

Overview

The primary goals and objectives of this project are continued support for regional planning, enhanced public involvement and sustainable growth in Cache County. This project will support the implementation phase that will bring together elected officials and the general public in a series of public forums addressing growth and future land-use issues. From these discussions, a set of quality growth principles will be developed for Cache County and the Logan Urbanized Area.

1999 Planning Grant Summary

Grant Amount:	\$10,000
Matching Dollars:	\$5,000 (\$5,000 in-kind)
Match:	\$10,000
Project Cost:	\$20,000

Cache County-Logan Quality Growth Survey

Local Responsibility

Cache County hired Utah State University to conduct a resident survey to be used to identify and develop quality growth principles to be used in future planning. Public workshops and open houses were used to assist in gathering this feedback.

State Leadership

The Quality Growth Commission awarded Cache County with a grant in the amount of \$10,000.

Economic Development

Residents in the survey ranked commercial/retail development as the third most important type of development in Cache County. Agricultural and residential development was ranked #1 and #2 respectively.

Infrastructure Development

When determining which principles should guide local government decisions in managing growth, the largest percentage of respondents chose locating growth where existing infrastructure is located. The second most frequently accepted guiding principle was using local general plans. The third was minimizing the cost of providing services to the developed area.

Housing Opportunity

The survey found that 78% of respondents believe that affordable housing is very important. This was mentioned as the 6th most important community characteristic.

Conservation Ethic

The survey found that 84% of respondents believe that preserving open space is very important. This was one of the top five characteristics mentioned by residents. Residents were most in favor of and ranked agricultural development as the most accepted type of development in Cache County.

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Implementation

The project provide the county with valued insight in the public desires on planning issues and concerns within Cache County. The survey also help to identify what issues that the County should be considering as part of the County-wide Comprehensive Plan.

Promoting Intelligent Growth

This project and survey is part of the County-wide Comprehensive Planning Process that the County is using to develop the Cache County-wide Comprehensive Plan.

Accomplishments

The County has Adopted the Land Use and Affordable Housing Elements of the Plan and are working on the Transportation and Infrastructure Elements of the Plan. The Survey has provided valuable public input in the development of the all the Elements and the Implementation Policies of the County-wide Comprehensive Plan.

Benefits

This grant has provided funding for a part of the Cache County-wide Comprehensive Plan. Without this grant the County would not have been able to do the survey and include the information that was collected in the development of the Plan. This survey gave valuable insight in the desires of the residents of Cache County.