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Economy System Vision, Goals, and Metrics



Economy System



Vision

By 2040, the Central Wasatch Mountains achieve a balance of broadly shared economic growth, high-quality development and high-value transportation infrastructure that is attractive, sustainable, and provides opportunity for visitors and residents. The Central Wasatch brand is clearly differentiated as high quality, convenient, and unique in the world, with diverse use and access options. Prioritized protection of natural and scenic resources ensures that quality of life and quality of experience are enhanced over the long term.

Economy System



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Goal #1

Grow the year-round, destination-based travel, tourism, and recreation economy.

Metrics

- Total annual skier spending
- Quarterly hotel utilization



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Goal #2

Maximize the financial resources available to reinvest in improving and protecting Central Wasatch assets.

Metric

- Annual tourism-related tax revenue
- Assessed value of all property within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of key Mountain Accord investments
- Annual public investment used to enhance the natural and built environment



Economy System



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Goal #3

Improve the quality of experience for residents and visitors.

Metrics

- Total day use visits accommodated; perceived quality of visitor experience
- Visitors that can reach key destinations without an automobile in less than an hour



Economy System



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Goal #4

Improve quality of life for residents.

Metric

- Resolves land-use and property-rights conflicts
- Compatibility with community character objectives
- People want to live here; attractive for employers/employees





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Environment System: Vision, Goals, and Metrics



Environment System



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Vision

The Central Wasatch is a natural ecosystem that is conserved, protected, and restored such that it is healthy, functional and resilient for current and future generations.



Environment System



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Goal #1

Protect, maintain and improve watershed health, water supply, and water quality.

Metrics

- Degree of impairment or improvement to watersheds
- Protection of existing and future water supply sources



Environment System



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Goal #2

Protect and improve air quality for protection of public health, environmental health, and scenic visibility.

Metrics

- Reduction in vehicle miles traveled in project area
- Degree of support for and compatibility with existing plans to address regional haze



Image source: NASA Earth Observatory

Environment System



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Goal #3

Protect and restore functioning and connected aquatic and terrestrial habitats and ecosystems.

Metrics

- Degree of impact or improvement in core areas and connectivity areas
- Degree of fragmentation of corridors connecting core areas





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Environment System

Goal #4

Preserve additional lands to avoid loss of critical conservation values, and restore existing degraded lands.

Metrics

- Additional acres of land with conservation values (Watershed, Scenic, Historic/Cultural, Wildlife/Ecological, Connectivity)
- Restored acres of land with conservation values (Watershed, Scenic, Historic/Cultural, Wildlife/Ecological, Connectivity)



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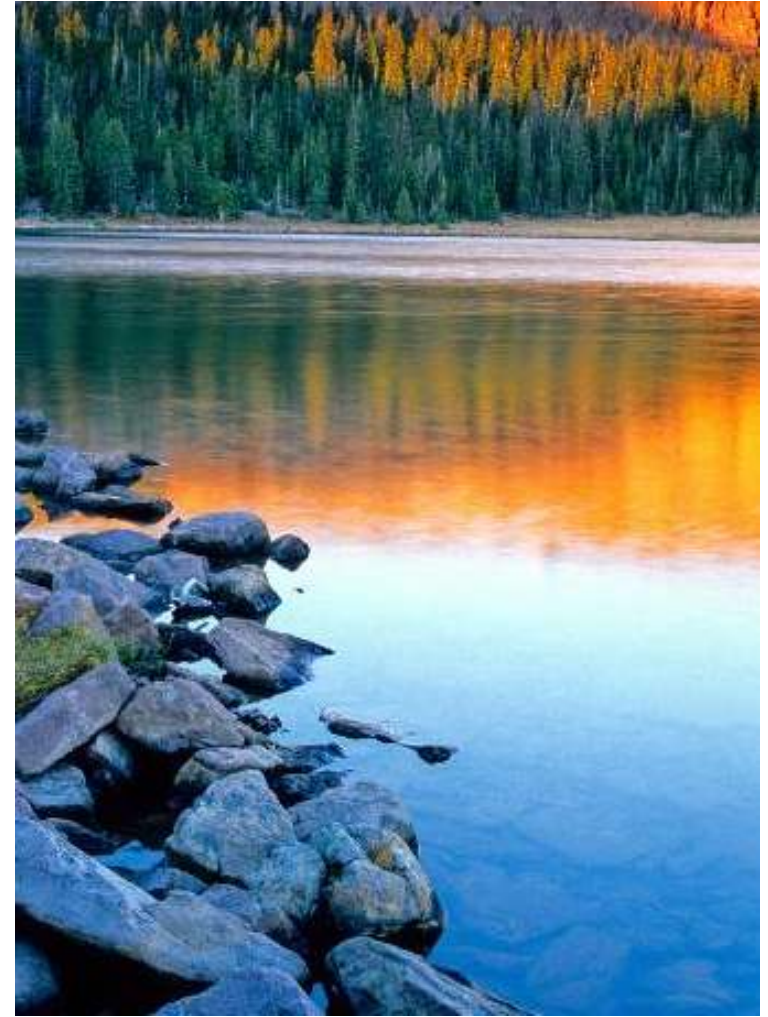
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Goal #5

Mitigate the severity of climate change and develop adaptive capacity to reduce vulnerabilities to local climate change impacts.

Metrics

- Net reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Extent that climate change vulnerabilities have been assessed and adaptive plans developed and implemented





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Environment System

Goal #6

Develop legal, regulatory, financial and integrated governance structures that provide long-term and sustainable support for achieving the environment system goals.

Metrics

- Amount of funding to support adaptive management strategies to protect, maintain and improve environment system
- Positive/neutral/negative impact to legal, regulatory, financial and governance structures (e.g., Does proposed action set new precedence re. existing ordinance? Would it result in additional stress to agency resources?)



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Recreation System Vision, Goals, Metrics



Recreation System



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Vision

The recreation system in the Central Wasatch is balanced, sustainable, and provides a range of settings that accommodates increasing demand for year-round outdoor recreation opportunities while protecting solitude, naturalness, and other backcountry values by encouraging stewardship and high levels of use at thoughtfully designed locations with convenient access.



Recreation System



Goal #1

Identify and establish high use areas to focus where future growth in recreation occurs.

Metrics

- Score based on checklist of desirable high use nodes.
- Average number of user level types (casual, active, committed) served at high use nodes by season.
- Average number of uses (e.g., resort and backcountry skiing) at high use nodes by season.





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Recreation System

Goal #2

Preserve special, unique recreation areas and settings to maintain opportunities for solitude and naturalness.

Metric

- Aggregate score based on checklist of areas to be preserved with a suggested level of management (e.g., wilderness, special management area, backcountry skiing areas with no helicopter access, permitted access, etc.) with relative scores measuring desirability of different management options.



Recreation System



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Goal #3

Provide a well-designed, appropriately maintained, well-signed, and interconnected trail network that meets demand and can adapt to evolving uses.

Metrics

- Score based on checklist of desirable trail connections completed.
- Qualitative assessment of trail system quality by area (Big Cottonwood Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon, Parley/Millcreek canyons, and Wasatch Back) and overall system, by scoring 6 qualitative components on a scale of 1-3 for a total of 18 points.



Recreation System



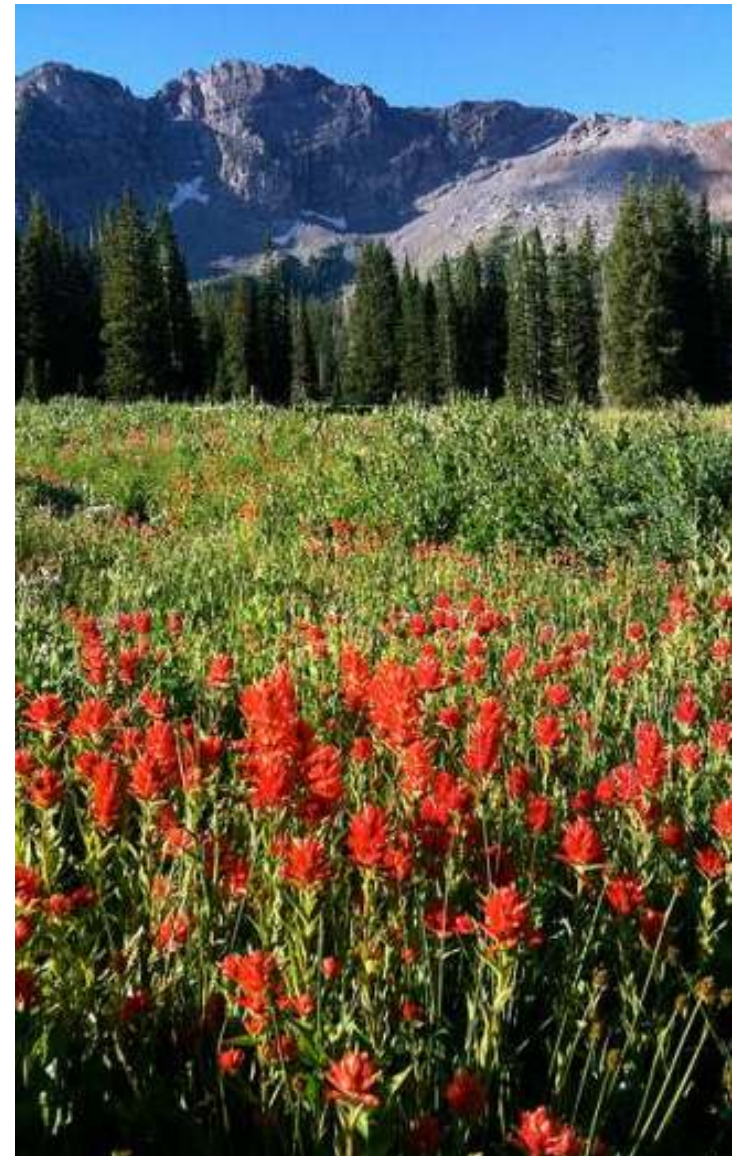
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Goal #4

Pursue the most appropriate and feasible means of securing legal public access to critical recreational opportunities while mitigating conflicts on privately-owned lands.

Metric

- Aggregate score based on checklist of key areas where acquiring public access is desirable.



Recreation System



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Goal #5

Establish appropriate levels of access and designed settings in harmony with the desired recreation experience.

Metrics

- Qualitative ranking of responsiveness of the designed recreation environment to the desired recreation setting by scoring 4 qualitative components on a scale of 1-3 for a total of 12 points for each node (node scores will be averaged by area [Big Cottonwood Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon, Parley/Millcreek canyons, and Wasatch Back])



Recreation System



Goal #6

Establish an organization, with authority to act based on public support, that fosters long-term success of the Central Wasatch recreation system by promoting collaborative and united management, user education, and acquisition of ongoing funding for continued system maintenance, evolution, and management.

Metrics

- Number of participating agencies with authority to act and the means to provide and secure ongoing funding (e.g., U.S. Forest Service, Salt Lake City, Wasatch County, etc.).
- Annual recreation budget for a Central Wasatch recreation organization.



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Transportation System Vision, Goals, and Metrics



Transportation System



Vision

The Central Wasatch transportation system is integrated within the fabric of community values and lifestyle choices, supports land use objectives, and connects to the overall regional network. We meet the growing demand for access to and within the Central Wasatch Mountains through a dynamic and sustainable multi-modal mountain transportation system that provides year-round transportation choices to residents, visitors and employees, improves safety and efficiency, and is compatible with the unique environmental characteristics of the Central Wasatch.

Transportation System



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Goal #1

Provide integrated multimodal transportation choices for residents, visitors, and employees.

Metrics

- Increase percent of trips to-and-from mountain destinations accommodated by alternate modes (i.e. non-SOV, mode split)
- Provides access to a range of destinations (activity and development centers as well as dispersed recreation)
- Provides benefit within the regional transportation system (e.g. reduces demand or provides an alternate choice on congested corridors)



Transportation System



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Goal #2

Ensure the transportation experience is reliable and facilitates a positive experience.

Metric

- Reduce system susceptibility to risks caused by avalanches, rockslides, inclement weather, and incidents
- Leverage parking to support the transportation system and provide reliable user experience
- Flexible capacity to accommodate daily and seasonal fluctuations in demand



Transportation System



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Goal #3

Ensure the transportation experience is safe and promotes health.

Metrics

Positive influence on high-accident locations

Ability to provide evacuation alternatives

Accommodate and encourage bike and pedestrian use of transportation corridors

Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) to improve air quality and provide other environmental benefits



Transportation System



Goal #4

The transportation system supports the natural and intrinsic values of the Central Wasatch.

Metric

- Mitigates need to expand surface parking in sensitive natural areas
- Avoids negative impacts to priority environmental areas





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Next Stakeholder Forum

October 14, 2014

Idealized Systems

