



Gary Hess Weber River Property



Description: This parcel is immediately adjacent to the Weber River, with valuable wetland, wooded and upland areas on it. This is the first parcel upstream from the Willard Bay Diversion Dam and provides unique public access to the river as well as wildlife habitat—including beavers and birds—and a river corridor trail connection.

Location: 1023 West 1700 South, Marriott-Slaterville, Utah.

Acreage: 4.76 acres

Grant funding: \$38,048

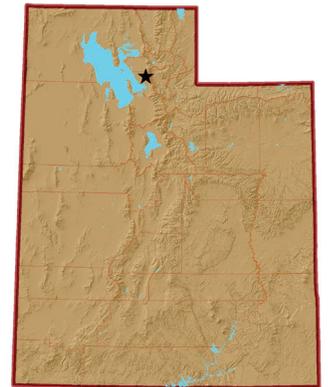
Total Project Cost: \$73,798

Grant awarded: September 2000

Partners: Marriott Heritage Foundation and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Conservation Easement Held by: Utah Department of Natural Resources, Marriott Heritage Foundation

Local Support: Marriott-Slaterville, Weber County, Ogden City, Harrisville, Representative Martin Stevens



Public Benefits

Historical Significance: Historically, the Shoshone Indian tribe camped along the river in this area. In the 1830s, early trappers held rendezvous near this site where the Ogden and Weber Rivers converge.

Viewshed/Scenic Quality: Much of this site is covered in cottonwood trees, underbrush, and other natural foliage and provides an aesthetically pleasing natural setting.

Water Quality: The area is part of the Weber River floodplain. The western portion is a wetland area.

Wildlife Habitat: There are several beaver and other small mammals and waterfowl that inhabit the site. The City will restore native foliage and vegetation to the site so the land will remain in a predominantly natural and open condition.

Recreation: There will be passive recreational opportunities such as linkage to regional trails, access to the Weber River for water activities such as fishing, canoeing and kayaking.