

# Public Open House

## what :

Consultants working with the Salt Lake City Council are holding a public open house to review potential changes to the Riparian Corridor Overlay Zoning District Ordinance.

In January, Salt Lake City adopted an ordinance which created new rules for the City's stream corridors. The Riparian Corridor Overlay (RCO) District regulates development activities within 100 feet of a natural waterway's Annual High Water Line (AHWL). The RCO District covers above-ground stream corridors in the City, including City Creek, Red Butte Creek, Emigration Creek, Parley's Creek and the Jordan River, as well as their tributaries.

The ordinance was prompted by discussions concerning a proposed development near Emigration Creek. During these discussions, the Salt Lake City Council concluded that existing City rules do not provide adequate guidelines for protecting the City's riparian corridors, a unique resource and amenity in our urban environment.

"Riparian" is defined as "of or relating to the banks of a natural course of water." A "riparian corridor" is the area located along these banks. These corridors, which act as natural filters, help keep streams, creeks and other waterways healthy.

After adopting the ordinance in January, the City Council commissioned a detailed review of the riparian corridor regulations by consultants with experience in land use policy and public involvement. The consultants have gathered input from stakeholders over the past several months to assist in the ordinance review and refinement process. The purpose of the review is to revise the ordinance to make it more understandable and user-friendly. There will not be a wholesale revision or repeal. Results of the review process and proposed recommendations for refining the ordinance will be available for review and discussion at the open house.

## when :

Wednesday

June 11, 2008

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## where :

City Library Main Branch  
4th Floor Conference Room  
210 East 400 South  
Salt Lake City

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