



## BST Coalition Annual Report 2005

### I. Introduction

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Coalition (Coalition) is an organization of entities, both citizen and governmental, representing the communities in Utah involved in promoting, planning and building the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). The vision of the BST is a non-motorized trail that serves as an interface between the urban area and public lands along the Wasatch Front and will provide trail users with a recreational experience at a distance from motorized activities that is both safe and aesthetically pleasing. The Coalition was formed on an ad hoc basis in 2001 thanks to the efforts of Marilyn O'Dell, and formalized and incorporated in 2003.

### II. About the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Coalition

- A. Organization Members Posted on the Web at <http://www.maps.mountainland.org/bst/>
- B. Articles of Incorporation. (Posted on the Website)
- C. Memorandum of Understanding. (Posted on the Website)
- D. Coalition Bylaws. (Posted on the Website)
- E. Officers (Posted on the Website)

### III. Activities in 2005

- A. Further Developed the BST Coalition Website and BST Map (*Andrew Wooley, Mountainland Association of Governments*)

The Coalition developed and continues to improve, a BST Website hosted by Mountainland Association of Governments at <http://www.maps.mountainland.org/bst/>  
For information about the BST website contact Andrew Wooley at 801-229-3844  
[awooley@mountainland.org](mailto:awooley@mountainland.org)

- B. County by County BST Progress Reports

- 1. Cache County (Glen Busch)

There were two significant accomplishments for the BST in 2005. The first was the Forest Service acquisition of the 600 acre Murray Farm in the foothills west

of Wellsville Town. Among many other uses, this parcel will serve as a trailhead for public access to the Wellsville Mountain section of the BST. It will also provide future BST users permanent access into the Wellsville Wilderness Area. The second accomplishment is the completion of a pedestrian underpass at the mouth of Logan Canyon. This UDOT project will allow BST trail users to safely cross under Highway 89 on their travels from First Dam Park to the Logan-Green Canyon BST segment completed in 2004.

Plans for the BST in Cache County include 65 miles of trail, with 2 miles constructed so far.

For more information about BST planning in Cache County, contact Glen Busch at (435) 752-7242 or [glenb@brag.dst.ut.us](mailto:glenb@brag.dst.ut.us)

## 2. Box Elder County (Glen Busch)

No significant accomplishments have occurred in 2005. Hopefully 2006 will be a better year!

Plans for the BST in Box Elder County include 35 miles of trail, with 0 miles constructed so far.

For more information about BST planning in Box Elder County, contact Glen Busch at (435) 752-7242 or [glenb@brag.dst.ut.us](mailto:glenb@brag.dst.ut.us)

## 3. Weber County (*Geoff Ellis*)

In 2005, Weber Pathways signed a license agreement with Utah Power to use approximately 5 miles of its powerline corridor for the BST route. This part of the corridor extends from the Box Elder County line to within half a mile of the North Ogden Divide Road and represents a real milestone for trails in Northern Utah, as it is the first such agreement that Utah Power has undertaken.

Weber Pathways has been working with North Ogden City to complete the connection from the powerline corridor to the road. Three pieces of private property are involved, plus some land owned by the county. In December, the Weber County Commission gave formal approval for a trail easement there. In the meantime, North Ogden City created some trail signs explaining the use of the powerline corridor and noting prohibited activities such as campfires, shooting, etc. After the signs and some gates have been installed, the corridor will be opened to public use.

Farther south, near the boundary between Ogden and North Ogden, surveying was completed on most of the 1 ½ miles of trail permitted by an agreement with the State of Utah. Some brush cutting and rough construction have commenced on this section.

For the connection to Davis County, across the mouth of Weber Canyon, four possible routes were discussed: 1. A trail on Forest Service land high on the north side of Weber Canyon, climbing to an elevation of approximately 7,000

feet before descending to Mountain Green and coming down a utility road on the south side of the canyon. 2. A trail along the foothills approximately 200 feet above the actual Bonneville Shoreline, descending to the mouth of the canyon where it would cross the railroad lines, freeway, and river by means of three tunnels and a bridge. 3. A connector route along Woodland Drive and other local streets, crossing Highway 89 by means of a pedestrian bridge and connecting to the proposed Weber River Parkway. 4. A similar connector route along Skyline Drive, crossing Highway 89 at an existing traffic light.

Route #2 was discussed with a key property owner, who refused to accommodate the trail at this point in time. It was therefore decided that Weber Pathways should pursue Route #4 as being the most practical and least expensive.

Plans for the BST in Weber County include 23.5 miles of trail, with 10.2 miles completed and open to the public, and an additional 13.3 miles proposed.

For information about BST planning in the Weber County portion, contact Geoff Ellis at 801-595-8089 or [gellis@xmission.com](mailto:gellis@xmission.com).

4. Davis County (*Barry Burton*) (*This is a carryover from the 2004 Report*)

Davis County has 28.6 miles of BST alignment as planned. Currently there are 12.5 miles that are protected via USFS ownership, local government ownership or easement. In 2004, an additional ½ mile of trail alignment was protected by obtaining easements across seven private properties in the Layton area. Davis County is continuing to work with the Forest Service on route alternatives for the BST above Bountiful.

There were a couple of volunteer projects that occurred during the year. One was an Eagle Scout project on the Adams Canyon Trailhead. There has been some severe erosion on the connection to the BST caused by switchback cutting. The project was to repair a section of the trail and build timber railing to prevent future cutting in that area. We expect more similar projects to take place in 2005.

In addition, the County entered into a trials master planning process in an effort to coordinate trails planning with all of the cities and others within the County. This process is focusing on regional trails such as the BST. This effort is expected to continue through 2005.

For information about BST planning in the Davis County portion, contact Barry Burton at 801-451-3278 or [barry@co.davis.ut.us](mailto:barry@co.davis.ut.us).

5. Salt Lake County (*Jim Byrne, Angelo Calacino*)

The Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Division published the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Alignment Plan for Salt Lake County in January 2005. The Plan was funded by the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee with matching funds obtained from the Quality Growth Commission and Salt Lake County.

Don Davis and Bill Farrand (National Park Service, Rivers and Trails Project), along with Michael Barry on the U.S.F.S. portions, walked and GPS'ed the entire trail. Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Division, acknowledged the Alignment Plan as an element of the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which was adopted by the County Council in December 2005.

Sandy City approved the County alignment as an addendum to its 2005 Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan. There will be a major focus on completing sections of the BST within the City boundaries in 2006.

Draper completed a link on the BST between the Traverse Ridge Road Tunnel and the trail along Steep Mountain. This link created a 4 mile stretch of BST between the county air park and where the trail currently ends near Mike Weir Dr. (The two orange segments on map 14 of the SL County BST Plan are completed.) They also completed the BST link between the BST on the east bench to the lower Corner Canyon area. This created another 4 mile stretch between lower Corner Canyon to the McDougal property just short of the Sandy City boundary. (The orange segment on Map 13, between the green trail on the east bench, pass the magenta trail to the cul-de-sac trail head.)

Bill Farrand, Don Davis (retired), Lynn Larsen and Angelo Calacino have been meeting at Camp Williams with representatives of the Utah National Guard, Herriman City and Bluffdale City to discuss the alignment, construction and maintenance of the BST along the south end of Salt Lake Valley.

The National Guard is very interested in building and maintaining the trail for a buffer between the camp and encroaching development as well as a firebreak. Herriman and Bluffdale City representatives are also very encouraged by the trail and the proposed alignment, which is close to 9-miles in length. In addition, they indicated a willingness to work with the National Guard and Salt Lake County to preserve the trail alignment within their respective city boundaries when development is proposed.

The initial trail alignment was to fall within the boundaries of Camp Williams, but after further review and GPS'ing of the trail by camp personnel and Bill Farrand, it is now understood that the most of the trail alignment will likely follow existing trails, jeep paths, and a walkable elevation along the slope outside the camp boundary.

Further discussions are forthcoming in 2006 that will include making initial contact with some of the larger property owners that the proposed trail traverses and possibly the formulation of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the National Guard, Salt Lake County, Herriman and Bluffdale City.

The BST along the Oquirrh Mountains is also being discussed primarily as part of the land use master plan being formulated by Kennecott Land for their 90,000-acres along the west bench of the Salt Lake Valley. The trail alignment along the Oquirrh's is not yet determined, but it may meander at the historic 5,200-foot elevation or higher depending on the planned land use plan. Some of

the trail may not stay within Kennecott land, but traverse the boundaries of unincorporated Salt Lake County, Herriman, South Jordan, West Jordan, West Valley City and Salt Lake City as it extends from the southwest corner to the north point of the Oquirrh Mountains. Its length would about 35-45 miles. Alignment of the trail will become more defined as the master plan matures and is finally heard in public meetings and adopted by the County Council in 2006.

The total mileage of the BST in Salt Lake County from the Davis County line to the Utah County line along the Wasatch Mountains is anticipated to be 56 miles. (The mileage along the Oquirrh is not included yet.) There are 29 miles of the BST currently constructed and in use in Salt Lake County.

For information about BST planning in Salt Lake County, contact Angelo Calacino at 801-468-2534 or <[ACalacino@slco.org](mailto:ACalacino@slco.org)>

6. Utah County (*Jim Price, Max Mitchell*)

Provo has been able to complete the Y-Mountain Trailhead. It was a three-way effort. Brigham Young University owns the property and they provided the landscaping and drip irrigation to water it. They will continue to maintain it. Provo city provided the electrical conduit and power connection, and sewer line and connection, as well as the water line and connection. Steve Steward, a citizen and local developer, provided the material through donation and his crews built the restroom and installed the sewer, water and conduit for the restroom. An Open House was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2005.

Monitoring continues on the reseeding effort that Questar did after completing their gas pipeline replacement. No invasive species have been detected yet and the plants are filling in a little bit better now.

A contact was made to a Mr. Bryson who owns property to almost the top of the mountain behind him. He was not willing to allow the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to cross his property.

The forest service is still considering a trail location behind another section of homes that would allow us to get off of city streets for an additional half mile section.

Plans for the BST in Utah County include 70 miles of trail, with 28.15 miles completed, 2.6 miles determined as connector miles, and 40 miles under study. In Provo there is an estimated 10 miles of completed BST trail and about 1.75 miles of connector trail (an estimated total of 11.75 miles).

For information about BST planning in the Utah County portion, contact Jim Price at 801-229-3848, [jprice@mountainland.org](mailto:jprice@mountainland.org), or Max Mitchell at 801-852-6605, [mmitchell@provo.utah.gov](mailto:mmitchell@provo.utah.gov)

7. 2005 BST Total

BST Total Miles Proposed to Date - 278  
BST Total Miles Constructed to Date – 83.5

C. U.S. Forest Service Efforts (*Michael Barry*)

Salt Lake District will be working with the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee, local communities and Bear West consultants to begin the NEPA analysis for completion of the trail in Salt Lake County from Parleys Canyon south to Hidden Valley Park in Sandy.

Contacts are Steve Scheid (801-733-2689 and Michael Barry (801-236-3494). The Pre-NEPA Report for Salt Lake County has been updated. The Pre-NEPA Report for the Davis County portion of the trail is still being worked on.

Regular trail maintenance of existing BST segments continues. In the future, the Forest Service hopes to develop an Interagency MOU agreement on maintenance.

The Murray Farm acquisition in the Wellsville Mountains in Cache County has been completed. The next priority acquisitions being looked at include property in the Draper area and north of Mill Creek Canyon.

For information about BST planning on the Wasatch-Cache, contact Michael Barry at 801-236-3494 or [mdbarry@fs.fed.us](mailto:mdbarry@fs.fed.us).

C. TPL Land Acquisitions (Shauna Kerr)

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) continues to work with communities, the US Forest Service, local governments, and organizations on a variety of projects to protect open space, watersheds and build upon the BST system. With the support of our many partners, TPL acquired and conveyed into public ownership in 2005 a number of properties within the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and continues to work to close additional projects in 2006.

TPL, working with a coalition of partners, conveyed the Grandeur Peak/Parley's Canyon 14-acre property to Salt Lake County with a conservation easement held by Utah Open Lands. This property protects a highly used public access route and a critical trail segment in a developed area. Other potential BST projects in this area include a 140-acre parcel that contains part of the BST alignment. We continue our discussions with this landowner.

TPL closed its largest Bonneville Shoreline Trail project to date working in conjunction with Draper City in completing the acquisition of Corner Canyon, a 1,021-acre property that had been planned for a development of over 1,200 homes. TPL helped the City secure funding for this acquisition which included a \$7 million city bond approved by the Draper City voters in late 2004 (with help from TPL's Conservation Finance staff) in addition to grants from both the Utah Quality Growth Commission and Salt Lake County. TPL is currently working with the US Forest Service on the Bear Canyon project to protect an additional 1,700 acres of the

Wasatch Front adjacent to Sandy and Draper and which includes a significant stretch of the BST. We intend to transfer the first phase of the Bear Canyon project to the Forest Service in 2006.

TPL and the Forest Service completed the second (and final) phase of acquiring a 603-acre property in Cache Valley along the foothills of the Wellsville Mountains, one of the nation's steepest ranges. The property, now owned and managed by the Forest Service as part of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, provides essential public access from the valley at Narrow Canyon into the Wellsville Mountains and the northern part of the BST.

TPL also transferred during 2005 to the City of Pleasant Grove a 4-acre parcel for BST and park purposes. The Trust for Public Land continues to work with other Utah County cities and towns to secure additional BST locations and connections.

TPL working with Weber Pathways has begun preliminary review and discussions with landowners in the North Ogden area to acquire additional BST trail connections and lands in northern Weber County, particularly to protect land along a 5-mile trail easement that Weber Pathways recently obtained from Pacificorp along the north side of North Ogden.

For information about TPL's BST planning please contact Shauna Kerr, Utah State Director, Trust for Public Land at (435) 640-2105 [shauna.kerr@tpl.org](mailto:shauna.kerr@tpl.org) or Michael Patrick at (505) 988-5922 ext. 12; [michael.patrick@tpl.org](mailto:michael.patrick@tpl.org).

#### **IV. Plans for 2006**

- A. Review sign plans for use on the BST and determine if a standardized sign is desirable or if the standardized BST logo is sufficient.
- B. Continue to refine and improve the BST Coalition Website and Map.
- C. Revive efforts to get entities to sign the BST MOU.
- D. Identify the need for 501(c)3 status for the Coalition and, if desired, file with the IRS.
- E. Develop BST success stories.