



Miller Park Engagement

Trail Access Improvement & Historic Preservation

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Background

In FY 2017-2018, a constituent submitted a Capital Improvement Project application and received funding for Miller Park to accomplish the following two goals: preserve the historic structures and improve the accessibility of the trail system that navigates the park.

To achieve these goals, the application originally proposed the following three projects: restoration of a trail alignment that was re-routed to a higher elevation in 2014, installation of a walking bridge over Red Butte Creek, and stabilization of the historic WPA walls. Upon the hiring of a consultant, Salt Lake City obtained geotechnical and structural engineering reports that recommended projects to fulfill the stated goals of preserving historic structures and improving trail accessibility. With the new information gathered, the three originally proposed projects were deemed infeasible as they could not accomplish the stated goals. Therefore, based on the new information and recommendations from the engineering reports, 12 new projects were proposed to fulfill the two original goals to a greater extent. These projects include improvements in the following areas:

- Trail Slope Improvement Projects: Projects add access amenities like handrails and stairs. These projects also aim to level out the trail slope and protect the wall foundation.
- Accessibility Improvement Projects: Adds access amenities like handrails and ramps to entrances and stairways along the trail.
- Wall Foundation Protection Projects: Projects to preserve historic walls by covering exposed foundations and adding stabilization.
- Manage Structural Loads on Historic WPA walls: Projects will remove the weight being placed on walls to extend their lifespan and remove stress.
- Trail Protection: Projects will improve the infrastructure of the trails and address erosion and access issues, including retaining wall repairs.

Engagement Approach

The goals of this engagement effort were as follows:

- Identify which projects the public prioritize.
- Identify concerns and gather feedback.
- Inform the public about the proposed projects, how they were selected, and how to access the survey, focusing a majority of engagement efforts on the Yalecrest neighborhood, immediate neighbors, and park users.

An online survey and tabling events were held to accomplish the engagement goals. In addition, the City mailed notices of the survey opening to approximately 339 residents adjacent to the park and canvassed the adjacent residents to inform them of the survey. The survey was available from February through March 2023. A total of 169 survey responses were recorded through the online survey and approximately 30 individuals participated in the in-person tabling sessions. Project information and the survey were distributed through the following channels:

- A project page on the Public Lands website was developed with project information, in-person engagement opportunities, a survey link, and project manager contact information.
- A presentation was made at the March 9th Yalecrest Neighborhood Council meeting informing attendees of the survey and providing information on the project process and content of the survey.
- 339 mailers with a QR code and information about the survey were sent out to households near Miller Park.
- Survey information was promoted on SLC Public Lands' social media accounts such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as the Yalecrest Neighborhood Council Webpage.
- Yard signs with survey QR codes were posted at the park and in the Yalecrest neighborhood.
- Door-to-door canvassing was conducted in the Yalecrest neighborhood to inform nearby residents how to complete the survey.
- Three in-person tabling sessions were held: one at Rowland Hall and two at the Anderson-Foothill Library on separate days. Individuals had the opportunity to learn about proposed projects and vote on their high-priority projects.
- Emailed survey information to Tracy Aviary, Preservation Utah, Seven Canyons Trust, Utah State Historic Preservation Office, Utah Open Lands, and Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion to distribute.

Survey Results

Question 1

Survey respondents were first asked, “Based on the goals of the Miller Park CIP application, which goal would you like prioritized?” The two goals, again, are to preserve the historic structures and improve the accessibility of the trail system that navigates the park. Results showed there are about an equal number of respondents that either want to solely prioritize historic structures or view the two CIP goals equally important. There were fewer responses favoring only prioritizing improvements to make the trail system more accessible. The pie chart (Figure 1) shows the results of how people responded.

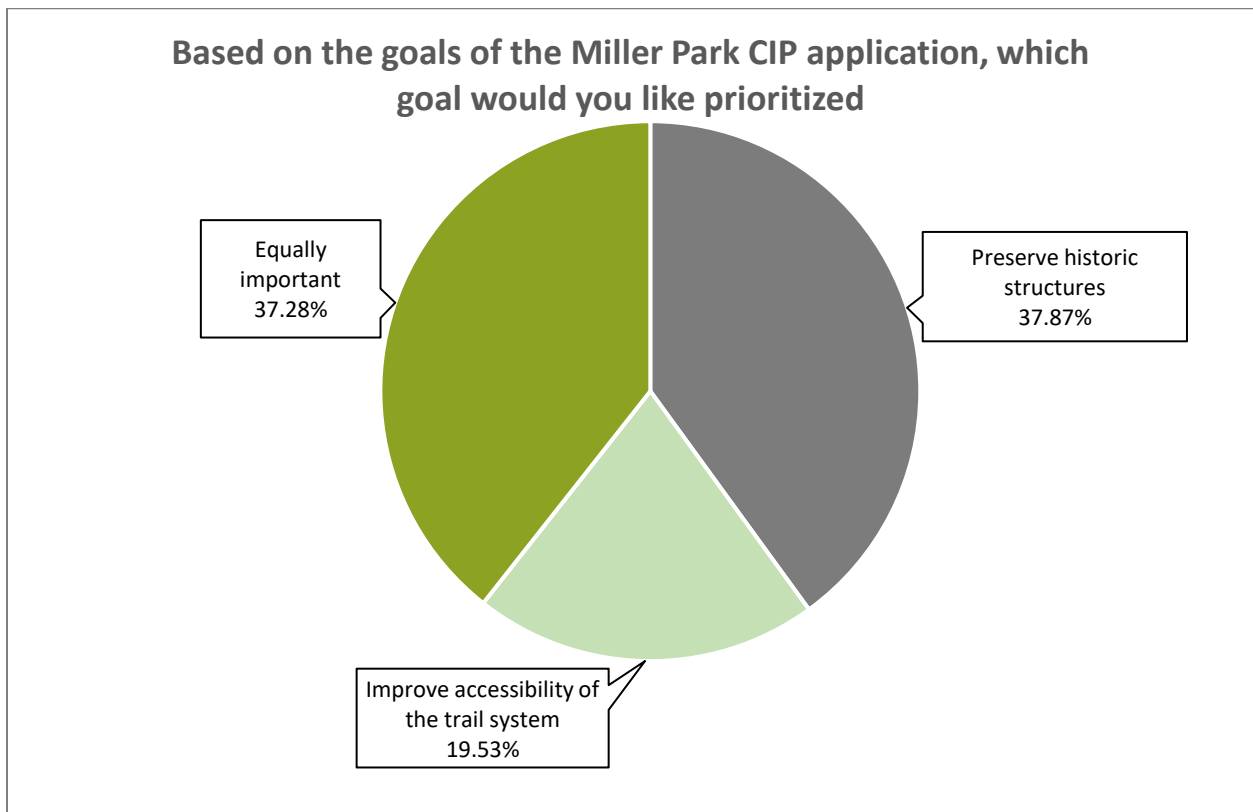


Figure 1: Goal Prioritization (Note: the number of responses to this question was 160).

Questions 2-4

Participants were then asked to select and rank three of the five proposed project themes. The survey provided respondents with a drop-down option for the listed project themes. This section of the survey revealed that most respondents preferred to prioritize projects that focused on trail improvements, which is different from the results of the previous question (see Figure 1). The responses to this question also revealed that participants prefer projects that protect and make further trail improvements rather than making the trail more accessible.

In the ranking section, where respondents were asked to select the proposed project theme they most highly prioritize, trail protection projects were voted the highest, with 38.46% in favor. The second most popular project theme was trail slope improvements with 24.85% in favor. Lastly, 21.89% of participants selected wall foundation projects as the third most important project theme. These results are featured in Figure 2 below which shows the project themes and how they were prioritized. It is important to note that wall foundation projects and projects to manage structural loads on historic walls were closely ranked in each category with wall foundation projects receiving slightly more votes.

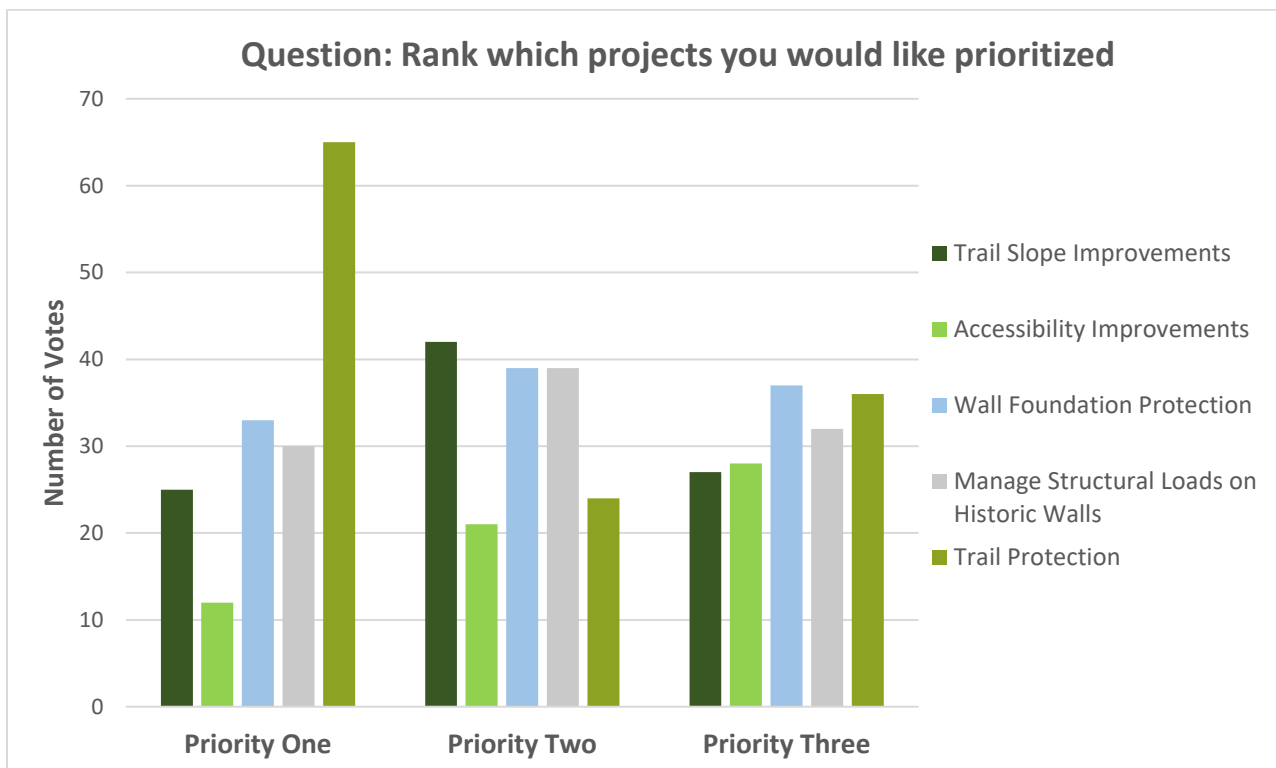


Figure 2: Participants were asked to select three projects and rank them by priority. The chart shows the results of how projects were ranked in each category.

Question 5

The comments responding to the survey question, “Do you have any recommendations for the proposed projects?” reveal that people are concerned that if historic projects are not prioritized, it will soon be too late to restore. However, many people also stated how parts of the trail are dangerous to walk on, especially when it rains or snows. While people do want to see trail improvements to ensure safety, there is concern that these improvements will take away from the natural feel of the park and cause negative impacts on the environment. Throughout the project selection, planning and design process, projects that maintain the natural feel of the park will be prioritized. In addition, while minimizing negative impacts to the greatest extent possible, the incorporating elements that enhance the natural environment, where possible, will be a priority. Figure 3 shows other themes that were identified in the open comments for the question, “Do you have any recommendations for the proposed projects?”.

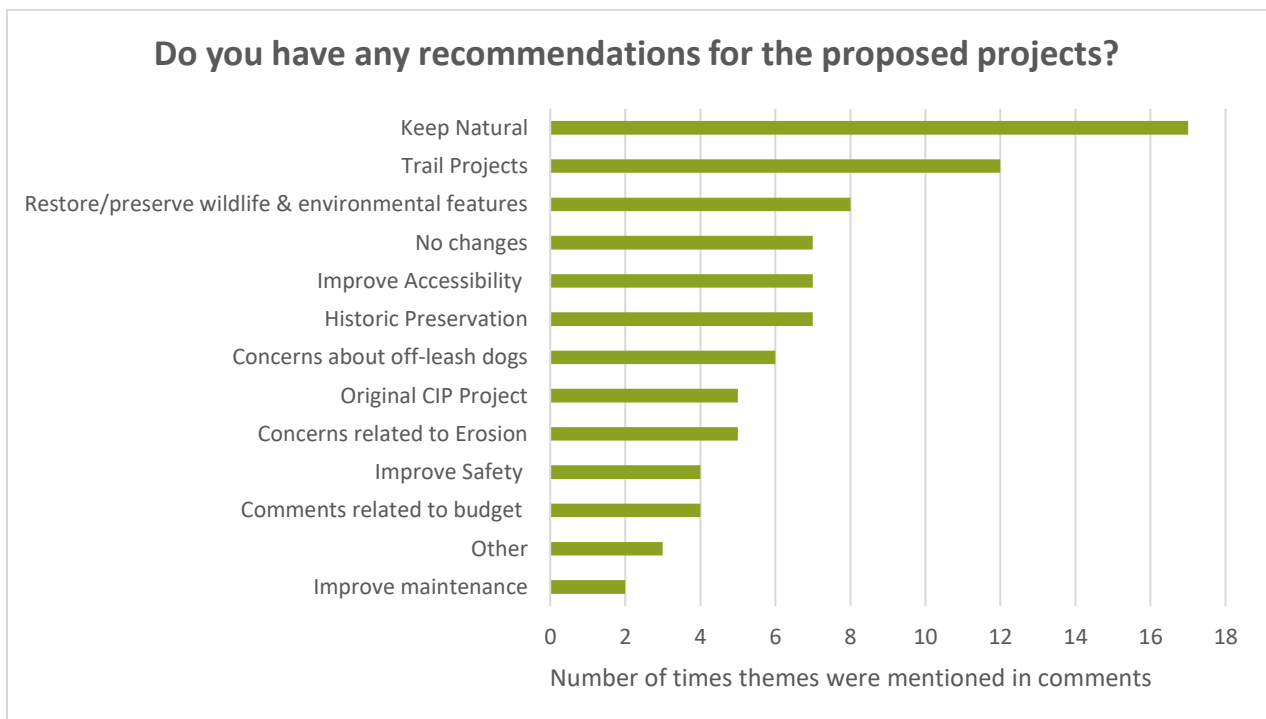


Figure 3: Recommendations for Proposed Project. Total number of comments submitted was 54.

Question 6

Figure 4 below shows the most common themes identified in the open comments for the question, “Are there other projects you would like to see prioritized that were not identified?”. Like the results in Figure 3, many participants expressed how they would like to see projects that improve the vegetation and habitat of the park. Participants also commented on how they would like to restore Miller Park as a bird refuge and believe that improving the environmental conditions can help attract birds to the park. Additionally, comments expressed wanting to see greater enforcement for off-leash dogs at the park.

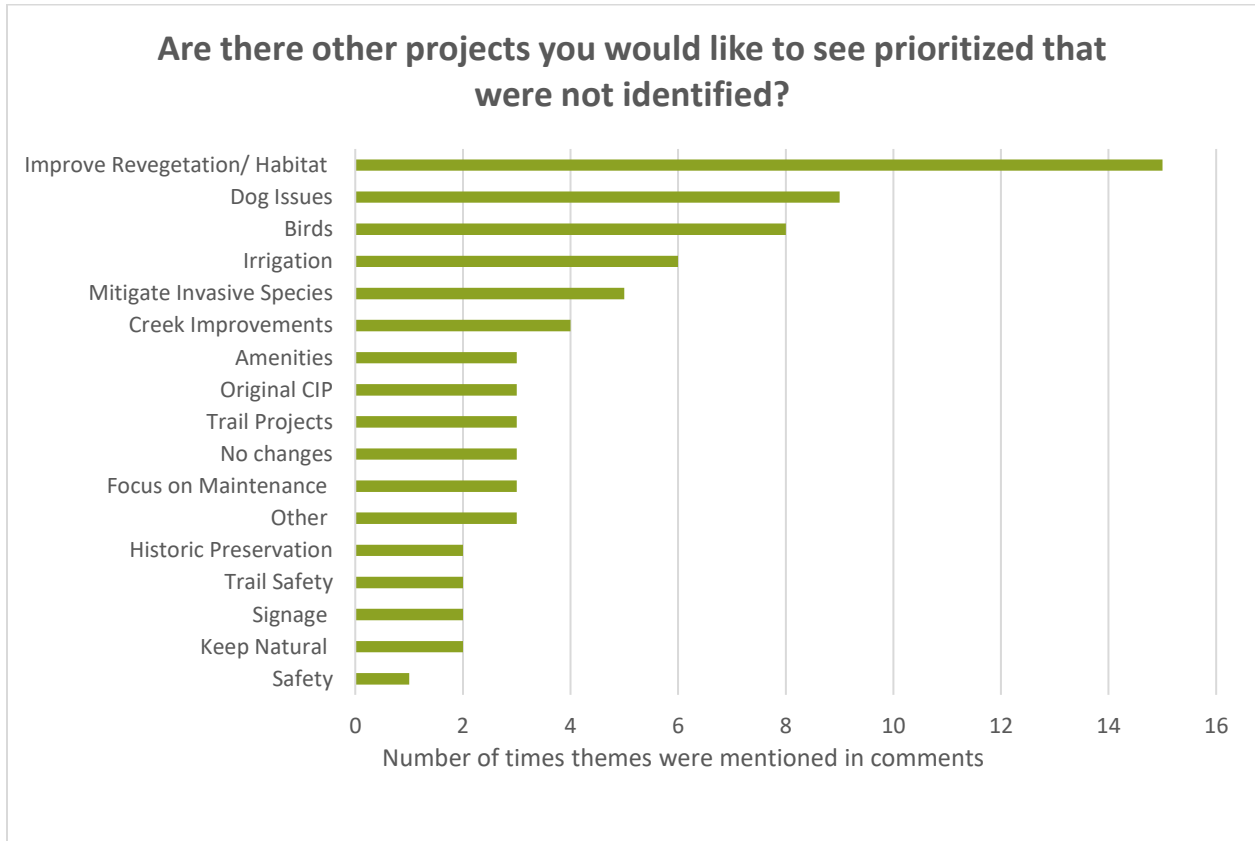


Figure 4: Other Projects Proposed. Total number of comments submitted was 55.

In-Person Engagement Results

The public was notified through the Yalecrest Neighborhood Council and Salt Lake City Public Land’s website about in-person tabling sessions. Each proposed project had a printout (Appendix A) with information that included the estimated project cost, the purpose of the proposed project, and an image of the project site. Participants were asked to select which projects they would like to see prioritized by adding a marble to a cup with the corresponding project letter (e.g., “Project A”, “Project B”) on the proposed project printout, simulating the same questions being asked in the survey. A total of 30 individuals participated in the tabling events, 10 of whom were individuals that participated at the Anderson-Foothill library and 20 of whom were students from Rowland Hall.

Collectively, results from the in-person engagement showed individuals preferred prioritizing projects B, D, and G. Project B falls under trail protection projects and Project D is under trail slope improvement projects, while Project G focuses on making accessibility improvements. Projects B and D are in line with the online survey results that individuals would like to see prioritized. Below, Figure 5 shows the voting results from all the in-person engagement sessions.

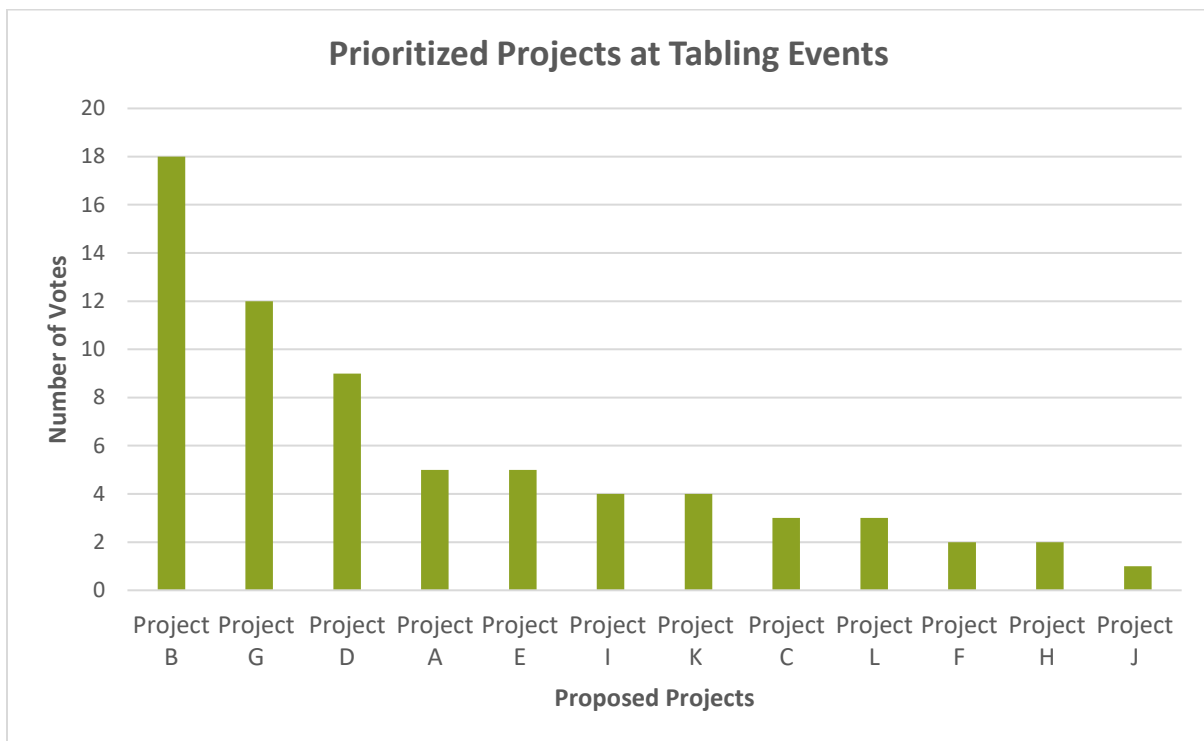


Figure 5: Prioritized Projects at Tabling Events (Note: total number of participants was 30)

However, participants at the Anderson-Foothill Library and participants from Rowland Hall showed differences in the projects they would like prioritized. Potential reasons for this difference could be due to age and familiarity with the park as participants from the library were older and knew more about the history and progression of the park. Project H, which improves accessibility of the park, received the highest number of votes for prioritization at the Anderson-Foothill Library. Projects A, C, and E were the second priority, and all were ranked equally.

Project A focuses on trail protection while projects C and E aim to make trail slope improvements. The bar chart, Figure 6 below, displays how the total number of participants at the Anderson-Foothill Library voted to prioritize proposed projects.

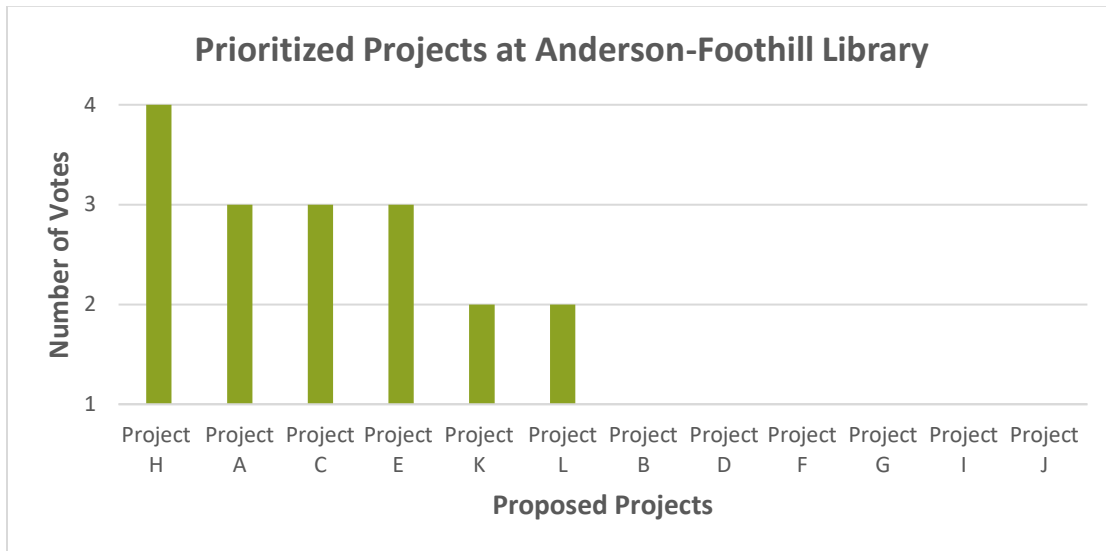


Figure 6: Prioritized Projects at Anderson-Foothill Library. (Note: total number of participants at the Anderson-Foothill Library on February 15 and 21, 2023 was 10)

In comparison, students at Rowland Hall prioritized Project B highest which focuses on trail protection. Project G was the second most prioritized project which improves trail accessibility. Lastly, Project D, which makes trail slope improvements was the third prioritized project. Figure 7 below shows the voting results from the engagement at Rowland Hall.

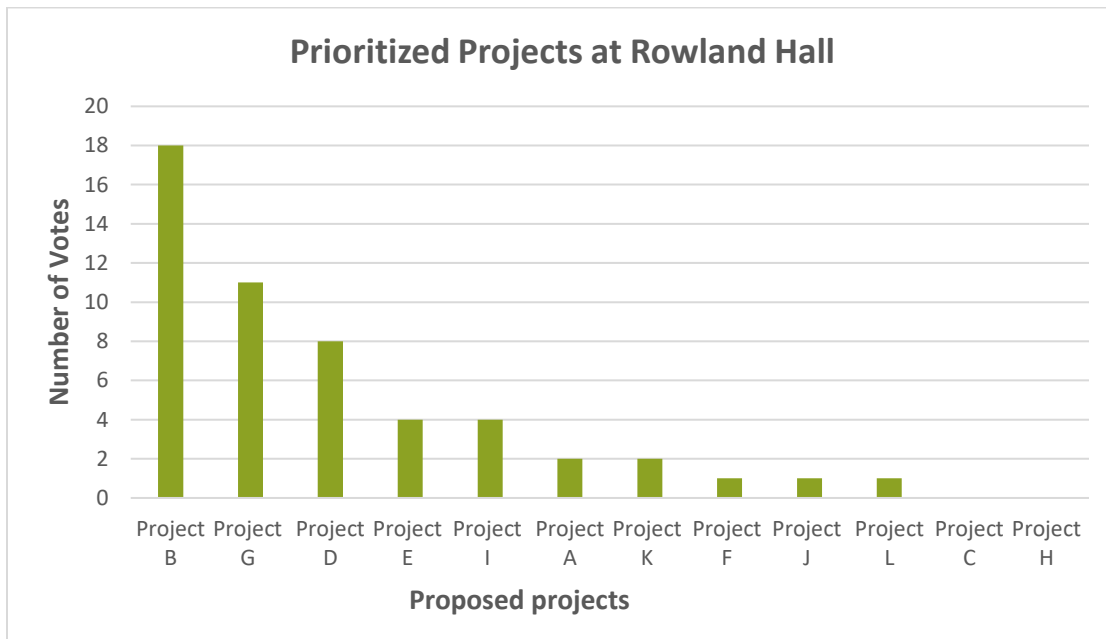


Figure 7: Prioritized Projects at Rowland Hall (note: total number of participants at Rowland Hall was 20 participants)

Common Themes in Open Comments

The following are themes identified in the open comments from the online survey and in-person engagements, and the City's response to each is in italics.

- Some comments communicated a community preference to see the lower trail by the creek restored.
 - *Please see page 12, "Assessment of Original CIP" section for more information on the lower trail alignment.*
- Participants expressed they would like to preserve the natural feel and look of the park and are concerned that some of the proposed projects such as the stairs, will cause negative impacts on the wildlife, and vegetation, and accelerate erosion.
 - *Public Lands has prioritized projects that minimize the addition of significant infrastructure that will impact the natural feel of the park.*
- Participants see a need for proper irrigation systems to be installed and for trees to be planted once the irrigation system is in place.
 - *Public Lands acknowledges the need for improvement of irrigation throughout the park. While irrigation replacement is not an eligible project (see original goals) for this scope of work, the City also believes that, as trail improvements are made, associated irrigation may be addressed, as well.*
- Participants would like to see projects that help attract birds to Miller Park and restore water levels in the river.
 - *Public Lands is very supportive of projects contributing to wildlife and stream health. While those types of projects are not eligible projects within this scope of work (see original goals), Public Lands will continue to work with the community to identify other sources of funding to accomplish these goals.*
- Some comments expressed how parts of the trail are dangerous to walk, especially during the winter or rainy seasons, and would like it if the park was safe to walk on year-round.
 - *Trail improvement projects that address hazards and safety have been prioritized based on public engagement.*
- While some participants may see the benefit of the trail slope improvement projects, they and others have expressed that they would not like these improvements to be made with cement or loose gravel and suggested using wood chips instead.
 - *Public Lands acknowledges these comments and will engage the community further during the detailed design of the projects regarding trail materials.*
- Survey respondents noted that there need to be more restrictions for off-leash dogs, or that off-leash dogs be prohibited altogether.
 - *Public Lands acknowledges this concern in the park (and others like it) and will continue to work with the community to address these needs. However, addressing restrictions for dog regulations is not eligible within this scope of work and funding (see original goals).*
- Participants also expressed how they would not like to see the buttress in Project B extend into the trail and believe the buttress will not be effective in supporting the weight placed on the wall.
 - *If this project is pursued within this scope of work and funding source, Public Lands will ensure that adequate trail clearance and access are provided along*

with improvements to the buttress. Public Lands will consult structural engineers and experts throughout the process to ensure effective and structurally sound improvements.

- There are some concerns that some of the proposed projects will encroach on private property.
 - *Public Lands will do all necessary due diligence prior to any physical improvements on public property and will not pursue any projects that occur outside of the park's boundaries.*

Main Takeaways

Based on the results from the online survey and in-person engagement, trail slope improvement projects and trail protection projects have been consistently prioritized. Project that have minimize negative environmental impacts on the park and maintain the park's character and purpose will be prioritized. Additionally, projects that both serve to improve trail safety and preserve historic structures will be prioritized so long as they do not impede on private property or extend into natural spaces.

Assessment of Original CIP Request

Throughout this project's engagement process (including the most recent engagement activities in 2023 outlined in this report), interest in the original proposal to re-align the original, lower trail that was along the creek prior to 2014, was of particular interest. While the geotechnical and structural reports noted the infeasibility of the re-creation of this trail and that specific project's inability to fulfill either of the goals of the original proposal, the City consulted with various experts to confirm these findings and solidify Salt Lake City Public Lands' recommendation to no longer pursue this particular project. The following are additional considerations that make the relocation of the trail to the original, pre-2014 alignment infeasible:

- Flood control measures: the proximity of the lower trail alignment to Red Butte Creek poses potential for the trail to flood, and poses potential dangerous situations for trail users (Salt Lake City Public Lands, Salt Lake City Public Utilities).
- Ecological health: erosion control and creek/creekbank health could be improved through revegetating the bank (including the original alignment) with native vegetation (Salt Lake City Public Lands, Trails and Natural Lands).
- Risk assessment: The high priority projects for the City Attorney's Office in relation to risk are included within the twelve proposed projects below. The priority areas for Risk related to the types of claims most filed include crib wall repairs, retaining wall repairs and erosion mitigation along the creek, and reducing trip hazards on the trail by ensuring irrigation and water meters are level with the ground (Salt Lake City Attorney's Office, Risk Manager).
- Trail sustainability: A sustainable trail would not be possible given the original trail alignment's proximity to the creek. The minimum regulatory width of an accessible trail (36") would require the concrete bulwark downstream of the culvert to be extended approximately 30" at the existing height for an appropriate gradient. This amount of fill within the floodplain could constrain flood flows and induce stream bed and bank scour and degrade trout habitat. Additionally, a retaining wall would have to be installed downstream to create the level grade of minimum regulatory width required. This would reduce flood storage outside of the main channel and could induce similar scour. This would be very costly and impact the natural resources negatively (American Trails Association).
- ADA Access: The lower, creek-side trail alignment has many areas that do not meet technical width requirements, but the current, higher trail alignment does meet or exceed the minimum width requirements. The entrance to the lower trail section has a running slope of 15%, which is higher than the technical requirements for slope, whereas the highest possible grade cannot exceed 12%. Most of the post-2014, upper trail already meets slope requirements. Those segments that do not will be made compliant as part of the other twelve project recommendations, including covering the exposed rock wall foundation in project C. Most of the upper trail tread already consists of crusher fines/decomposed granite that is preferable to bare dirt (for accessibility purposes and to avoid deterioration and erosion). Additionally, the potential recommended project improvements related to the upper trail will make a majority of the park accessible by a trail that complies with trail accessibility guidelines. The remaining parts of the park trails are either un-sanctioned trails or have stairs or access points with a slope outside

of the technical requirements that could be altered during this project anyway (Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, ADA Coordinator).

- Historic Preservation: It is not believed that moving the trail away from the walls will solve any preservation problems, and may have the potential to exacerbate issues with the historic walls by moving routine maintenance and inspection away from them (State Historic Preservation Office, State Historic Preservation Officer).

Next Steps

In the open comments section of the online survey, and during the in-person events, it is evident that improving vegetation, and habitat and keeping Miller Park a natural area is a priority for the community. This funding source is specifically allocated for access improvements and historic preservation, so it is not able to be used for naturalization and restoration projects. However, these comments will be considered as other funding becomes available or is able to be completed in other capacities. (i.e., through the Trails & Natural Lands team's regular operations and maintenance in the park).

Additionally, many of the open comments expressed concerns about increasing the amount of formalized infrastructure in the park and reducing the natural feel and intent of the space. Because of this, Public Lands will consciously minimize additional infrastructure, such as handrails and impervious surfaces, to the greatest extent possible as projects move forward through the design and construction processes.

Finally, other comments received in the survey were not relevant to these projects specifically but pertained to the overall management of the park. These comments will be considered by Public Lands and will be passed along to the City Council.

Upon thorough analysis of the results of the public engagement, the projects have been prioritized in the following order (beginning on page 14).

Please note that not all projects will be able to be completed with current funding. Projects will be prioritized from top to bottom until the current project budget, \$367,000, is depleted. All projects will go through a detailed design process prior to construction which will include property surveying, utility assessment, types of materials that will be used, other design processes, and additional public engagement. If there are efficiencies gained by completing multiple projects or project elements at once, those will be considered in the detailed design process.

1. Project A: Repairs and replaces crib walls to provide stability.

Justification: This project is prioritized as first for three reasons. First, “Preserve historic structures” was the top goal ranked by the community engagement process, a goal which this project would achieve. Second, it also falls under a “Trail Protection” project, which was ranked as the highest priority through the online survey. Finally, it ranked as one of the top five project priorities through the in-person engagement. Additionally, many of the open comments emphasized the need for trail projects that have minimal impact on the natural feel of the space, which this project accomplishes.

Likely to be funded with current budget.



Goals it fulfills:
Preserve Historic Structures
Trail Protection

2. Project K: Stabilizes exposed wall foundation with soil nails and covers foundation where feasible.

Justification: This project fulfills the highest priority goal identified in the public engagement, “Preserve historic structures” and is considered a “Wall Foundation Protection” project which was identified as the second highest priority theme after projects A and B, falling within the “Trail Protection” category. Finally, open comments in the online survey emphasized the importance within the community of preserving the historic walls, and keeping the park’s natural feel. This project will protect the walls, and maintain the current natural look and feel of the park.

Likely to be funded with current budget.



Goals it fulfills:
Preserve Historic Structures
Wall Foundation Protection

3. Project L: Covers exposed wall foundation to prevent erosion with adjacent properties.

Justification: This project fulfills the highest priority goal identified in the public engagement, “Preserve historic structures” and is considered a “Wall Foundation Protection” project which was identified as the second highest prioritized theme after projects A and B, falling within the “Trail Protection” category. Open comments in the online survey emphasized the importance within the community of preserving the historic walls.

Likely to be funded with current budget.



Goals it fulfills:
Preserve Historic Structures
Wall Foundation Protection

4. Project B: Reinforce walls with buttresses on the east side of the creek. Replaces crib wall on creek side to reduce concentrated drainage.

Justification: This project falls under a “Trail Protection” project, which was ranked as the highest priority through the online survey, and fulfills the goal to preserve historic structures. However, from an assessment by the State Historic Preservation Office, the timber walls are less historically significant than the stone walls, hence the lower priority than other wall protection projects. Finally, it ranked as the top improvement project coming out of the in-person tabling events. Finally, projects prioritizing historic preservation was a consistent theme in the open comments which were considered during project prioritization, which would be accomplished with the replacement of the concrete crib wall.

Likely to be funded with current budget

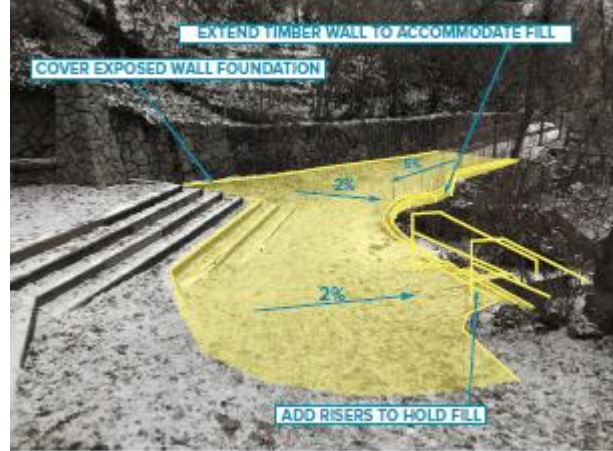


Goals it fulfills:
Preserves Historic Structures
Trail Protection

5. Project D: Improve running and cross slopes for accessibility located near the entrance on 900 South.

Justification: Project D is a “Trail Slope Improvement Project” which ranked highest as a second priority in the online survey, and was the highest rated trail slope improvement project throughout the tabling events. For the online survey, the total count for “Wall Foundation Protection” projects listed as a priority one or two was higher than “Trail Slope Improvement Improvements,” which resulted in those projects being prioritized over Project D. Project D is also a high priority to minimize safety risks associated with access, resulting in high prioritization within the trail slope improvement project category. Based on the open comments, the addition of the handrails may be reconsidered during design to minimize additional infrastructure within the park. Project D is also expected to have a positive impact towards protecting the wall foundations.

Potentially funded with current project budget.



Goals it fulfills:
Trail Slope Improvement

6. Project C: Covers exposed rock wall foundation and corrects steep cross slope on east side of creek.

Justification: Project C is a “Trail Slope Improvement Project” which ranked highest as a second priority in the online survey. Project C will additionally protect the wall foundations, which was a high priority in both the online and in-person surveys. Finally, Project C is also a high priority to minimize safety risks associated with access by mitigating the steep cross slopes.

Potentially funded with current project budget.

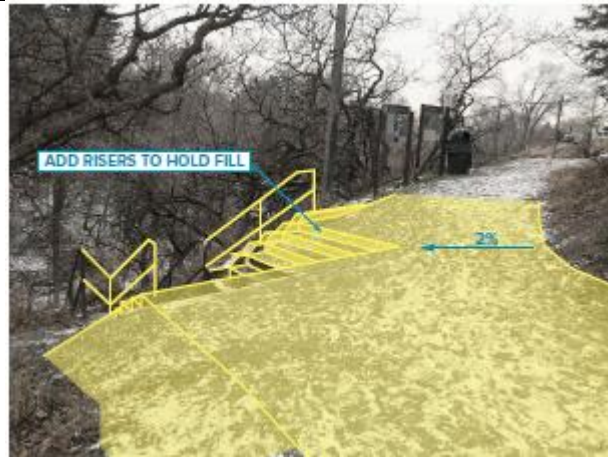


Goals it fulfills:
Trail Slope Improvement

7. Project E: Correct cross slope near Bonneview Drive entrance, and add stairs and handrail.

Justification: Project E is a “Trail Slope Improvement Project” which ranked highest as a second priority in the online survey. Project E is also a high priority to minimize safety risks associated with access by mitigating the steep cross slopes. Finally, Project E will set the groundwork for improving wheelchair access from Bonneview Drive and will lead in to accomplishing Project H if funding allows. Slope improvements within this project will be prioritized over the construction of the stairs and rails. Additional feasibility assessment and engagement will be needed to install stairs and handrails.

Potentially funded with current project budget.



Goals it fulfills:
Trail Slope Improvement

8. Project G: Reconstruct stairs to make steps even and add handrail.

Justification: Project G is lower on the priority list because “Accessibility Improvement Projects” were not prioritized highly by the public in the online survey. However, it was the second highest prioritized project at the in-person event, so it is prioritized higher than all other access improvement projects proposed. Additionally, Project G would mitigate safety concerns with the current stairs, and would improve year-round access which was a repeated concern in the open comments of the online survey.

Less likely to be funded with current budget.

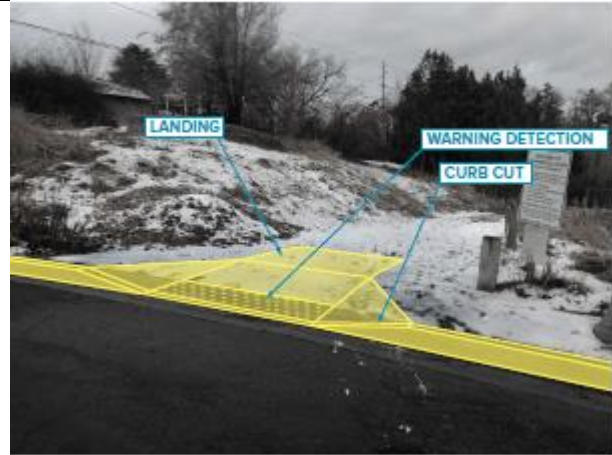


Goals it fulfills:
Accessibility Improvement

9. Project H: Add curb cut and ramp from Bonneview Drive

Justification: Project H is lower on the priority list because “Accessibility Improvement Projects” were not prioritized highly by the public in the online survey. Additionally, in order to improve wheelchair access to the park, making the project impactful, other cross slope projects, such as Project C, D and E, would be required prior in order for people be able to navigate the trail. However, if this project may be incorporated with a higher-priority project, it may be considered earlier in the process to increase access to the park.

Less likely to be funded with current budget.



Goals it fulfills:
Accessibility Improvement

10. Project I, J and F: Remove concrete wall on 900 South entrance, remove non-native trees upon historic wall, and construct new stairs and handrails on east side of creek.

Justification: It is very unlikely that funding will allow the City to explore these low-priority projects. Additionally, due to concerns relayed through the public engagement process by the community, additional feasibility studies and community engagement would be required to move forward with these projects. Therefore, the City at this time will not be moving forward with exploration of these three potential projects.

The current budget is likely insufficient to construct these projects.



Goals it fulfills:
Preserve Historic Structures
Accessibility Improvements

Appendix A: Information about Proposed Projects

Figure A1 to Figure A6 are the documents used to display at tabling events to inform participants about the proposed projects.

Figure A1: Instructions and project description.

Miller Park Capital Improvement Project

Project Description

In 2017, Miller Park (located at 900 South and Diestel Road/1735 East) was identified as the site of a constituent capital improvement program (CIP) project. The CIP application focuses on two primary goals:

1. Preserve historic structures
2. Improve accessibility of the trail system that navigates the park

Based on the goals of the CIP application and the findings in the existing conditions analysis, several projects were identified within the park to improve trail accessibility and preserve historic structures. Each proposed project shown below varies in scale and cost, however, not all projects may be implemented due to the project's current budget.

We would like to learn, which projects the public would like prioritized. Please vote which projects you would like to see prioritized by placing an object in the cup.

The pictures below demonstrate the proposed projects for Miller Park. The dollar signs provide a cost range for each proposed project.

Low=\$: 5-15k

Med=\$\$: 15-20k

High=\$\$\$: 20-30k

Figure A2: Description of proposed trail protection projects.

Trail Protection Projects



Proposed Project A
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Description: Repairs and replaces crib walls to provide stability.



Proposed Project B
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REINFORCE BULGING TIMBER WALL WITH BUTTRESSES

REPLACE SECTIONS OF CONCRETE CRIB WALL THAT HAVE WASHED AWAY

Description: Reinforces walls with buttresses on the east side of the creek. Replaces crib wall on creek side to reduce concentrated drainage.

Figure A3: Description of proposed trail slope improvement projects.

Trail Slope Improvement Projects

- Proposed Project C: Covers exposed rock wall foundation & corrects a steep cross slope on the east side of the creek.
- Proposed Project D: Located near the entrance on 900 S; would improve running and cross slopes for accessibility
- Proposed Project E: Adds stairs and handrails. Cross slope would be corrected near Bonnevieu Drive Entrance.



Proposed Project C
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POTENTIAL NEED FOR TIMBER RETENTION

COVER EXPOSED WALL FOUNDATION

2%



Proposed Project D
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EXTEND TIMBER WALL TO ACCOMMODATE FILL

COVER EXPOSED WALL FOUNDATION

2%

5%

2%

ADD RISERS TO HOLD FILL



Proposed Project E
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ADD RISERS TO HOLD FILL

2%

Figure A4: Description of proposed accessibility improvement projects.

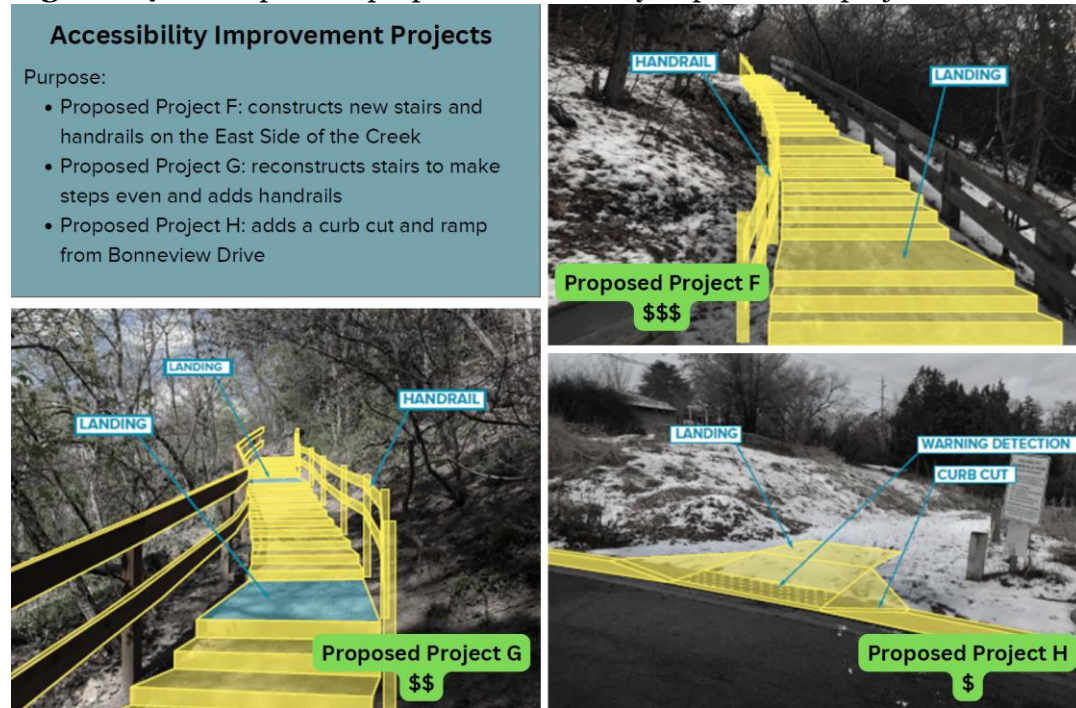
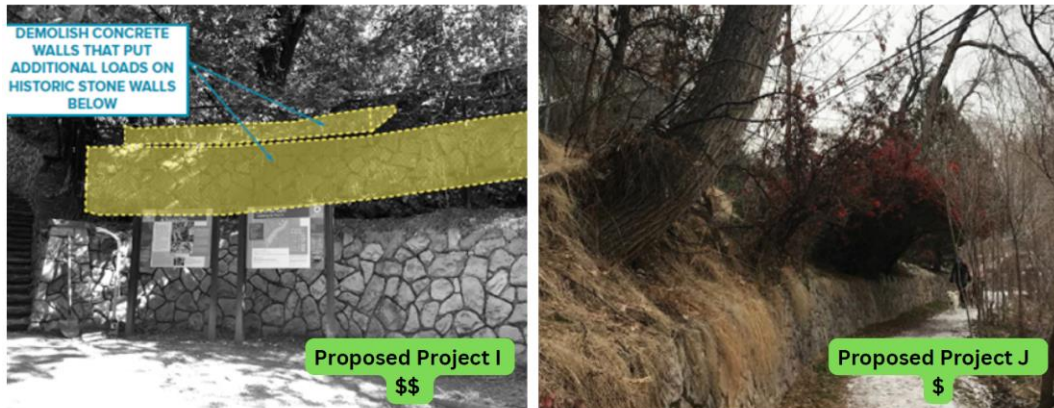


Figure A5: Description of proposed projects to remove weight on historic walls.

Projects to Remove Weight on Historic Walls

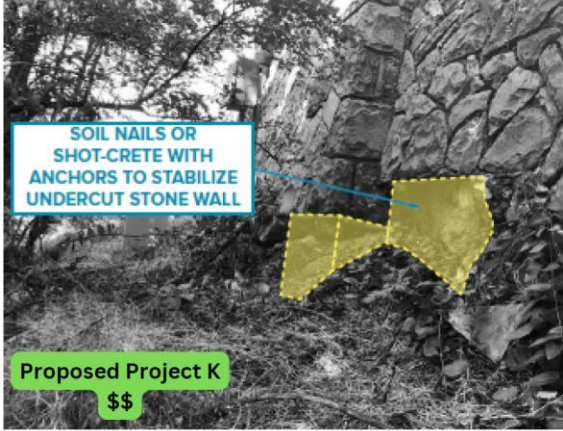


Description: Removes the stacked concrete retaining wall on 900 S entrance. This wall is not historical and places pressure on the existing historical structure.

Description: Removes non-native trees growing within 5ft. of the back of a historical wall

Figure A6: Description of proposed projects to protect wall foundation

Projects to Protect Wall Foundation



Description: Stabilizes exposed wall foundation with soil nails and covers foundation where it is feasible



Description: Covers exposed wall foundation to prevent erosion with adjacent properties

Appendix B: Engagement Materials

Image 1: The image below was used to create the yard signs, mailers, and flyers for canvassing.

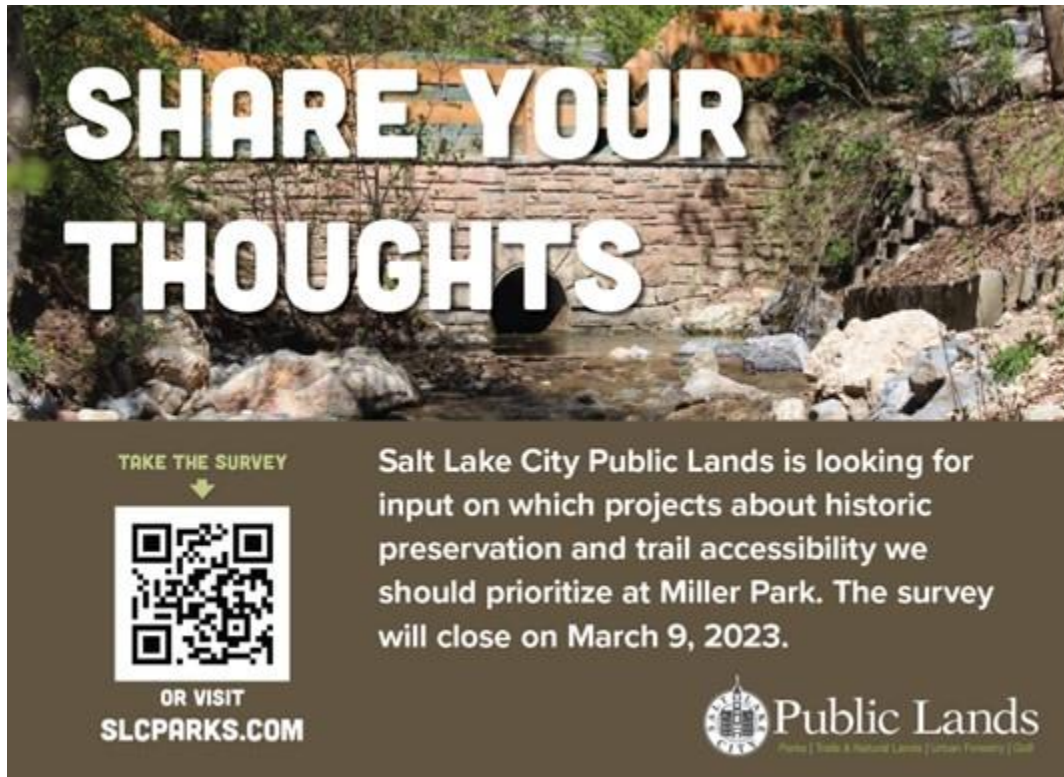
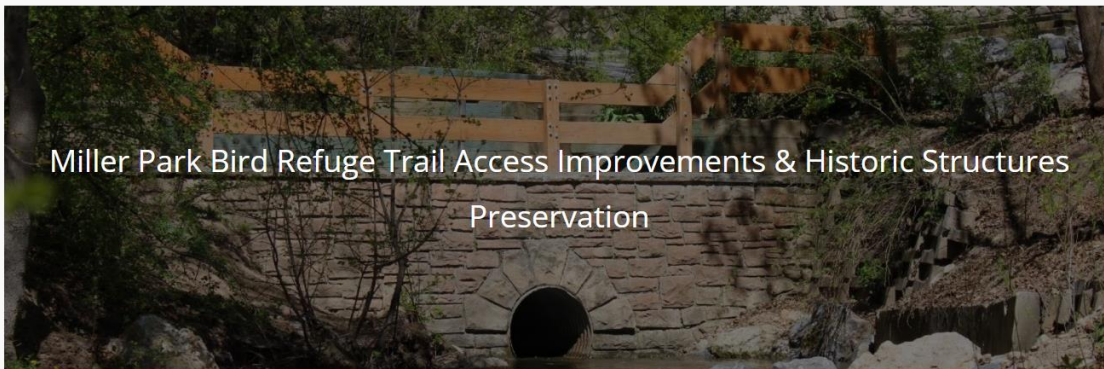


Image 2: Project Website



Background

In 2017, a constituent submitted an application for funding that addressed the following goals at Miller Park:

1. Preserve historic structures, such as the WPA (Works Progress Administration) masonry walls, foot bridge, and stairways constructed during the Great Depression
2. Improve accessibility of the trail system that navigates the park.

To achieve these goals, the constituent originally proposed the following three projects:

- Restore a trail alignment that was re-routed in 2014
- Install a walking bridge over Red Butte Creek
- WPA Wall stabilization

Upon the hiring of a consultant, the City obtained geotechnical and structural engineering reports that recommended projects to fulfill the stated goals (Preserve historic structures and Improve accessibility). With the new information gathered, Public Lands is proposing 12 new projects that will fulfill the original goals to a greater extent. These projects include improvements in the following areas:

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- **Accessibility Improvement Projects:** Adds access amenities like handrails and ramps to entrances and stairways along the trail.
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- **Manage Structural Loads on Historic Walls:** Projects will remove weight being placed on walls to extend their lifespan and remove stress.
- **Trail Protection:** Projects will improve infrastructure of the trails address erosion and access issues, including retaining wall repairs

The 12 specific projects to address these improvements can be found by clicking the button below.

[12 Proposed Projects](#)

Engagement Opportunities

We want to hear from you!

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