

American Heroes Memorial Park, Lincoln Beach, Utah Lake

PROPOSAL

MISSION: To increase outdoor recreational opportunities within Utah County, UT for its citizens, veterans, law enforcement, children and others.

To create a permanent memorial to those county veterans and law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate price for the security and enduring freedoms of our county, state and nation.

GOALS: To build partnerships with veterans organizations, law enforcement, construction companies, local municipalities and other governmental and private organizations who share our passion and goals to create this new redesigned park.

OVERVIEW: To improve Lincoln Beach County Park to provide the county's citizenry a location to recreate while honoring those who have paid the ultimate price for our security and liberty. Infrastructure is in place for all additions. Specifically:

- 1. Rebuild jetties and deepen launch area for boaters and fishermen.
- 2. Create additional camping sites
- 3. Create additional pavilion
- 4. Build memorial wall
- 5. Contract with concessionaire (veteran's organizations) to provide boat rentals, marine services, food and drink, marina store.
- 6. Rebuild fish cleaning station
- 7. Create ice skating ring
- 8. Erect lighted flag area
- 9. Secondary toilets near launch ramp
- 10. Provide temporary trailer lodging on site for homeless veterans who would act as security and clean up maintenance

BENEFITS:

Increased recreational activities at minimal cost.

Dedicated memorial area to honor the county's fallen heroes and reflecting the county's continued support of military, veterans and first responders.

Participation by numerous organizations that are desirous of assisting veterans and law enforcement organizations that would partner to achieve the park.

A sense of community instilled in all that assist

Reduction of problems of vandalism and illegal activities by having a homeless veteran providing security on site during construction phases.

Provide employment for veteran(s) as camp host, concessionaire.

Reduce costs to Utah County

PHASE 1.

With extreme low waters preventing boat launching, it is an opportunity to widen and deepen the channel of the launch area with very minimal expense. One or two passes with a D8 caterpillar or a large loader would clean the channel and deepen it sufficiently to allow launching during low water years. Removed materials could be used to rebuild jetties. Water level in the channel is -18" in most areas. By widening the jetty channel additional docks could be installed to facilitate boaters from throughout the lake and provide on water boat storage for concessionaires boat rentals

Jetties have eroded over time by water and wave action. Winter and low water provides an opportunity to rebuild and widen both jetties at minimal cost.

Install portable toilets near launch area for ice fisherman in advance of ice off and the subsequent arrival of spring walleye fisherman and boaters.

Build barrier jetty east of existing park to create additional land for camping sites and ice skating ring.

Build lighted flag area with permanent flag poles

Design memorial w/meditation area.

Provide trailer temporary housing for homeless veteran.

PHASE 2

Build additional camping spaces

Build ice skating ring and benches

Create concessionaire area

Rebuild fish cleaning station

Build memorial area

Install additional docks

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:

Utah County Commission, Utah County Parks, UDWR, UDNR, USFW, Utah County Veterans Committee, Utah Lake Commission, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, VA, Vets Center, Utah County Veterans Home, Utah County Sheriff's Department, Utah Sheriffs Association, Army Corp of Engineers, American Legion, Disable American Veterans, Hand in Hand Outdoors, Utah Elks Committee, Utah State Parks, Utah County Tourism, Utah State Tourism, Utah Peace Officers Association, Cross Marine, Utah National Guard, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Families of the Fallen, and many others from the private sector.