

# Black Agriland



**Description:** The Black Agriland parcel provides critical wildlife habitat as well as recreational bird watching opportunity. The Black Agriland proposed easement is located adjacent to The Nature Conservancy of Utah's 3,000 acre Layton Wetlands Preserve.

**Location:** The property is located in extreme western Davis County within the jurisdiction of Syracuse City. It can be found by following Gentile Street from downtown Layton westward until Gentile Street changes to a northward direction. The eastern boundary of the property borders this county road.

**Acreage:** 39.4 acres

**Grant funding:** \$172,000

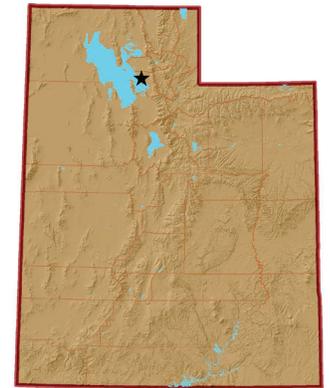
**Total Project Cost:** \$393,500

**Grant Awarded:** June 2000

**Partners:** The Nature Conservancy of Utah

**Local Support:** Davis County Commission

**Conservation Easement Held by:** Utah Department of Agriculture and Food



## Public Benefits

**Viewshed/Scenic Quality:** This land provides an open view of the Great Salt Lake to residents and visitors of western Davis County.

**Water Quality:** The property is crossed by three canals/drains: the Davis County Storm Drain, the Slough, and the Bureau of Reclamation Drain. All these large ditches have a continual base flow of water from various sources and several serve to drain the agricultural areas of the property. All water from these drains moves southward, passing through a wetland mitigation area, and finally, onto wetland areas owned/managed by The Nature Conservancy.

**Wildlife Habitat:** The property provides habitat for a variety of animals and birds. In the grasses and shrubs on the perimeter of the property, animals such as deer, red fox, skunk, raccoons, squirrels and muskrat are visitors. This wetland/farmland interface and especially the vegetated canals, allow for a variety of species of songbirds, shorebirds and occasional waterfowl to be found on the property, including ibis, geese, killdeer and pheasant. This area of wetlands has been recognized by the western Hemisphere Shorebirds Reserve network as having hemispheric significance and as one of the world's most critical migratory bird locations.

**Recreation:** Bird watching and walking are the primary recreational uses of the property. An unpaved perimeter foot/horse trail is permitted as a future use.

**Agricultural Land:** Black Agriland, currently under agricultural production, serves as a valuable productive vegetable farm, natural buffer for the wetlands and habitat for migratory birds.