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### **Milestone Achievement** **for the Sugar House Draw Project**

[Salt Lake City, Utah] — In late November, the Salt Lake City Council and Salt Lake County Council approved a resolution to enter into an interlocal agreement for the acquisition of land to complete the Sugar House Draw project. The interlocal agreement is the first step towards completing the purchase of 11,265 square feet of land for the continued development of Parley's Trail. The Parley's Rails, Trails, and Tunnels (PRATT) Coalition, a community-based organization, has helped guide the funding and improvements of this trail corridor.

The acquisition of the "Woodbury Property" located on the west side of 1300 East between 2100 South and Wilmington Avenue will provide public access to open space and will facilitate the completion of a key section of Parley's Trail, connecting Sugar House Park with the Hidden Hollow nature preserve. This acquisition is a milestone for the development of this vital community asset.

Council Chair Jill Remington Love says that "The City Council is committed to improving and adding to the City's trail system whenever the opportunity arises. This is an important step in that direction."

"I appreciate the foresight of Salt Lake City residents who approved the bond in 2003 to allow for the purchase of open space," says Council Member Søren Simonsen, District 7. "This will be an important acquisition to help us meet our community goal of completing the Parley's Trail and developing a great community resource."

The Parley's Trail will provide mobility and recreational opportunities to those who may eventually use the trail to access parks, schools, and neighborhood destinations, along with the Bonneville Shoreline and Jordan River Parkway trails from neighborhoods throughout the city. The non-motorized, multi-use trail will roughly follow the Parley's Creek from the mouth of Parley's Canyon to Sugar House Park, and then follow the abandoned Sugar House railroad spur to the Jordan River. At completion, the trail will be about eight miles long.

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