

Preservation-Oriented Objectives of the Utah Lake Master Plan



Objective L-4.1 Sensitive Lands Management (HIGH PRIORITY)

Resource management in environmentally sensitive areas will be coordinated among local jurisdictions and state and federal agencies. In order to protect the function of ecological systems and avoid flooding hazards, local governments and state and federal agencies should collaborate to specifically identify sensitive areas such as wetlands, important habitat, riparian corridors and high groundwater areas, and the Commission will facilitate collaboration on management prescriptions for the agencies and land-use regulations for adoption by local governments. (Supports Specific Vision Statements 3, 11, 18 and 19)

- **Summary: Ensure environmentally sensitive lands continue to be protected.**

Objective L-4.2 Acquisition of Sensitive Lands (HIGH PRIORITY)

Sensitive habitat areas of special importance will be acquired by legal mechanisms (e.g. conservation easements, fee purchase, transfer of development rights) to ensure long-term protection. (Supports Specific Vision Statements 1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 18, 19, and 21)

- **Summary: When available, legally acquire areas of special interest to ensure long-term protection.**

Objective L-4.3 Non-Sensitive Lands Management (HIGH PRIORITY)

Land use and resource management in areas acquired to implement portions of this master plan will be coordinated among local jurisdictions and state and federal agencies. (Supports Specific Vision Statements 3, 11, 18 and 19)

- **Summary: Ensure other areas around the lake are managed in a way that helps us achieve the vision for Utah Lake.**

Objective L-4.4 Acquisition of Non-Sensitive Lands (HIGH PRIORITY)

Non-sensitive land will be acquired by legal mechanisms to accomplish the purposes of this Master Plan. (Supports Specific Vision Statements 1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 18, 19, and 21)

- **Summary: When available, legally acquire areas of special interest to help us achieve the vision for Utah Lake.**

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Objective N-1.1 Investigate Expansion of Preservation Areas **(HIGH PRIORITY)**

Utah Lake Wetland Preserve: *The Commission will study opportunities to expand and improve the existing Goshen Bay and Benjamin Slough Units of the Utah Lake Wetland Preserve, in coordination with the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (URMCC) and include opportunities for low-impact recreational uses such as boating, bird watching, and boardwalk educational recreation. This objective also includes improving access to the existing preserve to help the public understand its value and provide educational recreation activities.*

Provo Bay: *The Commission will investigate establishment of a wildlife preserve encompassing Provo Bay and its surrounding lands. Uses compatible with the preserve may include boating, public access, boardwalks, hunting, fishing and other similar recreational activities.*

North Shore: *The Commission will work with local jurisdictions to investigate establishment of a habitat buffer on the north shore of Utah Lake between Lindon Boat Harbor and Saratoga Harbor. This area contains significant wetlands, cultural resources and other important natural habitat. A buffer area extending from 1,000 feet north of existing jurisdictional wetlands to the sovereign land boundary will be studied. This buffer area may include expansion of existing recreational facilities, trails, expansion of wetlands, and re-establishment of beaches through removal of phragmites. The Commission will support acquisition of the buffer areas for public management or management by private entities with the purpose of preservation and low impact recreation. (Supports Specific Vision Statements 3, 4, 8, 13, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 29)*

- **Summary: Certain areas have been identified for better protection.**

Objective N-1.2 Powell Slough Wildlife Management Area **(HIGH PRIORITY)**

The Utah Lake Commission will encourage protection of, increased public education about, and low impact use of the Powell Slough Wildlife Area. Powell Slough and its adjacent lands have valuable natural and cultural resources that include an important discharge to Utah Lake and wetlands. Preservation of existing uses and open space at this location is crucial because of its natural resources value, its proximity to population centers and its access from major transportation routes. (Supports Specific Vision Statements 3, 4, 8, 13, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 29)

- **Summary: Powell Slough has been identified as an area that should be protected.**