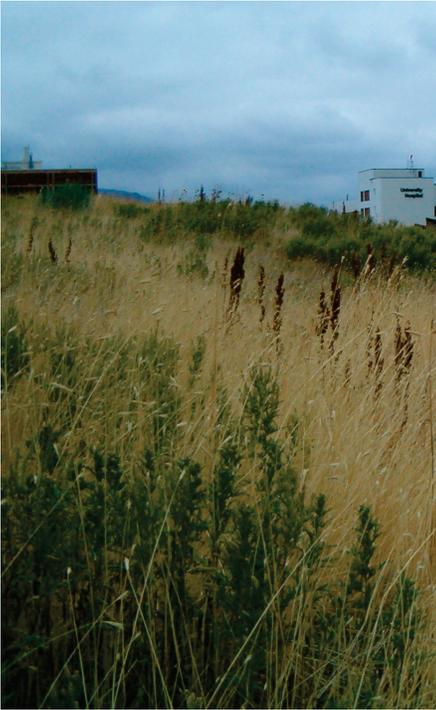


Red Butte Garden/ University of Utah's Heritage Preserve



Description: This restoration and management planning project's priorities include trail system rehabilitation, ecological restoration and monitoring and providing opportunities for education and research.

Location: 436 acres of undeveloped land bordering on the eastern edge of the University of Utah, Research Park, and abutting the Red Butte Canyon Research Natural Area

Acreage: 436 acres

Grant funding: \$73,000

Total Project Cost: \$220, 000

Grant Awarded: September 2004

Partners: University of Utah

Local Support: Sen. Karen Hale, Utah Open Lands, Salt Lake City, Rep. Scott Daniels, Sen. Ron Allen, University of Utah

Conservation Easement Held by: Utah Open Lands, LeRay McAllister funding used for restoration projects and management planning



Public Benefits

Wildlife Habitat: The property is dominated by sagebrush habitat and has tremendous ecological value. Healthy sagebrush communities are host to a large variety and number of bird, mammal, reptile, and insect species. Because of its importance as habitat the property is ideal for restoration of native flora and fauna.

Historical: The natural and human history of the land is unique and the area has benefited from conservation measures implemented early in the history of the Intermountain West. Much of the land offers evidence about the history of Utah settlement. Historic Fort Douglas bunkers and landforms shaped by exploded artillery are still evident, and historic quarry sites on the land are believed to have provided foundation stone for Temple Square.

Recreation: The Preserve is heavily used by hikers, runners, mountain bikers, and naturalists. More sustainable recreation corridors for hikers and bikers will be developed in the management plan as well as trail system rehabilitation.