

## Overview

*Tooele City, Grantsville City and the unincorporated area of Tooele Valley collaborated their efforts in the identification of quality growth principles for the Tooele Valley. Items discussed at these local meetings included: air quality and environmental protection, economic development, transportation, affordable housing, governmental coordination, and water resources, among other issues. These joint meetings considered how the residential and non-residential growth should be managed in the Tooele Valley'*

## 1999 Planning Grant Summary

Grant Amount:	\$9,500
Matching Dollars:	\$4,600 (\$4,600 in-kind)
Match:	\$9,200
Project Cost:	\$18,700

# Tooele Valley Quality Growth Principles

## Local Responsibility

The Grantsville City Council and Planning Commission, the Tooele City Council and City Planning Commission, the Tooele County Planning Commission, the Erda Township Planning Board, the Pine Canyon Township Planning Board, the Tooele City Police Department, the Tooele County Sheriff's Office, other service providers, and interested business owners and residents discussed 7 primary issues related to growth in the Tooele Valley.

## State Leadership

The Quality Growth Commission awarded Tooele with a grant in the amount of \$9,500.

## Economic Development

To ensure the economic health of the Tooele Valley, the continued expansion and diversification of the commercial and industrial sectors need to occur throughout the community. Significant benefits can be realized by additional economic development. However, development must be inclusive of all jurisdictions if it is to be accepted and successful.

## Infrastructure Development

Comments made at joint meetings recognized a need to concentrate residential development in existing population centers in order to take advantage of existing infrastructure, reduce costs associated with new development and reduce pressure to encroach on open spaces.

## Housing Opportunity

Residential growth should be required to locate within the existing cities. Opportunities should be provided for the "infill" of the existing built-up areas. This is a suggested Quality Growth Principle. It is suggested that the demand for affordable and moderate housing be monitored and provided, not only from the social perspective, but also from an economic development "strength" perspective.

## Conservation Ethic

The joint meetings identified the need to make the preservation of agricultural and open space areas a "planning priority". One of the key questions raised of open space preservation was "What is the definition of open space?" Another item discussed for the preservation of open space areas is the need for some form of acquisition initiative. Maintaining the Valley's agricultural and rural character should be a goal of any planning effort. This was a suggested Quality Growth Principle.

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## Implementation

Yes, the plan has been completed. We have adopted the Tooele Valley regional plan, which encompasses the cities of Tooele, Grantsville and Stockton as well as the unincorporated county.

## Promoting Intelligent Growth

It has coordinated efforts to put the proper density within jurisdictions can best benefit and afford them. The cities are the population centers and have a logical pattern of growth to follow that prevents sprawl and leap frog development into the county.

## Accomplishments

The plan was formulated through the efforts of Envision Utah and the consultants of SWCA, CRS and Thomas Consultants. The county has adopted the plan and the cities are close to doing so.

## Benefits

The grant opened a forum to see that interlocal cooperation was needed and could be engaged in without loss of local control and policies. The grant afforded the consult to show the cost-benefit of the proposal and helped in getting further funding from Envision Utah.