County, Idaho

### Project Goal

Develop a trail concept plan for a 52-mile pathway, a regional partnership, and a trail committee, that results in implementation of two miles of the trail.



A meeting held in Torrey, Utah to discuss trail planning in Wayne County.

## RTCA Role

Assist in developing a trail steering committee consisting of agencies from two states, two counties, multiple municipalities, and federal land management agencies. Design and compile a trail concept plan for the Bear Lake Heritage Pathway.

## 5. Wayne County Bike and Pedestrian Pathway System

Project Partner: Wayne County  
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion  
Location: Wayne County

### Project Goal

The County will hire a consultant to complete a 10.5-mile trail feasibility study in Wayne County located west of Capitol Reef National Park and within the Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area.

### RTCA Role

Provide expertise to the County and trail committee on a trail feasibility study. Draft the feasibility scope of work and project ranking criteria. Assist the County in obtaining grants to implement the trail.