

Salt Lake County Completes a Draft Watershed Plan

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Salt Lake County has recently published a draft of our **Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP)**. This draft is two years in the making and examines issues from wastewater planning and stormwater runoff, to instream flows and aquatic habitat. Additionally, the WaQSP will serve as an update to the existing Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan. In order to get feedback on the WaQSP, specifically the recommendations that are made in the WaQSP, we have been taking the show on the road. Since February, we have been meeting with local government officials, community councils and key stakeholder groups to review and get input on the WaQSP and will continue to do so over the next few months. We will also be working with stakeholders to identify some demonstration projects.

Implementation is the heart of the WaQSP. As we move forward with a continuing stewardship effort, we look to local interest groups to assist us in improving our watershed. There are many opportunities to enhance and preserve our local streams and river; however, effective stewardship requires collaboration. We look forward to working with local stakeholder groups to improve watershed function!

The entire WaQSP document is available on our website at www.waterresources.slco.org. Additionally, copies of the WaQSP are available at all County libraries and at the Main Salt Lake City Library. To receive a CD copy of the Plan please contact Natalie Rees (468-3656 or nrees@slco.org). We will be taking comments on the WaQSP through **May 31, 2008**.