

HOW THE WEST HAVEN RIVER PARKWAY and TRAIL SYSTEM BEGAN IN WEST HAVEN CITY

RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL

In November 1998 the city was awarded a grant for a trail way in the amount of \$96,000.00 with the city's cash matching funds of \$45,242.00. The purpose was to build a multi-use non-motorized recreational trail, estimated to be 9 feet wide and 6,150 feet long, that would include a fishing bridge, a tunnel under the railroad tracks to allow pedestrians to safely cross 21st Street, picnic tables for picnics, places to rest and points of historical interest along the trail.

The trail was envisioned to provide a scenic pathway that would lead to and around area business establishments; increase activities offered by area motels; meet objectives of environmental groups by enhancing and preserving the environment; provide a much needed environmentally educational pathway to adventurous experiences for family and youth groups of all ages.

The project would not only be a link to a county wide comprehensive network plan, by connecting West Haven River Parkway Trail with the Weber County Centennial Trail, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, the Ogden City Trail, and eventually continuing through Ogden Canyon into Huntsville, it was significant as the regional networking of these trails would allow multi-use non-motorized access to surrounding historical activity centers such as Fort Buenaventura and the Ogden Dinosaur Park.

With the support of the Mayors and City Council Members, under the leadership of **previous Council Member Charles McFarland**, later joined by the talents, direction, hours of service, determination and undying dedication of **Council Member Jennifer Canter**, the West Haven River Parkway vision has become reality.



The trail currently provides a continuous pathway that begins at a point located on the east side of 1900 West and North West side of 2100 South then lazily curves it way along the South side of Weber and Ogden Rivers crossing over the "Charles McFarland Bridge" (see the Charles McFarland Bridge article) and a variety of land owners property who have graciously allowed easements in order to culminate this undertaking until it finally borders Ogden City.

Council Member Jeni Canter has mountain of donated material, cash donations, from area business and residents, (with a Moulding, Moulding and Son's Excavation for donations) and utilized them, along with city funds, to bring to fruition a beautiful area for residents and non-residents alike to walk, run, ride bikes or just enjoy a leisurely stroll along the river in the peaceful surroundings. For Jeni, it has truly been a labour of love, a labour that everyone appreciates. Refer also to the "**River Pathway Brochure**" for additional information on how Jeni's leadership has made this project a success.



generated grant monies, a hours of donated labour special thanks to Randy his time, talents and dollar