



VISION PLAN LIBERTY PARK

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How to Use this Plan

This Vision Plan informs and guides the work of Salt Lake City in the management and improvement of Liberty Park. It establishes a vision and recommendations to guide park use, improvement, programming, management, and operations.

Liberty Park Vision Plan is divided into three chapters described below.

1. Introduction

Introduction provides an overview of Liberty Park, the purpose of this Vision Plan, the context and significance of the park, and an overview of the community engagement process.

2. Vision

A Vision for Liberty Park distills the findings from the Cultural Landscape Report and community engagement into a guiding vision that describes the essential qualities of Liberty Park in the future, along with six guiding principles and recommendations and actions to achieve the vision for the park.

3. Implementation

Implementation identifies a strategy to address deferred maintenance, park preservation, and improvement for the next 10 to 20 years. This section suggests priorities with cost estimates and includes maintenance and operations guidance with specific recommendations organized as discrete projects.

Liberty Park Cultural Landscape Report

- Serves as the primary treatment document for the cultural landscape;
- Presents detailed documentation of historical development, existing condition, analysis of integrity, identification of contributing features, and
- Establishes a treatment philosophy and recommendations to guide long-term care and stewardship of Liberty Park.

Liberty Park Vision Plan

- Provides a vision to guide the preservation and improvement of Liberty Park;
- Builds upon Liberty Park's 144-year legacy;
- Identifies repair and improvements of facilities, access, circulation, and infrastructure in balance with continuity of historic character;
- Addresses recreational and use needs and facilities; and
- Addresses policy and implementation strategy for the short- and long-term.

Liberty Park Vision Plan Introduction



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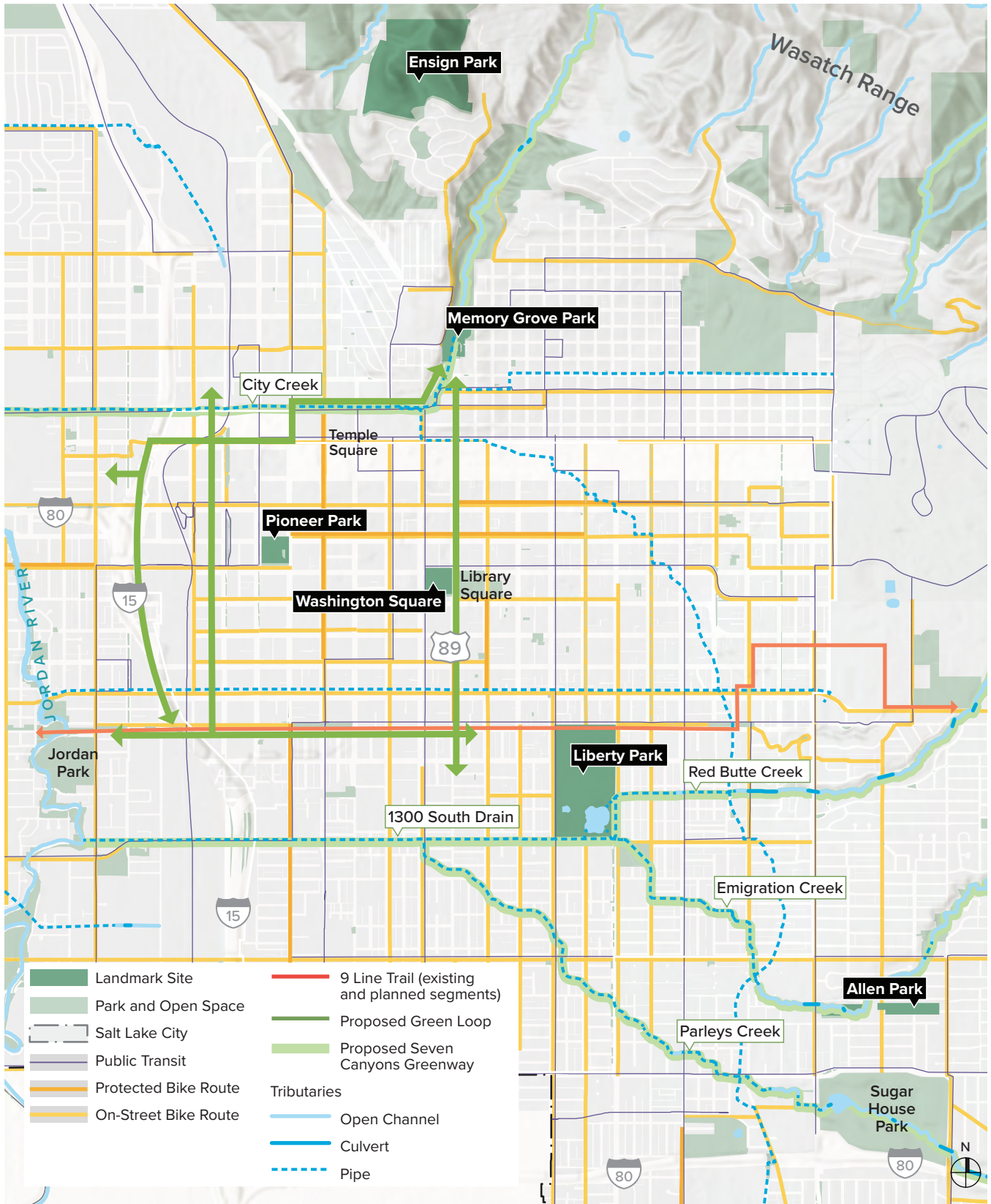
This section establishes a basis for understanding Liberty Park, including its existing context and historical significance, and an overview with key takeaways from the community engagement process.

About this Plan

A guiding vision of future use, design, maintenance, and operations is based on the preservation goals and guidance established in the Liberty Park Cultural Landscape Report and robust community engagement.

Recommendations and actions guide the improvement, management, and programming of Liberty Park to meet current and future needs while preserving Liberty Park as the central gathering space of Salt Lake City.

This Vision Plan highlights Salt Lake City's dedication to the stewardship and preservation of the park, establishing it as a model for urban ecological function and resiliency for the next century.



Liberty Park Context (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2025).

Context

Liberty Park is southeast of Salt Lake City's downtown in the historic Big Field section of the city. This area was initially offered to settlers as 5- to 10-acre lots for farming. Established in 1882, Liberty Park is one of Salt Lake City's first public parks and is the second largest park in the city. It is often referred to as the "crown jewel" of the city's park system and is the most visited park in the area, serving as a central gathering space for the community and the broader region.

Liberty Park serves as a major hub for community events, hosting over 78 events each year. It features several civic institutions that attract visitors from across the region, including the Chase Home Museum of Utah Folk Arts, Chase Mill, Tracy Aviary, YouthCity, and the Liberty Hills Tennis Center.

The 100-acre park provides essential green space and park amenities in the urban core of Salt Lake City. Liberty Park is well connected to adjacent neighborhoods and the broader city through dedicated bike facilities, sidewalks, trails, city streets, and public transit.

Liberty Park offers a network of paths for all modes, playgrounds, picnic facilities, tennis courts, volleyball courts, bocce courts, handball courts, a basketball court, a swimming pool, a children's amusement park, and space for passive recreation.

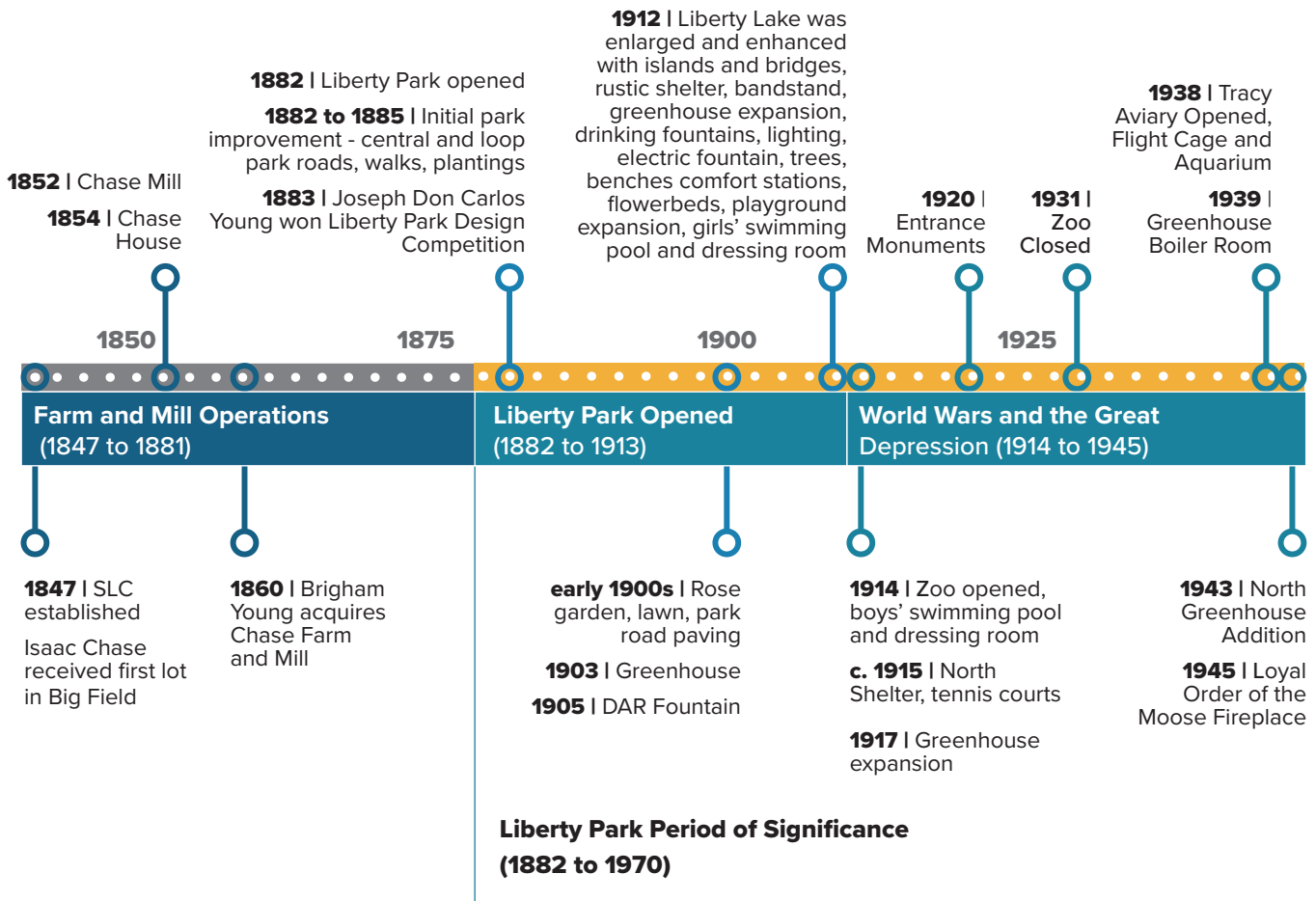
Liberty Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is designated a Local Landmark Site by Salt Lake City. Chase Mill is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. These designations, along with well-attended community events, emphasize the enduring significance of Liberty Park to the community.

Citywide planning initiatives highlight the value of Liberty Park and advocate for the enhancement of park facilities, the urban tree canopy, and improved connections and accessibility in the park, emphasizing the importance of Liberty Park as a vital open space, parkland, and place of gathering for the community. Key documents supporting these initiatives include the 2022 Seven Greenways Vision Plan, 2023 Urban Forest Action Plan, 2018 9-Line Trail Extension Study, Green Loop Concept presented in the 2015 Salt Lake City Downtown Plan, and the 2022 Reimagine Nature: Salt Lake City Public Lands Master Plan.



Significance

Liberty Park is significant as one of the first public parks in Salt Lake City and the State of Utah, and for its embodiment of the American Park, City Beautiful, and Modern Movements. Set within the urban setting of Salt Lake City, Liberty Park offers visitors a curated experience created by its walks, central promenade, tree-lined roads, meadows, groves of trees, buildings, and views.



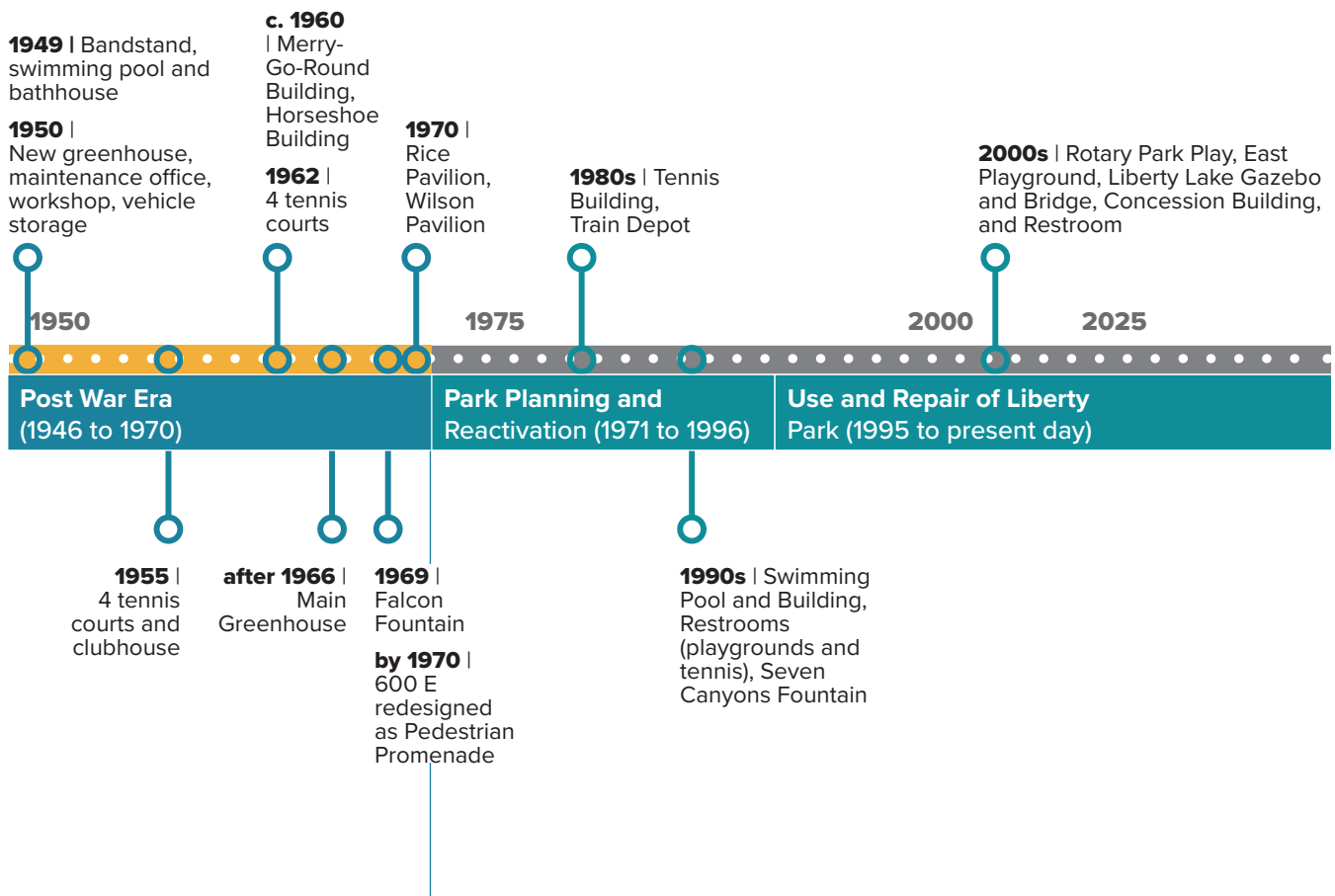
Liberty Park's initial development embodied the principles of the American Park design and City Beautiful Movement that emerged in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These movements aimed to provide beauty, nature, and recreational opportunities for the residents of Salt Lake City. Post-war modifications and additions responded to evolving park trends and introduced a modern aesthetic to the design of Liberty Park that expressed clean lines, symmetry, minimal ornamentation, and functionality.

Liberty Park continues to evolve. As the use of the park, investment, and priorities have changed, its historic urban forest, with its tree allées and groves, circulation routes, features, and views of the mountains, continues to define its character. The cultural and emotional connections that the community has with Liberty Park

highlight its lasting significance for generations of park visitors.

Liberty Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (1980 NRHP) at the state level with a period of significance of 1800 to 1899. This period captures the evolution of the park as a mill and farm and the establishment and improvement of Liberty Park as a public park.

The Liberty Park CLR recommends updating the period of significance to capture significant movements, events, and resources that shaped Liberty Park. A period of 1882 to 1970 is recommended to correspond with the opening of Liberty Park in 1882 and the date Liberty Park was considered completed, distinguishing the period from later changes that impacted the park's character.



Community Engagement Summary

Nearly 1,000 community members, along with members of the technical advisory committee and community advisory committee, participated in an open and transparent planning process. Community engagement was crucial to the development of the Cultural Landscape Report and Vision Plan for Liberty Park.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings: Five meetings were held at key milestones to share existing condition findings, discuss needs and challenges, discuss visioning and programming, and refine preferred recommendations and priorities. The group included representatives from the Department of Public Lands, Housing Stability Division, and Planning Division.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings: Three meetings were held at key milestones to share existing condition findings, discuss needs and challenges, discuss visioning and programming, and refine preferred recommendations and priorities. The group included representatives from the Mayor's Office, City Council, Community Council, Tracy Aviary, YouthCity, Bee Hive Social Sports, Liberty Park Concessionaire, Event Permit Holders, Preservation Utah, Salt Lake City Arts Council, and select residents.

Colors in the Park Community Event: Over 70 community members attended the June 17, 2025, event to share what they love about Liberty Park and what could be improved. The community shared that they love that the park offers something for everyone, value the trees and large open spaces of the park, and enjoy the splash pad, pool, playgrounds, sport courts, amusement area, and trail network.

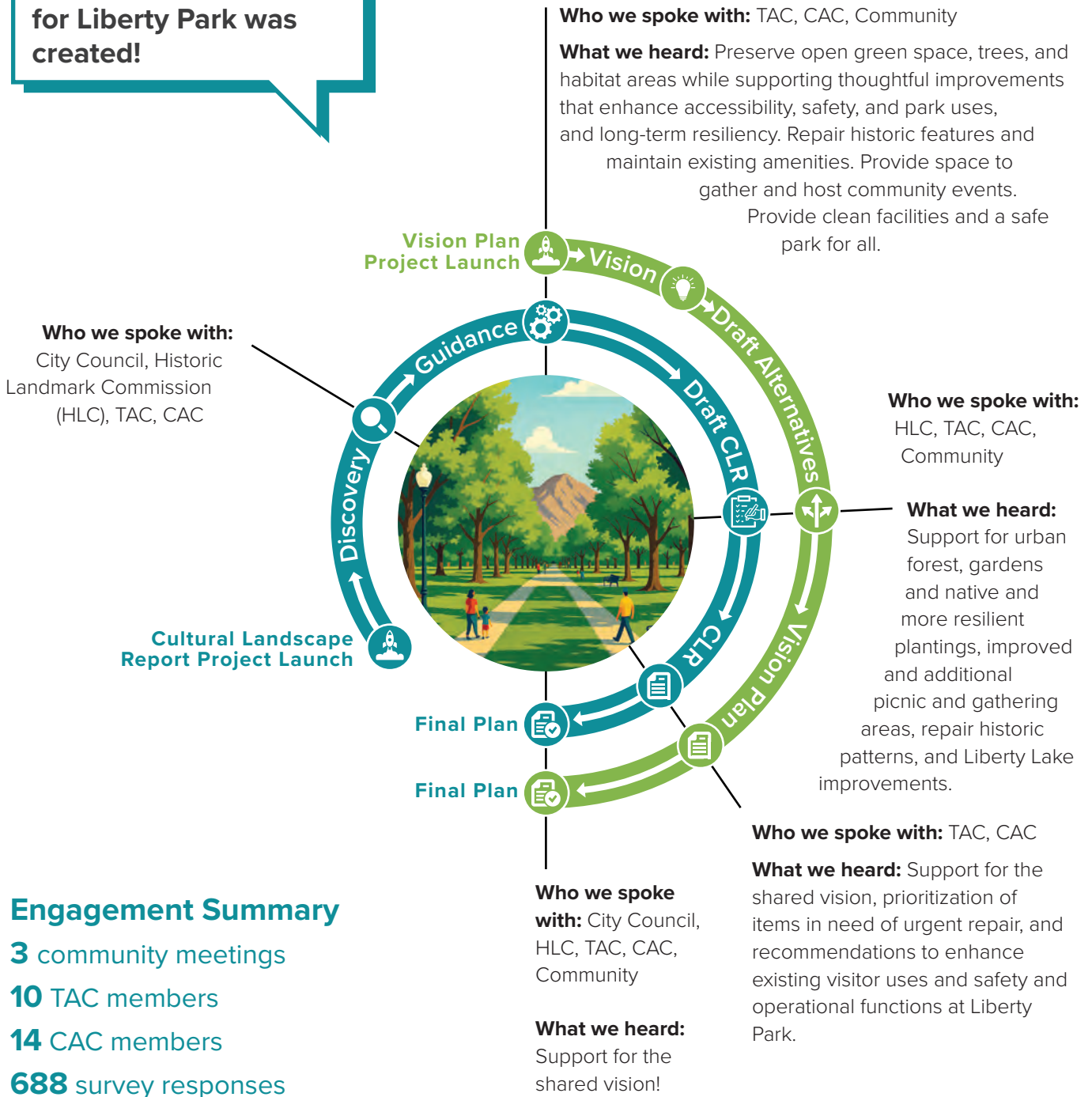
Community Open House #1: The first Liberty Park Open House was held on September 25, 2025, at the Chase Mill in Tracy Aviary. Community members engaged in interactive activities, met the project team, and contributed to shaping the 10-year vision for the park. Overall, comments highlighted a desire to balance nature conservation with opportunities for recreation, gathering, and long-term resilience.

Community Open House #2: This summary will be added after the May 2026 Event.

"Been roaming the park my whole life. The green peaceful spaces are the best!"

Community Member, 2025

How the shared vision for Liberty Park was created!



Engagement Summary

- 3** community meetings
- 10** TAC members
- 14** CAC members
- 688** survey responses
- 200+** community meeting attendees

02 Liberty Park Vision Plan VISION

This section distills findings from the Cultural Landscape Report and input from Salt Lake City Staff and the community into a vision statement, six guiding principles, and a guiding vision plan for Liberty Park. This vision describes the essential qualities Liberty Park should embody in the future and serves as a foundation for implementing this Vision Plan.

Liberty Park represents the initial and continued commitment of Salt Lake City to improve urban life through its public park system. The cultural and emotional ties of the community to Liberty Park have grown over the last 144 years, and the importance of Liberty Park is deeply ingrained in the collective memory of generations of park users.

This Vision Plan establishes a shared vision to guide the preservation and rehabilitation of Liberty Park. It honors the enduring significance of Liberty Park to the community and Salt Lake City's original intent to provide a park that promotes civic pride and enhances the quality of life for its residents.

This plan provides recommendations to allow for improvements and additions that provide for park and recreation purposes while ensuring these do not affect park use and protect the park's historic integrity. All improvements and additions, including infrastructure and utilities, will be sited and design protect the cultural landscape. This includes locating infrastructure in areas traditionally used as operational areas; ensuring scenic views, vistas, and the visitor experience are protected; and designing infrastructure to be a scale, material, and color that harmonizes with the historic setting and aesthetic of Liberty Park.

Vision

Liberty Park is significant as one of Salt Lake City's first public parks and for its embodiment of America's early park design movements.

Liberty Park will be preserved as the central gathering space of Salt Lake City, offering diverse opportunities for the community to relax, recreate, gather, and celebrate, and as a model for urban ecological function and resiliency for the next 100 years.

Guiding Principles

This Vision Plan focuses on six guiding principles to achieve the vision for Liberty Park. Collectively, these guiding principles ensure Liberty Park retains its historic integrity, continues to offer diverse visitor experiences, and serves as a model for resiliency.



Ensure safe connections and access to and through Liberty Park



Ensure safe and welcoming park experiences for everyday use and special events



Preserve and repair Liberty Park's historic composition, buildings, and features



Re-establish significant features and uses



Protect and enhance the urban forest



Be a model for resiliency, low-water landscapes, and biodiversity in urban parks

Vision Plan

Liberty Park opened to the public in 1882 to provide the rapidly growing city with needed public parkland, promote civic pride, and improve the quality of life of its residents. Liberty Park quickly established as a much-loved park, community gathering space, and regional destination, featuring music and theatrical performances, and Salt Lake City's first zoo and later Tracy Aviary. Liberty Park's significance to the community of Salt Lake City endures, and the importance of preserving and rehabilitating the park is reflected in the city's development of a Cultural Landscape Report and Vision Plan for Liberty Park.

This Vision Plan establishes a shared vision to guide preservation and rehabilitation of Liberty Park. Recommendations preserve and rehabilitate historic and natural resources, including Liberty Park's urban forest, park composition, and features. Guidance addresses deferred maintenance, repair, and enhancement of park infrastructure and amenities, and diverse opportunities for visitors of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to relax, recreate, gather, and celebrate.

Key recommendations to achieve this shared vision for Liberty Park include the following.

Preserve the **composition** of Liberty Park as the foundation of the park, establishing its historic character. This includes its composition as a series of nine spaces, a central axis, a loop road, open lawns, tree allées, tree groves, and structures and buildings.

Repair and enhance the iconic **tree allées and tree groves, meadows, and water features** to ensure Liberty Park's historic park composition is preserved, and these resources function as critical green infrastructure, enhancing ecological function, habitat, and resiliency of Liberty Park.

Continue and expand upon the tradition of **gardens** in Liberty Park. Gardens and indoor and outdoor greenhouse spaces re-establish Liberty Park as a horticultural destination, highlighting its significance as the historic center of citywide plant propagation, and support the sustainability and resiliency of Liberty Park.

Re-establish **Liberty Lake** as a prominent space and focal point of Liberty Park. Boardwalks and trails provide an immersive opportunity to experience nature at the core of Salt Lake City, explore the historic lake, and take in the iconic views of the Wasatch Range.

Preserve **historic circulation** patterns, improve **access** for all modes, and re-establish **non-extant trails** to enhance accessibility throughout the park and to park destinations.

Provide **gathering spaces** of varying scales to provide diverse opportunities to relax, recreate, gather, celebrate, enjoy the park, strengthen community and social connections, and enjoy community-based music and theatrical performances.

Preserve **historic buildings, structures, objects, and features** to maintain historic integrity and improve access for all.

Prioritize **regular maintenance and repair** for all park features, buildings, and infrastructure.

The following sections present a vision and recommendations for Liberty Park's composition, circulation, vegetation, urban forest, and sustainability and resiliency.

Park composition highlights the improvement of the Koi Pond, Liberty Lake, Greenhouse, and Liberty Lake Trail as signature projects. These signature projects leverage existing initiatives that are in planning, design, or implementation phases and reflect the six guiding principles that support the long-term vision for Liberty Park.



Liberty Park Vision Plan (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

Park Composition

Liberty Park's composition of park spaces, including meadows, court sports, trails, picnic sites, play areas, and gathering spaces, offers opportunities for high-quality passive and active park use. Maintaining Liberty Park's historic composition while establishing new complementary park spaces enables Liberty Park to continue to evolve as a much-loved urban park and center of community gatherings. New park spaces, including a gathering and play area at the site of the historic bandstand, Liberty Lake Loop, Greenhouse gardens, and picnic areas at the Koi Pond, Rotary Play, and the northeast meadow, build upon Liberty Park's established park composition to expand opportunities for all ages to enjoy Liberty Park.

Preserve Liberty Park's composition by protecting and repairing its organization as a distinct rectangular park composed of nine spaces, Central Promenade, and arrangement and orientation of buildings and spaces to Central Promenade.











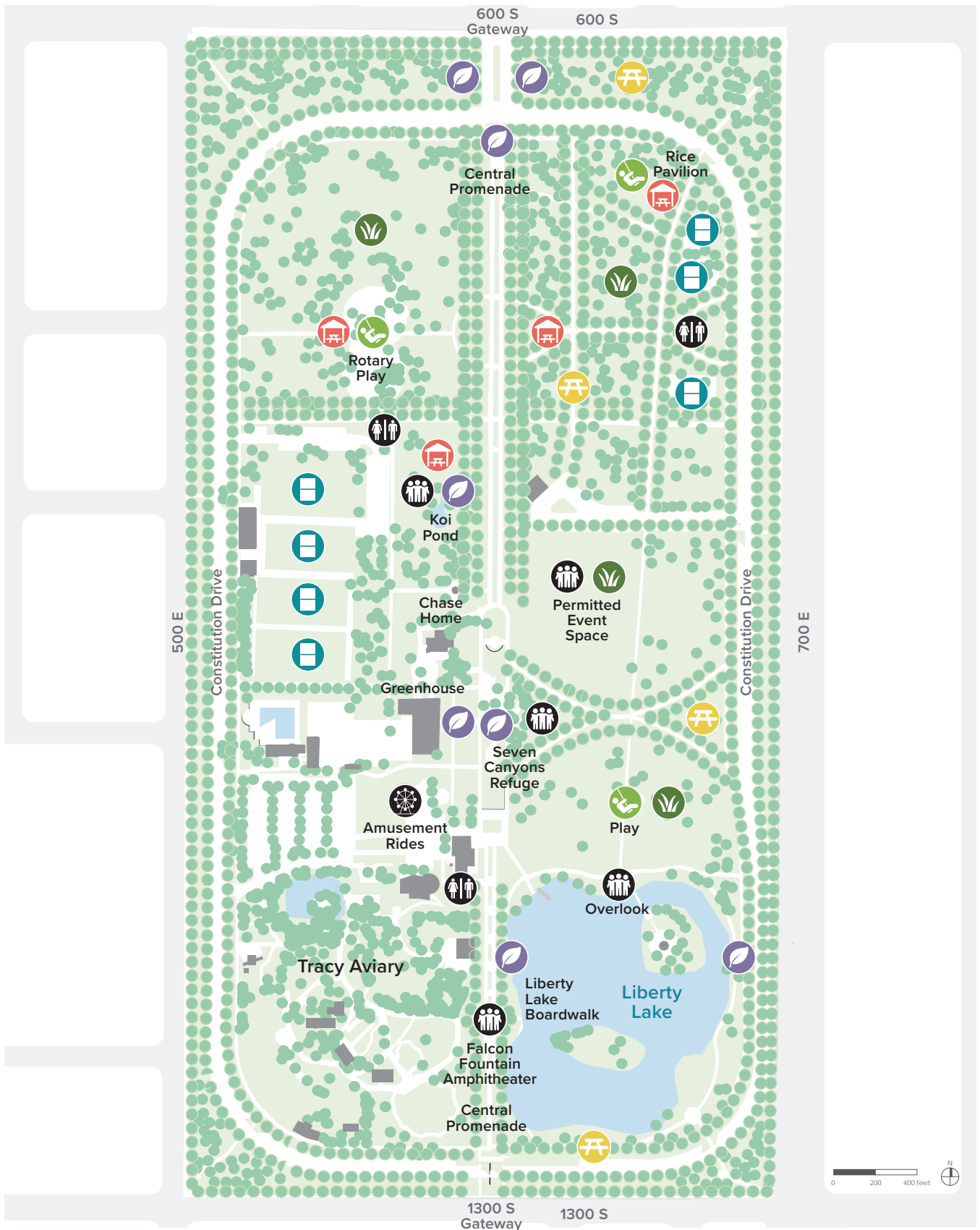
Preserve Liberty Park's **meadows** to provide space for everyday park use, from picnicking, play and gathering to active and passive recreation, to special events.



Provide **gardens and native plantings** to increase bird and wildlife habitat, enhance biological diversity, and re-establish Liberty Park as a horticultural destination. Koi Pond, Liberty Lake, and Greenhouse provide Salt Lake City and its partners with a setting to offer programming and opportunities for visitors to explore and appreciate the native ecosystems of Utah and the historic significance of Liberty Park's gardens and legacy of plant propagation.

Liberty Park Composition

-  Meadows
-  Gardens, Ornamental, and Native Plantings
-  Court Sports
-  Picnic Shelters
-  Picnic Sites
-  Play
-  Gathering Spaces
-  Amusement Rides



Park Composition (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).



Balance the repair of **court sports**, including basketball, horseshoe, bocce, and volleyball courts, with the potential of a court sport core area near Rice Pavilion.

This new court sport area capitalizes on existing infrastructure and adjacent complementary uses. Evaluate court use and location within Liberty Park as court replacement occurs to assess community needs.



Maintain **Rice Pavilion**. Areas for potential additional **picnic shelters** include Rotary Play, Koi Pond, and the northeast meadow.



Enhance **picnic sites** to include basic amenities (e.g., tables, waste receptacles) and establish new picnic sites at key areas to complement adjacent park uses (e.g., play and courts).



Maintain **Rotary Play**. Create **new play** experiences at the hillside north of Liberty Lake and at the site of the current concrete volleyball court.

A new playground north of Liberty Lake will provide equitable access for residents living south of Liberty Park and will incorporate the existing topographic mound as a play feature.

Consider relocating the playground east of the Rice Pavilion to the site of the underutilized concrete volleyball court. This will create a designated sports core area in that location and improve the connection between the play areas and the nearby picnic shelter.



Provide **gathering spaces** of varying scales with diverse opportunities to relax, recreate, gather, celebrate, enjoy the park, and strengthen community and social connections. Falcon Fountain Amphitheater, Seven Canyons Refuge Amphitheater, the permitted event meadow east of Chase Home, and areas of unprogrammed open space will remain.

Areas for potential additional gathering spaces include the site of the historic bandstand north of Liberty Lake, hillside north of Liberty Lake, and Koi Pond.



Maintain **Amusement Rides** as a complementary, year-round amenity in Liberty Park accessible to all visitors, ensuring rides are compatible with the historic character, scale, and use of the park.



Park Composition: Greenhouse



Elevate the Greenhouse as a center of plant propagation in Salt Lake City with horticultural displays offering space for community gatherings, education, hands-on volunteer opportunities, and a place to enjoy the diverse landscapes of the Wasatch Front.

The Greenhouse historically served as the center of plant propagation for Salt Lake City and expanded as the city grew. The existing Greenhouse will be replaced with a new structure that meets modern standards for accessibility and plant propagation while enhancing its educational, recreational, and environmental value to the community. The Greenhouse will remain an iconic landmark of Liberty Park and be reactivated for plant propagation and

community use with gardens reflecting the horticultural function of the building and ecosystems of the Wasatch Front. The gardens will offer opportunities for plant-based education, interpreting the legacy of greenhouses and gardens in Liberty Park, and participation in volunteer activities and will serve as an incubator for the establishment of resilient landscapes throughout Salt Lake City's urban parks.



Park Composition: Liberty Lake



Enhance Liberty Lake as an immersive experience for the community and park visitors to enjoy nature in the heart of Salt Lake City.

Liberty Lake, a focal point of Liberty Park, will include a continuous loop trail. A segment of boardwalk with overlooks will immerse visitors in the landscape of Liberty Lake, designed as a natural ecosystem with robust native riparian plantings. Two acres of lake edge plantings will contribute to the biodiversity of the park, improve water quality, and provide high-quality habitat for birds and wildlife.

Overlooks and seating will provide opportunities to take in the iconic views of the Wasatch Range, bird watch, and enjoy Liberty Lake. Formalized visitor experiences along Liberty Lake will improve access for visitors of all ages and abilities while reducing erosion, denuded vegetation, and degraded habitat.



Park Composition: Koi Pond



Celebrate Koi Pond as a tangible connection to Liberty Park's history as Salt Lake City's first zoo, the pond's origins as a naturally occurring spring, and its connection to the historic Chase Farm.

Koi Pond, a prominent central gathering space in Liberty Park, will feature native plants, seating, and areas designed for both small and large gatherings. An open-air picnic shelter located centrally between Rotary Play and Koi Pond, will capitalize on views to the pond, and include open lawn for picnics and play. Koi Pond's setting and signage will provide opportunities for interpretation and education.

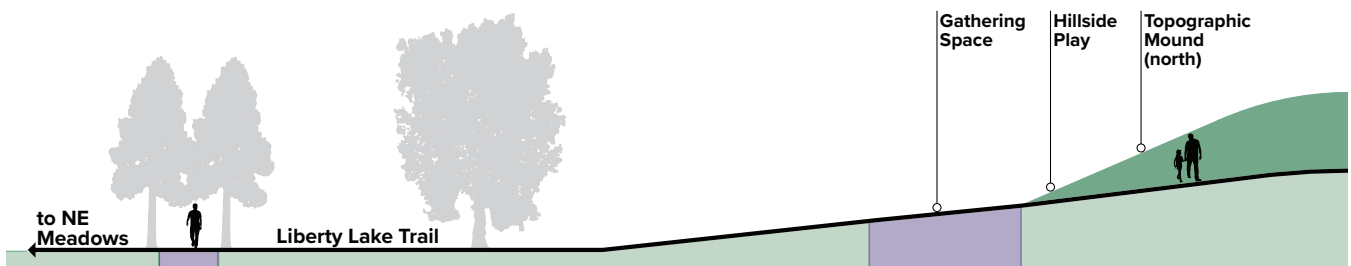


Park Composition: Liberty Lake Trail

Re-establish the historic visual and physical connections between Liberty Lake and meadows to the north with a hillside play and gathering experience north of the mound and a prominent community gathering space south of the mound at the site of the historic bandstand.



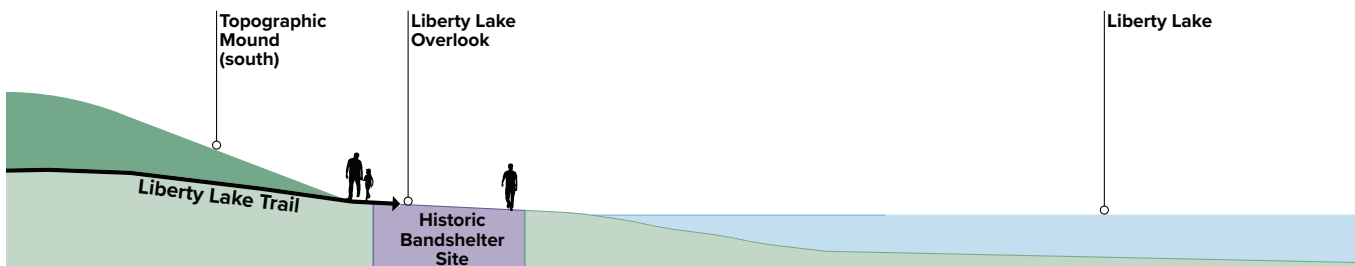
Gathering Space and Hillside Play north of the topographic mound will incorporate seating and play.



Liberty Lake Trail connection from NE Meadows to Gathering Space and Hillside Plan to Liberty Lake Overlook.



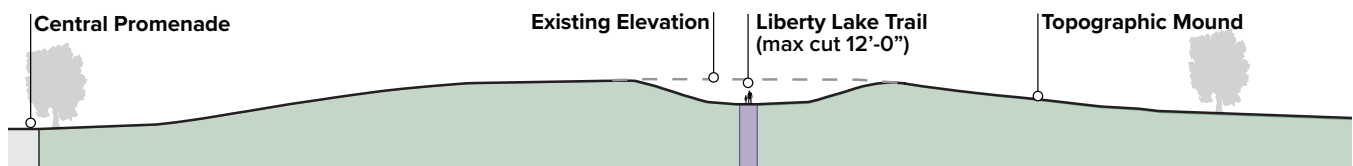
Liberty Lake Overlook will provide a flexible urban park space for small informal gatherings and larger community-based programs and events, honoring the park's legacy of theatrical and musical performances.



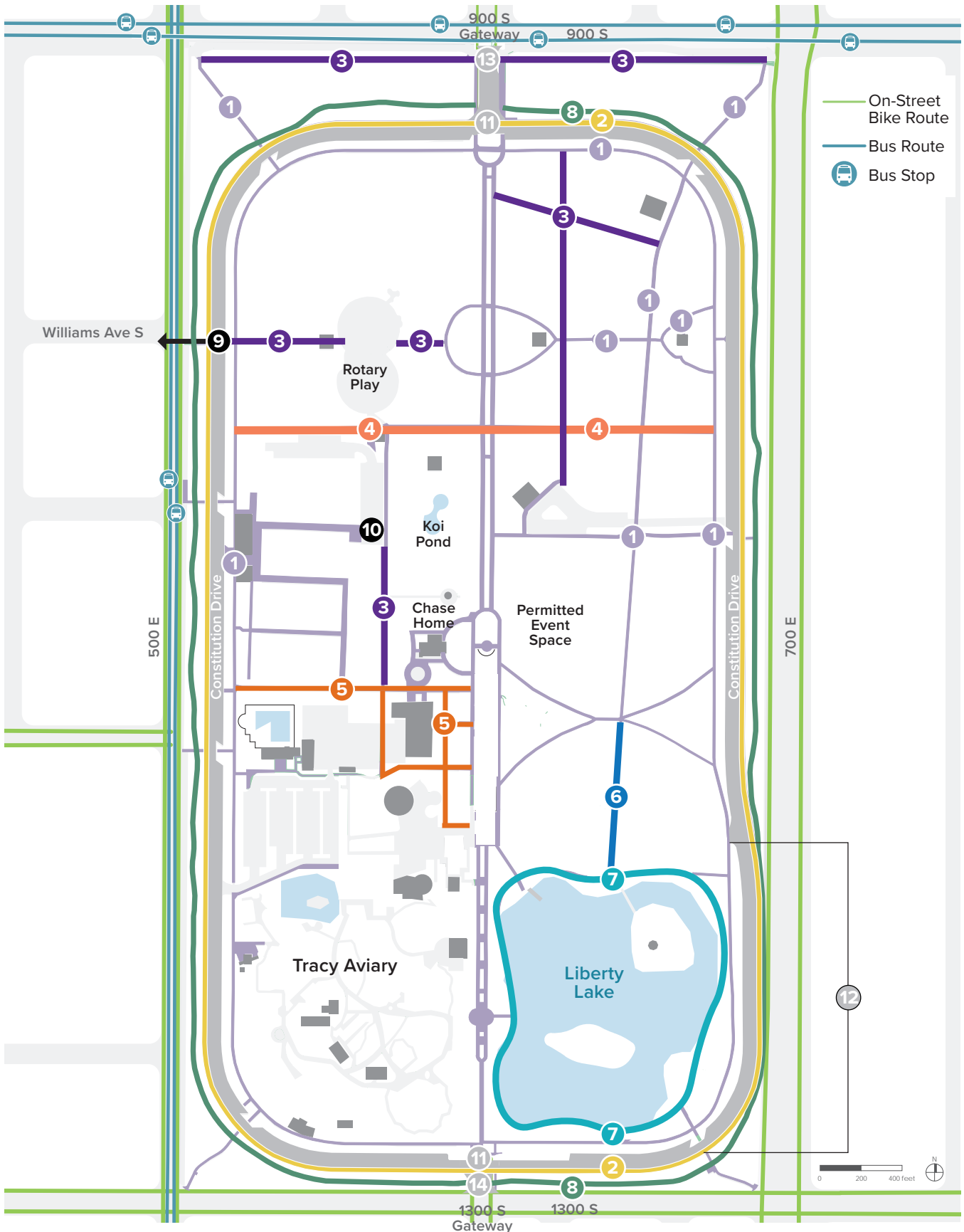
Circulation

This Vision Plan builds upon Liberty Park’s historic character to preserve a hierarchy of circulation routes that are easy to navigate, enjoyable, offer experiences and access for all users to park destinations, and reflect a consistent aesthetic compatible with Liberty Park’s historic character.

- 1 Preserve and reinforce Liberty Park’s **historic hierarchy of circulation** by maintaining historic alignments, widths, and materials.
- 2 Improve **multi-use trail** to enhance the visitor experience, to reduce conflicts between modes, and ensure safe crossings and ADA compliance. Consider widening the trail where feasible while ensuring the protection of the tree allées.
- 3 Re-establish **trails** along historic alignments to activate the northeast corner of Liberty Park, repair historic connections, and enhance access to destinations throughout the park.
- 4 Re-establish a **central east-west pedestrian route** to strengthen connections in the park and provide access between park destinations.
- 5 Increase **Greenhouse trails** to provide access through gardens, with a route north of the pool providing operational vehicular access from Constitution Drive to the Greenhouse and Chase Home.
- 6 Re-establish **Liberty Lake Trail** to repair the historic connection from the northeast of Liberty Park to the historic bandstand location and Liberty Lake. The north-south route provides a connection through the topographic mound north of Liberty Lake and repairs historic visual and physical connections to Liberty Lake modified by the creation of the topographic mound. Regrade a portion of the mound to establish an ADA-compliant route.
- 7 Establish **Liberty Lake Loop** to create a continuous pedestrian connection along the lake edge with overlooks and a boardwalk that extends along the lake’s improved riparian edge.
- 8 Maintain **mulch trail** as a continuous walking and running loop around Liberty Park.
- 9 Improve **Williams Avenue S pedestrian entrance** to re-establish historic connections to neighborhoods west of Liberty Park.
- 10 Establish **additional parking** south of Rotary Play to offset parking removal along Constitution Drive.
- 11 Preserve **Constitution Drive** as the primary vehicular route in Liberty Park with modifications to increase safety and accessibility for all modes, including improvements to mark pedestrian and bicycle crossings, assist in vehicular wayfinding, and provide for bicycle use. Improve Constitution Drive as a shared use route for vehicles and bicycles to alleviate trail volumes on the adjacent multi-use trail.



Liberty Lake Trail section illustrating the maximum cut required to create an ADA compliant route through the topographic mound to the site of a new gathering area at the site of the non-extant bandstand (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

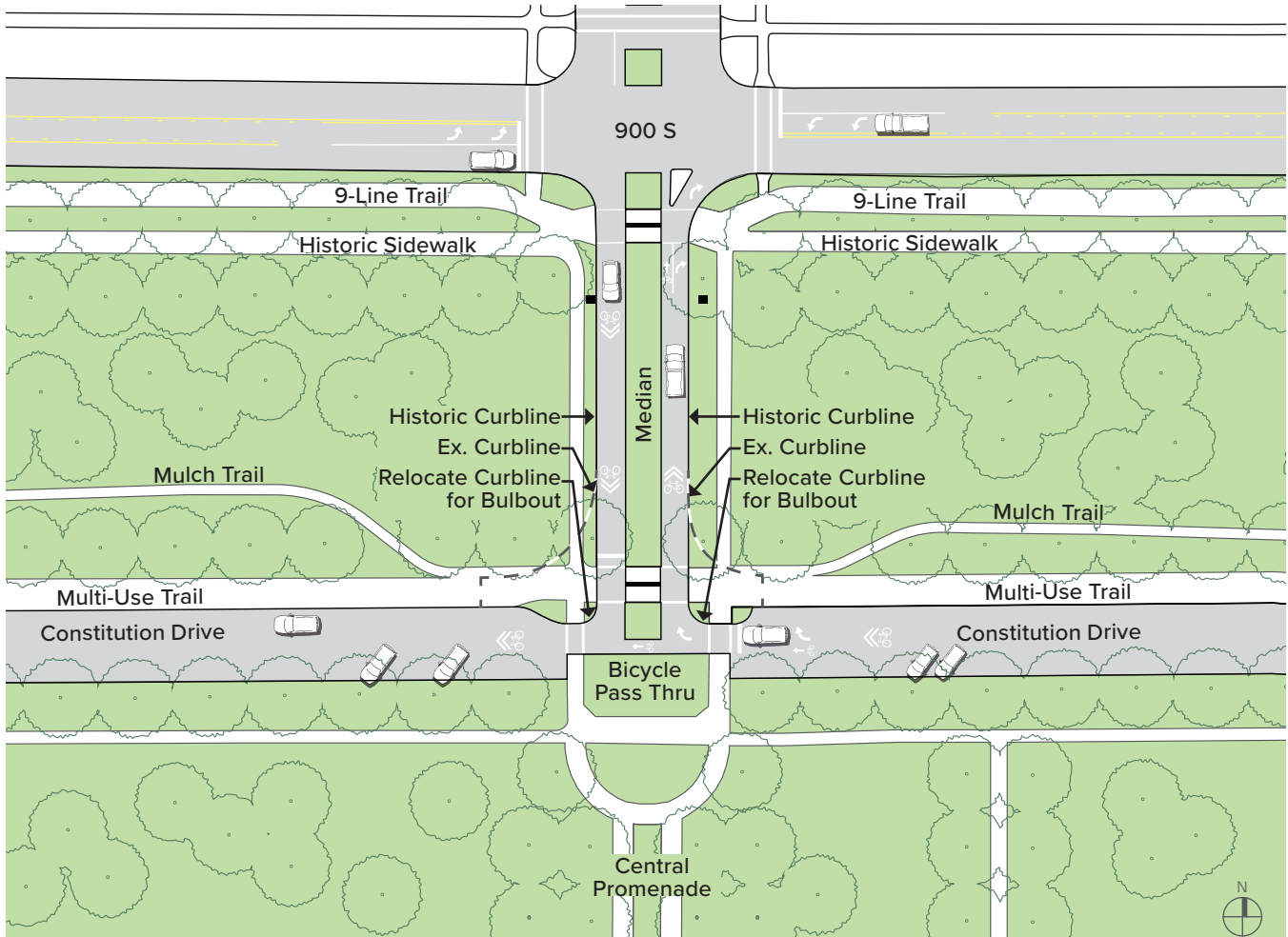


Circulation (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).



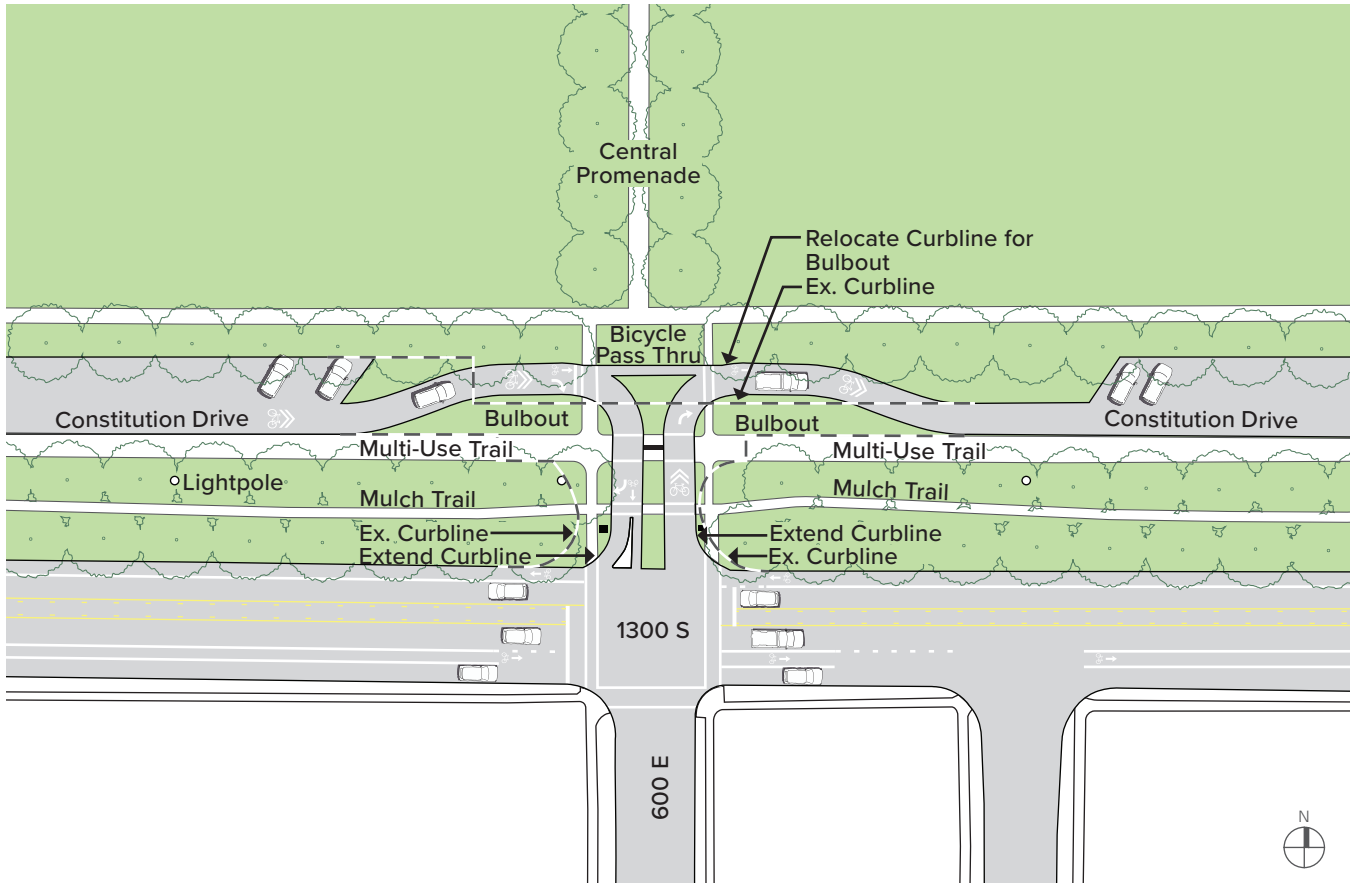
Constitution Drive existing condition (top) and vision for improved safety and visitor experience (bottom) (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

- 12 Improve **Constitution Drive** along the southwest corner of Liberty Park to re-establish historic evergreen tree allées, deciduous tree row, and provide greater physical separation between the multi-use trail and 700 E. Remove a section of on-street parking along Constitution Drive and provide improvements to enhance the safety and enjoyability of the route for bicycle use.



Vision for 900 S Gateway (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

- 13 Improve 900 S Gateway as a prominent entrance to Liberty Park, providing safe, accessible, and intuitive access for all modes. 900 S Gateway recommendations include the following to maintain historic alignments and relationships to Central Promenade, gateway monuments, and historic curblines.
- Central median to direct and clarify vehicular access and turning movements, and provide a protected refuge for trail users crossing the entrance road. Median will maintain historic views to Central Promenade and contribute to a formal sense of arrival to Liberty Park.
 - Curb bulbouts and raised pedestrian crossings (speed tables) at trail crossings to shorten pedestrian crossing distances, increase visibility, and reduce vehicle speeds at intersections.
 - Consolidated trail crossings (combined mulch and multi-use crossing).
 - Signage and pavement markings to improve the entrance road as a shared roadway for bicycles and vehicles.
 - Re-establish the non-extant sidewalk and tree allée along 900 S.



Vision for 1300 S Gateway (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

14 Improve 1300 S Gateway as a prominent entrance to Liberty Park, providing safe, accessible, and intuitive access for all modes. 1300 S Gateway improvements include the following to avoid utility conflicts and maintain historic tree allées.

- Central median to direct and clarify vehicular access and turning movements, and provide a protected refuge for trail users crossing the entrance road. Median will contribute to a formal sense of arrival to Liberty Park.
- Extend the western curbline east to create a

shorter and more direct pedestrian crossing to the south.

- Curb bulbouts and raised pedestrian crossings (speed tables) at trail crossings to shorten pedestrian crossing distances, increase visibility, and reduce vehicle speeds at intersections.
- Signage and pavement markings to improve the entrance road as a shared roadway for bicycles and vehicles.
- Gateway monument.

Vegetation

This Vision Plan establishes landscape typologies to support park use, preserve and repair historic patterns, and expand the ecological function of Liberty Park to provide habitat for birds and wildlife, enhance water quality, reduce water use, and expand biodiversity.

Reference Salt Lake City Plant List & Hydrozone Schedule prepared by Salt Lake City Public Utilities when selecting plant species for the following typologies.

Functional Lawn is designed for high use areas, planted with a blend of Kentucky bluegrass with perennial ryegrass or hybrid Bermuda grass. Separate irrigation zones are provided for trees. High to moderate water use.

Forested Lawn is designed for locations with limited visitor use and gathering, planted with a blend of grass requiring less water and fertilization and can be left unmown for a meadow appearance. Separate irrigation zones are provided for all trees. Lower water use.

Waterwise Streetscape is designed for limited passive use where mature historic trees are located, planted with native bunchgrasses and sod-forming grasses. Separate irrigation zones are provided for all trees. Lower water use.

Waterwise Meadow is designed for no active programming or uses, planted with cold and warm season native plants. Low water use.

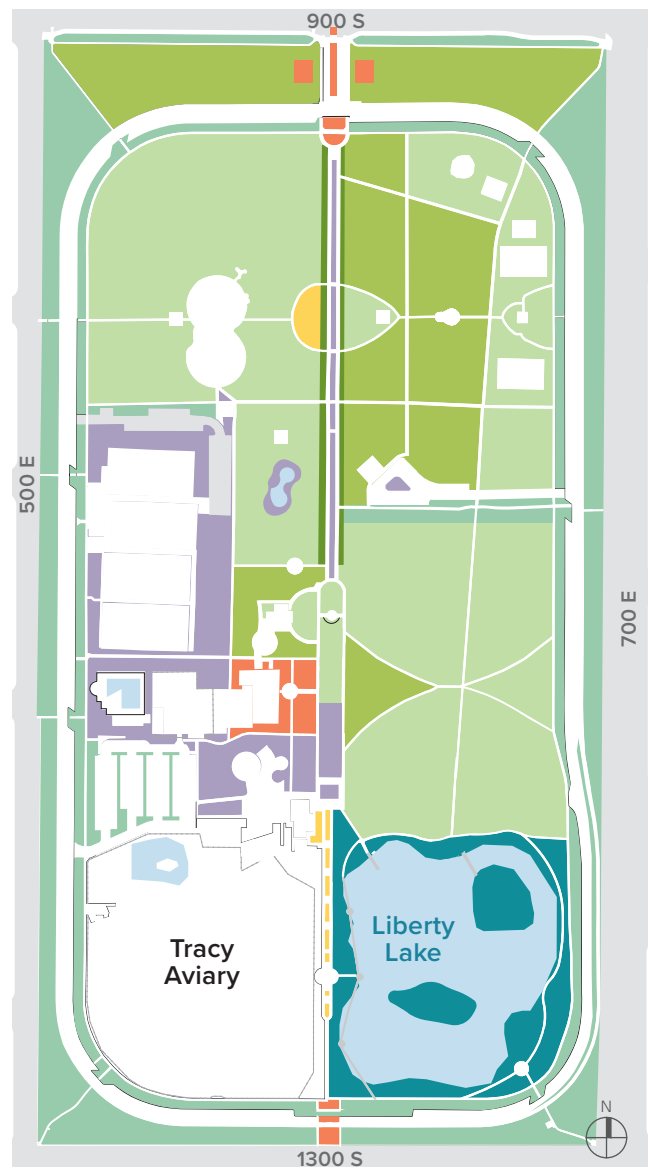
Riparian / Wetland is designed for the edge of Liberty Lake, planted with native riparian grasses and forbs with less than 35% total tree and shrub cover. Non-irrigated.

Central Promenade includes two to three inches of organic mulch.

Gardens highlight Liberty Park’s historic role in citywide plant propagation and the naturalistic and formal design of gardens once located throughout the park.

Waterwise Swath Planting with mass-grouping or drifts of hardy and native shrubs and perennials. Low water use.

Garden is planted with native perennials. Lower water use.



Landscape Typologies (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

Urban Forest

This Vision Plan supports Salt Lake City's commitment to the stewardship of the urban forest and establishment of Liberty Park as a model for urban ecological function and resiliency for the next 100 years. Recommendations strengthen and repair Liberty Park's historic patterns of tree allées and tree groves as a healthy urban forest.

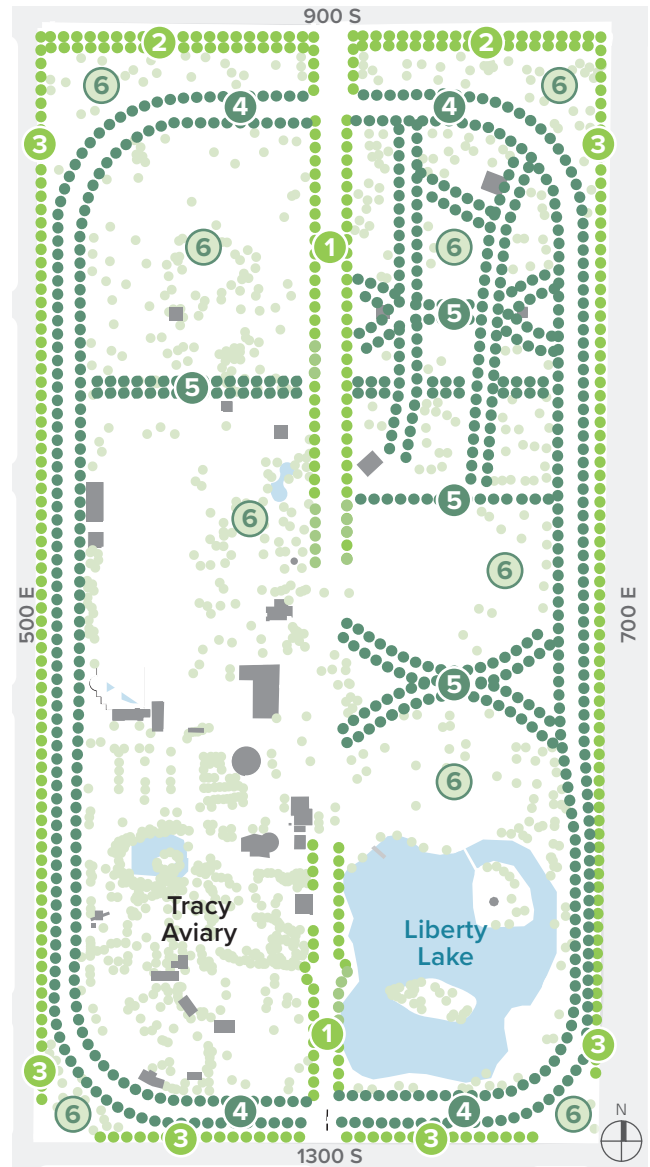
Liberty Park's urban forest includes 1,990 trees comprised of 119 species, with trees extant from the period of significance. 62% of Liberty Park's trees are classified by the city as specimen trees. Trees vary in condition and are impacted by inadequate irrigation, invasive pests, and natural disasters. Salt Lake City lost a significant number of trees during a hurricane-force windstorm in 2020, including 26 trees at Liberty Park.

Liberty Park is significant for its patterns of tree allées and tree groves. This Vision Plan establishes guidance to preserve and expand upon the following patterns established during the period of significance.

- 1** Central Promenade Deciduous Tree Allée
- 2** 900 S Deciduous Tree Allée
- 3** 500 E, 700 E, and 1300 S Deciduous Tree Row
- 4** Constitution Drive Evergreen Tree Allées
- 5** Interior Evergreen Tree Allées
- 6** Mixed Evergreen and Deciduous Tree Grove

Overarching recommendations address the resiliency of the urban forest, challenges associated with climate change, and proactively planning for a phased replacement of the urban forest with more diverse species selection and age distribution.

Site-specific guidance for in-kind replacement in original locations, infill planting next to mature trees, and new plantings is provided in Chapter 4: Maintenance Plan.



Urban Forest (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

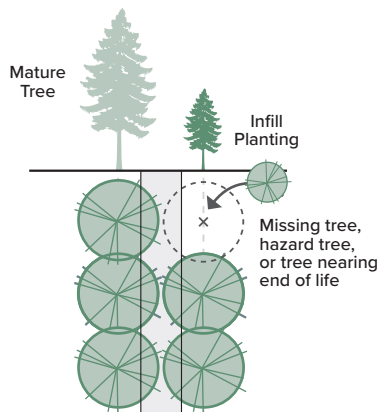
This Plan identifies three primary strategies to increase the resiliency of the urban forest and preserve historic patterns for future generations, with specific guidance for the Central Promenade. The location, spacing, symmetry, and arrangement of existing and historic tree allées, tree rows, and tree groves serve as a guide in preserving the park's existing symmetry and order that contribute to its historic character.

Alternate between a few tree species that share similar forms, heights, and branching structures within tree rows and tree allées (e.g., use the same species for 10 to 15 consecutive trees, then switch to another species for the next 10 to 15 trees) to maintain uniformity in form and symmetry while diversifying the overall tree allée.

Strategy 1: Replace In-Kind in Original Locations

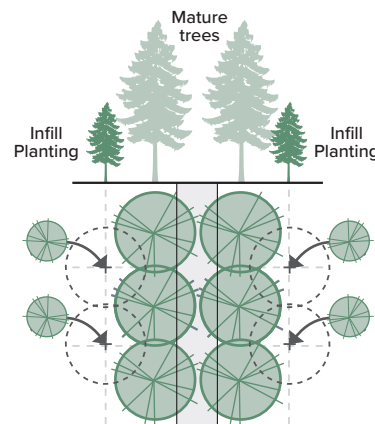
Provide in-kind replacement of trees where gaps exist, when trees become hazards, or reach the end of their life

Replace in original locations.



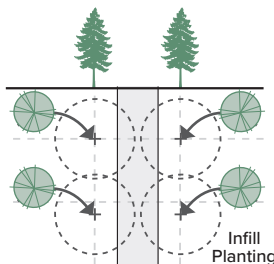
Strategy 2: Infill Planting Next to Mature Trees

Plant similar species within the understory / next to mature trees in anticipation of losing mature tree



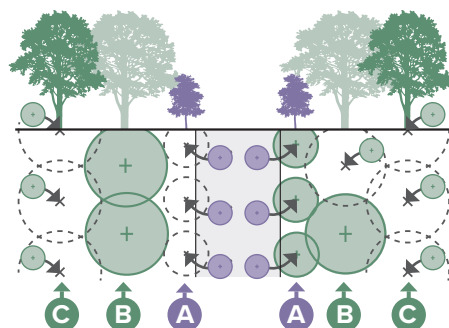
Strategy 3: New Planting

Plant tree allées, tree rows, and tree groves in areas of non-extant plantings where no or few mature trees remain



Central Promenade Strategy

Infill plantings where gaps exist along Fremont Cottonwood tree allée with similar species (B), phased removal and replacement of London plane trees (A), establishment of an exterior row of mature canopy trees (C)

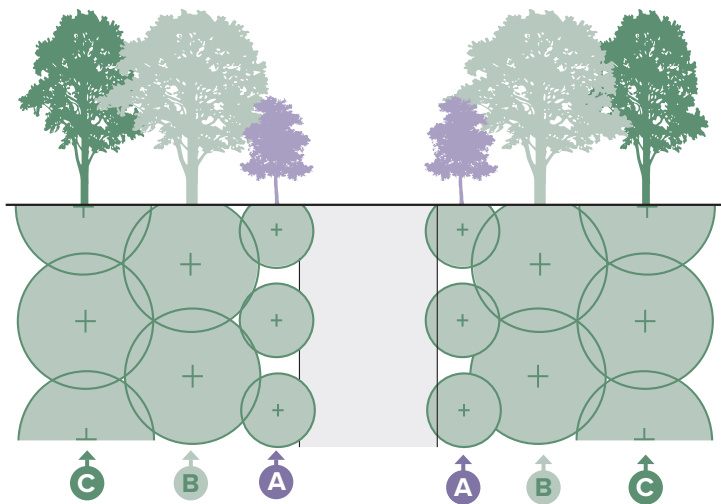


- A** Understory Tree Row. Remove stump, Replace London Plane trees with understory tree species, and Transplant London plane trees
- B** Protected Tree Row. Infill planting with Fremont Cottonwood or canopy tree species with narrower crown
- C** Outer Tree Row. Plant new outer tree row with deciduous species

1 Central Promenade Deciduous Tree Allées

Vision: Central Promenade's deciduous tree allée contributes to the historic character of Liberty Park and is highly valued by the community. Preservation and repair of the mature tree allée's symmetry and order will maintain a tangible connection to the City Beautiful Movement, support the health of the urban forest, and ensure this iconic feature of the park remains for future generations.

The tree allée is envisioned as three rows of trees east and west of Central Promenade, with an inner row of shade-tolerant understory trees and two outer rows of deciduous canopy trees with similar forms, heights, and branching structures. Alternating between tree species maintains uniformity while diversifying the overall tree allée.



- A** Understory Tree Row. Replace London Plane trees with Ginkgo biloba trees, spacing new plantings properly between existing Cottonwood trees and infill plantings. Plant Ginkgo biloba trees closer to sidewalks than existing London plane trees. Transplant London plane trees in tree groves.
- B** Protected Tree Row. Infill plantings with Fremont Cottonwood trees or a canopy tree species with narrower crown. Consider alternating species maintaining uniformity while diversifying the overall allée.
- C** Outer Tree Row. Plant new outer tree row with deciduous species similar to protected tree row. Alternate species to maintain uniformity while diversifying the overall allée.

Long-term Vision for the Central Promenade's deciduous tree allée
(Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

1 Central Promenade Deciduous Tree Allées



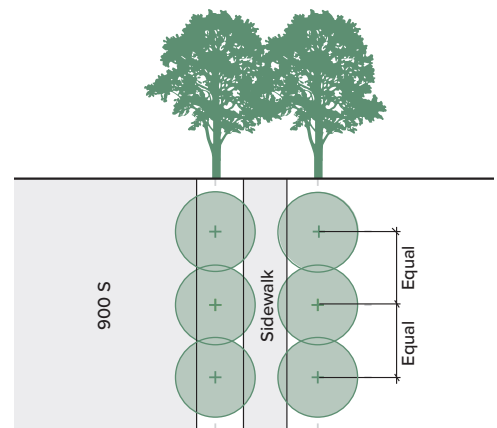
Central Promenade existing condition (top) and vision for its deciduous tree allée (bottom) (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

2 900 S Deciduous Tree Allées



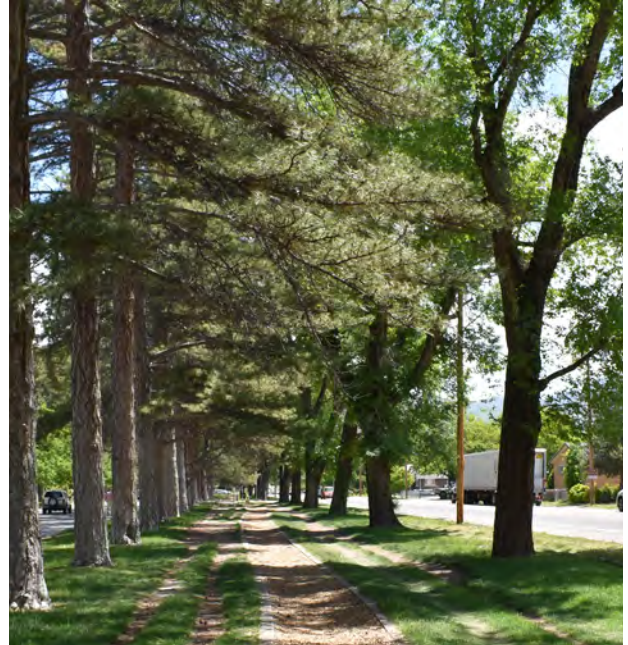
Vision: Preservation and repair of 900 S deciduous tree allée through in-kind replacement of trees in original locations will re-establish the symmetry and order of the tree allée that historically defined the northern edge of Liberty Park.

900 S historic deciduous tree allée (Image: © Utah State Historical Society).



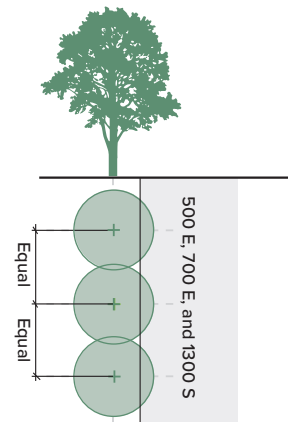
Long-term vision for the 900 S deciduous tree allée (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

3 500 E, 700 E, and 1300 S Deciduous Tree Rows



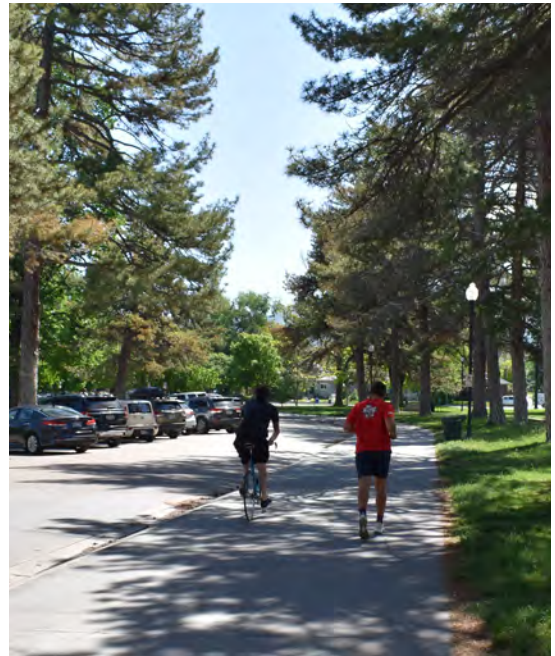
Vision: Preservation and repair of deciduous tree rows along 500E, 700E, and 1300S will re-establish the symmetry and order of the tree allées that historically characterized the east, west, and south edges of Liberty Park.

1300 S historic deciduous tree row (left) (Image: © Utah State Historical Society) and present-day deciduous tree row (right) (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).



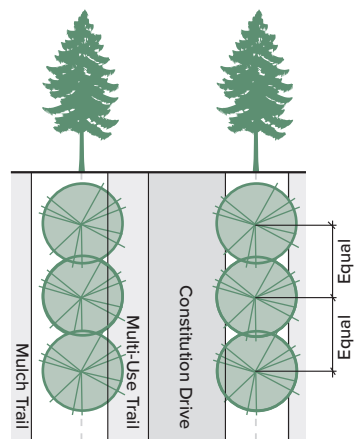
Long-term vision for the 500E, 700E, and 1300S deciduous tree rows (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

4 Constitution Drive Evergreen Tree Allées



Vision: Preservation and repair of Constitution Drive's evergreen tree allées will re-establish the formal plantings that defined the edges of the road and contribute to the historic character of Liberty Park.

Constitution Drive historic evergreen tree allée (left) (Image: © Utah State Historical Society) and present-day evergreen tree allée (right) (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).



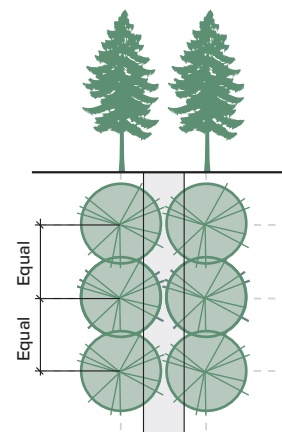
Long-term vision for the Constitution Drive historic evergreen tree allée (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

5 Interior Evergreen Tree Allées



Vision: Preservation and repair of interior evergreen tree allées will maintain the historic character of Liberty Park and experience of walking along the park's tree-lined trails for future generations.

Interior evergreen tree allées (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).



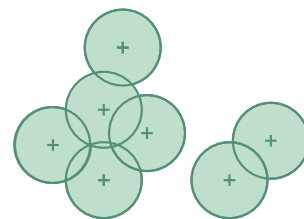
Long-term vision for interior evergreen tree allées (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

6 Mixed Evergreen and Deciduous Tree Grove



Vision: Preservation and repair of Liberty Park's mixed evergreen and deciduous tree groves will continue to define open meadows and provide shade for future generations.

Historic mixed tree groves (Image: © Utah State Historical Society).



Long-term vision for historic mixed tree groves (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).



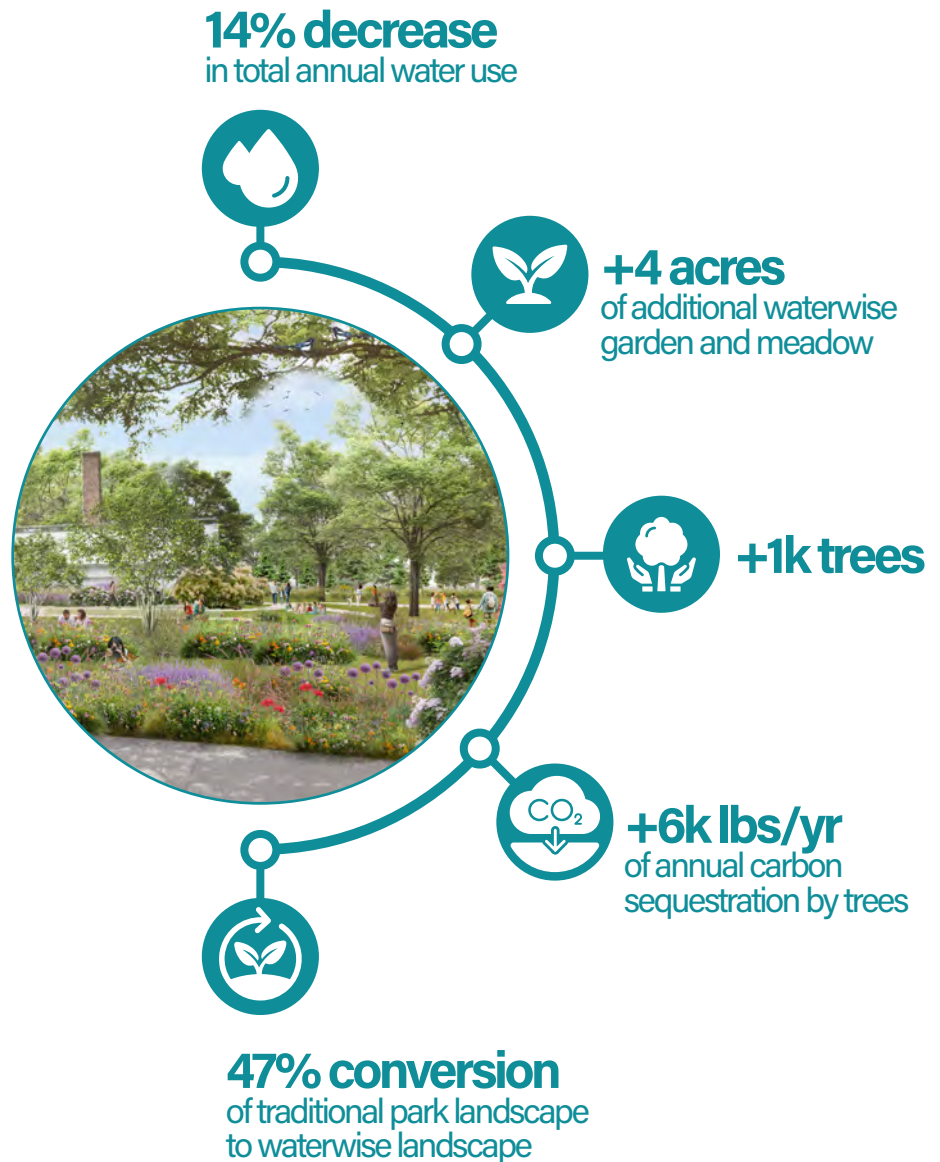
Sustainability and Resiliency

Landscape typologies, combined with repair and enhancement of the urban forest, provide significant benefits in sustainable practices and long-term resiliency. This includes reductions in water use, an increase in the urban tree canopy and in carbon sequestration, matching turf to program and uses (e.g., using functional lawn for gathering spaces), and use of Utah hardy, low water use and drought-tolerant plants.

The sustainability and resiliency of Liberty Park is further increased by maintaining existing paving and park infrastructure to reduce waste, designing new features to minimize impervious surfaces, and ensuring further planning, design, and maintenance of Liberty Park aligns with Salt Lake City's sustainability and climate goals.

Sustainability by the Numbers

Sustainability by the numbers highlights measurable benefits associated with the full long-term implementation of vision plan recommendations. 2026 existing condition data provides a baseline measure. Detailed metrics are included in Chapter 3: Implementation.



Liberty Park Vision Plan Implementation

This Vision Plan for Liberty Park is ambitious and presents a strategy to address deferred maintenance, park preservation, and improvements for the next 10 to 20 years. The phased implementation strategy suggests implementation priorities with associated rough order-of-magnitude costs. Priorities may shift to reflect park, Public Lands, and visitor needs, safety and maintenance concerns, and opportunities to leverage partnerships and funding for implementation.

Phased Implementation Strategy

The maintenance, operations, and capital improvement guidance includes overarching guidance and specific short- and long-term recommendations organized as discrete projects that support the vision of Liberty Park.

The community, technical advisory committee, and community advisory committee consistently emphasized the importance of prioritizing deferred maintenance, repair and maintenance of existing infrastructure, and actions needed to preserve the historic integrity of Liberty Park. This guidance serves as the foundation of this implementation strategy.

- **Phase 1 recommendations** include signature projects that are a high priority for the community and city, leverage the momentum of planned improvements, and reflect the six guiding principles that support the long-term vision for Liberty Park.

Phase 1 recommendations also include ongoing maintenance and actions that are critical for repair of contributing features, are needed for safety and accessibility, or address deferred maintenance of features or amenities with high use.

Phase 1 recommendations are planned for short-term implementation in the next 0 to 5 years as funds become available.

- **Phase 2 recommendations** include actions needed to preserve the historic integrity of Liberty Park, existing park infrastructure, and enhance existing high-use visitor amenities.

Phase 2 recommendations are planned for mid-term implementation in the next 5 to 10 years as funds become available.

- **Phase 3 recommendations** include long-term, routine maintenance and repair of features and amenities with lower visitor use, and new infrastructure.

Phase 3 recommendations are planned for long-term implementation in the next 10+ years as funds become available.

Phase 1 Preservation and On-going Maintenance Recommendations

Feature	Phase	Recommendation	Contributing Feature	ROM Cost	
				Low Range	High Range
Tree Allées and Tree Groves	1	<p>On-going Maintenance: Continue to preserve and repair historic patterns of tree allées and tree groves.</p> <p>Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Plant 750 deciduous trees and 450 evergreen trees.</p>	Contributing	\$2M	\$2.4M
900 S Monumental Entrance Piers	1	<p>Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Repair cracks on stone piers and planters and clean historic markers adhered to piers.</p>	Contributing	\$65K	\$80K
Artesian Drinking Fountain	1	<p>Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Repair spalled concrete fountain basin and step. Repoint missing mortar. Maintain Artesian Drinking Fountain as an operational water fountain.</p>	Contributing	\$35K	\$40K
Chase Home	1	<p>On-going Maintenance: Continue to preserve Chase Home.</p>	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Chase Mill	1	<p>On-going Maintenance: Continue to preserve and repair Chase Mill. Allow minor modifications to accommodate compatible partner and community uses and access</p>	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Central Promenade	1	<p>On-going Maintenance: Continue to provide in-kind replacement and repair of concrete walks. Maintain historic width and alignment.</p>	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Constitution Drive	1	<p>On-going Maintenance: In-kind replacement, maintain width, alignment, and concrete paved surface. Maintain speed tables where necessary to lower vehicle speeds while allowing modifications for shared bicycle use. Ensure the interval of expansion joints does not contribute to the sound of vehicles in the park.</p>	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Constitution Drive Walk	1	<p>On-going Maintenance: Continue to provide in-kind replacement and repair of concrete walks. Maintain historic width and alignment.</p>	Contributing	on-going maintenance	

Phase 1 Preservation and On-going Maintenance Recommendations (continued)

Feature	Phase	Recommendation	Contributing Feature	ROM Cost	
				Low Range	High Range
DAR Fountain	1	Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Repair DAR fountain. Repair stone wall. Provide pre-deconstruction documentation to ensure walls are reconstructed accurately. Reset stones to the greatest extent possible. Ensure new stones are compatible in composition, texture, color, and size to the existing wall. Provide a firm, stable surface with positive drainage.	Contributing	\$160K	\$190K
Greenhouse	1	On-going Maintenance: Allow the removal and replacement of the Greenhouse with a building of a similar mass, scale, form, and footprint to the original. Consider Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation prior to deconstruction of the building.	Non-Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Historic Walks	1	On-going Maintenance: Continue to provide in-kind replacement and repair of concrete walks. Maintain historic width and alignment.	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Maintenance Office	1	On-going Maintenance: Continue to preserve and repair Maintenance Office. Allow minor modifications to accommodate compatible administrative and operational uses and access.	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Merry-Go-Round Building	1	On-going Maintenance: Continue to preserve and repair Merry-Go-Round Building. Allow minor modifications to accommodate compatible visitor and concessioner uses and access.	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Metal Benches (located throughout Liberty Park)	1	Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Replace missing hardware and repair metal bench frames. Paint slats and metal frames to harmonize with the historic setting and aesthetic of Liberty Park.	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
North Shelter	1	On-going Maintenance: Continue to preserve and repair North Shelter. Allow minor modifications to accommodate compatible community and partner uses and access. Consider removal of infill brick walls to rehabilitate North Shelter as an open air structure.	Contributing	on-going maintenance	

Phase 1 Preservation and On-going Maintenance Recommendations (continued)

Feature	Phase	Recommendation	Contributing Feature	ROM Cost	
				Low Range	High Range
Repair Views to Chase Mill	1	On-going Maintenance: Prune and remove select trees to repair views from Central Promenade to Chase Mill.	Non-Contributing	\$6K	\$7K
Rice Pavilion	1	On-going Maintenance: Preserve and repair Rice Pavilion. Allow minor modifications to accommodate compatible visitor and concessioner uses and access.	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Seven Canyons Refuge	1	On-going Maintenance: Maintain Seven Canyons Refuge as a dry art feature. Continue to provide vegetation management to maintain views from Central Promenade to the amphitheater.	Non-Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Stone Arbors	1	Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Repair and straighten stone piers. Provide pre-deconstruction documentation to ensure piers are reconstructed accurately. Reset stones to the greatest extent possible. Ensure new stones are compatible in composition, texture, color, and size to the existing wall. Provide a firm, stable surface with positive drainage away from stone arbors. Replace wooden trellis and beams. Remove vines and other vegetation to deter further deterioration of arbors.	Contributing	\$1.3M	\$1.6M
Stone Gates	1	On-going Maintenance: Continue to preserve and repair.	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Stone Planters and Piers	1	On-going Maintenance: Continue to preserve and repair. Conduct additional research to determine if features date to the period of significance.	Potential Contributing Features	on-going maintenance	

Total Estimated Opinion of Cost for Phase 1 Preservation Projects: \$3.6M \$4.4M

(based on 2026 market condition with contingencies, general conditions, design and engineering fees, and escalation)

Signature Project Recommendations

Phase one signature projects leverage existing initiatives that are in planning, design, or implementation phases and reflect the six guiding principles that support the long-term vision for Liberty Park. These principles aim to ensure safe connections; provide safe and welcoming park experiences; preserve and repair Liberty’s Park historic composition, buildings, and features; re-establish significant features and uses; protect and enhance the urban forest; and be a model for resiliency, low-water landscapes, and biodiversity in parks.

Signatures projects include enhancing Liberty Lake as an immersive experience for the community and park visitors to enjoy nature in the heart of Salt Lake and improving the adjacent section of Constitution Drive to enhance safety for all modes, repair the historic tree alley, and create a buffer between the multi-use trail and 700E and elevating the Greenhouse as a center of plant propagation in Salt Lake City with horticultural displays offering space for community gatherings, education, hands-on volunteer opportunities, and a place to enjoy the diverse landscapes of the Wasatch Front. These projects build on existing plans to replace the Greenhouse and dredge Liberty Lake.

Feature	Phase	Recommendation	Contributing Feature	ROM Cost	
				Low Range	High Range
Liberty Lake Loop	1	Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Continuous 8'-0" wide loop trail with a segment of boardwalk with overlooks, native plantings, and interpretive signage. Remove social trails and revegetate disturbed areas to prevent erosion.	Contributing	\$5.4M	\$6.5M
Constitution Drive	1	Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Remove on-street parking along SE corner. Provide a new curb, realign multi-use trail and mulch trail with buffer along 700 E.	Contributing	\$800K	\$1M
Greenhouse ¹	1	Short-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Garden plantings, trails, seating, and interpretive signage.	Contributing	\$1M	\$1.2M
Total Estimated Opinion of Cost for Phase 1 Signature Projects:				\$7.2M	\$8.7M
(based on 2026 market condition with contingencies, general conditions, design and engineering fees, and escalation)					

¹ ROM costing for the Greenhouse is limited to site improvement and does not include the replacement of the structure.

This plan recommends that the removal and replacement of the Greenhouse structure be implemented as one distinct project. This approach will preserve the integrity and prominence of the Greenhouse along the Central Promenade.

Phase 2 Recommendations

Feature	Phase	Recommendation	Contributing Feature	ROM Cost	
				Low Range	High Range
Road and Entrances					
900 S Gateway and Park Entrance Road	2	Mid-term Recommendation (5 to 10 years): Preserve original alignments of park entrance roads and relationships to gateway monuments. Allow curb extensions and medians to increase the visibility of crosswalks, shorten crossing distances, slow vehicle speeds, and serve as visible cues to vehicles that they are entering a park. Ensure modifications do not impact views along Central Promenade.	Contributing	\$1.4M	\$1.7M
1300 S Gateway and Park Entrance Road	2	Mid-term Recommendation (5 to 10 years): Preserve original alignments of park entrance roads and allow new gateway monuments. Allow curb extensions and medians to increase the visibility of crosswalks, shorten crossing distances, slow vehicle speeds, and serve as visible cues to vehicles that they are entering a park.	Contributing	\$1.2M	\$1.5M
Chase Home Fountain	2	Mid-term Recommendation (5 to 10 years): Repair concrete spalling on basin walls, remove vegetative growth from pavers lining the bottom of basins, and treat and protect fountain from future corrosion. Maintain Chase Home Fountain as a dry art feature.	Non-Contributing	\$65K	\$80K
Chase Mill Stone Marker	2	Mid-term Recommendation (5 to 10 years): Repair cracks on mill stone and clean historic marker.	Contributing	\$9K	\$10K
Falcon Fountain and Amphitheater	2	Mid-term Recommendation (5 to 10 years): Repair cracks and concrete spalling at foundation of Falcon Fountain and along amphitheater steps. Maintain Falcon Fountain as a dry art feature. Determine stewardship and maintenance responsibilities with Public Lands and Arts Council.	Contributing	\$65K	\$80K

Phase 2 Recommendations (continued)

Feature	Phase	Recommendation	Contributing Feature	ROM Cost	
				Low Range	High Range
Williams Ave S Pedestrian Park Entrance	2	Mid-term Recommendation (5 to 10 years): 2,000 SF concrete walk from 500 E to Rotary Play. Provide crosswalk striping, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon light, and two ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at 500 E and two ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at Constitution Drive.	Non-Contributing	\$310K	\$380K
NE Meadow Historic Walks	2	Mid-term Recommendation (5 to 10 years): 5'-0" wide concrete walks along non-extant routes.	Contributing	\$220K	\$270K
Mulch Trail	2	Mid-term Recommendation (5 to 10 years): Maintain concrete curbs and consider replacing mulch surface with a soil solidifier for an all weather, abrasion-resistant path surface. Consider route realignments at 900 S and 1300 S Gateways for safer pedestrian crossings.	Non-Contributing	\$300K	\$360K

Total Estimated Opinion of Cost for Phase 2 Preservation Projects: \$3.6M \$4.4M

(based on 2026 market condition with contingencies, general conditions, design and engineering fees, and escalation)

Phase 3 Recommendations

Feature	Phase	Recommendation	Contributing Feature	ROM Cost	
				Low Range	High Range
Park Composition					
1300 S Monumental Entrance Pier	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Provide monumental entrance piers.	Contributing	\$1M	\$1.2M
Koi Pond	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Native plantings, seating, spaces for large and small gatherings, picnic shelter, and interpretive signage.	Contributing	\$700K	\$900K
Liberty Lake Trail	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): 8'-0" wide trail connection between Liberty Lake and the Northeast Meadows, including trails, a gathering space with play features, and plantings.	Non-Contributing	\$3.8M	\$4.5M
Multi-Use Trail	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Preserve and maintain multi-use trail. Allow improvements to reduce conflicts and ensure ADA compliance. Consider increasing its width to accommodate higher trail volumes. Ensure widening does not result in the removal of tree allées and groves.	Non-Contributing	\$300K	\$360K
New Picnic Shelters	3	Mid-term Recommendation (0 to 5 years): Consider new open-air picnic shelters at the Northeast Meadow and Rotary Play.	Non-Contributing	\$650K	\$775K
Northeast Meadow	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Relocate small play area to the location of the existing volleyball court and establish a sport court core area east of Rice Pavilion.	Contributing	\$1M	\$1.2M
Northeast Pedestrian Park Entrance	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Provide wayfinding signage. Widen concrete at entrance to provide adequate passing space.	Contributing	\$6K	\$7K
Northwest Pedestrian Park Entrance	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Provide wayfinding signage. Widen concrete at entrance to provide adequate passing space.	Contributing	\$6K	\$7K
SE Pedestrian Park Entrance	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Provide wayfinding signage. Widen concrete at entrance to provide adequate passing space.	Contributing	\$6K	\$7K

Phase 3 Recommendations

Feature	Phase	Recommendation	Contributing Feature	ROM Cost	
				Low Range	High Range
SW Pedestrian Park Entrance	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Provide wayfinding signage. Widen concrete at entrance to provide adequate passing space.	Contributing	\$6K	\$7K
Rustic Stone Fireplaces	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Preserve the recently repaired stone fireplaces. Consider future removal of bricks to reestablish features as functional fireplaces.	Contributing	on-going maintenance	
Tennis Court Parking Expansion	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Provide additional parking at east of Tennis Courts to offset loss of parking along Constitution Drive.	Non-Contributing	\$120K	\$150K
Waterwise Streetscape	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Tree allée understory with native bunchgrasses and sod-forming grasses including Buffalograss, Side Oats Grama and Blue grama.	Non-Contributing	\$12M	\$14M
Waterwise Meadow	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Cold and warm season plants, including hardy and native bunchgrass and sod-forming grass species, with typical 6-inch heights except for seed heads that may reach 18- inch height. Native forbs and perennials provide color and texture and are grouped in naturalistic patterns.	Non-Contributing	\$225K	\$250K
Waterwise Garden	3	Long-term Recommendation (10+ years): Hardy and native shrubs and perennials.	Non-Contributing	\$2.5	\$3M

Total Estimated Opinion of Cost for Phase 3 Projects: \$22.3M \$23.4M

(based on 2026 market condition with contingencies, general conditions, design and engineering fees, and escalation)

Funding

Funding sources for phased implementation will include capital funds, partnerships, and county, state, and federal grant funding. This Vision Plan provides a resource to leverage contributions from partners and to pursue grant funds. The following strategies present opportunities to reinvest in Liberty Park.

- Explore alternative funding strategies to address unmet standards and expand and enhance Department services.
- Upgrade operation and user facilities to meet baseline standards.
- Work with partners, concessionaires, and sponsors to invest in park facilities and programs.

Permitting

Construction projects at Liberty Park, a local landmark site, must receive review and approval through a Certificate of Appropriateness from Salt Lake City's Historic Landmark Commission. Permits cannot be issued without this certificate.

Permits required for the improvement of Liberty Park include the following. Additional permitting requirements will be identified during the design process.

- Salt Lake City Building Services Demolition Permit for building removals
- Salt Lake City Building Services Building Permit for new buildings and structures and exterior work to existing buildings
- Salt Lake City Engineer Excavation and Grading Permits for walks, trails, parking, stormwater improvements, play spaces, gathering areas, and other projects requiring significant earthwork

Stewardship and Partners

Salt Lake City has a strong history of partnerships, volunteers, and community involvement at parks throughout the city. Community volunteer opportunities foster stewardship of Liberty Park, strengthen community connections, and help maintain and protect park resources. Opportunities to implement park improvement projects and engage the community in long-term management of Liberty Park include the following.

- Liberty Park clean-up events
- Tree planting / mulching
- Invasive plant inventory, monitoring, and removal
- Citizen science activities to increase awareness and document biodiversity
- Master Gardener design, horticultural education, and instructional events
- Adopt a garden program (weeding, bed maintenance, planting, etc.)

Education, Outreach, and Interpretation

Urban forest, landscape typology, and water conservation recommendations presented in this Vision Plan provide opportunities for building an understanding of maintenance practices throughout Liberty Park. Staff training and education are critical to ensuring successful implementation, maintenance, and monitoring of landscape improvements specifically tailored to decrease water use, increase biodiversity, improve water quality, and habitat.

Community outreach campaigns are equally important to communicate shifts in the appearance or maintenance of the park that are intentional and support the overall resiliency of the park (e.g., conversion of bluegrass to native plant material).

Signage and other interpretive media provide an opportunity to highlight features associated with the historic landscape, including the former zoo and Chase Farm (e.g., bridge east of Tracy Aviary, Koi Pond, etc).

Safety

The community of Salt Lake City consistently identified safety as a top priority during the planning process. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) emphasizes the crucial role that the community, public park managers, and designers play in crime prevention. This can be achieved by applying CPTED principles to the design and management of the physical environment. Key strategies include ensuring the park is visible from surrounding roads, regularly activating the space with programs and positive activities, maintaining the park consistently to signal territorial control, and integrating park safety efforts with broader community safety initiatives.

The four principles of CPTED and their applicability to Liberty Park are described below.

- 1. Natural Surveillance. The principle of increased "eyes on the park" suggests that people are less likely to commit a crime if there is a chance someone else is watching.**

The vision for Liberty Park highlights the significance of creating and maintaining clear sightlines throughout the area, activating park spaces, and improving the movement of people. A practical example of this principle at Liberty Park is the recent vegetation management conducted by the city, which established clear sightlines from the Central Promenade to Seven Canyons Refuge.

- 2. Natural Access Control. Physical barriers keep unauthorized persons out of restricted spaces and trails, fences, signage, and lighting guide people to and from access points and park destinations.**

The vision for Liberty Park recommends safe and accessible access throughout the park for visitors of all modes, ages, abilities, and backgrounds, and repairs historic circulation patterns to increase connections throughout the park.

- 3. Territorial Reinforcement. People protect places that they feel ownership of and respect the space of others. Ownership is achieved through physical elements such as fences, pavement markings, signs, and regular maintenance.**

The vision for Liberty Park recommends continued and increased repair of historic features and the cultural landscape, park entrances that clearly communicate a sense of arrival, and repair and rehabilitation of the cultural landscape, which reinforce the emotional ties of the community to Liberty Park and represent its enduring importance to generations of park visitors.

- 4. Maintenance and Management. Park maintenance supports the principle of territorial reinforcement. A park that appears well-maintained and valued by the city and community is less likely to attract crime.**

The vision for Liberty Park reinforces the community's desire to prioritize the city's investment in cyclical maintenance and care of existing park amenities. The design of park features and amenities should include maintenance considerations to ensure features and spaces can be sustained over time.

Sustainability and Resiliency

This Vision Plan presents actions to position Liberty Park as a model for resiliency, low-water landscapes, urban bird and wildlife habitat, and biodiversity in urban parks. Metrics will provide a baseline measure of existing condition and strategy to measure and promote the sustainability and resiliency of Liberty Park.

Water	Performance Metric	Existing	Proposed	Measurable Future Benefit
Total Annual Water Use	gal / year	99 Million	85 million	14% decrease
Turf Annual Water Use	gal / year	80 Million	56 Million	30% decrease
Waterwise Landscape Typology Annual Water Use	gal / year	-	9 million	47% conversion to low water use
Garden Annual Water Use	gal / year	900 Thousand	600 Thousand	30% conversion to low water use

Air	Performance Metric	Existing	Proposed	Measurable Future Benefit
Trees	ea	2,175	3,350	1,175 additional trees
Tree Carbon Sequestration	lbs/yr	213,000	219,000	6,000 lb per year increase

Landscape	Performance Metric	Existing	Proposed	Measurable Future Benefit
Lawn	acres	66	35	47% decrease
Forested Lawn	acres	0	12	12 acre increase
Waterwise Meadow	acres	0	0.5	0.5 acre increase
Waterwise Streetscape	acres	0	15	15 acre increase
Waterwise Garden	acres	0	3.5	3.5 acre increase
Garden	acres	1.5	1	*Decrease due to waterwise replacement
Riparian	acres	0.4	2	1.6 acre increase

Liberty Park Vision Plan

Maintenance Plan

This Vision Plan presents guidance to incorporate preservation goals into daily park maintenance and operations, urgent repair projects, and planning and design of Liberty Park. Overarching guidance for the preservation and enhancement of historic features and composition of Liberty Park is provided, along with specific recommendations addressing historic composition, vegetation, urban forest, and sustainability and resiliency.

Overarching Guidance

The following provides overarching guidance for Liberty Park. All future work will be guided by The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties—Historic Landscapes, Secretary of Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Buildings, and the Salt Lake City Landmark Preservation Design Guidelines.

- Ensure all preservation and repair is in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards and the Salt Lake City Landmark Preservation Design Guidelines.
- Provide regular evaluation of maintenance and operations practices and revise as needed to adapt to future conditions and unforeseen changes.
- Ensure adequate staffing and resources are provided to maintain park infrastructure, e.g., walks, play equipment, and benches, to ensure the safety of park visitors and features meet the needs of their intended use.
- Ensure maintenance activities occur when the lowest percentage of park users are onsite to minimize exposure to noise, localized air pollution, and other disturbances.

Annual Condition Inspections and Tracking

The following provides overarching guidance to plan for and ensure the preservation of the historic character and features of Liberty Park and ensure regular inspections occur. Liberty Park should be maintained to protect integrity and ensure the safety of park visitors, park features and amenities meet the needs of their intended use, and the study area is clean and usable for visitors.

- Complete regular inspections to assess the condition and appearance of contributing features. Conduct focused inspections at appropriate times of the year to monitor specific problems such as rodent damage in the winter, erosion in the spring, and plant growth in the summer and inspections as a response to unplanned events such as storm damage, drought, and vandalism.
- If repair or replacement is required consult with a qualified professional to review failing materials, complete a condition assessment, and evaluate the cause of the failure to provide recommendations. Ensure this includes an assessment of original construction techniques and previous repair work.
- Provide regular evaluation of maintenance and operations practices and identify a corrective action if the practice does not perform as intended or if change is needed to adapt to future conditions and unforeseen changes. Share findings and lessons to inform the design, maintenance, and operations of urban parks within Salt Lake City.

Technical Training

Continue and expand technical training opportunities and career certification programs for staff to gain specialized skills necessary to assess, maintain, and repair Liberty Park's historic features. This includes training for those involved in the management, preservation, and stewardship of historic resources, including stone masonry training, and training for those responsible for the maintenance and monitoring of landscape improvements specifically tailored to decrease water use, increase biodiversity, improve water quality, and habitat.

Contributing Features / Materials

Contributing features are individual features or landscape characteristics extant from the period of significance that contribute to the integrity of Liberty Park. Contributing features are identified in implementation plan recommendation matrices. Full documentation is provided in the 2026 Liberty Park Cultural Landscape Report.

- Complete regular inspections to assess the condition and appearance of foundations, structure, roof, finishings, drainage, and building systems. Conduct focused inspections at appropriate times of the year to monitor specific problems such as animal damage in the winter, erosion in the spring, and plant growth in the summer, and inspections as a response to unplanned events such as storm damage, drought, and vandalism.
- Consult with a qualified professional if repair or replacement is required to review failing materials, complete a condition assessment, and evaluate the cause of the failure to provide recommendations.
- Maintenance work should be undertaken “in-kind” to match the original in size, shape, material, color, scale, and design.
- Consider if historic features and materials need to be cleaned, as cleaning can remove a minute amount of original material. Confirm material is stable for cleaning and consult a professional conservator or skilled, historically trained crafts person if the feature is leaning or if surfaces are flaking, loose, or grainy. The gentlest and least invasive cleaning approach that will be effective should be selected if cleaning is required. Trial cleaning samples should be performed before full-scale implementation. Cleaning should not return historic features and materials to a like-new appearance.
- Remove vegetation and biological growth from contributing features and materials to prevent scouring of surface material, erosion of mortar joints, and holding moisture against surface material. Avoid the use of chemicals to control plant growth. Use a small mower and trim larger vegetation by hand in tight spaces to prevent damage. Discourage the use of string trimmers (weed whips) to avoid scrapes, gouges, and breakage. If string trimmers are used, use the lightest trim line and angle the trimmer head towards the ground.
- Preserve and repair historic materials before replacement with new materials. Repair original materials to preserve their original character, using original materials for patching or replacement. Use material similar in color and texture, matching the finish of the original if replacement is necessary.
- Require detailed specifications and documentation for the repair or replacement of features and any maintenance work. Provide pre-deconstruction documentation if removal and rebuilding are necessary to ensure features are reconstructed accurately. Reset original materials to the greatest extent possible. Ensure new materials are compatible in composition, texture, color, and size with the existing materials.
- Resetting structures, objects, and features is recommended when foundations are unstable or a feature is out of plumb. Reset by lifting the features, leveling its foundation, and returning to its original position. Ensure a firm, stable surface and positive drainage away from the feature.

Stone Guidance

Stone and masonry work, from repair and reconstruction of existing masonry to new stone features, should be performed by a trained mason on staff or a skilled masonry contractor with successful experience in projects of a comparable type and size. Qualified professionals should review failing stone masonry and complete a condition assessment to evaluate the cause of the failure, assess short-term and long-term effects of the deterioration, and provide recommendations.

- Select stone to match size, color, surface texture, compressive strength, absorption rate, and compositional compatibility with existing stone if replacement of individual damaged or missing stone unit(s) is necessary. Remove damaged stone without affecting the rest of the stone structure. Install replacement stone and retool surface, where indicated or necessary to match similar adjacent stone.
- Provide pre-deconstruction documentation if removal and rebuilding are necessary to ensure features are reconstructed accurately. Reset original stones to the greatest extent possible. Ensure new stones are compatible in composition, texture, color, and size with the existing wall. Match color, texture, and strength of existing mortar. Do not use cement or chalk. Rake joints to match existing depths and technique.

Liberty Lake and Koi Pond

Guidance is provided to improve water quality and ecological function and provide enhanced visitor experiences. Improvement of Liberty Lake should include coordination with Public Utilities.

- Maintain Liberty Lake and Koi Pond as natural ecosystems with native plant communities and other aquatic organisms appropriate for Liberty Park.
- Provide regular monitoring and maintenance to ensure Liberty Lake and Koi Pond are healthy aquatic functioning ecosystems for fish, birds, and other wildlife.

Water Conservation

The following guidance is provided to lower water use and provide appropriate levels of water necessary for the recommended landscape typologies.

- Install a new irrigation system with separate hydrozones based on water needs, including dedicated watering for trees. Adjust irrigation for lawn during droughts while continuing to irrigate trees at appropriate levels.
- Grouping plants according to their water needs allows for more efficient irrigation.
- Continue to use cloud-based software to assist in evaluating weather, current environmental conditions, and water use, adjusting watering settings, monitoring for damage, and gauging water flow.
- Apply and maintain mulch within the dripline of trees.



Vegetation

Vegetation General Guidance

General guidance is provided to assist in the management and repair of the landscape.

- Inventory invasive species and weeds. Ensure treatment is performed by trained professionals and follows best practices outlined in the Salt Lake City Integrated Pest Management Plan if treatment is required.
- Repair areas of compaction and erosion and revegetate areas impacted by visitor use. Select and plant native and adapted species, taking into account soils, climate, solar orientation, maintenance needs, and design intent. Increase species with known wildlife and avian appeal to improve habitat and increase wildlife and bird viewing opportunities.
- Provide physical barriers and/or interpretation to help delineate visitor use areas and allow for plant establishment.
- If fertilizers are necessary, ensure application is effective and prevents harm to the environment and human health.

Waterwise Guidance

The following highlights key principles of waterwise design to incorporate principles of sustainability and resiliency in landscape typologies throughout Liberty Park.¹

- Properly prepare the soil before planting.
- Create hydro-zones, selecting species that have similar water requirements for efficient irrigation
- Select species adapted to the landscape environment, including soil, water, temperature, light, and pest conditions, to help minimize maintenance and water requirements.
- Limit turfgrass in areas where it is not functional and select species with lower water requirements.
- Apply mulch around trees and in planting areas to prevent compaction and water evaporation, and protect plants during freezing and thawing periods.

¹ University, Utah State. "Principles of Water Wise Landscaping." USU. Accessed March 17, 2026. <https://extension.usu.edu/cwel/principles#:~:text=Hydrozones:%20Grouping%20plants%20according%20to,hardiness%20zone%20of%20your%20area.>

Landscape Typology Guidance

Landscape typologies are presented to support the vision of Liberty Park as a model for resiliency, low-water landscapes, and biodiversity in urban parks. The recommended landscape typologies support park use, preserve the historic landscape, and support a resilient and ecologically functioning landscape. The location and composition of these typologies will continue to evolve through the design process and as typologies are implemented. These landscape typologies serve as the foundation for future plantings, soil, and irrigation design.

The following guidance is provided to ensure the health and function of each typology.

- Assess soil condition during design. Identify treatments necessary to restore soil characteristics to support the landscape typology. This may include incorporating organic amendments with stockpiled existing topsoils, amending site soils with organic matter, mechanically correcting compacting, or importing a topsoil or soil blend. Select the least harmful amendments when necessary.



Garden

Visitor use is limited to defined trails and seating areas. Plant material includes perennials curated for seasonal interest.



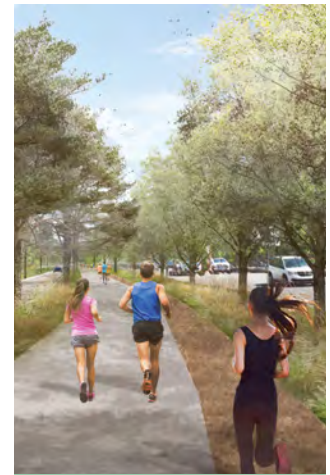
Functional Lawn

Lawn designed for areas of high use, active uses, and gatherings. Turfgrass blend of Kentucky Bluegrass with Perennial Ryegrass or hybrid Bermudagrass.



Forested Lawn

Lawn designed for locations with limited visitor use and gathering. Grass species require less water and fertilization.



Waterwise Streetscape

Limited passive visitor uses along tree allées with understory planted with native bunchgrasses and sod-forming grasses.

- Ensure diversity of plants to increase resistance to insect and disease pests. For larger sites, consider planting no more than 10 percent of any species, 20 percent of any genus, and 30 percent of any family. For smaller sites, select species that contribute to the plant diversity of Liberty Park and Salt Lake City.
- Assess opportunities for infiltration when implementing landscape typologies and park improvement projects to filter, infiltrate, evapotranspire, and retain precipitation, recharge groundwater, and reduce pollutant loading, runoff volumes, and rates.
- Evaluate plant composition and maintenance and operations practices to adapt to future conditions and unforeseen changes and ensure ecosystem function is protected, repaired, and maintained.
- Document lessons learned to inform urban park planting design, species selection, and maintenance at Liberty Park and throughout Salt Lake City.
- Communicate the purpose, appearance, and maintenance of each landscape typology to the community, partners, and individuals who maintain the park.



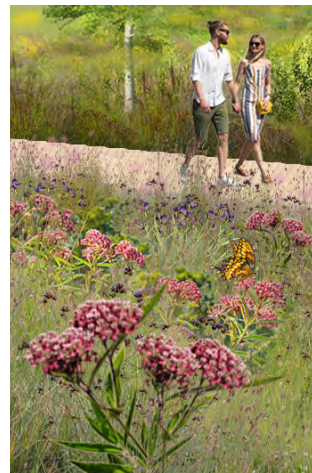
Central Promenade

Visitor use is limited to defined trails and seating areas. Two to three inches of organic mulch suppresses weeds and reduces moisture evaporation, water runoff, and soil compaction.



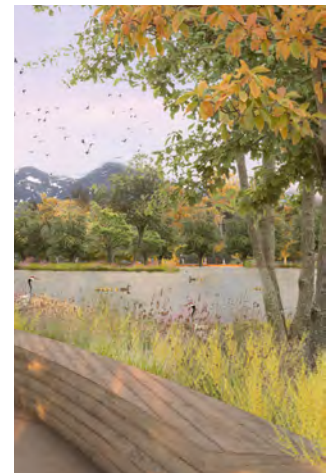
Waterwise Swath Planting

Visitor use is limited to defined trails and seating areas. Mass-grouping or drifts of hardy and native shrubs and perennials.



Waterwise Meadow

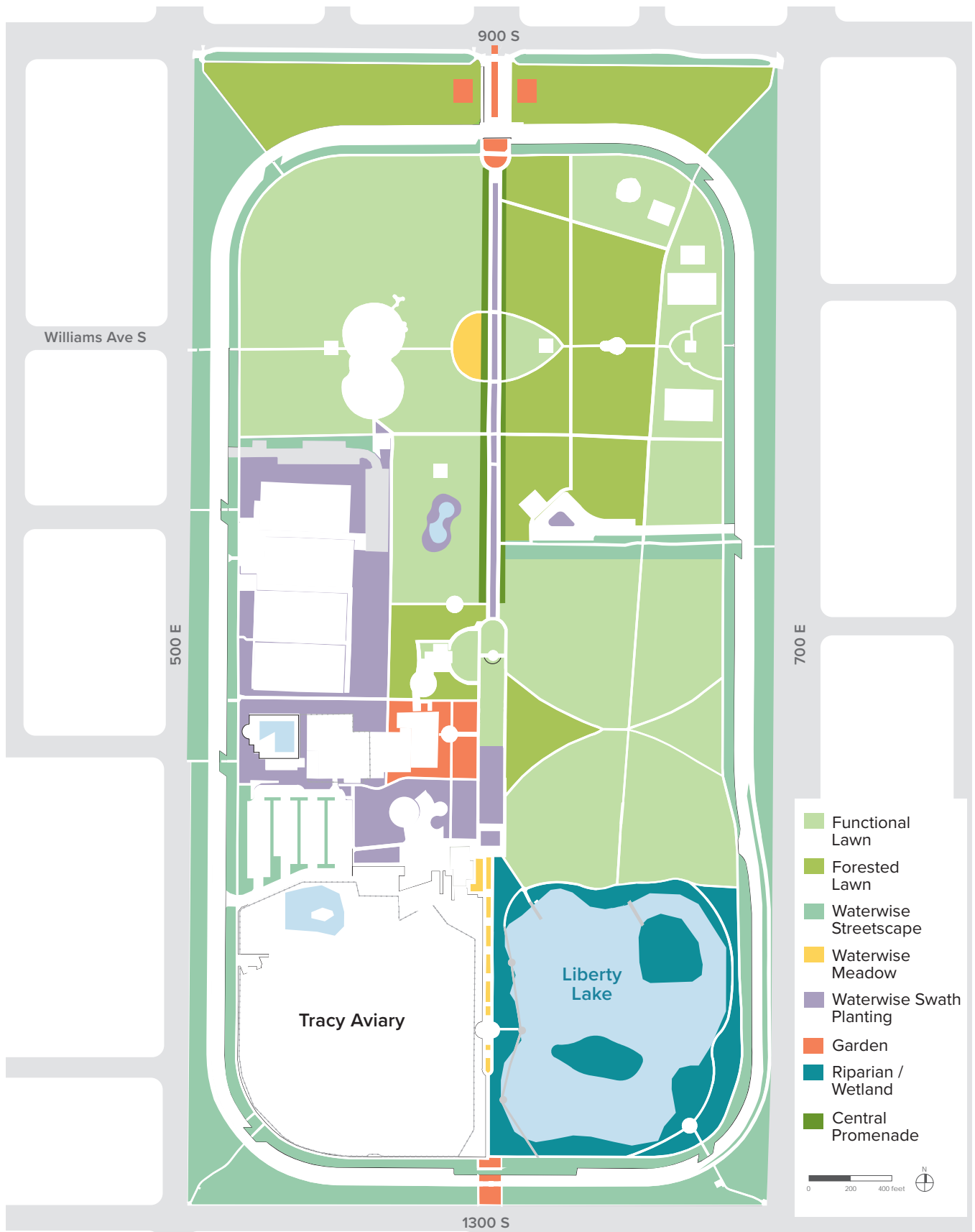
No active programming or uses. Cold and warm season plants, including hardy and native bunchgrass and sod-forming grass species, forbs, and perennials.



Riparian / Wetland

Visitor use is limited to defined trails and seating areas. Plant material includes native riparian grass and forbs with less than 35% total tree and shrub cover.

	Visitor Use	Plant Material	Water Use	Maintenance
Functional Lawn	High use, active uses, and gathering	Lawn with an improved topsoil layer designed for drainage and plant health, planted with a turfgrass blend of Kentucky Bluegrass with Perennial Ryegrass or hybrid Bermudagrass.	Irrigation use is high to moderate. Drip irrigation is provided for all trees.	Provide weekly mowing and regular weed control, overseeding, and management of volunteer trees.
Forested Lawn	Limited passive use	Lawn with a mixture of fine fescue grasses requiring less water and fertilizer and can be left unmown for a meadow appearance. Use as an understory where mature trees are located with a deep topsoil layer.	Lower water use	Provide monthly mowing and regular weed control, overseeding, and management of volunteer trees.
Waterwise Streetscape	Limited passive use	Tree allée with understory planted with native bunchgrasses and sod-forming grasses including Buffalograss, Side Oats Grama and Blue grama.	Lower water use	Allow grasses to seed annually, mow periodically, monitor for invasive species and weed patches, and manage volunteer trees.
Waterwise Meadow	No active programming or uses	Cold and warm season plants, including hardy and native bunchgrass and sod-forming grass species, with typical 6-inch heights except for seed heads that may reach 18-inch height. Native forbs and perennials provide color and texture and are grouped in naturalistic patterns.	Low water use	Mow a few times a year and provide regular weed control and debris removal and annual biological surveys.
Waterwise Swath Planting	No active programming or uses	Mass-grouping or drifts of hardy and native shrubs and perennials.	Low water use	Provide seasonal planting, pruning, mulching, and annual biological surveys.
Garden	No active programming or uses	Perennials	Irrigated	Provide seasonal planting, pruning, mulching and annual biological surveys.
Riparian/Wetland	Limited passive use (on defined trails)	Native riparian grass and forbs with less than 35% total tree and shrub cover.	Non-irrigated	Provide seasonal planting, weed control, and debris removal and annual biological surveys and documentation of active nests.
Central Promenade	Limited passive use	Two to three inch layer of mulch.	Irrigated	Provide seasonal mulching and weed removal.



Landscape Typologies (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).



Urban Forest

Manage the urban forest for health and longevity of existing trees, preservation and restoration of historic tree allées and tree groves, and water conservation. Implement successional planning and select tree species that are drought-tolerant, disease-resistant, and can tolerate shifts in heat and hardiness zones and other potential vulnerabilities associated with climate change to ensure the urban forest remains for future generations.

Develop a park-wide urban forest plan to identify locations for new trees, replacement trees, and tree removals.

- Ongoing: Conduct regular inventories to identify hazard trees, dead and dying trees, and trees that are at risk of causing damage to historic features and park infrastructure.

Protect trees over 10" DBH as "specimen trees" as directed by zoning code 21A.48.135.

Preserve extant trees, continuing to perform routine pruning to maintain tree form and health. Maintain a 2" to 4" depth of mulch in an even flat ring around each trunk, extending to the drip line of the tree. Ensure mulch does not touch the trunk. Provide in-kind replacement where trees are missing. Remove stumps and ensure proper soil volumes and mulch are provided. Maintain historic tree location, spacing, and alignment with in-kind replacement of evergreen and deciduous trees of a similar characteristic. Provide overhead pruning where the planting of new trees occurs within the understory of mature trees. Prune mature trees to provide overhead clearance and exposure to sunlight for new trees.

- Phase 1: Identify high-risk, hazard, and dying trees and remove them over the course of several years to avoid an abrupt and complete loss of an allée. Provide in-kind replacement, maintaining historic tree location, spacing, and alignment with in-kind replacement of evergreen and deciduous trees of a similar characteristic.

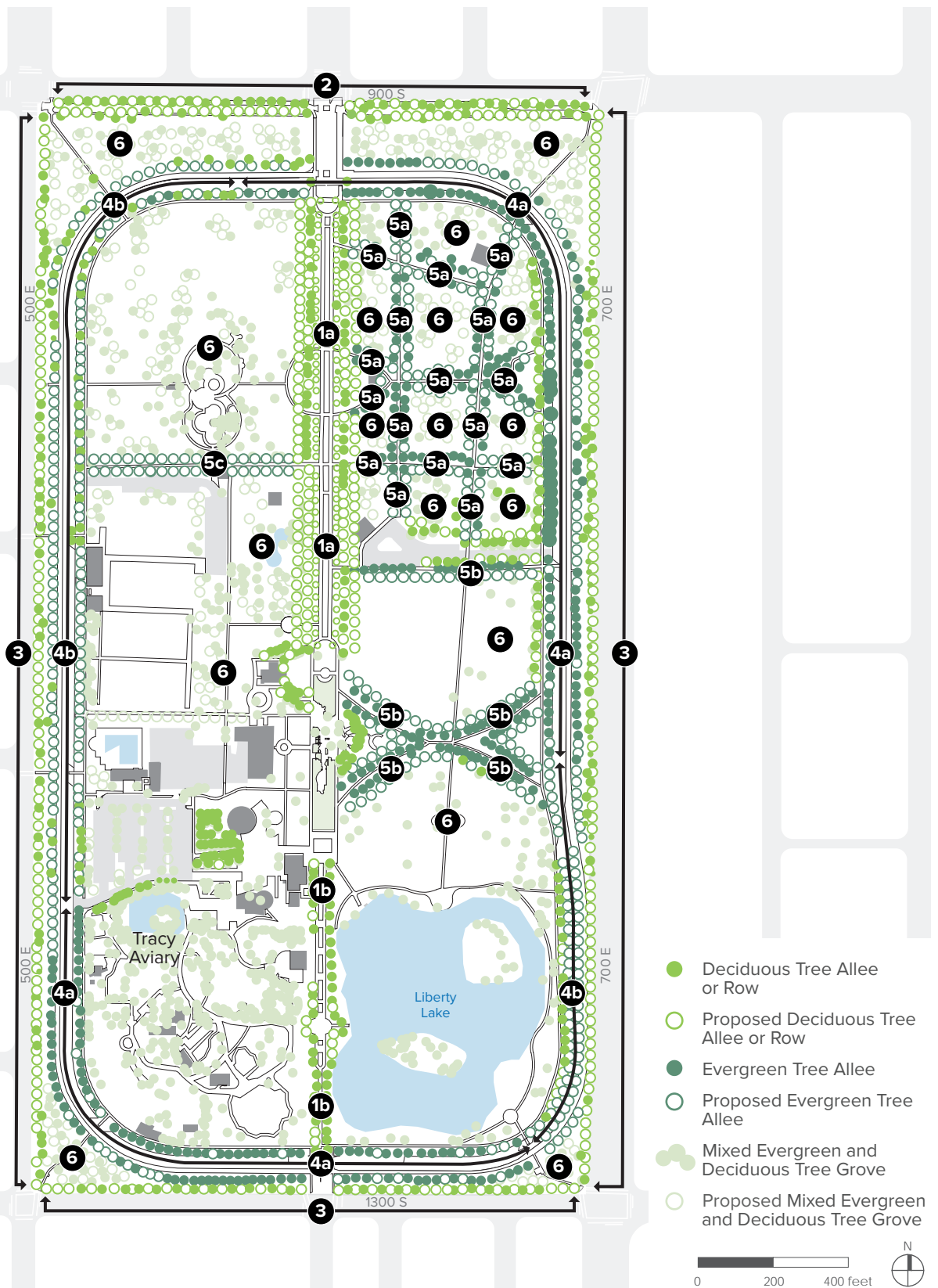
- Phase 2: Continue to inventory and monitor tree allées to remove and replace high-risk, hazard, and dying trees.

Overarching recommendations include increasing the resiliency of the urban forest to address challenges associated with climate change and proactively planning for a phased replacement of the urban forest with more diverse species selection and age distribution.

- Alternate between a few tree species that share similar forms, heights, and branching structures within tree rows and tree allées (e.g., use the same species for 10 to 15 consecutive trees, then switch to another species for the next 10 to 15 trees) to maintain uniformity in form and symmetry while diversifying the overall tree allée.
- Establish a tree diversity benchmark for the long-term selection of tree species to enhance the ecological function and catastrophic canopy loss of the urban forest. This includes a long-term goal of an urban forest that contains no more than 10% of a single species, 20% of a single genus, or 30% of a single family.

Liberty Park is significant for its patterns of tree allées and tree groves. This Vision Plan establishes guidance to preserve and expand upon the following patterns established during the period of significance.

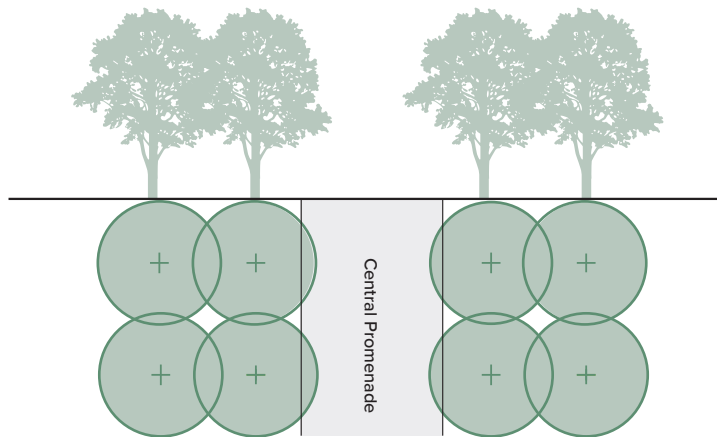
- 1 Central Promenade Deciduous Tree Allée
- 2 900 S Deciduous Tree Allée
- 3 500 E, 700 E, and 1300 S Deciduous Tree Row
- 4 Constitution Drive Evergreen Tree Allées
- 5 Interior Evergreen Tree Allées
- 6 Mixed Evergreen and Deciduous Tree Grove



Urban Forest (Image: Mundus Bishop, 2026).

1 Central Promenade

1a Three Tree Row Allée Strategy

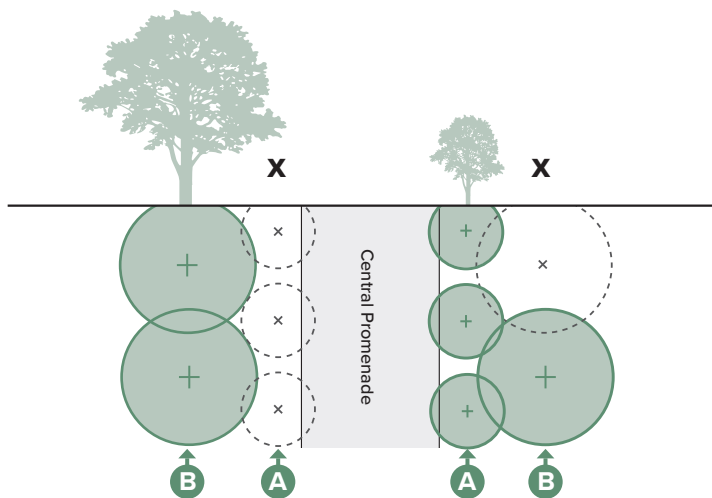


Historic Arrangement

Deciduous trees of the same age and species evenly and symmetrically spaced along Central Promenade

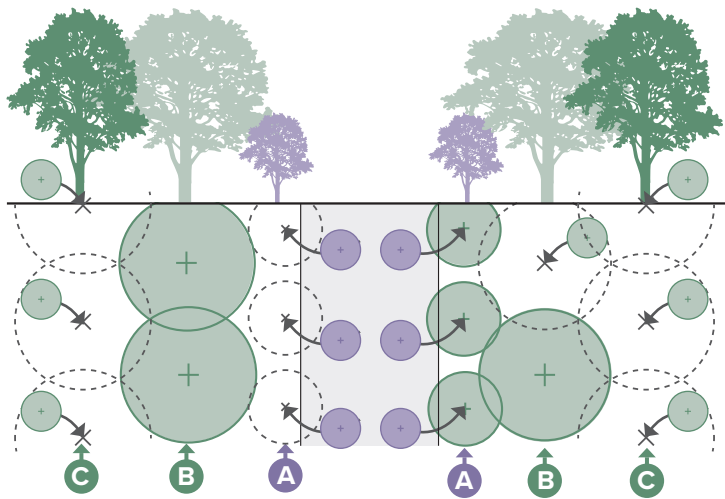
Tree Characteristics

- 75'-0" to 100'-0" tall
- Broad, round crown form
- Large, straight trunk



Existing Condition

- A** London plane tree allée. London plane trees planted below mature Fremont Cottonwood trees do not receive adequate sunlight and produce thin or weak growth and grow slowly in shade
- B** Fremont Cottonwood tree allée with gaps missing trees, hazard trees, and trees nearing end of life



Recommended Deciduous Tree Species

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| <p>A Understory Tree Row</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ginkgo biloba <p>B Protected Tree Row</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fremont Cottonwood (<i>Populus fremontii</i>) • European beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>) • Purple Leaf Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Riversii') • Copper Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Cuprea') • American elm* (<i>Ulmus americana</i>) • Bur Oak (<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>) | <p>C Outer Tree Row</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fremont Cottonwood (<i>Populus fremontii</i>) • European beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>) • Purple Leaf Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Riversii') • Copper Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Cuprea') • American elm* (<i>Ulmus americana</i>) • Bur Oak (<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>) <p>* Select a Dutch Elm Disease Resistant variety such as Valley Forge, Princeton</p> |
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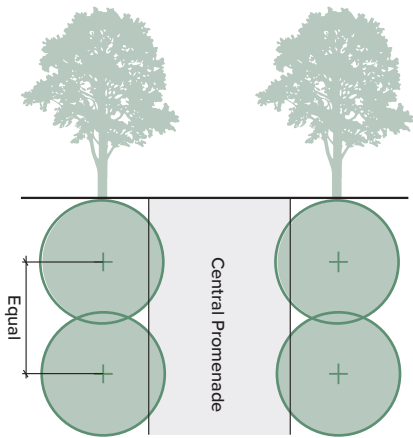
Vision

The tree allée is envisioned as three rows of trees east and west of Central Promenade, with an inner row of shade-tolerant understory trees and two outer rows of deciduous canopy trees with similar forms, heights, and branching structures. Alternating between tree species maintains uniformity while diversifying the overall tree allée.

- A** Understory Tree Row. Replace London Plane trees with Ginkgo biloba trees, spacing new plantings properly between existing Cottonwood trees and infill plantings. Plant Ginkgo biloba trees closer to sidewalks than existing London plane trees. Transplant London plane trees in tree groves.
- B** Protected Tree Row. Infill plantings with Fremont Cottonwood trees or a canopy tree species with narrower crown. Consider alternating species maintaining uniformity while diversifying the overall allée.
- C** Outer Tree Row. Plant new outer tree row with deciduous species similar to protected tree row. Alternate species to maintain uniformity while diversifying the overall allée.

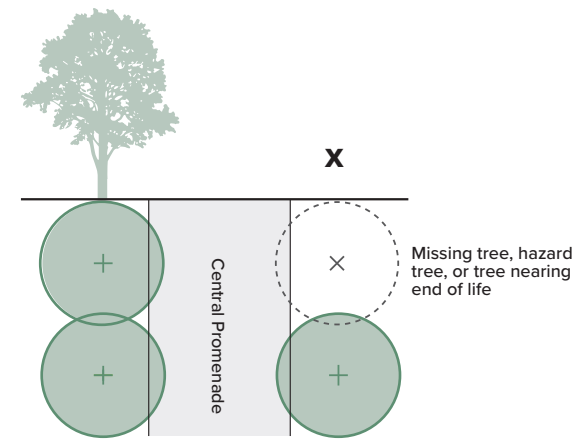
1 Central Promenade

1b Replace In-Kind



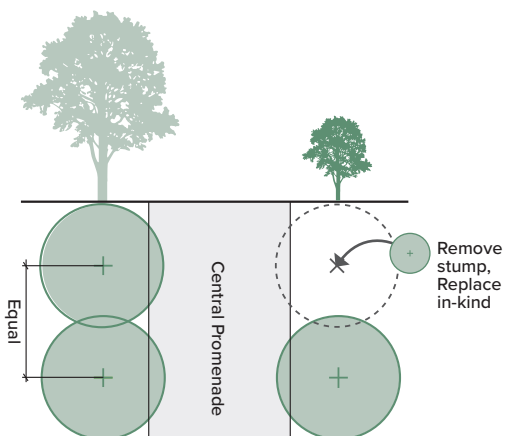
Historic Arrangement

Deciduous trees of the same age and species evenly and symmetrically spaced along walk



Existing Condition

Gap in tree allée



Vision: Replace In-Kind

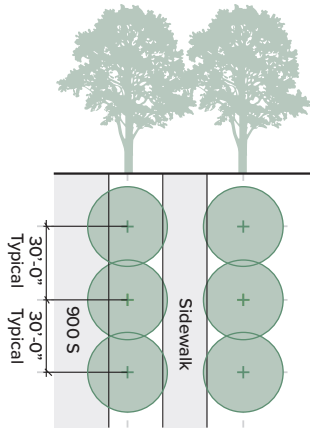
Infill plantings where gaps exist and phased removal and replacement of trees, alternating between tree species to maintain uniformity while diversifying the overall tree allée

Recommended Deciduous Tree Species

- European beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
- Purple Leaf Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Riversii')
- Copper Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Cuprea')
- Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

2 900 S Deciduous Tree Allées

2 Replace In-Kind

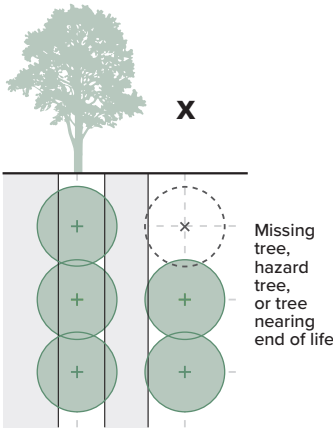


Historic Arrangement

Deciduous trees of the same age and species evenly and symmetrically spaced along walks

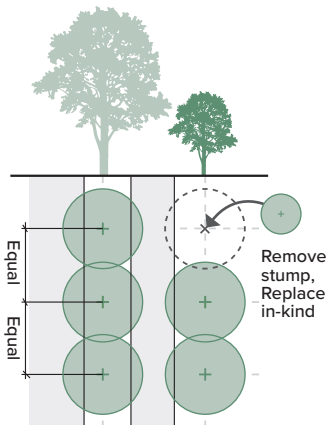
Tree Characteristics

- 50'-0" to 70'-0" tall
- Vase-shaped crown form, with spreading branches, and irregular silhouette



Existing Condition

Gap in tree allée



Vision: Replace In-Kind

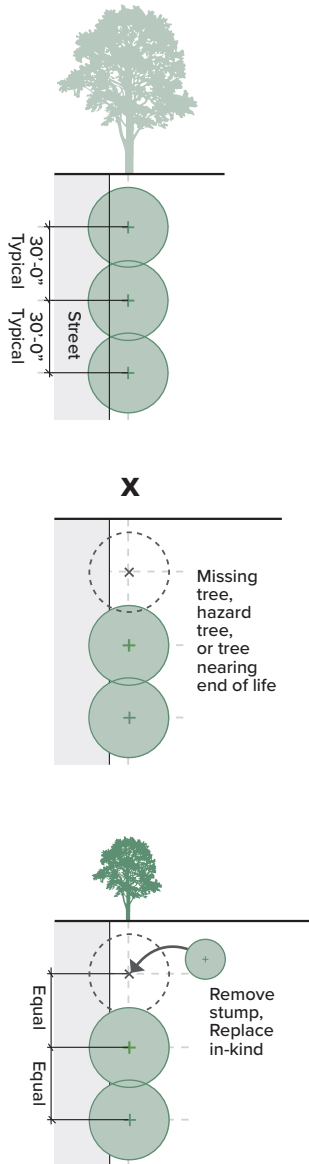
In-kind replacement and phased removal of deciduous trees in original locations, alternating between tree species to maintain uniformity while diversifying the overall tree allée

Recommended Deciduous Tree Species

- Accolade Elm (*Ulmus davidiana* var *Japonica* 'Morton')
- Princeton Elm (*Ulmus americana* 'Princeton')
- Triumph Elm (*Ulmus* 'Morton Glossy')
- Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*)

3 500 E, 700 E, and 1300 S Deciduous Tree Rows

3 Replace In-Kind



Historic Arrangement

Deciduous trees of the same age and species evenly and symmetrically
500 E, 700 E, and 1300S

Tree Characteristics

- 50'-0" to 70'-0" tall
- Vase-shaped crown form, with spreading branches, and irregular silhouette

Existing Condition

Gap in tree row

Vision: Replace In-Kind

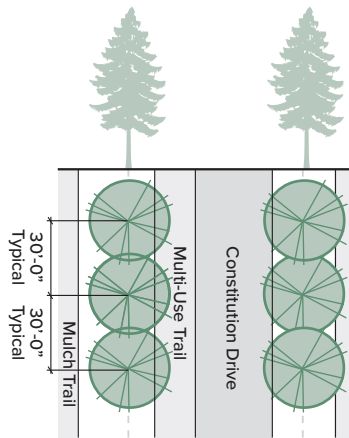
In-kind replacement and phased removal of deciduous trees in original locations, alternating between tree species to maintain uniformity while diversifying the overall tree allée

Recommended Deciduous Tree Species

- Fremont Cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*)
- Accolade Elm (*Ulmus davidiana* var *Japonica* 'Morton')
- Princeton Elm (*Ulmus americana* 'Princeton')
- Triumph Elm (*Ulmus* 'Morton Glossy')
- Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*)

4 Constitution Drive Evergreen Tree Allées

4a Replace In-Kind

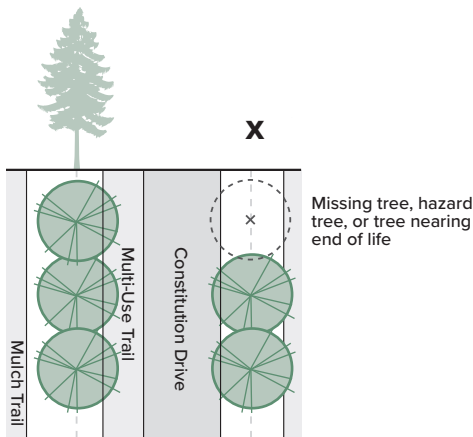


Historic Arrangement

Evergreen trees of the same age and species evenly and symmetrically spaced along Constitution Drive

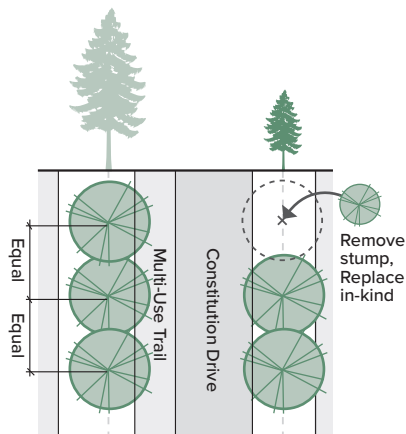
Tree Characteristics

- 40'-0" to 60'-0" tall
- Wide, spreading, umbrella-shaped crown
- Branches limbed high to create a tall, clear trunk



Existing Condition

Gap in evergreen tree allée along the outer edge of Constitution Drive



Vision: Replace In-Kind

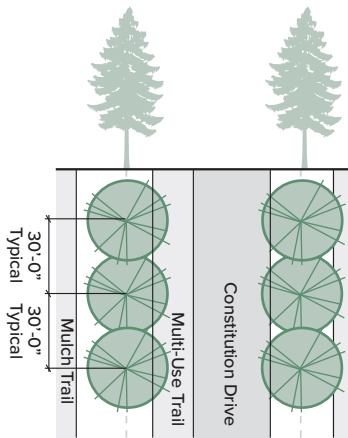
Infill plantings where gaps exist and phased removal and in-kind replacement of deciduous and evergreen trees

Recommended Evergreen Tree Species

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| • Austrian Pine (<i>Pinus nigra</i>) | • Deodar Cedar (<i>Cedrus deodara</i>) |
| • Ponderosa Pine (<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>) | • Giant Sequoia (<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>) |
| • Incense Cedar (<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>) | |

4 Constitution Drive Evergreen Tree Allées

4b New Planting

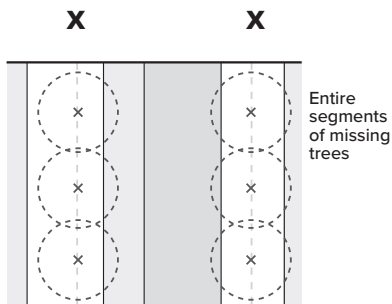


Historic Arrangement

Evergreen trees of the same age and species evenly and symmetrically spaced along Constitution Drive

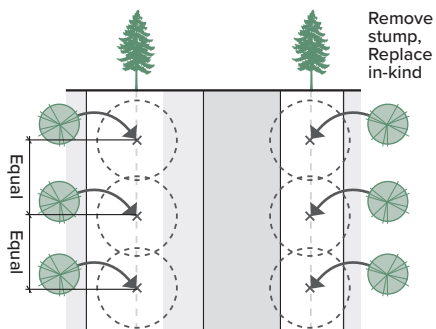
Tree Characteristics

- 40'-0" to 60'-0" tall
- Wide, spreading, umbrella-shaped crown
- Branches limbed high to create a tall, clear trunk



Existing Condition

Gap in evergreen tree allée along the outer edge of Constitution Drive



Vision: New Planting

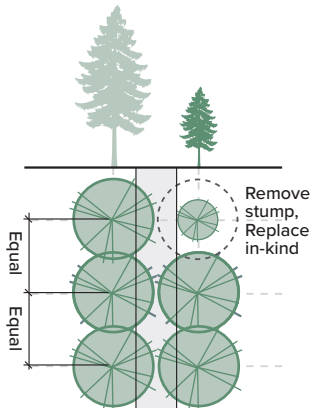
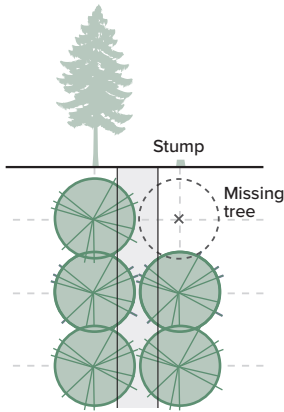
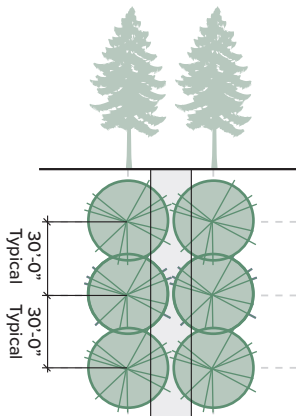
Infill plantings where gaps exist and phased removal and in-kind replacement of deciduous with evergreen trees

Recommended Evergreen Tree Species

- Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra*)
- Ponderosa Pine (*Pinus ponderosa*)
- Incense Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*)
- Deodar Cedar (*Cedrus deodara*)
- Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)

5 Interior Evergreen Tree Allées

5a Replace In-Kind



Historic Arrangement

Evergreen trees of the same age and species evenly and symmetrically spaced along trails

Tree Characteristics

- 40'-0" to 60'-0" tall
- Wide, spreading, umbrella-shaped crown
- Branches limbed high to create a tall, clear trunk

Existing Condition

Gap in tree allée

Vision: Replace In-Kind

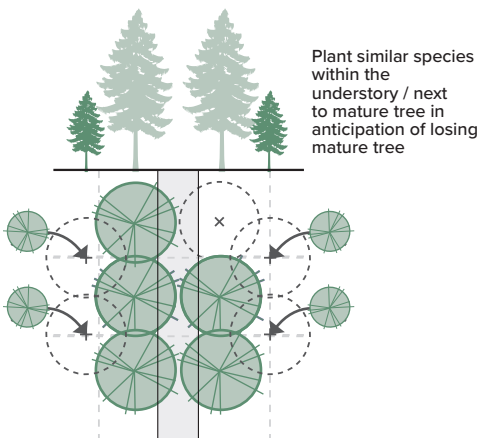
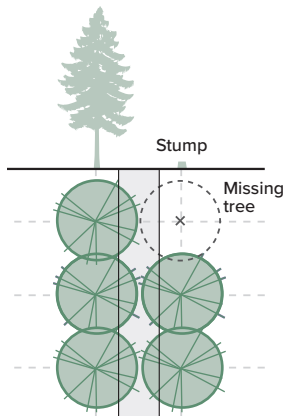
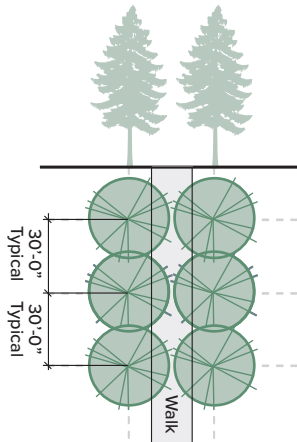
Infill plantings where gaps exist and phased removal and in-kind replacement of trees

Recommended Evergreen Tree Species

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| • Austrian Pine (<i>Pinus nigra</i>) | • Blue Atlas cedar (<i>Cedrus atlantica</i> 'Glauca') |
| • Ponderosa Pine (<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>) | • Giant Sequoia (<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>) |
| • Cedar of Lebanon (<i>Cedrus libani</i>) | • Douglas-fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>) |
| • Deodar Cedar (<i>Cedrus deodara</i>) | • Scotch pine (<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>) |

5 Interior Evergreen Tree Allées

5b Infill Planting Next to Mature Tree



Historic Arrangement

Evergreen trees of the same age and species evenly and symmetrically spaced along walks

Tree Characteristics

- 40'-0" to 60'-0" tall
- Wide, spreading, umbrella-shaped crown
- Branches limbed high to create a tall, clear trunk

Existing Condition

Gap in tree allée

Vision: Infill Next to Mature Tree

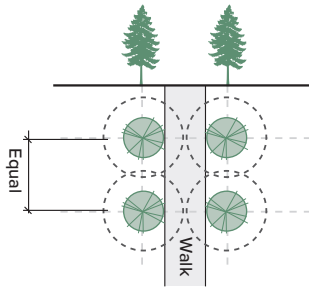
Do not replace mature trees when they die or become hazards and place species of a similar species next to mature allée, following similar spacing

Recommended Evergreen Tree Species

- Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra*)
- Ponderosa Pine (*Pinus ponderosa*)
- Cedar of Lebanon (*Cedrus libani*)
- Deodar Cedar (*Cedrus deodara*)
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- Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)
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- Scotch pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)

5 Interior Evergreen Tree Allées

5c New Tree Allée



New Tree Allée

New walk and tree allée to activate Liberty Park and increase connections

Recommended Evergreen Tree Species

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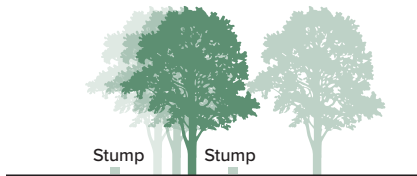
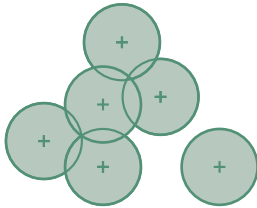
6 Mixed Evergreen and Deciduous Tree Groves

6 Mixed Evergreen and Deciduous Tree Grove



Historic Arrangement

Irregular tree grove boundaries defined open meadows



Existing Condition

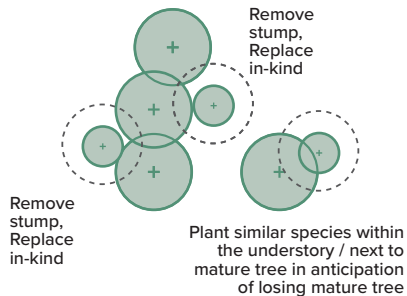
Less dense and defined tree groves.



Vision: Infill Next to Mature Tree

Repair and preserve tree groves with more diverse species selection and age distribution

Maintain groves as groupings of trees (2 tree minimum to several) with legible spaces between distinct tree groupings



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