Salt Lake County (SLCo) is considering adopting the proposed Wasatch Canyons General Plan (WCGP/Plan). The WCGP is a 20-30 year long-range plan for the areas within Parleys Canyon, Mill Creek Canyon, Big Cottonwood Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon and adjacent unincorporated foothills. The Plan meets the required State laws for General Plans including the elements of Housing, Transportation and Land Use, along with additionally important topics of Recreation, Environment and Economy.

The WCGP planning process began summer 2017 and through an in-depth process is near adoption early 2020.

The Plan provides specific planning direction on items which are under the County’s land use authority and for items which are not under the County’s direct jurisdictional authority the Plan offers supporting recommendations.

Recognizing the comprehensive nature of the challenges within the Canyons, SLCo worked closely with the following partner agencies during the process:

- U.S. Forest Service
- Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)
- Salt Lake City (including Public Utilities)
- Central Wasatch Commission (CWC)
- Utah Transit Authority (UTA)

The planning process included:

- 17 Public Meetings
- Environmental groups meeting
- Canyon businesses meeting
- Outdoor recreation groups workshops
- Multiple on-line public surveys
- Mobile tour with Elected Officials and Planning Commission
- Online story map sharing data & information with the public
Selected Goals and Strategies from the Canyons Plan:

Land Use
• Ensure that Federal, State, and Local agencies and entities with jurisdictional responsibilities in the Wasatch Canyons planning area regularly coordinate planning and management efforts.
  • Review and update County Ordinances, as needed, to further implement the vision, goals, and strategies of the General Plan.

Environment
• Ensure the management of watersheds in the Wasatch Canyons to protect water quality and quantity.
  • Maintain and increase the conservation of natural lands that protect ecosystems and watersheds and provide recreational opportunities.

Transportation
• Support enhanced year-round transit service to and within the Wasatch Canyons.
  • Promote bicycling and walking through enhancing the safety and accessibility of trailheads, parking lots, bicycle lanes and other public facilities.

Recreation
• Improve the recreation user experience while preparing for future demand.
  • Dedicate funding sources to assist in the implementation of capital improvement projects and to provide ongoing support for maintenance and operations.

Economy
• Support the continuation and viability of canyon businesses while conserving the natural features and recreational attributes that make the Canyons a vital economic impact in Utah.

To view the complete Wasatch Canyons General Plan go to: https://slco.org/planning-transportation/wasatch-canyons-general-plan-update/

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Salt Lake County Government Center
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N2-800 (North Building, Second Floor, Room 800)

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