

Overview

The Spanish Valley Planning Study project has an interlocal agreement in place that has been signed by all the participating partners: Grand County, San Juan County, Grand Water and Sewer Agency, State Institutional Trust Lands Administration and Moab City. The group has hired a consultant who is looking at existing and future land-uses in the area.

2000 Planning Grant Summary

Grant Amount:	\$14,000
Matching Dollars:	\$14,000 (\$2,000 in-kind)
Match:	\$16,000
Project Cost:	\$30,000

Moab City-Spanish Valley Development Plan

Local Responsibility

Grand County, San Juan County, Grand Water and Sewer Agency, State Institutional Trust Lands Administration and Moab City are collaborating on the Spanish Valley Planning Study, which is divided into two parts: The North Corridor and South Corridor Study areas.

State Leadership

The Quality Growth Commission awarded Moab City with a grant in the amount of \$14,000. Additional assistance was provided by the State Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

Economic Development

The City of Moab and Grand County will engage in the following scope of work for the Grand County Multi-Agency Planning Project: develop and adopt a land use plan and applicable ordinances for the North Corridor; enter into a interlocal agreement setting forth the guidelines for the South Area planning effort; hire a consultant to facilitate public and inter-agency meetings; and develop an inter-agency work plan to address growth and development issues in the North and South Corridor areas.

Infrastructure Development

The goal is to discuss and assess what, where and how public services might be extended into the South Corridor Study Area and recommend under what terms and conditions extension might occur.

Housing Opportunity

This is not a component of this project.

Conservation Ethic

No specifics were given as to what open or agricultural lands, if any, are to be preserved or conserved. The goal of the study is develop and adopt a land use plan on a general basis for the North and South Corridor.

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Robert Hugie-City Planner

Implementation

95% of the North Corridor and 10% of the South Corridor Area Plans are completed. Draft land-use and zoning criteria have been submitted and approved by the Moab and Grand County Planning Commissions. Only approval by the Grand County City Council remains. The South Corridor Study is underway. Moab City and Grand County are working together to draft a South Corridor Work Plan and Interlocal Agreement.

Promoting Intelligent Growth

The plan has been implemented, as it is as much process as project. The goal has and is, to get five separate jurisdictions and local residents to think about how development is to proceed. A third of Spanish Valley, its upper reaches, is in San Juan; the lower 2/3 is located in Grand County. Sewerage is processed in Moab, delivered there by a sewer and water agency lines that currently serve Grand County. State trust land owns probably 80% of the land in San Juan portion of the valley and would like to develop it.

A roundtable of affected entities and residents has been struggling with the issue for near three years, have hired a planning consultant to facilitate discussions and offer suggestions.

Accomplishments

Without the pressure and consent of all members of the roundtable, sewer and water services might have been extended without consultation or planning. Recent State legislation made that possibility more likely even against the wishes of many Moab and Grand County residents. The issue may have ended up in court. It may still end up there but at least now all of the residents of the valley feel like they are participating in the process of coordinated planning of a interrelated geographical area. San Juan, Grand, Moab, the District and the State are talking about planning and how it might be implemented. A consultant is still on board and will be in the near future, for the roundtable was able to find a variety of other matching State funds to keep the process going.

Benefits

The City initiated this planning process to ensure that adequate and reasonable planning of an area of the valley, which they are economically, geologically, geographically and aesthetically connected. It is the hope and desire of the City that negotiations will produce effective planning tools under which that portion of the valley will evolve in closer harmony and cost effectiveness with what already exists in Grand County.