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City Celebrates Opening of Greater Avenues Water Conservation Garden *Demonstration Garden Highlights Dynamic Native Environment*

SALT LAKE CITY – City officials will officially open a water conservation demonstration garden tomorrow, October 21, at 11th Avenue and Terrace Hills Drive (approx. 890 East at northeast intersection) at 11 a.m. After over three years of community planning, the Greater Avenues Demonstration Garden will be unveiled tomorrow to the public. Once a vacant lot on 11th Avenue, the transformed space now provides City residents with examples of native plants and ideas on how those plants are best utilized in an urban environment.

Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, City Council Member Eric Jergensen, Public Utilities Director Jeff Niermeyer and Greater Avenues Community Council Garden Committee Chair Tom Berggren will host the ribbon-cutting event opening the park to the public.

“After years of planning and countless contributions from the community and the City, we are pleased to see the opening of the Greater Avenues Water Conservation Garden,” said Mayor Ralph Becker. “This garden provides an evolving and living legacy for the neighborhood and will continue to grow and develop for generations to enjoy.”

“Our commitment to open space in the City is evident as we take opportunities like this to transform unused spaces into well-planned recreational and educational gardens like the Water Conservation Garden,” added Council Member Jergensen. “This garden provides both a place to enjoy a taste of the local thriving landscape as well as learn about unique plants to consider for our own personal gardens.”

The Garden was created to educate the community in low-water landscaping techniques and disciplines, demonstrate the beauty and adaptability of Utah native plants and showcase a good use of City open space. Interpretive sign boards illustrate how the plants can be utilized and a brochure and web site at www.slcsaveH2o.com are available for more details. Each plant in the garden will be tagged with its common and botanical name and ideal use.

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