

Salem Outdoor Wetlands Classroom



Description: The existing one-acre wetland adjacent to Salem Pond has been restored to a functioning state. The wetland will attract waterfowl and songbirds, improve water quality, and provide an outdoor classroom for school kids.

Location: In Salem City, adjacent to the Salem Pond

Acreage: 1 acres

Grant funding: \$20,000

Total Project Cost: \$160, 000

Grant Awarded: September 2004

Partners: Salem City, Nebo School District, Central Utah Water Conservancy District

Local Support: Division of Wildlife Resources, Local Contractors, the Army Corps of Engineers

Conservation Easement Held by: Restoration Project



Public Benefits

Water Quality: The restored wetland provides water quality benefits to Salem Pond. Prior to the wetland restoration, the pond received too many nutrients from the watershed. Stormwater now flows through the wetland which provides nutrient and sediment removal prior to being returned to Salem Pond, thus improving the water quality in Salem Pond.

Education: The wetland has become an outdoor classroom for the Nebo School District. The wetland is used to teach students about not only wetlands, but also about science in general. Teachers in the Nebo School District are trained through the Division of Wildlife Resources's Project Wild program. The interpretive signage placed around the wetland serve to educate visitors to the wetlands as well.