

Great Salt Lake Shoreline Heritage Area Preservation Plan

The proposed Great Salt Lake Shoreline Heritage Area Preservation Plan includes the Shoreline Conservation Area of the [Salt Lake County West General Plan](#), which includes the Natural Area designated in the Salt Lake City Master Plan, and continues around lands to the north of Salt Lake City International Airport, through the Northpoint “Small Area” and on through mostly agricultural uplands that are immediately adjacent to managed wetlands of Farmington Bay. The primary goal of the plan is to protect the entire Shoreline Preservation Area by means of conservation mechanisms such as conservation easements, transfer of development rights, or similar tools mentioned in the Draft Northpoint Small Area Plan that achieve lasting protection, while also preserving traditional land uses such as agriculture, recreation, and wildlife management. And when possible in certain cases where landowners are willing, a government entity will purchase land for the public trust. An array of local, state and federal resources can be used to support this effort.

To protect wildlife resources, there will be limited public access to sensitive conservation areas, including a prohibition on paved roads. A walking and biking trail can be developed in the Northpoint area from the Legacy trail going west and then south along the east side of 3200 West where it could be located on an elevated berm and serve as a sound barrier for wetlands and wildlife to the west. Public access can also be provided by a trail through Cross E Ranch (which is up for sale) and would also connect to the Legacy Parkway trail. Thirty-two hundred West should remain unpaved with motorized access restricted to adjacent landowners for maintenance and agricultural uses. Bicycle, horse, and pedestrian travel should be permitted.

A secondary goal of the Preservation Area is the ecological restoration of Bailey’s Lake wetlands in the Natural Area and preservation of privately held agricultural land north of the Northpoint Small Area through agricultural land easements or other means acceptable to landowners. The agricultural property is in the unincorporated county.

Management Needs for the Great Salt Lake Shoreline Heritage Preservation Area

A program for comprehensively controlling and / or removing invasive vegetation (such as phragmites and tamarisks) using best practices in cooperation with property owners.

Stormwater from development in the adjacent areas will be treated onsite and used to create wetland habitat or transited through nearby wetlands into Farmington Bay.

No lighting or paved roads in the Great Salt Lake Shoreline Heritage Preservation Area will be permitted.

All buildings adjacent to the Great Salt Lake Shoreline Heritage Preservation Area will be painted in colors that blend in with the landscape and will have bird friendly design including but not limited to non-reflective glass or other surfaces, shielded lighting with no light trespass and only when needed.