

Overview

The City of West Jordan seeks to plan for and implement an appropriate and sustainable

“Quality Growth” redevelopment strategy for former industrial, residential and retail sites in the heart of West Jordan. This will include a “Quality Growth” plan for revitalization of a Historic Downtown area necessitated by improvements in transportation systems. Six hundred and thirty five West Jordan residents and 103 businesses were involved in the Quality Growth Community Survey.

1999 Planning Grant Summary

Grant Amount:	\$7,500
Matching Dollars:	\$4,500 (\$3,750 in-kind)
Match:	\$8,250
Project Cost:	\$15,750

West Jordan Quality Growth Survey

Local Responsibility

Lighthouse Research was asked by the City of West Jordan to conduct a West Jordan Quality Growth Community Survey. This consisted of a survey and structured interviews of residents and business owners/managers

State Leadership

The Quality Growth Commission awarded West Jordan with a grant in the amount of \$7,500.

Economic Development

One of the goals of the project is to demonstrate that “Quality Growth” can occur on the West Side of the Salt Lake Valley, and that West Side developments don’t have to just be high density/low cost. The survey states that a little more than half said that they oppose or strongly oppose a tax increase/bond to fund redevelopment.

Infrastructure Development

The City of West Jordan seeks to promote efficient use of existing infrastructure, infill and redevelopment and efficient transportation. The survey revealed that traffic congestion was considered the most important issue by the next largest category of respondents.

Housing Opportunity

Two of the community goals of this plan are to provide attainable housing and promote a diverse mix of housing. On average, West Jordan residents rated the availability of affordable housing as “good”. The largest percent of comments for all categories of survey respondents focused on concerns about residential growth.

Conservation Ethic

On average, West Jordan residents were favorable toward the development of a walking/biking trail system and redevelopment/expansion of the community center, but they were considerably less favorable toward the development of agricultural land for commercial and residential use. However, the largest percent of residents (36%) strongly agree that there is a need for more conservation/rehabilitation of open space.

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Implementation

The plan has not been implemented and is not being used.

Promoting Intelligent Growth

Not as yet.

Accomplishments

The project is being done in partnership with the Corps of Engineers under Section 206. The Corps has recently completed feasibility and is now planning to commence the design phase. The only part of the project completed, which the McCallister grant was used for, is land acquisition.

Benefits

The City has benefited from land acquisition which would not have been possible at the time funds were granted. The City will eventually have an 85-acre wetlands project to enjoy.