

RECREATION:

South Weber City currently has recreation facilities at the following public areas: Byram Estates Holding Pond, Canyon Meadows, Cedar Cove, Central Park, Cherry Farms, Nathan Tyler Looch Memorial, and the Posse Grounds. The City also has a number of grassed detention basins that are open for public use and function as park space.

Additional development of these spaces should be the focus of budgeting and parks improvement plans prior to the creation of any new park space. However, the City should continue to utilize grassed detention basins as usable public open space as they are provided through development.

The presence of the Weber River on the north boundary of the City presents an opportunity for a river recreation corridor reaching into Weber County and which would be of regional interest. The Wasatch National Forest to the east of town also presents abundant recreation possibilities which are important to residents of South Weber and many others.

Weber Pathways, a private non-profit organization has been very active in securing access rights and in constructing the Weber River Parkway Trail. South Weber should work closely with Weber Pathways and others in securing additional access, extending the trail, making improvements and maintaining existing facilities. This river corridor should be protected as a very important recreational venue in South Weber and as important wildlife habitat.

As development along the east bench area occurs, the City should make sure that public access to the National Forest is provided. The Forest provides hunting, hiking, mountain biking and nature appreciation opportunities different from other recreation sites. It is critical to maintain public access to these public lands.

South Weber has the opportunity to become more bicycle friendly. The City should consider areas that could accommodate bicycle lanes. The possibility of a bicycle path along the Davis & Weber Canal should be explored.

Improved access to Cherry Farms Park should be accomplished via a pedestrian bridge across the canal connecting the 2020 East holding pond to Cherry Farms Park.

There are recommended locations on the Projected Land Use Map (Map #1), for recreational use. They are only intended to indicate that, due to existing or projected residential growth in the area, it would be a good location for some type of public recreation facilities. There may be other areas suitable for recreational uses which are not designated on the map. Designation of a property in the recreational category is not meant to limit the use of the property exclusively to recreational use but is indicative of a special recreational resource which needs protecting or the resource may be lost.

Other uses which are compatible with the development of the recreational resources will be considered on such properties.

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~~There are 61 acres of developed park in several locations throughout South Weber. In addition to this park space, are six acres in the school grounds and the City owned Posse Grounds. The National Recreation and Parks Association recommends a total of 25 acres of open space per 1,000 population as a standard. Ten acres of each 25 acres should be developed recreation areas. The rest of the acreage could be in stream corridor or other less developed open space. Following this standard, South Weber should have 70 acres of developed recreation space for the current population. If the community reaches its projected population, it should then have 130 acres developed for recreation.~~

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~~There are approximately 160 acres of the Weber River Corridor in South Weber. Since the Weber River Recreation Corridor would be a regional type facility, it should not be the sole responsibility of the City to develop this facility.~~ Weber Pathways, a private non-profit organization has been very active in securing access rights and in constructing the Weber River Parkway Trail. South Weber should work closely with Weber Pathways and others in securing additional access, extending the trail, making improvements and maintaining existing facilities. This river corridor should be protected as a very important recreational venue in South Weber and as important wildlife habitat. ~~Currently there are only two access points to the Weber River trail in South Weber. One is where the River goes under I-84 and the other is just east of the Adams Avenue/Cottonwood Drive intersection. Additional access near the City's population center is essential as is the development of a public parking and river access area at the north end of Cornia Dr.~~

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South Weber ~~should~~ has the opportunity to become more bicycle friendly ~~by considering adding. The City should consider areas that could accommodate~~ bicycle lanes ~~to all new roads.~~ The possibility of a bicycle path along the Davis & Weber Canal should be explored. ~~It may be possible to enter into a use agreement with the Canal Company. Liability to the Canal Company would be limited by Utah Code Annotated Section 57-14, Limitation of Landowner Liability Act.~~

~~Other recommendations for recreation development are that public~~ Improved access ~~from areas south of the canal be provided to the park on 2100 East St. north of the canal~~ to Cherry Farms Park should be accomplished via a pedestrian bridge across the canal connecting the 2020 East holding pond to Cherry Farms Park.

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