

# **Logan River Watershed Plan EA**

## **Scoping Report**

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# SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.0 Introduction

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with the Cache Water District, Crockett Avenue Irrigation and the cities of Logan, North Logan and Hyde Park as the project sponsors, is proposing to partially fund through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act [Public Law (PL) 83-566], the Logan River Watershed Plan (Proposed Project) in Cache County, Utah. The plan will address flood control and flood protection, evaluate measures to reduce water loss and increase efficiency in the current irrigation delivery system, and consider improvements to recreational facilities.

NRCS, as the lead federal agency, has initiated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis in the form of a Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to analyze impacts to the natural and human environment that could result from this project. The Plan-EA will comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, which require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions. The Plan-EA will be comprised of the following elements:

- Alternative analysis of potential design options that would meet current NRCS engineering performance criteria and project specific screening criteria.
- Detailed analysis of resources with the potential to be impacted by the alternatives that would satisfy the purpose and need for the project.
- Identification of potential mitigation measures that would reduce or eliminate environmental impacts.
- Public participation and government agency coordination through scoping and the development of the Plan-EA.

Public participation is a key component of this project. In this initial stage of the process, the public participation process solicited scoping comments about different concerns, priorities, and ideas for the Logan River Watershed. This Scoping Report outlines the work performed to date to involve the local communities through public information meetings, and a scoping comment period. The document also discusses the comments received from interested agencies and the general public during the scoping comment period.

### 1.1 Project Purpose and Need

USDA-NRCS evaluated the Logan River Watershed Plan to receive funding under the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO). Under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, WFPO provides for cooperation between the Federal government and the states, or their political subdivisions, for preventing erosion, floodwater and sediment damage, and to further conservation development.

The purpose of this Watershed Plan Project is to:

- reduce flooding along existing canals and the Logan River;
- safely move floodwaters through the community by providing and maintaining flood conveyance channels;
- improve the aging water delivery system;
- improve application of irrigation water;
- reduce maintenance requirements throughout the service area to allow for the delivery of the water users' full water rights; and
- improve connectivity and access to the terrestrial and aquatic trails in the project area.

The project is needed to mitigate flooding, to reduce the amount of water lost to seepage, evapotranspiration, and other inefficiencies within the existing agricultural water delivery system, and to address deficiencies in the safe access to trails in the project area.

## **1.2 Scoping Goals and Objectives**

The goal of public participation and involvement is to initiate communication between a diverse group of public and government agency participants in order to gather input and provide timely information throughout the NEPA process. The primary tasks that accomplish this are: 1) establishing ongoing communication with stakeholders, agencies, and the general public; 2) providing information to the public about the environmental review process and each participant's role; 3) providing an avenue for the public and stakeholders to share concerns and interests; and 4) documenting all public and government agency input.

## SECTION 2

# SCOPING PROCESS SUMMARY

### 2.0 Scoping Overview

Questions, comments, and concerns about the Proposed Project were requested during the scoping period. The following summarizes the scoping process and efforts made to engage the public, regulatory agencies, and other interested parties.

### 2.1 Scoping Terms

The following terms can be generally used during the scoping process to identify specific actions, when necessary:

- Comment: a distinct statement or question about a topic or issue relating to the project.
- Comment Category: a topic to which a comment is addressed.
- Comment Document: a written version of comment(s) submitted by a commenter. One comment document may contain multiple comments.
- Commenter: an individual, organization, or agency providing one or more comments.

### 2.2 Scoping Schedule

The following dates outline the milestones for the scoping process:

- December 4, 2020: Preliminary Kick-off Meeting
- January 8, 2021: Virtual Key Stakeholder Pre-Scoping Meeting
- January 12, 2021: Agency Scoping Letters Mailed
- January 14, 2021 and January 21, 2021: Public Notice Published in the Logan Herald Journal
- January 15, 2021: Public Scoping Postcards Mailed
- January 20, 2021: Virtual Agency Scoping Meeting
- January 28, 2021: Virtual Public Scoping Meeting
- February 16, 2021: Property Owner Postcards Mailed
- March 4, 2021: Virtual Property Owners Meeting
- January 14, 2021: Public Scoping Comment Period Opened
- March 16, 2021: Scoping Period Closed

### 2.3 Scoping Notice

Scoping notices were prepared and sent to interested parties and regulatory agencies on January 12, 2021. The list of recipients was prepared by NRCS, Cache Water District, J-U-B Engineers, Inc (J-U-B) and other members of the project team. The scoping notice gave a description of the Watershed Plan, location and overview, and requested public participation and input. The scoping notice also provided details of the scoping meeting, contact information to submit written comments, and the scoping period dates. The

scoping notice was also posted to the NRCS Project Website:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/?cid=nrcseprd1723235>

A public scoping meeting notice was published on January 14, 2021 and January 21, 2021 in the Logan Herald Journal announcing the Watershed Plan and scoping meeting. Copies of the newspaper legal notices are included within Appendix A. Notice of the project was published in January 2021 to the State of Utah's Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC) Project Management System website. An electronic scoping notice was provided to project sponsors for posting to their websites and social media.

## 2.4 Scoping Meeting

The primary purpose of the agency and public scoping meetings was to gather input on concerns and interests for the Logan River Watershed and ideas to inform the alternatives development and prioritization process. The scoping meetings also sought to provide a description of the Watershed Plan, initial goals, current water resource concerns that led to the impetus for the project, and an overview of the NEPA process. The scoping meeting provided information pertaining to the project's purpose and need statement, potential alternatives for consideration, environmental resources to be addressed in the Plan-EA, and the overarching public participation process per NEPA regulations. An agency scoping meeting was convened virtually on January 20, 2021. A public scoping meeting was convened virtually on January 28, 2021 and a property owner meeting was convened virtually on March 4, 2021. All meetings included a brief presentation describing the background, need, goals, and current water resource concerns for the Watershed Plan, maps of the watershed, the Plan-EA schedule was outlined, and how to submit comments. Project team representatives then addressed questions and comments. Meeting materials and display boards that were shared during the meeting were posted on the NRCS website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/?cid=nrcseprd1723235> and can be found in Appendix B.

## 2.5 Mailing Lists

Mailing lists were prepared by NRCS, Cache Water District, J-U-B and other members of the project team to inform the government agencies and general public about the scoping process for the project. A total of 20 mailings were sent to government agencies and 543 mailings to local stakeholders and relevant organizations. In total, 563 mailings were sent to the public, including mailers sent in advance of the public scoping meeting and for the property owners, a second public scoping meeting, and to residents of the Cities of Logan, North Logan and Hyde Park. A copy of the mailing lists is included in Appendix A.

## SECTION 3 COMMENTS

### 3.0 Agency and Public Scoping Meeting

An agency scoping meeting was conducted on January 20, 2021. Eleven (11) agency stakeholders, five (5) project team members from J-U-B, three (3) project team members from Franson Civil Engineers, one (1) project team member from Bio-West, four (4) NRCS representatives, and four (4) project sponsor representatives attended the agency scoping meeting. A meeting summary, including list of attendees, is located in Appendix B.

A public scoping meeting was conducted on January 28, 2021. Fifty (50) public attendees, five (5) project team members from J-U-B, three (3) project team members from Franson Civil Engineers, one (1) project team member from Bio-West, four (4) NRCS representatives, and eight (8) project sponsor representatives attended the public scoping meeting. Attendance at the meeting was counted using Zoom sign-in records and is captured in the meeting summary. A meeting summary is located in Appendix B.

An adjacent property owner scoping meeting was conducted on March 4, 2021. Forty-five (45) public attendees, five (5) project team members from J-U-B, three (3) project team members from Franson Civil Engineers, one (1) project team member from Bio-West, three (2) NRCS representatives, and three (3) project sponsor representatives attended the property owner scoping meeting. Attendance at the meeting was counted using Zoom sign-in records and is captured in the meeting summary. A meeting summary is located in Appendix B.

### 3.1 Comments Received

Participants were invited to submit comments in writing by mail or email during the scoping comment period. The scoping period officially opened on January 14, 2021 and ended on March 16, 2021, a total of 60 days. Written comments were accepted via mail, e-mail, or comment card. There were seven hundred and eighty-one (781) scoping comments received for the Watershed Plan. Comments can be found in Appendix B.

#### 3.1.1 Comment Categories

The methodology for categorizing and addressing public and agency comments was to identify the nature of the comment and then to separate each of the comments into comment categories. The majority of commenters emphasized the importance for local communities of existing water flows that allow for aquatic recreation and wildlife habitat. Additional significant comments highlighted community interest to preserve property values and water flows nearby or through private property and public areas. Numerous photos were submitted along with written comments and categorized as follows (with number of photos in parentheses):

- Recreational (33)
- Flooding/damage (39)

- Maps of project area (7)
- Flora and Fauna (1)

A full summary of comments can be found in Appendix B. The categories listed (with number of comments in parentheses) below were created for scoping purposes:

- Project/Plan Purpose (389)
  - Oppose/Disagree with Project Purpose (26)
  - Support Project Purpose (2)
- Agricultural Water Management and Impacts (234 comments)
- Wildlife and Habitat (83)
- Update/Response Requests (64)
- Lack of Understanding and General Questions (64)
- Recreation (49)
- Property Impacts and Values (48)
- Water Flows (44)
- NEPA/Plan Process (41)
- Alternatives (32)
- Flooding (8)
- Stakeholders and Beneficiaries (5)

### **3.2 Stakeholder Meetings**

Prior to the scoping meetings, the project team met with a key stakeholder group to discuss the project purpose, background, current water resource concerns, and hear stakeholder perspectives. Members of the key stakeholder group were determined based upon their representation of special interest groups within the watershed. This Pre-Scoping Stakeholder meeting on January 8, 2021 was attended by eight (8) public attendees, five (5) project team members from J-U-B, three (3) project team members from Franson Civil Engineers, one (1) project team members from Bio-West, three (3) NRCS representatives, and ten (10) project sponsor representatives. A meeting summary is located in Appendix B.

Following the close of the scoping comment period, the project team met with the key stakeholder group a second time on June 9, 2021 to share the alternative screening criteria informed by public comment, to share the process for creating the criteria and the development of the project purpose and need, and explain next steps and answer questions about the project team's process. The meeting was attended by four (4) public attendees, five (5) project team members from J-U-B, two (2) project team members from Franson Civil Engineers, one (1) project team member from Bio-West, two (2) NRCS representatives, and three (3) project sponsor representatives. A meeting summary is located in Appendix B.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **SCOPING NOTICES**

Agency Scoping Email

Agency Scoping Mailer

Public Scoping Newspaper Notice

Public Scoping Mailer

Public Scoping Social Media Notice

Agency, Stakeholder, and Tribal Scoping Notice Mailing List

Cooperating Agency Invitation Letter

Tribal Scoping Letter

BCC: Agency contact list

Subject Line: Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment, Cache County, Utah

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with the Cache Water District, Crockett Avenue Irrigation and the cities of Logan, North Logan and Hyde Park as the project sponsors, is proposing to partially fund through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act [Public Law (PL) 83-566], the Logan River Watershed Plan in Cache County, Utah. The plan will address flood control and flood protection, evaluate measures to reduce water loss and increase efficiency in the current irrigation delivery system and consider additional recreational facilities.

NRCS will prepare a Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality and the United States Department of Agriculture NEPA implementing regulations. This Plan-EA will analyze the potential impacts of the Proposed Project. As required by the NEPA implementing regulations, if potentially significant impacts to the human environment are identified, an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared. If no significant impacts are identified, the NRCS will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact.

NRCS will hold an online agency scoping meeting as part of the Plan-EA to provide information about the conceptual design of the projects and to collect written comments. A brief presentation will be provided prior to a question and answer session.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm MST

**Online via Zoom:** Visit <http://www.zoom.us/join> and enter **Meeting ID:** 995 2249 6777

Your agency is invited to comment on the Plan-EA's scope of analysis, or raise specific issues that they feel should be analyzed in the Plan-EA.

A public scoping meeting will also be held on January 28, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM MST. Please contact the Study Team for details on the public scoping meeting.

**For more information visit:** <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/>

**Contact the Logan River Study Team at:** (435-213-2872) | [loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com)

# Logan River Watershed Project Cache County, Utah

## Agency Scoping Notice

### Project Information

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### Agency Scoping Meeting

Agencies are invited to attend, discuss and submit questions during the agency public meeting, which will be held on:

- **Wednesday, January 20, 2021** •
  - **1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** •
- **Online at [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join)** •
- **Meeting ID: 995 2249 6777** •



Your agency is invited to comment on the EA's scope of analysis, or raise specific issues that they feel should be analyzed in the EA.

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**CHANGE APPLICATION(S)**  
**25-11668 (a46462):** Spencer J Larsen and Alayna B Larsen propose(s) using 1 ac-ft. from groundwater (1 mile east of Newton) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION.  
**25-11673 (a46569):** Duane Williams propose(s) using 1.48 ac-ft. from groundwater (Young Ward) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION; STOCKWATERING.

Teresa Wilhelmsen, P.E.  
 State Engineer  
 Published in The Herald Journal on Jan. 7, 2021 & Jan. 14, 2021  
 Ref. No. 63754

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**LOGAN CITY CDBG NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PY2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report**

In accordance with the City of Logan Citizen Participation Plan, notice is hereby given that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2019 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) is available for public review and comment at Logan City Hall or online at [www.loganutah.org](http://www.loganutah.org) (CDBG section).

A comment period commences on January 15, 2021, following publication of this notice, and ends on February 16, 2021, following the public hearing.

Notice is given that on February 16, 2021, not before 5:30 pm, the City of Logan Municipal Council will hold a public hearing in their chambers located at 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah, to take public comment on the CAPER before final adoption and submission to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Please provide written comments by emailing Debbie Zilles ([debbie.zilles@loganutah.org](mailto:debbie.zilles@loganutah.org)), or by delivery to Logan City Hall, ATTN: CDBG, 290 N 100 W, Logan, UT 84321.

The CAPER provides information regarding CDBG-funded activities during PY2018. Written comments must be received prior to February 16, 2021, to be included with the City Council CAPER review. For additional information, contact Debbie Zilles, at 435-716-9021 or [debbie.zilles@loganutah.org](mailto:debbie.zilles@loganutah.org).

Logan City Hall is ADA accessible. Individuals needing any special accommodations or assistance, including ADA or translation services, during this meeting shall notify the City Recorder, 435-716-9002, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Logan Municipal Council Meetings are televised live as a public service on Channel 17 or can be viewed online at [www.ustream.tv/channel/logancitycouncil](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/logancitycouncil). All phone numbers listed above may also be accessed by Relay 711 and Spanish Relay (1-888-346-3162)  
 Published January 14, 2021  
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**Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment, Cache County, Utah**

Virtual Public Scoping Meeting: January 28, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. MST

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NRCS will hold an online public scoping meeting as part of the Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to provide information about the project and to collect written public comments.\* The public is invited to attend the scoping meeting to learn more, ask questions and submit written comments. A brief presentation will be provided prior to a question and answer session.

**Date:** Thursday, January 28, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. MST  
**Online via Zoom:** <http://www.zoom.us/join> Enter Meeting ID: 943 1028 2746

**Written comments can be submitted during the public scoping period starting January 14, 2021 and ending on February 15, 2021. All questions and comments should be directed to:**

Logan River Watershed Plan  
 Attn: The Langdon Group  
 466 N. 900 W.  
 Kaysville, UT 84037  
 Phone: 435-213-2872  
 Email: [loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com)

**Written comments must be postmarked by February 15, 2021.**

Interested parties may also submit written comments at the Cache County Historic Courthouse: 199 N. Main St., Logan, UT

**NOTICE OF VACANCY CACHE WATER DISTRICT**

Cache County is seeking persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Cache Water District Board of Trustees to fill one vacancy representing the interests of irrigated agriculture. Candidates for this position must own irrigation rights and use those rights as part of their livelihood and must live in Cache County and be registered voters. The County Executive will recommend the appointment to the County Council who will confirm it by resolution after hearing from any interested persons at a public hearing during the Cache County Council meeting held January 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Persons who wish to be considered for appointment should contact Bryce Mumford in the County Executive Office on or before January 21, 2021:

Cache County Executive  
 199 North Main Street  
 Logan, UT 84321  
 (435) 755-1850,  
[bryce.mumford@cachecounty.org](mailto:bryce.mumford@cachecounty.org)  
 Published January 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 2021  
 Ref. No. 62212

Additional information on the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment may be obtained through the following methods:  
 Website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wfp/>  
 Phone: 435-213-2872  
 Email: [loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com)

\*Por favor contactenos al 435-213-2872 o [loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com) para información en Español.  
 Published January 14, 21, 2021  
 Ref. No. 45853

**Woodruff Irrigating Company RFQ**

The Woodruff Irrigating Company is issuing a Request for Qualifications for design, bidding, environmental and construction engineering for various water projects. Interested parties may request the RFQ by contacting Wally Schulthess at 435.881.2313 or via email at [woodruffirrigatingcompany@gmail.com](mailto:woodruffirrigatingcompany@gmail.com). Responses are due January 15th by 5:00pm. Published January 9, 12, 14, 2021  
 Ref. No. 65082

# Logan River Watershed Project Cache County, Utah

## Public Scoping Notice

### Project Information

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**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. MST

**Online via Zoom:** Visit [www.zoom.us/join](https://www.zoom.us/join) and enter Meeting ID: 943 1028 2746

**Meeting materials available online at:** <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wfpf/>

### Public Scoping Meeting

The public is invited to attend, discuss, and submit questions during the virtual public meeting, which will be held on:

- Thursday, January 28, 2021 •
  - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. •
- Online at [www.zoom.us/join](https://www.zoom.us/join) •
- Meeting ID: 943 1028 2746 •



At this time, NRCS is requesting comments on the project to identify issues and resource sensitivities. Written or emailed comments can be submitted during the public scoping period starting January 14, 2021 and ending on February 15, 2021.

**Written comments must be postmarked by February 15, 2021.**

## How to Submit a Comment

All comments should be directed to:

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# Logan River Watershed Project Cache County, Utah

## Riverfront Landowner Scoping Meeting

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NRCS will hold an online riverfront landowner scoping meeting as part of the Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to provide information about the project and to collect written public comments. Riverfront landowners are invited to attend the scoping meeting to learn more, ask questions, and submit written comments. A brief presentation will be provided prior to a question and answer session.

**Date:** Thursday, March 4, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. MST

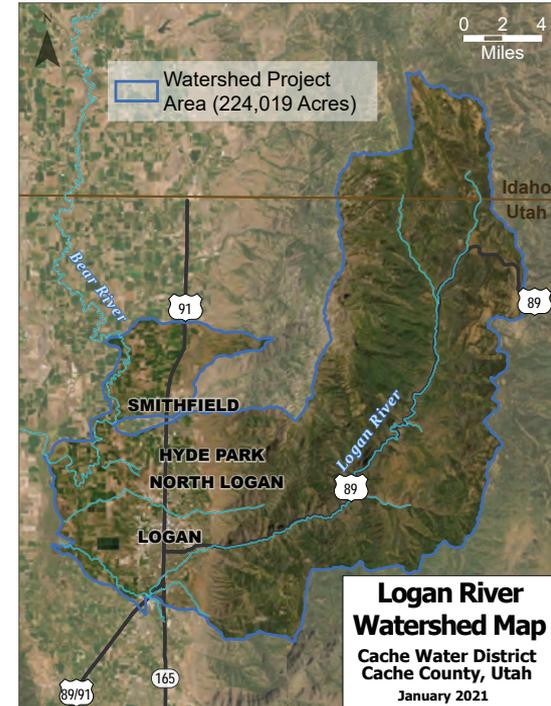
**Online via Zoom:** Visit [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) and enter Meeting ID: 968 5723 1290

**Meeting materials available online at:** <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>

### Riverfront Landowner Scoping Meeting

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At this time, NRCS is requesting comments on the project to identify issues and resource sensitivities. Written or emailed comments can be submitted during the public scoping period through March 16, 2021.

**Written comments must be postmarked by March 16, 2021.**

## How to Submit a Comment

All comments should be directed to:

### Logan River Watershed Plan

Attn: The Langdon Group  
466 N. 900 W.  
Kaysville, Utah 84037

Email: [loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com)

Interested parties may also obtain scoping information and leave a comment at the Cache County Historic Courthouse (199 N. Main St., Logan) through March 16, 2021.

**Contact the Study Team at (453) 213-2872 for more information.**



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<b>NRCS-Lead Agency</b>	USDA-NRCS Utah	Water Resources Coordinator	Derek Hamilton	derek.hamilton@usda.gov	Contacted via email
<b>NRCS-Lead Agency</b>	USDA-NRCS Utah	Environmental Compliance Specialist	Leslie Warta	Leslie.warta@usda.gov	Contacted via email
<b>Sponsor</b>	Cache Water District	Manager	Nathan Daug	ndaugs@cachewaterdistrict.com	Contacted via email
<b>Sponsor</b>	Cache Water District	Board Member	Max Pierce	max222rem@gmail.com	Contacted via email
<b>Sponsor</b>	Cache Water District	Board Member	Jeannie Simmonds	jfsimmonds@comcast.net	Contacted via email
<b>Sponsor</b>	Cache Water District	Board Member	Jon Hardman	jhardmanfarms@yahoo.com	Contacted via email
<b>Sponsor</b>	Cache Water District	Board Member	Herm Olsen	herm@hao-law.com	Contacted via email
<b>Sponsor</b>	Cache Water District	Board Member	Scott Clark	clark.scotth@gmail.com	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Crockett Avenue Irrigation	Benson Irrigation	Rick Reese	rick@reese farms.com	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Crockett Avenue Irrigation	Logan Southwest Field	Tony Jensen	tonyjensen13@gmail.com	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Crockett Avenue Irrigation	Secretary	Charon Sprague	charon.sprague@loganutah.org	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Crockett Avenue Irrigation	Hyde Park Irrigation	Ben Clegg	bclegg@purestream.com	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Crockett Avenue Irrigation	Hyde Park Canal Co.	Mark Hurd	markhurd@gmail.com	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Crockett Avenue Irrigation	Logan Cow Pasture	Jeff Kunzler	kunzlerlivestock@gmail.com	Contacted via email
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<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Logan Island Irrigation	President	Kim Anderson	kanderson@link101.net	Contacted via email
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<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Logan Island Irrigation	Thatcher Irrigation	Ben Chee	kathynchee@hotmail.com	Contacted via email
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<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Logan City	Water	Cameron Draney	cameron.draney@loganutah.org	Contacted via email
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<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Logan City	Recreation	Russ Akina	russ.akina@loganutah.org	Contacted via email
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<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Neighborhood Council	Woodruff Neighborhood	Melissa Dahle	info@madwebsitedesign.com	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	North Logan City	City Administrator	Alan Luce	alan@northlogancity.org	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	North Logan City	Public Works Director	Jordan Oldham	jordan@northlogancity.org	Contacted via email
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<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Hyde Park City	Public Works Director	Brett Knight	Brett.k@hydeparkcity.org	Contacted via email
<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Hyde Park City	Council Member	Karl White	karl.white@usu.edu	Contacted via email
<b>Federal Agencies</b>	U.S. Army Corps	Regulatory Project Manager	Mike Pectol	Michael.A.Pectol@usace.army.mil	Contacted via email
<b>Federal Agencies</b>	U.S. Army Corps	Bountiful Regulatory Office-Chief	Jason Gipson	jason.a.gipson@usace.army.mil	533 West 2600 South Ste. 150 Bountiful, Utah 84010-7744

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Federal Agencies	U.S. Forest Service, Logan District	District Ranger	Jennifer Parker	jcollin@fs.fed.us	1500 East Highway 89 Logan, Utah 84321
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State Agencies	Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office	RDCC Coordinator	Sindy Smith	sindysmith@utah.gov	350 North State Street Ste. 5110 Salt Lake City, Utah 84103
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Interested Party	Bridgerland Audubon	Board member	Brian Dixon	bdixon@xmission.com	Contacted via email
Interested Party	Cache Highline Canal/ Logan River Water Users	President	Kirt Hoggan	khoggan@yahoo.com	Contacted via email
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Interested Party	Irrigation Shareholder	Shareholder	John Tallmage	jftalltree@yahoo.com	Contacted via email
Interested Party	Kayakers	Local Kayaker	Beth Booton	beth.booton@usu.edu	Contacted via email
Interested Party	Logan City Water/Wastewater	Board Chair	Loren Anderson	Loren.anderson@usu.edu	Contacted via email

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Interested Party	River Point HOA	President	Mike Fisher	<a href="mailto:majormikefisher@msn.com">majormikefisher@msn.com</a>	Contacted via email
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Tribe	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation	Chairman, Fort Hall Business Council	Devon Boyer	n/a	P.O. Box 306 Fort Hall, Idaho 83203
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Tribe	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation	Cultural Resources Director	Louise E. Dixey	ledixey@sbtribes.com	P.O. Box 306 Fort Hall, Idaho 83203
Tribe	Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah	Chairman	Luke Duncan	n/a	P.O. Box 190 Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026
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January 13, 2021

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Utah State Office

125 South State Street  
Room 4010  
Salt Lake City, UT 84138

Ph: 801-524-4550  
Fax: 844-715-4928  
www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov

RE: Formal request to be a Cooperating Agency in the development of the Logan River Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) for proposed improvements to the Logan River Watershed, Cache County, Utah.

Dear Cooperating Agency,

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR Part 1501.8, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is formally requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency become a cooperating agency in the planning and development of the Logan River Watershed Plan-EA. The enclosed agency scoping notice includes project information and details on an **agency scoping meeting scheduled for January 20, 2021 at 1 pm.**

This request is made since your agency is identified as having special expertise or jurisdiction by law related to this project. The Plan-EA is being prepared to fulfill our NEPA compliance responsibilities pertaining to our federal financial assistance through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program as authorized through Public Law 83-566. Upon acceptance of this invitation, roles can be defined in an informal agreement or a memorandum of understanding. If your agency is unable to participate as a cooperating agency, please return a written explanation indicating that your agency cannot participate.

Please send notification confirming your decision to: Emily Fife, State Conservationist, NRCS, Wallace F Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Room 4010, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1100.

Thank you for your timely response and assistance with these efforts. If you have any questions, please contact Derek Hamilton, Water Resources Coordinator, at [derek.hamilton@usda.gov](mailto:derek.hamilton@usda.gov) or 801/524-4560.

Sincerely,

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Asst. State Conservationist - Water Resources

Enclosure

cc:  
Chet Fitzgerald, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Ogden, UT  
Brandon Todd, District Conservationist, NRCS, North Logan, UT  
Derek Hamilton, Water Resources Coordinator, NRCS, Salt Lake City, UT



October 18, 2021

Tribal Contact Name

Title

Mailing Address

Reference: Logan River Watershed Plan-EA

Dear (Tribal Contact Name):

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<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/>

Per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, an evaluation of potential alternatives and associated environmental impacts is required and will be documented in the form of a Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA). For the purposes of compliance with NEPA and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), NRCS is the designated lead agency. Pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA, Executive Order 13007, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, we write to you at this time regarding the project and we welcome any information you would like to share with us regarding historic properties or places of traditional religious and cultural importance near the proposed project area that we should consider as part of our analysis.

We are inviting agency, organization, Tribal, and public input on the project during the scoping phase. Participation is a vital component of the project providing those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed project an opportunity to share their comments, ideas, and concerns regarding actions during the initial scoping stage of the NEPA process. At your request, NRCS would be happy to host a government-to-government scoping meeting to provide additional details regarding the project.

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We look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this important project. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Shelley Szeghi, North Area Cultural Resources Specialist, at 801-597-4552 or email at [shelley.szeghi@usda.gov](mailto:shelley.szeghi@usda.gov). We look forward to receiving your comments and discussing this project further.

Sincerely,

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State Conservationist

cc:

Clayton Schmitz, State Resource Conservationist, NRCS, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Andrew Hopkin, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, NRCS, Ogden, UT  
Brandon Todd, District Conservationist, NRCS, Logan, UT  
Norm Evenstad, ASTC-Partnerships, NRCS, Salt Lake City, UT  
Derek Hamilton, Water Resources Coordinator, NRCS, Salt Lake City, UT  
Leslie Warta, Environmental Coordinator, NRCS, Salt Lake City, UT



October 19, 2021

Mr. Nathan Small  
Council Member  
Fort Hall Business Council  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, Idaho 83203

Reference: Logan River Watershed Plan-EA

Dear Mr. Small:

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Mr. Devon Boyer  
Chairman  
Fort Hall Business Council  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, Idaho 83203

Reference: Logan River Watershed Plan-EA

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October 19, 2021

Ms. Louise E. Dixey  
Cultural Resources Director  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, Idaho 83203

Reference: Logan River Watershed Plan-EA

Dear Ms. Dixey:

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Ms. Carolyn Smith  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation  
P.O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, Idaho 83203

Reference: Logan River Watershed Plan-EA

Dear Ms. Smith:

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Ms. Betsy Chapoose  
Director  
Cultural Rights Protection Department  
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation  
P.O. Box 190  
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

Reference: Logan River Watershed Plan-EA

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Chairman  
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah  
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October 19, 2021

Mr. John St. Clair  
Chairman  
Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming  
P.O Box 538  
Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514

Reference: Logan River Watershed Plan-EA

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Chairman  
Northwest Band of the Shoshone Nation  
2575 Commerce Way  
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Cultural Resources  
Northwest Band of the Shoshone Nation  
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Reference: Logan River Watershed Plan-EA

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## **APPENDIX B**

# **SCOPING MEETING MATERIALS**

Scoping Meeting Presentation

Key Stakeholder Pre-Scoping Meeting Summary

Agency Scoping Meeting Summary

Public Scoping Meeting Summary

Property Owner Meeting Summary

Scoping Comment Summary

Scoping Comments

Scoping Comment Attachments

Stakeholder Meeting Summaries

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Public Scoping Meeting

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## **Environmental Assessment Public Scoping Meeting**

January 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m. MST

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## INTRODUCTIONS

### Lead Agency

**Norm Evenstad**  
Assistant State Conservationist  
**USDA NRCS**

**Derek Hamilton**  
Water Resources Coordinator  
**USDA NRCS**



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### Project Sponsors & Co-Sponsors

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**Nathan Daugs**  
Manager  
**CACHE WATER DISTRICT**

**Rick Reese, President**  
**CROCKETT IRRIGATION AND  
DISTRIBUTION COMPANY**

**Paul Lindhardt, Public Works Director**  
**LOGAN CITY**

**Alan Luce, City Manager**  
**NORTH LOGAN CITY**

**Sharidean Flint, Mayor**  
**HYDE PARK CITY**

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NEPA Specialist  
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**Andy Neff**  
Public Involvement Lead  
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## WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

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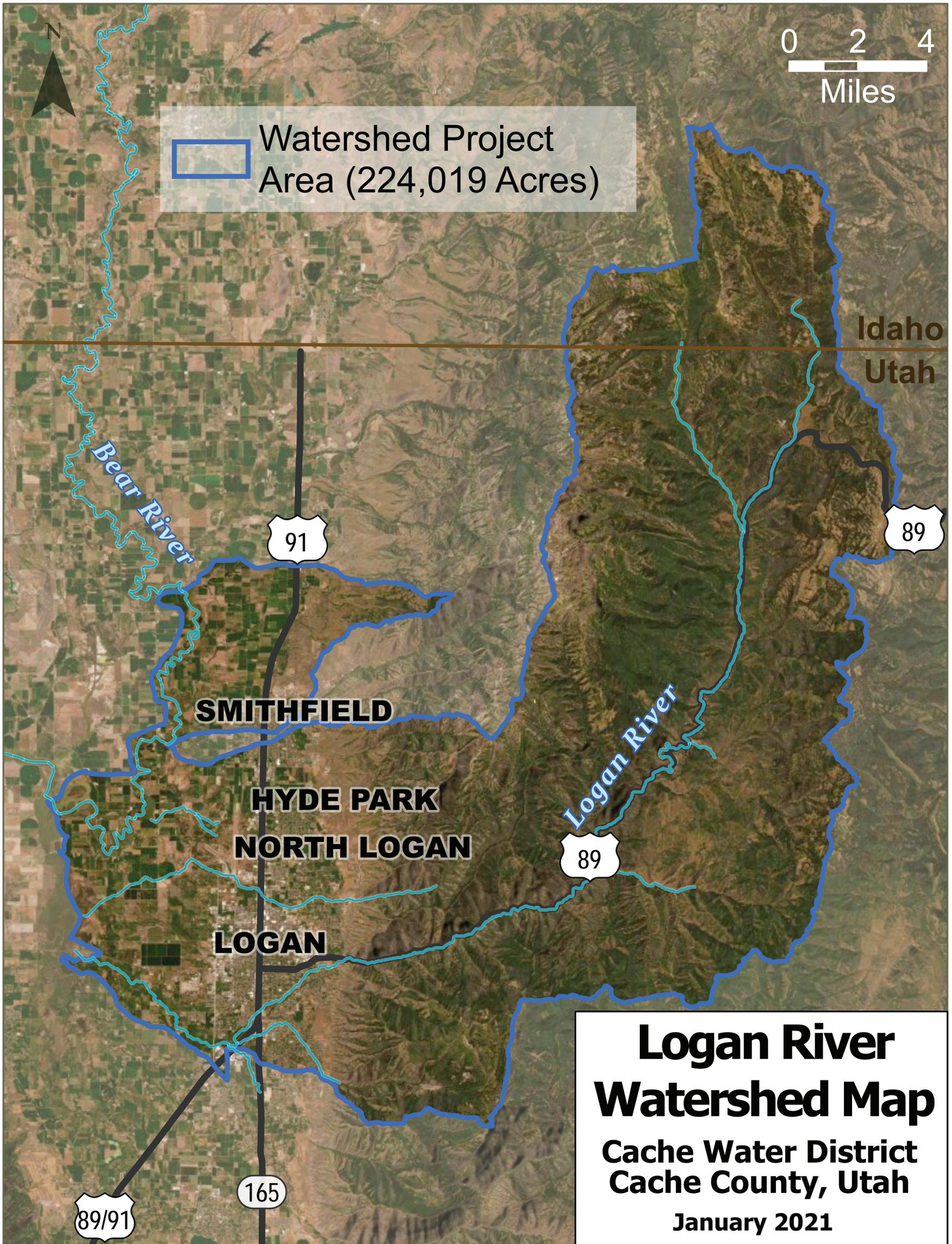
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## CURRENT WATER RESOURCE CONCERNS

### FLOOD PROTECTION

- Aging and deteriorating flood channels
- Inadequate flood capacity through Logan, North Logan, and Hyde Park
- Poor access to maintain flood channels



### WATER SUPPLY

- Limited water resources
- Need to protect water rights through beneficial use
- Water system upgrades needed to address population growth



### IRRIGATION

- Inefficient water delivery and measurement systems
- Water loss in open ditches
- Limited irrigation water supply to users at the ends of the system



### WATER MANAGEMENT

- Deteriorating river diversion structure



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## PROJECT GOALS

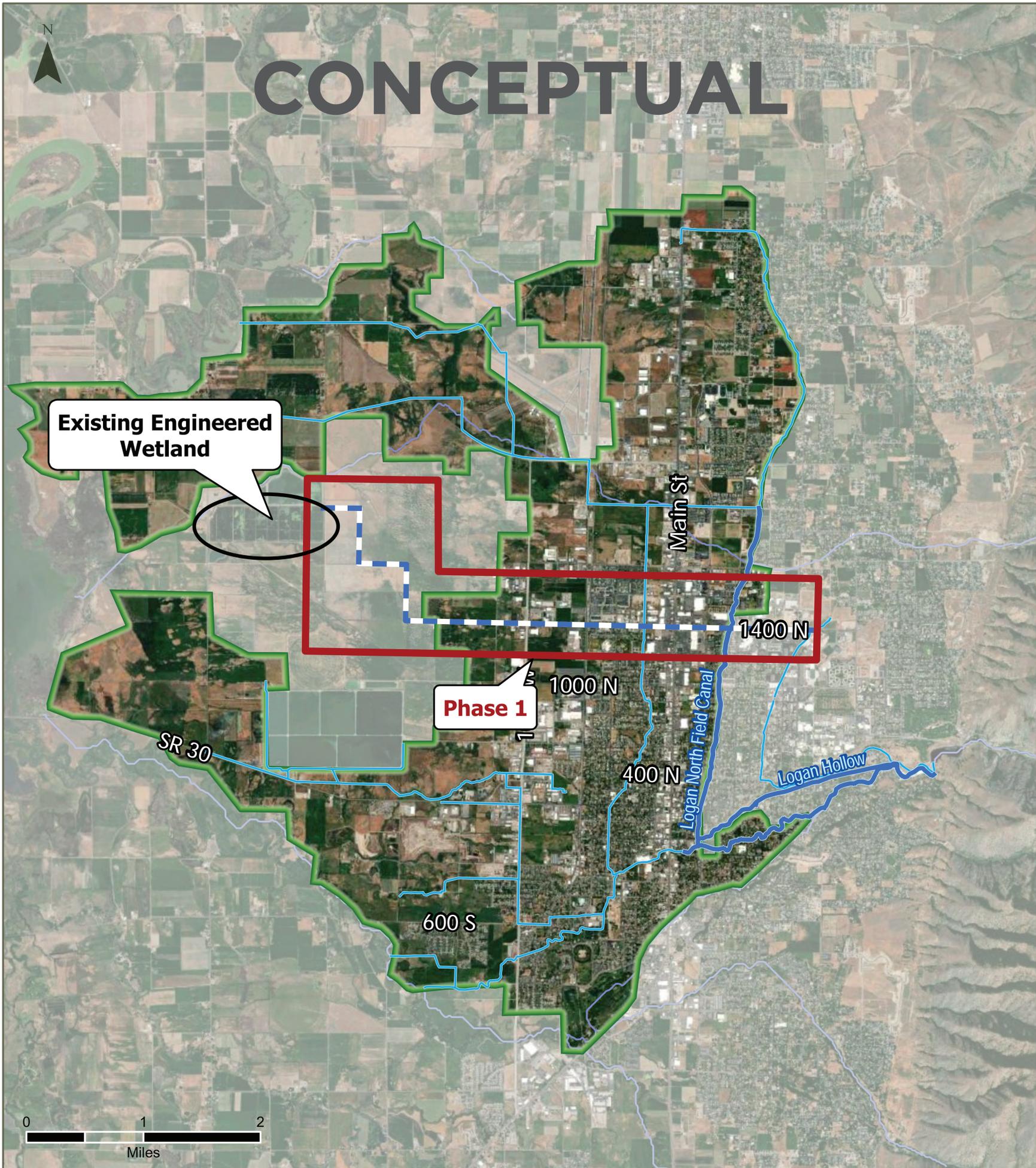
- 1 Provide flood protection for Logan City, North Logan City, Hyde Park City
- Provide pressurized irrigation water distribution for use throughout irrigation season
- Reduce water losses and improve supply to agricultural and residential users
- 4 Improve water management
- Maintain and enhance environmental conditions
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Reduce culinary water infrastructure needs

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## Proposed Flood Control Project Area

Cache Water District  
Cache County, Utah

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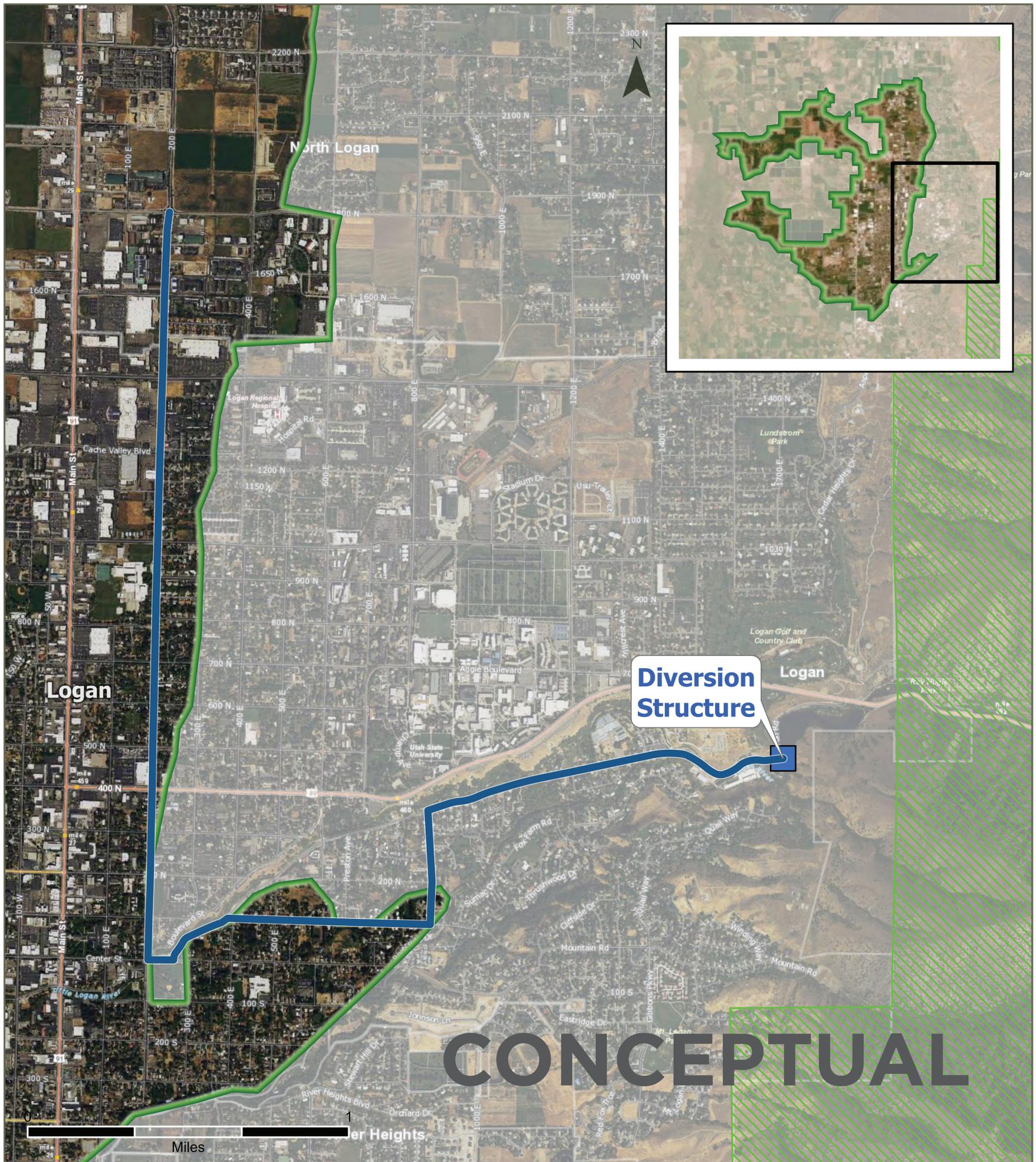
- Flood Outfall Pipe
- Improve Flood Channel Capacity
- Crockett Distribution System
- Crockett Avenue Irrigation Service Area

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## Proposed Agricultural Water Management Project Area

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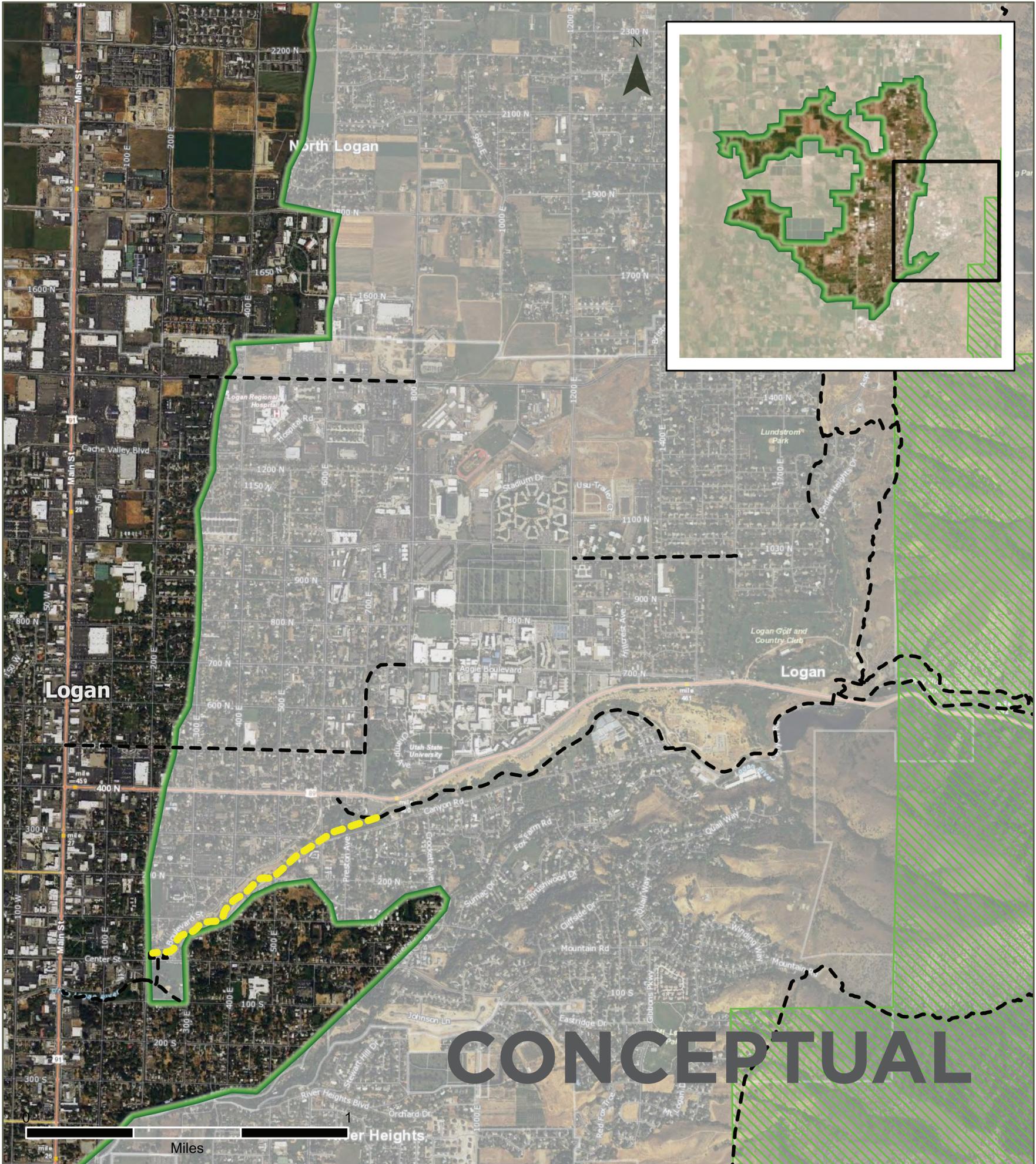
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## Proposed Recreational Project Area

Cache Water District  
Cache County, Utah

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-  New trail along existing canal alignment
-  Existing Trail
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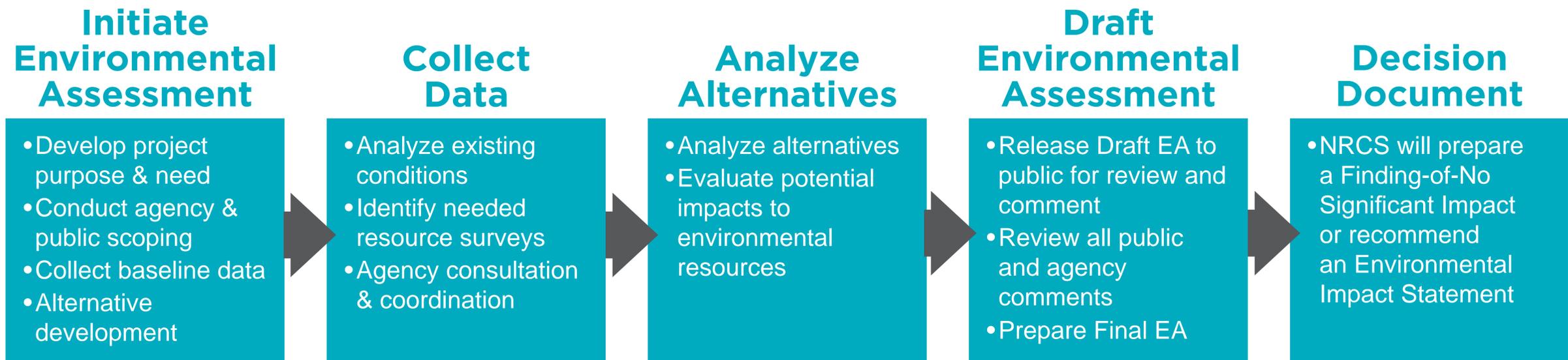
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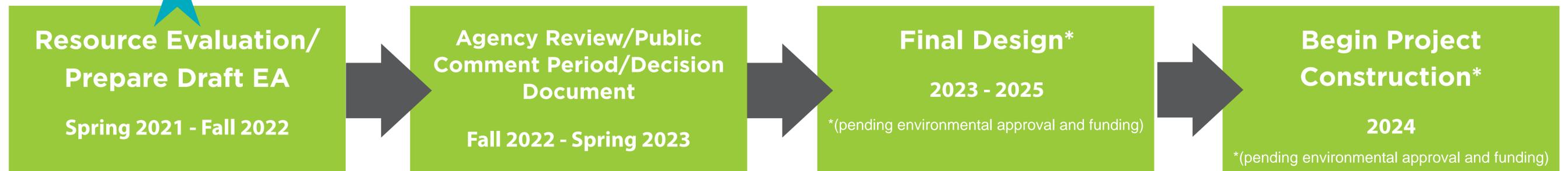
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## NEPA PROCESS



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## ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

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## HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

Submit your written or emailed comments on the project between **Jan. 14, 2021** and **Feb. 16, 2021**.

### How to Submit a Comment:



#### Email

[loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com)

Subject Line: Logan River  
Watershed Plan Comment



#### Comment Card

Leave a comment at  
**Cache County Historic  
Courthouse**  
199 North Main  
Logan, UT 84321



#### Mail

**Logan River Watershed Plan**  
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## Logan River Watershed Plan EA Key Stakeholder Pre-Scoping Meeting SUMMARY January 8, 2021

### Attendees (30 people)

1. Sharidean Flint, Mayor, Hyde Park City
2. Nathan Daug's – Cache Water District
3. Paul Lindhardt – Logan City
4. Charon Sprague – Logan City
5. Jordan Oldham – North Logan City
6. Rick Reese – Crockett Irrigation
7. Derek Hamilton - NRCS
8. Leslie Warta – NRCS
9. Aimee Rohner - NRCS
10. Charon Sprague – Logan City
11. Jordan Oldham – North Logan City
12. Rick Reese – Crockett Irrigation
13. Frank Howe – Logan River Task Force  
Chair
14. Elizabeth Booton – Kayaker  
representative
15. Loren Runar Anderson - Logan City  
Water/Wastewater Board Chair
16. Jim DeRito – Trout Unlimited
17. Ann Neville – Nature Conservancy
18. Carly Lansche - Cache County Trails  
Coordinator
19. Hart Wybrow – Logan City Flood  
Control
20. Herm Olsen – Cache Water District  
Board
21. Scott Clark – Cache Water District Board
22. Zan Murray – J-U-B Engineers
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24. Marti Hoge – J-U-B Engineers
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## Discussion Items

Stakeholder representatives brought up the following questions, concerns and ideas:

- Clarification questions on the differences between initial concepts and the existing diversion up Logan Canyon built 4-5 years ago
  - Murray clarified that the current project is different in water service area and water rights
- Concern about the water flows and water quantity, especially in July and August, and potential effects on recreational water users, and potential impacts on property rights
  - Murray acknowledged concerns about water flow and expressed that hearing comments on aesthetics and functionality for all users is important for this process
- Interest for wildlife needs to be considered in the process
  - Murray and Hoge stated that wildlife is considered in the environmental analysis
- Clarification on the CFS amount allowed for the River
  - Murray clarified that the process has not reached that detailed point yet and that the team cannot speak to numbers but will share that information when draft alternatives are developed with the draft document
- Concern regarding limited water resources
- The Logan River Conservation Action Plan developed by the Logan River Task Force refers to 21 different ecological factors which were noted to all be affected by amount of water flow in the River. There is subsequent interest in the location of diversion structures so as to maintain water flow as much as possible.
- Blue Trail - Possibility of using funds to support the development of a blue trail and proposed recreation areas; blue trail exists in local planning and has stemmed from local planning efforts.
  - Cache County Trails and Active Transportation Coordinator briefly explained proposed locations of put-ins in the Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan and efforts to add portapottys, parking, and ADA accessible areas.
  - Discussion to coordinate timing between projects to be able to support trail work with NRCS funding for this project where possible.
- Suggestion to eliminate, move, or modify existing diversion

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- Paul Chase – Fish Biologist, Logan Ranger District, US Forest Service
- Christine Osborne – Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Water Resources EQ DWQ)
- Angelia Crowther – Floodplain Manager, Utah Division Emergency Management
- Jamie Huff – State Flood Mapping Coordinator, Utah Division of Emergency Management
- Rachel Struhs – Floodplain intern, Utah Division of Emergency Management
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#### Discussion Items

Agency members brought up the following questions, concerns and ideas:

- The potential future need to coordinate with the National Flood Insurance Program of FEMA if special flood hazards are identified for the community; discussion of the time necessary for permitting and the importance to keep such timing in mind.

#### Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Derek Hamilton, NRCS, shared that the planning team looks forward to coordinating with agencies at future milestones and coordination points. Derek emphasized that agencies share any recommendations or concerns and the planning team will see how they fit into the program.
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- Jim Huppi – USU Facilities
- Wayne Wurtsbaugh – Audubon/USU
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#### Discussion Items

Members of the public brought up the following questions, concerns, and ideas:

- Pressurized irrigation
- Clarification on flood channels on the watershed map
  - Zan clarified that flooding has occurred along the Logan River but the focus is on the flood channels within the Crocket Irrigation service area. The focus is on relieving flooding from all channels in the watershed by routing water to the west. You can submit other flooding areas of concern through a comment.
- Proposed agricultural service areas
  - Zan added that the intent is that a main trunk line will be a start of the piping of the system and from there will be distributed to existing agricultural areas. If the project moves forward, irrigators could connect to existing systems with pressurized systems.
- Environmental Justice (EJ) – Marti elaborated that EJ is performed in the environmental analysis. We evaluate impacts on ethnic minorities or those below the poverty level. Evaluation involves determining if the project has disproportionate impacts on these populations and if possible, will do additional outreach to make sure such populations don't experience disproportionate adverse effects. Information will be available when the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is released.
- Proposed piping impacts and amount of piping

- Zan shared that the main intent is for the main stem of the Crockett Canal to be piped. This is due to budgetary constraints. If additional funds are available, this can be expanded to service other canals.
- Logan Northwest Field Irrigation Co., for example, has residential as well as ag water users. If pressurized, will residential users have access; would it be the irrigation company or the municipality (Logan City) that would potentially tap into secondary water to municipal users?
  - Zan shared that there are ideas on the entities to oversee a secondary system to residential users, but those details are still in flux and in the information finding stage; that decision is to be determined.
- Additional alternatives outside of piping
  - Zan added different ideas include pumping at different points and using the existing diversion in new ways. He added that these will be determined after scoping as the team moves into alternative development. Comments will be considered in this process.
- Impacts of diversion at First Dam on recreation and fishing
  - Zan shared that if diversion location changes, it will affect river flow. In addition, with water savings, this may allow the river to sustain longer term flows in areas and partnering may allow benefits for everyone. The goal is to find win-win solutions for all.
- Reach of canal system
  - Chris Slater, J-U-B, explained that this will depend on cost in the evaluation process, based on current estimates; could go to 1800 North; would like to get to 2500 North, which would allow better access to agricultural area.
- SR-30 Expansion
  - No coordination occurring at this point; that project is well into design. This project is just starting the environmental process and will be some time before design.
- Water flow needed to support fish and recreation
  - Darren Olson, Bio-West, shared that these flows were examined in Logan River Restoration Conservation Action Planning process. Recommendations are in the plan for maintaining flow. The plan looked at different reaches of the river; there is quite a bit of flow to Crockett diversion, about 100 CFS; see significant opportunities to make improvements, especially for August and September.
- Impacts on vegetation along river and canals
  - Zan shared that in some cases on other canal projects in the area, immediate vegetation is showing stress and that this concern will be analyzed; potential benefit exists along the river reach; if we can maintain additional water in river reach, riparian areas could see vegetation benefits.
- Can water flow through town and divert to agricultural areas afterward?
  - The higher the water diverted into a system, the more efficiencies that can be gained. There is a balance between the diversion location, the environmental needs along the river and the needs of agricultural/irrigation water users, and residential needs.

- Funding
  - NRCS funding contributes a large amount and depends on the type of work. If approved, NRCS will contribute a certain percentage. Additional contributors will be identified through project beneficiary. Future analysis will look at pumping vs. gravity flow and include the impact of other possible improvements.
- Timeline
  - To be determined; still early in process three-five-year process; the earliest construction could start is 2024.
- Process
  - Andy reiterated that the planning team does not have a preferred alternative and is interested in all suggested edits, ideas, concerns and additional alternatives.
  - Lines on the maps with conceptual ideas are initial ideas and are not defined; will be more refined in document development. Lines will be more telling to where improvements may occur in the draft Plan-EA.
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  - Mailer illustrated the watershed map; no property impacts are currently identified.

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Marti Hoge, J-U-B ENGINEERS, reviewed the project process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Marti emphasized that the project is in the initial early stage of scoping, which means the planning team is developing alternatives and looking to hear input on initial ideas and suggestions for new alternatives. She shared that there will be a second public comment period once a draft Plan Environmental Assessment (Plan EA) has been prepared.

Andy reviewed that the current public comment period for scoping that runs from January 14–March 16. Comments are accepted by e-mail, mail or on comment cards. If comments are postmarked by the 16<sup>th</sup>, they will be accepted. Comments will be reviewed by the project team. Project updates will be posted on the NRCS project website.

Zan emphasized that the concepts presented are initial ideas and that there is no set preferred alternative. Derek Hamilton from NRCS reiterated that the project team is interested in all potential ideas relative to initial concepts and any suggested additional alternatives.

### Discussion Items

Members of the public brought up questions, concerns, and ideas related to the project purpose, goals and process, alternative development and selection process, water and flooding, and terrestrial and aquatic recreation. The discussion served as an opportunity for property owners and other members of the public to understand the current stage of the project, issues under consideration, and clarify the intent of the watershed plan. Project team members extended the meeting by an hour to fully clarify all questions from the public. The discussion included the following items:

- Project Purpose and Goals and Process
  - Development of project purpose - Nathan explained that the project purpose has been discussed in previous studies for over ten years and is the culmination of work from multiple agencies and stakeholders.
  - Resources for the public - Andy shared that the NRCS website for the project contains the presentation slides and serves as a resource to help the public understand the context of the project and provide informed comments.
  - Intersection with the Logan River Task Force – Zan and Frank Howe, Logan River Task Force, shared that the LRTF is involved with the project and sees the project as the next step to addressing the needs of the Logan River system.
  - Decision process – Zan indicated that once the draft Plan-EA goes through the project’s second public comment period and a final Plan-EA is up for adoption, NRCS will adopt the Watershed Plan. At that time, the project may be eligible for design funding.
  - Funding – Zan clarified that the project is being funded through the NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program which helps units of federal, state, local, and tribal governments protect and restore watersheds.
  - Andy reiterated that the planning team does not have a preferred alternative and is interested in all suggested edits, ideas, concerns and additional alternatives.
    - There will be an additional public comment process when the draft Plan-EA is released.
    - Mailer illustrated the watershed map; no property impacts are currently identified.
  
- Alternatives and Mitigation
  - Marti explained the term “alternative” in a NEPA process. She elaborated that “alternative” refers to potential options to address a need that are developed after the scoping process and evaluated according to a range of environmental, social and economic criteria. She clarified that the Alternatives have not been developed yet. The public will be able to provide comment on the Alternatives when the draft EA is released.
  - Project purpose - Zan reiterated the project purpose to address flooding, water supply, water management, and associated recreation.

- EA vs. EIS – Marti noted that an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is not expected to be needed.
- Alternative evaluation process – Zan indicated that existing studies will be used in the development and evaluation of alternatives, including the Logan River Restoration Conservation Action Plan (CAP) and the Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Feasibility Study ([crockettpi.com](http://crockettpi.com)).
- Proposed piping impacts and amount of piping - Zan shared that the main intent is for the main stem of the Crockett Canal to be piped. This is due to budgetary constraints. If additional funds are available, this can be expanded to other canals.
- Additional alternatives outside of piping - Zan added different ideas include pumping at different points and using the existing diversion in new ways. He added that these will be determined after scoping as the team moves into alternative development. Comments will be considered in this process.
- Interface with development regulations – This project does not have the jurisdiction to limit development and is not looking at limiting development as an option. The project seeks to address existing flood mitigation and water management issues.
- Mitigation - Zan shared that the draft Plan-EA will detail potential mitigation measures for each alternative. Mitigation refers to potential actions to compensate for any effects from implementation.
- Water Flow and Flooding
  - Flooding issue – Zan and Nathan elaborated that while some property owners might not experience flooding of their homes, previous studies demonstrate that the flooding issue in nearby communities needs to be addressed.
  - Diversions – Zan explained
  - Lance Houser – Franson Civil Engineering, clarified that alternatives will be evaluated against water flow requirements in existing environmental documents. Exact flow amounts will be determined in the alternative development and evaluation process. This information will be available to the public when the draft Plan-EA is published.
  - Efficiency of piping – Zan explained that water rights will not be changed or added. Water management efficiencies gained through the prevention of water seepage in the canal system will be to serve existing water rights.
  - Logan River System Water – Zan shared that no additional water will be taken out of the river system. The project will utilize water rights from the Crockett Irrigation Company. Other water rights in the river will remain in the river to meet legal obligations.
  - Potential flows impact – Zan noted that the Logan River is a dynamic system with many variables and functions including flood control, water, and recreation. Therefore, we are not able to determine how flows may be impacted by the project at this time. One of the project goals is to enhance the Logan River system. The NEPA process will evaluate impacts and benefits to a set of resources defined by the Council on Environmental Quality and the NRCS's regulating guidelines. Resources that will be evaluated include, but are not limited to water rights, wildlife, plants, cultural resources, wetlands, recreational use, and land use.
  - Seasonal flows – Zan added that differences in seasonal flows will be analyzed in the alternative evaluation process.

- Recreation and Wildlife
  - Project purpose – Zan and Derek clarified that land and aquatic trail improvements are not a primary purpose under the NRCS funding but can be a secondary goal connected to the purpose and proposed alternatives.
  - Water flow needed to support fish and recreation - Darren Olson, Bio-West, shared that these flows were examined in Logan River Restoration Conservation Action Planning process. Recommendations are in the plan for maintaining flow. The plan looked at different reaches of the river; there is quite a bit of flow to Crockett diversion, about 100 CFS; see significant opportunities to make improvements, especially for August and September.

### Wrap-Up and Next Steps

*The website and project email address to submit comments were inserted into the Zoom chat.*

- Facilitator Andy Neff reviewed the comment process:
  - Public comment period January 14 – March 16.
  - Mail accepted if postmarked by March 16.
  - Comments received will be addressed in the official document.
  - Updates to be posted on the NRCS website, including presentation materials and an Updated FAQ.



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## Logan River Watershed Plan EA Key Stakeholder Meeting Minutes June 9, 2021

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
  - 2) Purpose of Meeting
    - Transparency
    - Share final Purpose and Need and Screening Criteria
    - Explain Process and Next Steps
  - 3) Purpose and Need
  - 4) Public Comment Summary
    - Comment Period: January 14 – March 16
    - 700 Comments Received
    - Comment Categories
      - Project Purpose
      - NEPA Process
      - Stakeholders and Beneficiaries
      - Alternatives
      - Property Impacts
      - Wildlife and Habitat
      - Water Flows
      - Flooding
      - Agricultural Water Management
      - Recreation
  - 5) Alternatives Screening Criteria
  - 6) Stakeholder Outreach Discussion
    - Email Updates
    - Website Updates
    - As-needed Stakeholder Meetings
  - 7) NEPA Process and Next Steps
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### Attendees (17 people)

- Nathan Daugb – Cache Water District
- Paul Lindhardt – Logan City
- Charon Sprague – Logan City
- Derek Hamilton – NRCS
- Leslie Warta – NRCS
- Roy Hales – Zootah, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Irrigation
- Frank Howe – Logan River Task Force Chair
- Loren Runar Anderson – Logan City Water/Wastewater Board Chair
- Carly Lansche – Cache County Trails Coordinator
- Zan Murray – J-U-B Engineers
- Chris Slater – J-U-B Engineers
- Lance Houser – Franson Civil Engineers
- Eric Franson – Franson Civil Engineers
- Darren Olsen – Bio-West
- Andy Neff – Langdon Group
- Caroline Mellor – Langdon Group
- Carla Wiese – Langdon Group

### Notes:

- 1) Welcome and Introductions: Andy started the meeting and welcomed all attendees.
- 2) Purpose of Meeting: Andy reviewed the purpose of the meeting for stakeholders, emphasizing the desire for transparency and reviewed the process for PL-566 projects.
- 3) Purpose and Need – Zan
  - Flood control along the canals and the Logan River
  - Agricultural Water Management – reduce water loss and delivery system upgrades for irrigation as well as the water right usage to full benefit
  - Recreation – coordination if possible, with other recreation master plans such as the Blue Trail and increased access to the recreation resources the river provides.
    - i. Derek commented that he was happy with the direction the draft was going. Flood control is the flagship purpose of the program and it's nice to see recreation as a component as it is not often addressed in PL-566 projects in Utah.
  - Stakeholders addressed concerns of prioritizing flood control and the view that the public sees this as misleading and that the primary driver of the project is Ag. Water Management. Zan explained flood control is listed as primary as it is the flagship purpose of the program and flood control measures meet the other purposes of the PL-566 program.
- 4) Public Comment Summary: Caroline provided a summary of the public comments that were received.
  - There is a need for education as to the plan process as many of the comments indicate the public strongly believe that final design decisions have been made, specifically in regards to “piping the river” and there is confusion as to how that may actually look at the end of the project, i.e., complete piping of the river.
  - Comments also indicate that there is a great deal of misunderstanding as to the NEPA process.



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- Stakeholders inquired as to breakdown of the comments by concern and Zan explained that we were currently working on getting that breakdown.
- 5) Alternatives Screening Criteria: Zan reviewed the screening criteria.
- Based on Purpose and Need, there is a need to look at alternatives that come out of the scoping process and also conversations with stakeholders, however, we need to be clear on how the screening criteria are developed.
  - Stakeholders had comments regarding specifics:
    - i. Suggestion to measure cost/benefit of reducing culinary water for residential irrigation purposes in addition to the volume reduced. Derek emphasized that the cost/benefit analysis is a critical component for the economic analysis.
    - ii. Comment was made that ag. land is decreasing in the area.
    - iii. Suggestion to promote low water landscaping designs for new developments
    - iv. Conservation efforts and increasing efficiencies for Ag. Water Management – Zan responded that these will be addressed in the criteria to reduce water loss through irrigation system.
    - v. Trails – coordination and consideration of bike systems as well
      1. Add connections to bike facilities and Blue Trail access points
      2. Consider bike system improvements on roadways
      3. Trail safety improvements need to be defined in terms of bridges, signage, ADA access, etc.
      4. Blue Trails as a component of Economic development
    - vi. Overall comments from stakeholders were positive and efforts to take public comments into consideration were appreciated.
  - Zan – we must be clear that there are financial boundaries to what can be implemented; there is an Operations/Maintenance component of the NEPA analysis; identify available cost share opportunities
- 6) Stakeholder Outreach – Andy
- Periodic email updates will be sent to inform stakeholders of the ongoing efforts and to maintain transparency.
  - Scoping Report (summary of public outreach to date and public comments) and Purpose and Need and Screening Criteria document will be posted to the project webpage.
  - Zan reiterated the role of the stakeholders in linking/communicating/educating the public as to the reality and facts of the project/purpose/process.
- 7) NEPA Process and Next steps
- Andy reviewed the NEPA process – we are currently in the **Resource Evaluation/Draft EA Preparation** stage.
  - Public comments will continue to be taken throughout the study. The next formal public comment period will be when the DRAFT EA is completed in spring 2022 timeframe.
  - Quarterly check-ins will be scheduled with the key stakeholder group.



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## **Logan River Watershed Plan-EA Scoping Comment Summary**

Official scoping comments on the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) illustrated a range of concerns among area residents. Comments pertained to the Plan-EA process and substantive input regarding concerns and preferences for the Logan River Watershed. Input received indicates significant public interest in the project, its impacts, and the health of the Logan River watershed.

Area residents shared different understandings of the project purpose. Some didn't see flooding as an issue, while others felt that drought was a more pertinent issue. Area residents also expressed an interest in understanding the full plan process including, design, construction, funding, and costs associated with the project, including any user costs that may be incurred.

Concerns were also related to presumptions about the beneficiaries of the project and affected water users. Some commentors expressed disagreement with a perceived prioritization of agricultural interests over other needs, such as river flows and municipal uses. Commentors also shared worries of a perception that the project was intended to benefit developers, the real estate industry and that farmers would become incentivized to sell land to developers.

For alternatives, commentors voiced general interest and preferences for alternatives that prioritize maintaining water flow in the river and avoid decreasing or eliminating open waterways. Commentors shared an interest in solutions that could involve lining the canal, green infrastructure, or any options that would keep water in the canal for habitat and preserve recreational access. Comments also suggested addressing the water usage of golf courses and lawns in the overall Watershed Plan.

Comments supported the use of existing studies and plans in developing alternatives. In particular, local residents highlighted interest for clear coordination with the Logan River Conservation Action Plan (CAP), including references in the CAP to minimum flow levels.

Area residents also shared larger concerns for biodiversity and emphasized interest in maintaining water flows, and water quality. Biodiversity comments referenced wildlife habitat and specific species, including fish, birds, deer, racoons, squirrels, and beavers. Comments indicated an interest in protecting the habitat provided by the canal and adjacent vegetation. A number of comments also indicated prioritized interest related to river flows, aesthetics of the Logan River and canal system, and impacts to wildlife.

Commentors shared a clear interest in protecting the recreational aspects of the river system, including terrestrial parks and trails and aquatic blue-way trails. A number of community members also shared



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that these recreational amenities are important for local access to nature, subsequent mental and physical health and the overall quality of life in the Logan area. A number of comments also indicated prioritized interest related to river flows, related to the aesthetics of the Logan River and canal system, and impacts to wildlife, fishing opportunities, and aquatic recreational activities including kayaking, boating and tubing.

Property impacts were referenced in a number of comments, based on the perception that property could be negatively impacted. Property impact concerns related to two issues. The first was based on the assumption that property values could decline. The second was based on a concern for potential negative physical impacts to riverfront properties.

Additional themes illustrated a need for further information regarding of the role of canal companies, local, regional and federal government agencies and the interaction with funding sources. Comments demonstrated a need for further information regarding on water rights in general but specifically existing water rights in the Plan-EA project area. The overall purpose of and operational, maintenance, and financial structure of the Cache Water District needs described as well. Comments also highlighted a gap in support for the project between the community and the project sponsors, as comments demonstrated a disagreement with project purpose, including a disagreement that flooding is a pertinent issue, and that water seepage is something that needs to be addressed.

Public input also demonstrated a lack of understanding of the NEPA process, Comments received indicated a need for clarity regarding the stages of NEPA, the concept of scoping, the types of analysis included in a Plan-EA and the types of mitigation that would be included in the project. Specifically, comments indicated a need for explanation of the types of mitigations that may be needed to support river flows, offset impacts to properties, and reduce environmental impacts. In addition to the number of comments received, a few commenters also submitted photos. The photos were organized by the following categories:

- Flooding (33)
- Families recreating (33)
- Flora/fauna (1)
- Maps/Graphics (7)

The comment database is organized by the following categories:

- Project Purpose
- Stakeholders and Beneficiaries
- Alternatives
- Property Impacts
- Wildlife and Habitat
- Water Flows



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- Flooding
- Agricultural Water Management
- Recreation

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**NAME:** [Anna DeBruin](#)

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**DATE:** 1/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation (oc:Anna DeBruin)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Growing up, this small river was one of the only options for cooling off when there was no access to air conditioning at home. We are a large, financially struggling family that can not afford the outrageous pricing of the Aquatic Center. My children love every chance we take to explore the perfectly sized waterway, it's safe enough to allow us to visit often without worrying about smaller children needing hands on supervision. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities.

**NAME:** [Frank Howe](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** frankhowe@utah.gov

**DATE:** 1/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Plan Process

**COMMENT TYPE:** Plan Process (oc:Frank Howe)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

\*Attachment included in report\* Hi, Please see the attached and let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for inviting us to participate, fh -- Frank P. Howe, Ph.D. Chair Logan River Task Force frankhowe@utah.gov

**DATE:** 1/18/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Frank Howe)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Frank. This email is to confirm we received them. The comment period continues through Feb. 15 and then our team will begin the review process and address all comments received. We appreciate your participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment and look forward to partnering with the Task Force throughout this process. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wfpf/?cid=nrcseprd1723235>

**DATE:** 3/5/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives (oc:Frank Howe)

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## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Hi Andy et al., Please find attached a few additional comments regarding the Logan River Watershed Project EA. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks and have a good weekend, fh (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:

Once again, thank you for including the Logan River Task Force in developing the Logan River Watershed Project Environmental Assessment. I would like to submit an addendum to our initial comments. The comments below are in addition to those we provided on January 14, 2021.

We would anticipate efficiencies in irrigation water delivery through pressurizing the system. We suggest that these gains in efficiency result in more water being left in the river. We realize that this is a complex issue but we see a clear opportunity here to enhance the ecological and social indicators highlighted in the Logan River Conservation Action Plan. As such, we strongly encourage you to investigate ways to leave more water in the river through gains in system efficiency. Part of the current inefficiency in the irrigation system comes from "leaky" canals. Through the years, these leaks have created valuable riparian and wetland habitats. These habitats support wildlife and are frequently enjoyed by landowners, walkers, hikers, and bikers. Replacing the canal system with an enclosed system will likely destroy many of those habitats. We suggest investigating methods to support these habitats in place by providing water to them from the irrigation system. Finally, we would ask NRCS and the sponsors to consider the big picture by promoting water conservation practices in the Logan River Watershed. We live in the second driest state in the U.S., but have among the worst water conservation records in the country. Enacting water conservation practices in both the agricultural and municipal user groups could result in significant water savings. These savings could result in more water in the river and ultimately benefit the entire watershed. Thanks again for considering our comments. We look forward to working with you.

**DATE:** 3/31/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Frank Howe)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Hi, Thanks for extending the comment period. I have heard that there's going to be a second scoping meeting that will provide the same information as the first. However, I haven't seen any information posted about that meeting. Will there be a second meeting and how can people attend? Thanks again, fh

**NAME:** [Mike Taylor](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** mptaylor123@gmail.com

**DATE:** 1/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Plan Process

**COMMENT TYPE:** Plan Process (oc:Mike Taylor)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Hi, I saw this notice: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/?cid=nrcseprd1723235>  
It's not clear what this is about...There's no link to a plan or a concrete idea of what this means in plain language. Is it to build dams? Expand canals? Build trails? Start water efficiency programs? All of it. Is it just a proforma meeting to start a process to plan? Hard to comment on something so vague. I will try to attend the meeting but this is why people don't participate in public processes - this notice says nothing specific. Mike

**DATE:** 1/18/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Mike Taylor)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Good questions, Mike. This Environmental Assessment (EA) is being funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in coordination with local sponsors: Cache Water District, Crockett Irrigation Company and the cities of Logan, North Logan and Hyde Park. Since there are federal funds involved, NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) requirements must be strictly followed. Although the sponsors applied for the federal funds with proposed projects in mind, NEPA stipulates that the process begin with a clean slate and no pre-determined solutions. This is why our initial

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scoping notice defines a general watershed study area and scope: "The plan will address flood control and flood protection, evaluate measures to reduce water loss and increase efficiency in the current irrigation delivery system and consider additional recreational facilities." The first step in the NEPA process is to identify a purpose and need for proposed improvements. We can clarify that proposed solutions may include pressurized irrigation systems, floodwater conveyance channels and recreational trails. Conceptual improvements and alignments will be evaluated and refined during the environmental process. The scoping meeting will be the first opportunity to present the watershed program process and conceptual improvements to the public and design alternatives will be developed from there. This is why we need to be vague about specific projects at this time until the process makes those determinations. EA public comments and environmental analyses are instrumental in determining the purpose and need in this stage and then the alternatives development phase which will follow. I would encourage you to attend the scoping meeting on Jan. 28 where you can ask questions and learn more about the process that will help inform your comments. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wfpf/?cid=nrcseprd1723235>

**DATE:** 1/18/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE  
**RE:** Project Purpose                      **COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Mike Taylor)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Andy, Thanks for responding. No offense, but the meeting announcement and your email to me presume I already know what the proposed thing is...It's like Voldemort and the thing-that-can't-be-named. I still would have no ideas, but someone else sent me this website that explains everything very clearly: <https://crockettpi.com/> Just say, "This is a proposal to pressurize the water canal and irrigation system in Logan and some surrounding communities. See this website and/or attend this meeting for more information. Comments are due XXX." Done - explained in three easy to read sentences that even an idiot like me can understand. Mike

**DATE:** 1/19/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE  
**RE:** Team Response                      **COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Mike Taylor)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The NEPA requirements and language are very specific to in order to maintain consistency in projects across the nation and produce legally defensible environmental documents while steering away from the perception that there are pre-determined solutions. Your point is well taken that this can sometimes cause confusion in the purpose and need phase until the alternatives development process plays out. We appreciate your interest and involvement. Regards, Andy

**DATE:** 2/17/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** alternatives                      **COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives (oc:Mike Taylor)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email Hi, 1. My first comment is that this process is vague and not productive. It creates rumors like I just saw on Facebook tonight that the city of Logan wants to pipe the entire Logan River. Be concrete and state what the changes are most likely going to be. Include a link to the Crockett study. Something beyond the platitudes of commenting on something you have no idea about... 2. I like the idea of saving water, but the majority of the saved water should become shares that are allocated to the Logan River or the Bear River Refuge or similar in perpetuity. There needs to be a public and nature benefit to the project since there is likely to be public money going into this. 3. The Logan River should not run any lower than it currently does between First Dam and the Crockett diversion. 4. The loss of trees along the canals cannot be underestimated and needs to be clearly addressed. 5. People without current water shares, but perhaps those whose property had historic water shares, might support the project more if they are able to buy-in to the saved water shares, i.e. expand the eligible pool. 6. The canals should be repurposed to a public good with new trails, particularly since a ton of public money is likely going into this project. Homeowners along the canals may not appreciate that, but it's a good compromise for many areas. Mike Taylor Logan, Utah

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**DATE:** 3/13/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Mike Taylor)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I have several questions that I would like answered about this project. First, what amount of water would actually be diverted from the Logan River as a result of this project and how would this impact flow in the Logan River? Second, to what extent have flood control issues already been addressed through the many recent restoration projects along the Logan River? As many Logan residents know, multi-million dollar restoration projects were completed in the last few years to improve flood control, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreation opportunities along the river. These included projects at Rendezvous Park, Denzel Stewart Nature Park, and between Main St and 100 E near Riverwoods Conference Center, among others. Each of these projects was funded through a combination of state and federal grants and by local taxpayers. What was the point of these projects if flood risks were not alleviated? Additionally, will the many recreation and fisheries benefits of these recent projects be undermined by the Crockett Project if flow in the Logan River is reduced? Third, since converting open irrigation canals to piped canals will greatly improve water efficiency, according to JUB, is it necessary to both pipe canals and divert more water from the Logan River? In other words, if there are such large efficiency gains from piping canals, why wouldn't piping canals be sufficient? Fourth, who will actually receive water as a result of this project? More specifically, what percent of diverted water, as well as water made available through efficiency improvements, will actually be allocated for agriculture, and how much for residential use? It is misleading to frame this project as protecting water for agricultural use if the water will be going to areas that may soon be converted to homes. The proposed areas to receive piped water are North Logan, Hyde Park, and the area west of Logan City limits, all of which are hotbeds for housing development. Residential development is fine, but if this project will indeed expand development (and not agriculture), further questions should be considered about that development, such as whether new homes would be affordable and help address our valley's affordable housing problems. And if residential development will expand as a result of this project, to what extent will our valley's farmland be impacted? Finally, if flows in the Logan River are reduced, how would this impact the many free outdoor recreation opportunities along the river (e.g., walking, biking, wildlife watching, and fishing)? Moreover, how is depriving middle and lower income residents of free recreation opportunities, particularly on the west side of Logan, being evaluated against other project metrics? I am a resident of Logan Utah who lives on the west side of town, and me and my family do not want to see a reduction in the flow of the Logan river near where we live. My questions were taken from: [https://www.hjnews.com/opinion/columns/soapbox-plan-to-divert-logan-river-water-has-many-unanswered-questions/article\\_92e6390a-4f0d-51ac-b5f7-26e84a001e62.html](https://www.hjnews.com/opinion/columns/soapbox-plan-to-divert-logan-river-water-has-many-unanswered-questions/article_92e6390a-4f0d-51ac-b5f7-26e84a001e62.html). I find these questions reasonable and valid. Answers to these questions should be answered before this project moves forward.

**DATE:** 3/13/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** Project purpose; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project purpose; alternatives (oc:Mike Taylor)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Hi, I have additional comments to my previous comments. Any references to the "report" or "analysis" or similar not specifically referenced below are related to the Crockett PI report. 1. Culinary Water Benefits a. The culinary water benefits in Appendix G of the Crockett PI report need to be investigated more thoroughly. There is no clear ratio or percentage used to estimate how many people with water shares are on culinary but may shift back to a piped system (or I missed it). b. The assumptions also seem to imply that all new culinary water connections as the cities expand their systems are benefited by a pressurized irrigation system, which wouldn't necessarily be the case for areas converted with no water rights or shareholders, areas using groundwater rights, no current irrigation water access, etc. c. Will the full culinary water benefits really be realized by city ratepayers? A big portion of the project funding ideas are predicated on a \$7/meter/month tax to save \$12+/user/month - the tax is immediate and guaranteed, while the savings are theoretical and spread over time. Water ratepayer funding should be contingent actual savings as they occur, not based on possible future savings to avoid putting ratepayers at unnecessary risks. This will increase the amount of money financed and possibly the interest rate based on project risk, but that burden should be on water shareholders, not city ratepayers. d. Future analysis needs to assess specific new culinary areas that will and won't benefit, how much and when, rather than assuming the entire Crockett system provides broad city-wide benefits to culinary expansion that may or may not be realized. 2. Land Values Please provide a source with analysis for "However, according to professional appraisers, land values are not impacted by adjacent canal channels." on page 52 of the Crockett PI. Water frontage is a common feature in home appraisals. In addition, homes on the Logan River with year-round water would be affected if the river ran dry from complete diversion. 3. Water Savings Benefits The water savings benefits in the report seem to assume that the saved water is immediately valued at market rates from day 1 of the project completion for 50 years into the future. They represent the largest benefit in the analysis, but clearly these full and actual savings will not be realized in cash and probably represent a gross overestimation of the benefits. A saved water unit/share either goes back to the river until it has a use and then onto a property, but neither pay cash at a market rate unless there is a transparent market for buying

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and selling water shares so the value is not independently quantifiable. 4. Project Costs a. The Crockett PI analysis lists only the hard costs of construction for the project. A more holistic analysis would include the social costs of the project, both qualitative and quantitative, such as: \* Properties along the canals losing home value (per #2) \* Properties along the canals incurring costs for dead tree removal, property damage, and safety from falling tree branches - this is a real issue. If you walk the now covered canal trail from Herm's Inn to First Dam, all of the large trees have died and they frequently fall onto the trail after storms. Preemptively or posthumously removing them should be a cost factored into the project. \* Loss of recreation and fishing along the river and canals \* Other externalities as identified in a public comment and exploration process In the report they are given text, but not quantitative analysis. Will these social costs/benefits be treated as part of a core part of the go/no-go cost-benefit ratios? 5. Canal Flooding I'm not familiar with flooding in Hyde Park and Smithfield from the northbound canals, but the overflow pipe concept is a high capital cost for an infrequent event with flooding costs that may change over time as precipitation and flooding patterns change with climate change. In addition, if the canals and flooding predate some of the the physical properties that are flooded, there should be a precedent that those property owners were aware and built or purchased structures in the flood areas at their own peril, i.e. don't build in a floodplain and ask for a bailout when it floods, and those benefits excluded. I live on the river and carry my own private flood insurance, realizing the risk of the property I own. Other private property owners should do the same. 6. Climate Change All scenarios should include climate change related forecasting for water volumes, availability, timing and flood estimates that will change as time goes on. These might include less snowpack, earlier melting, more rain than snow, etc. 7. Public Subsidies = Public Investment = Public Benefit Public subsidies should result in public benefits of the commodity being subsidized (water) in proportion to the subsidy amount provided. For example, a 40% project subsidy should mean that 40% of saved water should now be owned by an entity representing the public and putting that water to public uses like minimum river flows, river recreation, fishing, habitat maintenance and related uses. Public benefits on the margins like trails or other accommodations are great, but they don't provide the public with an equivalent return on investment of the direct product being subsidized and should not be considered an equivalent compromise of costs and benefits. 8. Canal Lining One option considered should be a project to line the canals but not cover them to prevent seepage (more water for shareholders), prevent sewer contamination (less water to process), while maintaining open water flows and some level of water availability along the banks to maintain habitat (like a solid bottom and 12" of sides but > 12" is perforated. 9. Inefficiencies = Property Abandonment The inefficiencies of the existing system that leave water flow in the river and to some extent the canals could be considered de facto abandonment of their property and all or a portion of the historical average losses reverted to public uses, somewhat similar to a property owner who doesn't enforce trespass laws and a prescriptive easement makes the right-of-way on their property public permanently. 10. Shifting Low Water Flows If the Crockett diversion were moved from its current location to First Dam, that stretch of the Logan river will now experience lower than historical flows, which has an impact on the river ecology, habitat and wildlife, particularly fish that needs to be assessed. The section of river around Stokes Nature Center and below the Crockett diversion is a dead zone in the summer and cannot support reasonable fish habitat or recreation due to low flows in the late summer months. 11. Liability Draining the canals dry could cause two liabilities that need to be studied. First the dead trees represent a safety and property hazard. As mentioned, the costs of this and/or the remediation need to be factored in. Second, the lowered water table may cause ground settling and building property damage, which similarly needs to be part of the analysis and cost-benefit ratio. 12. Water Efficiency This project needs to be looked at more holistically to include water efficiency measures as a package or suite of options to save water. The cost-benefit ratio of the full piping buildout may be higher than other projects with a better ratio. 13. Flood Control as a System How does this and future projects for flood control (as one benefit) mesh with increased channelization and urbanization along the river? Aren't these counter productive and asynchronous efforts? How can they work together and not help one location and hurt another at the same time? Example: The Willow Lakes HOA development at 1000 W 1100 N along the river that reduces the flood plain with berms and increases flooding risk for the new and existing homes. (BTW, Logan has no jurisdiction on flooding. That's someone else's permitting and reality problem.). How is Hyde Park acute flooding more important than west Logan future flooding for this effort?

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**DATE:** 1/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Amy Roy)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

There are multiple ways to conserve water in our valley. Cache Valley has a history of denying residents to water recreation activities. Burying the canal, dumping large rocks in the river at the entrance of Sumac/Thruswood, which has created a hazard for kayakers, surfers and floaters, denying access to points on the river that bring outdoor activity to young and old alike. This city allows money to talk and those that can't afford proposed change get stuck with an eyesore vs those who prosper have the canal still running, un buried in their back yard. Other cities with rivers running through encourage outdoor recreation and promote it. Having access right in town is good for all ages. If we are truly concerned with water conservation, there are multiple ways to conserve. Less lawn watering, less lawn in general. We live in a desert. Let's promote landscaping that reflects this. Xeriscape the city. Allow locals to close off water right geysers without risk of penalty, stop watering the street and city sidewalks. Stop watering in the middle of the day, city and residents alike. You have a regulation for everything else in this valley. Start regulating unnecessary water usage, start educating the valley on proper watering for conservation and leave this beautiful natural landscape alone.

**NAME:** [Sidney Bodrero](#)

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**DATE:** 1/17/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Sidney Bodrero)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am currently a major shareholder in the Logan Northwest Field Irrigation company and I have some concerns about the project. 1. The price of our water assessment after the project is complete, most agriculture users can't afford a major increase in water fees as we are mostly small operations. 2. The agriculture users on our system can't afford to install new state of the art pivot or wheel line systems. 3. This new system will not benefit the agriculture users on our system at all, it will only make it more difficult for them at this time. The agriculture users should be the top priority at this time as we hold the majority of the shares in the system. Thanks Sid Bodrero 435-757-6227

**DATE:** 1/18/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Sidney Bodrero)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Sid. This email is to confirm we received them. The comment period continues through Feb. 15 and then our team will begin the review process and address all comments received. We appreciate your participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Please feel free to give us a call or send us an email if you have any questions. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: [loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com) Web: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wfpf/?cid=nrcseprd1723235>

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**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Flooding

**COMMENT TYPE:** Flooding (oc:Angelia Crowther)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

[External Email] Good Afternoon, Thank you for allowing myself and Jamie Huff to participate in your meeting today regarding the Logan River project. Here is my comment to include in this project. Please ensure proper floodplain development permits are obtained from the local Floodplain Administrator (FPA) in the community they are doing the work in. They need to make sure they are in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and with the local floodplain regulations by contacting the local community's FPA. Even state and federal agencies need to obtain the local floodplain development permits as per the federal regulations 44 CFR 60.3. This may include obtaining a Letter of Map Change (LOMC) from FEMA. As well as any other federal or local permits required to develop in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). The Community FPA should know what is required in these areas. If there there are questions as to what is needed feel free to call or email my office. Thank you! Angelia Crowther Utah State Floodplain Manager Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management 801-664-5861, acrowther@utah.gov <https://dem.utah.gov/>

**DATE:** 1/20/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Angelia Crowther)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thanks for your comment, Angelia. Well received. Thanks again to your team for joining in the call today. We appreciate your interest and involvement. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: [loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com) Web: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wfpf/?cid=nrcseprd1723235>

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**DATE:** 1/26/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** General Question

**COMMENT TYPE:** General Question (oc:Kat Webb)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi, I left a message at the number listed on the city of Logan's Facebook post about the project. I'm working on a story about the Logan River Watershed Project and I'm covering the Zoom meeting on Thursday. I just wanted to reach out and talk to someone prior to the meeting so I can make sure I'm reporting accurately and have all my ducks in a row. Would it be possible to get a copy of the grant proposal/application submitted for the project? Thanks, in advance! Kat Webb Reporter | The Herald Journal (435) 764-4680 (Pronouns: she/her)

**DATE:** 1/27/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Kat Webb)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Kat, Darren Scott, NRCS Public Affairs Director, will be reaching out to you to provide the requested information. His contact information is also included below. Darren Scott | State Public Affairs Officer a: NRCS Utah | 125 S. State St. | Salt Lake City, UT, 84138 e: [darren.scott@usda.gov](mailto:darren.scott@usda.gov) m: 385-226-8816 | p: 801-524-4597 Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: [loganriver@utwatershed.com](mailto:loganriver@utwatershed.com) Web:

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**DATE:** 1/27/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** General Question **COMMENT TYPE:** General Question (oc:Kat Webb)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thanks so much! \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** 1/28/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** General Question **COMMENT TYPE:** General Question (oc:Kat Webb)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you so much! I got bogged down with legislative coverage from the session, so at this point, I'm planning on the story running Saturday or Tuesday. Thanks, again! I'll be in touch if I have any questions! Kat Webb

**DATE:** 1/28/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** **COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:Kat Webb)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi Andy and Darren, I got the time for the meeting mixed up with another meeting I was covering today, and completely missed the Zoom call tonight. Was it recorded or is there anyway I could make up what I missed? I'm available before 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, or after about 1 p.m., if a phone call would be best. Apologies for being bothersome. Let me know at your earliest convenience! Kat Webb \_\_\_\_\_  
From: Utah Watershed - Logan River<loganriver@utwatershed.com> Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:44 AM To: Kat Webb<kwebb@hjnews.com>  
Cc: Utah Watershed - Logan River<loganriver@utwatershed.com> Subject: RE: Logan Watershed Project? !!!  
CAUTION !!! This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. \_\_\_\_\_ Kat, Darren Scott, NRCS Public Affairs Director, will be reaching out to you to provide the requested information. His contact information is also included below. Darren Scott | State Public Affairs Officer a: NRCS Utah | 125 S. State St. | Salt Lake City, UT, 84138 e: darren.scott@usda.gov m: 385-226-8816 | p: 801-524-4597 Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/?cid=nrcseprd1723235>

**DATE:** 1/29/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response **COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Kat Webb)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi Kat, Sorry that you missed the meeting. We will probably not have the meeting recording uploaded to the NRCS website until early next week but I've attached a copy of the meeting presentation via the link below that should not require a password. Zan or Nathan will be following up with you to schedule a call this afternoon. Keep me posted if I can be of further assistance. Regards, Andy Files attached to this message Filename Size Checksum (SHA256)  
LoganWatershed - Virtual - PublicScoping\_Displays\_FINAL.pdf 11.2 MB  
a3611baca8ffde75c7afe048f6d37bedafe8b3c144b7ee399ffceb8409bc9be1 Please click on the following link to download the attachments: <https://transfer.jub.com/message/HLOArtDJR1MMN9hfx7OGcT> This email or download link can not be forwarded to anyone else. The attachments are available until: Saturday, 13 February. Message ID: HLOArtDJR1MMN9hfx7OGcT From: Kat Webb<kwebb@hjnews.com> Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 7:38 PM To: Utah Watershed - Logan River<loganriver@utwatershed.com> ; Scott, Darren - FPAC-NRCS, Salt Lake City, UT<Darren.Scott@usda.gov>

**DATE:** 2/3/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** General Question **COMMENT TYPE:** General Question (oc:Kat Webb)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Kat

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm a resident of downtown Logan, and I've spent the majority of my life in Cache County. Merlin Olsen Park has always been a staple in my life and those of my family. My husband, son and I walk there at least once a week, and three of my son's five birthday's have been spent there (not his first nor last year, because of COVID-19). He and his cousins (and, let's face it, mom and dad, because we're also kids at heart) adore playing in the "Little Logan River" portion of the canal that runs through the park. It's a convenient refill-zone for water fights as well as a way to cool down in the hottest months of a Cache Valley summer. Seeing ducks float down is always a highlight for the kids and adults who delight in nature, and it's not uncommon to see other wildlife — from butterflies to squirrels and birds who reside in the park and even the occasional deer. While I'm not opposed to pressurizing canal systems, I fear the unintended environment impacts even more than concerns that one of my family's favorite park may shine a little less bright in the future. If the canal is covered, what would happen to the wildlife that rely on the water source? Cache County has always prided itself on being a sanctuary in the west. What would become of the unofficial sanctuary for migratory birds and threatened butterflies and bees? We need a healthy system of water access if we want our pollinators to thrive.

I understand there are pros and cons either way, but I hope a decision is made that will benefit the entire region rather than the select few who buy into the canal system.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kat Webb

(I do not wish my physical address or telephone number to be made public record but am happy to provide them if verification of residency is needed.)

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**DATE:** 2/1/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** General Question

**COMMENT TYPE:** General Question (oc:Mark Lynne)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, Is there a link to the Power Point that was presented on Jan 28, or can you E-mail it to me? Mark Lynne Hyde Park Planning Comm.

**DATE:** 2/1/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Mark Lynne)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi Mark, The NRCS is in process of posting the presentation to the project webpage. You can also download it using the link below (no password is required). Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed> Files attached to this message  
Filename Size Checksum (SHA256) LoganWatershed - Virtual - PublicScoping\_Displays\_FINAL.pdf 11.2 MB a3611baca8ffde75c7afe048f6d37bedafe8b3c144b7ee399ffceb8409bc9be1 Please click on the following link to download the attachments: <https://transfer.jub.com/message/2vMuKncfR43kxFO1MNF3tN> This email or download link can not be forwarded to anyone else. The attachments are available until: Tuesday, 16 February. Message ID: 2vMuKncfR43kxFO1MNF3tN From: Mark Lynne<markelynne@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:03 AM To: Utah Watershed - Logan River<loganriver@utwatershed.com> Subject: Logan River Watershed Power Point External Email Hello, Is there a link to the Power Point that was presented on Jan 28, or can you E-mail it to me? Mark Lynne Hyde Park Planning Comm.

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**DATE:** 2/3/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:**

**COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:John)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi John, The Logan River Watershed public scoping meeting presentation and recording are now posted to the project webpage: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>. Please feel free to reach out if you need additional information. We appreciate your interest and any comments you would like to submit. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**DATE:** 2/7/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Water Flows

**COMMENT TYPE:** Water Flows (oc:John)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Increase water economy recreation areas, conservation of Logan's culinary water, no one will object to those broad principles. But what about the costs involved, the miles of new piping that would have to be excavated, the disruption of existing irrigation systems, the increase cost for everyone whether they used the new system or not. Those are things that would directly affect people but were not mentioned in you presentation.

**DATE:** 2/7/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:John)

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## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Your presentation did not mention, cost of the project and who would pay, miles of piping and resulting disruption of existing systems, formation of a new taxing entity, loss of control of your water shares, etc. A good P.R. piece but a bit self serving don't you think?

**DATE:** 2/8/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:John)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for your comments, John. This email is to confirm we received them. The public comment period continues through Feb. 16 and then our team will begin the review process and address all comments received. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>

**DATE:** 2/8/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:John)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

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**DATE:** 2/9/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:John)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

All residents in the watershed area would pay for this proposed system, right? That would impact fixed income and low income families with no noticeable immediate benefits for 10 to 20 years. Not very fair to this economic group.!

**DATE:** 2/25/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:John Decker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Please address the following: How much will the whole project cost? What will be the estimated charge per household I understand the current easements on waterways and ditches are for water conveyance only not recreational use, please explain. How will current irrigation share holders be reimbursed for their shares that will be used by other nonshare users. How can all the construction necessary be accomplished without disturbing current irrigation useage? The whole project will be administered by a new taxing authority, correct? Thank you for providing a forum for public input!!

**DATE:** 3/2/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** waterflows; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** waterflows; alternatives (oc:John Decker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

At one time the figure of 30\$ per household was mentioned, has that changed? At a previous meeting it was stated that existing ditches canals etc. had easements for water conveyance only, has that changed.? There was a proposal that the project would initially start at Logan island irrigation co. areas, is that still valid? The project goals are great, the problem comes from the actual implementation. ie; amount of construction for ditches, exactly what ditches and canals would be dewatered? central pk., jens johansen pk. willow pk. etc. I really don't think you have provided enough specific info. for people to evaluate the project.

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** agricultural water                      **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:John Decker)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

From your humble adversary... Subject: Presurized Irrigation 1. Having the same company administer the environmental impact study as would benefit from a "no impact" conclusion is a bit problematic. Existing water share holders would lose control of their shares. All irrigation shares would be administered by a management company that would have taxing authority. This was in the original proposal. 2. Recreational benefits are overstated. Many ditches and canals run through private property, I don't think home owners would appreciate hiking trails through their yards. 3. A pressurized system would require a new water line to most of Logan's residences, a huge disruptive undertaking. Drilling more wells would not require any of this construction. There is much more water under the surface of cache valley than runs over the surface. 4. Alternative suggestions: Drill wells, line major canals with impervious materials, update existing ditches wiers etc., implement an aggressive home owners conservation program, subsidize xeriscape, hardscape soil moisture meeters on existing systems, limit amount of lawn square footage on new construction, evaluate existing impact fees. These procedures would make more water available at a fraction of the cost of a pressurized system. 5. A system involving piping would have obvious social, environmental, aesthetic, and economic negative impacts. Maybe there would be a positive financial benefit, Maybe! 6. Try the least expensive solution first before starting a multimillion dollar

**DATE:** 3/14/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** plan process                      **COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:John Decker)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

There really needs to be more time for public input. It really isn't clear exactly what the project entails. Most of the irrigation companies have not held their spring meetings yet. Also there are no alternatives presented that will leave water in the parks system. You can still have storm water control and increased water going toward irrigation, you just have to think outside the box a bit. **NAME:** [Jon](#) **ADDRESS:**

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**EMAIL:** [jidecker32@gmail.com](mailto:jidecker32@gmail.com)

**DATE:** 2/3/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE  
**RE:** Team Response                      **COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Jon)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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**DATE:** 2/4/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Property Impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** Property Impacts (oc:Lance & Kathleen Kelsey)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom It May Concern; We live at 52 River Pointe Dr., Logan Utah. We purchased this property on the Logan River about 4 1/2 years ago. We paid a premium price for this property as it is located on the river. The only reason we bought this property was due to the river. We were never notified of this proposed project in any way. I found out about it today 2/4/2021 when I called Custom Fence in regard to a fence bid. The gentleman there told me that his parent live in the Suman / Thrushwood neighborhood just next to us. They had received a letter from Logan City notifying them of the proposed plan and scheduled meeting on January 26th 2021. I spent my morning contacting everyone I could guess to contact at the City and no one knew anything about this. I was finally able to get some information as I worked my way through a number of people with the city and was given links to the correct website. I listened to the Zoom meeting and got as much information as possible. I then called Andy and talked to him directly. I let him know that everyone that lives on the river and paid to live here should have been directly notified. Not everyone is on social media or takes the newspaper. We personally feel that as we would be directly affected by the river being piped or changed would have a huge effect on our property and property values; the city and this committee failed to notify those that would be directly affected and should take better measures during this process to contact everyone that lives on the Logan River via mail. We also feel that comments that come in after the Feb 16th deadline by anyone that lives on the River should be taken into consideration. List of Concerns: • Logan just spent a great deal of tax money to work on the river and add boulders as well as a River walking trail. This seems to have been a waste if the river will be too low to enjoy. • The reason for the above project was to help the eco-system of the river. • How will this affect the eco-system and recreational enjoyment that is used by the citizens of this city? • Property values will be decreased dramatically if the river is too low. • No notification to those directly affected. It is our hope that the committee will seriously consider the concerns of those of us that paid for a lifestyle on the river, as well as the recreational and eco-system damage to all the

**DATE:** 2/8/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Lance & Kathleen Kelsey)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Lance and Kathleen. This email is to confirm we received them. The public comment period continues through Feb. 16 and then our team will begin the review process and address all comments received. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>

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**EMAIL:**

**DATE:** 2/6/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Agricultural Water

**COMMENT TYPE:** Agricultural Water Management (oc:John Tallmadge)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

comment mailed in and saved in public comment database under John Tallmadge John Tallmadge - Watershed Project Comments

TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

Below I have listed some concerns regarding the plan as it was presented.

The actual construction of the pressurized system would be monumental! Would the hook ups be along the sidewalks in front of the houses? How about homes that have their hook ups in their backyards? Eventually, meters would have to be installed at each hook up. Who would pay for that? Those who flood irrigate out of a ditch would have to put in a whole new system. It is not reasonable that you would still flood irrigate from a 4" line. There is a large contingent of homes on the Island whose backyards are dependent on flood irrigation. Most of them are older homes and it's likely they would not have the means to install pressurized irrigation.

Currently, all excess water not used for the irrigation ditches would flow back to the Logan River, Bear River and eventually the Great Salt Lake. Any decrease of that overflow would have some effect on the Great Salt Lake water levels. How do the organizations advocating for more water going into the Great Salt Lake feel about that?

Have H2O conservation practices been fully explored? Such as, hardscapes, xeriscaping, water wise planting, soil moisture meters on existing systems, regulating amount of lawn in relation to lot size, subsidies (sic) for some of the above etc. What have Nevada, Arizona, and California done in their conservation programs? Several Wasatch front communities have decreased their estimate for future water needs because of conservation efforts.

Aesthetically, the pressurized system would have a huge, negative impact on the character of Logan City. Open canals and ditches would no longer provide water for the vegetation bordering the areas. Look at the ribbons of green as seen from the 4<sup>th</sup> north overlook by the University. All these areas are green because of the open canal and ditch systems.

It's hard to put a dollar figure on the aesthetics of surface water flowing in a ditch and canal in Logan. What would Logan be without these features? Cost savings compared to digging future wells are not guaranteed. The variables used in computing these savings would most likely be more expensive driving the cost up and proposed savings down.

Just some thoughts from someone who has lived, worked, and played in the river for 50 years.

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**SOURCE:** Comment Card

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**RE:** Agricultural Water

**COMMENT TYPE:** Agricultural Water Management (oc:John Tallmadge)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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TEXT OF COMMENT CARD

Irrigation companies will not have met until April or May- not enough time to discuss alternatives.

No alternatives proposed that would address the de-watering of parks in Logan

There needs to be more public input on such an important item. Zoom meetings doesn't do it!

Environmental impact study run by the same company that benefits from a "no impact" outcome.....not good!

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:**

**COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:Blaise Chanson)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for your initial outreach regarding the proposed Logan River Watershed Plan, nebulous as it was, and the opportunity to provide preliminary scoping comments. My comments are as follows. 1. I assume a mailing list of interested parties will be developed, and possibly further delineated into specific categories such as local/state/fed agencies with jurisdiction, stakeholders, property owners, and general public. As a commenter, I would like to be included on the mailing list and receive all future appropriate information and communiques. 2. I do not think your public communication plan, as presented, provides sufficient opportunities for public and stakeholder participation. The public and stakeholders need to be better informed in order to legitimately provide feedback and input into the process. Further public input will insure the project team comprehensively identifies and assesses all pertinent opportunities and concerns related to relevant issues while identifying and evaluating potential alternatives and design components that meet these issues. This needs to be done prior to release of DEA that identifies the proposed alternative upon which a NRCS decision will be based. Please include the following two mileposts in the public scoping (which actually extends through the entire NEPA process): A. Compilation of comments and the ISSUES derived from comments during this initial scoping. Please identify issues deemed relevant for further assessment in the alternatives and evaluation process. Provide the concise scoping document to those on the mailing list. All parties can then be assured their comments have been heard and how their comments will be included in the coming process. What are the issues derived from comments? What issues are relevant to formation of alternatives, or design variations? What issues are relevant for detailed analysis? What issues do not require detailed analysis? Not all identified issues need to be assessed in detail in your DEA and should be eliminated with a summary evaluation conducted at an early time. These can and should be identified to the public in the concise scoping document. For instance, considerable explanation of Environmental Justice and planned subsequent assessment was made during Zoom Meeting. Is EJ really a relevant issue requiring a detailed analysis for this EA? B. Provide the public, especially those on the mailing list, a brief description of potential alternatives that possibly addresses identified relevant issues and possible alternatives that have been dismissed. This will permit the public to understand the full range of alternatives and be able to provide input and possible suggestions for refinement. This will help ensure all stakeholders are on the same page when assessment is completed. 3. The Watershed Plan needs to include a comprehensive evaluation of the opportunities to provide secondary water to entire communities (e.g. Logan City). At this stage, development of a comprehensive secondary system is likely not a financial reality within the current scope. However any proposed action must not preclude such future development, but must ensure that the best/most efficient secondary water system can be included at a future time. 4. I do believe that efficient water is important to our watershed management. However, pressurized irrigation delivery may have some unintended consequences. ISSUE A. Will the proposed action (or practical alternatives) traverse watershed recharge areas (e.g. on the east bench). If so, will the elimination of seepage affect watershed recharge? ISSUE B. As commented during Zoom Meeting, many of the existing canals have developed fully functional ecosystems associated with periodic flooding and continual seepage. How will conversion to pressurized systems affect these localized ecosystems and the biological communities they support? Do any sensitive species currently occupy any of these communities? Do they provide suitable habitat for such species such that the loss may have a cumulative effect on future population stability within the watershed? 5. Without a full presentation of the proposed action, it is difficult to grasp potential project details, but it does appear the project has the opportunity to improve instream flows of the Logan River. Change of point of diversion to First Dam may have beneficial instream effects, but how will it affect Logan hydropower generation at Ray Hugie station? As part of CWD mission, every opportunity needs to be made to enhance stream/river instream values. 6. Alternatives evaluation must include analyses of financial costs and which entities will bear these costs. As a resident of Cache Valley, I want to know what the resultant tax burden will be to me through local tax increases, especially through CWD increased tax levy. If I may reiterate my Comment 2, please do provide disclosure of public comments and how you plan to address each of them (dismissed/non relevant; developed as issue for alternative evaluation; or issue to be assessed in environmental evaluation). In addition, please inform the concerned public of the results of your preliminary alternative process. Through long experience, I understand how important this public inclusion can be and how it can actually lead to a better project, even though such inclusion can be frustrating and time consuming. Thank you for the opportunity to

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provide comment on this important planning project. I look forward to the full inclusion of my comments in your scoping analysis and your response. Please confirm receipt of these comments.

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**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Blaise Chanson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Justin Barton)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Justin. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>

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**RE:** Stakeholders and

**COMMENT TYPE:** Stakeholders and Beneficiaries (oc:Justin Barton)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear NRCS and J-U-B, I'm reading about the evaluation of our canal system and potential piping of the canals. I understand there are many issues to study and weigh during the evaluation process. I would just like to make a comment that I hope you will seriously consider the positive community, health, and mental health benefits that come from public access along the canals and maintaining open waterways. I live in Hyde Park, and my family and I walk along the canal trail almost daily. Nothing else in Cache County contributes more to my overall wellbeing than the canal. After years of living here, I still look forward to my daily walk along the canal as the highlight of my day. I love being in nature, running into friendly neighbors along the way, and enjoying this beautiful valley together. Of course we need to make sure our residents and their homes are safe, but beyond that (in my opinion) no price or increased level of efficiency could supercede the simple joy of walking along a dirt path listening to the birds sing along the open waterway. It is a treasure that should be preserved. Thank you, Justin Barton

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**EMAIL:**

**DATE:** 2/8/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Stakeholders and

**COMMENT TYPE:** Stakeholders and Beneficiaries (oc:Rob Gunn)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To the Public Involvement Team: As you evaluate the planning of this project, I would like to make a few points: 1. The scientific world (and anyone who cares about the environment) was shocked a couple of years ago when a massive study revealed that about 1/3 of North American birds have been wiped out since the 1970's, due to many factors. The biggest cause was, and continues to be, habitat loss. It is well known that many birds migrate up from Central and South America to nest and feed along the canals in Cache Valley, including several kinds of Warblers, Swallows, Orioles, ducks, etc. It would be a travesty to continue to destroy bird habitat by piping more of the canals. 2. Many people enjoy walking along the canals, especially during the pandemic. To get outside is crucial to our mental and physical health. There has been talk of planning some kind of trail system, but nothing has come of it. 3. Because of this, I would hope there would be some sort of option to pump water along the open canals to minimize evaporation, etc. As a canal shareholder, I would gladly pay more to accomplish this. 4. There needs to be a third party involved with this process NOT in Utah. To have JUB do the evaluation AND build the project seems an obvious conflict of interest. An outside engineering firm from outside the state needs to evaluate the project. 5. Finally, as someone who lives along one of the "lower" canals in Hyde Park that was piped and a canal shareholder, I witnessed first hand the utter contempt for environmental concerns by the canal company and the farmers who hold the vast majority of shares, and thereby control what the company does. They showed little or no concern for other property owners or those of us with a small number of shares. That project had a completely negative effect on many of us, resulting in many of the plantings and trees on my property dying as a result, an ugly scar that runs the length of my property, and the loss of the wildlife we enjoyed. This seems directly opposite of "conserving" natural resources. Thank you for considering these points. Rob Gunn Hyde

**DATE:** 2/8/2021

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**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Rob Gunn)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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**DATE:** 2/8/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Robert Decker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am opposed to this project. I would like the Logan River left alone. The Logan River is a natural resource that should not be destroyed by putting it in the name of development. Robert Decker Mendon, Utah

**DATE:** 2/10/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Robert Decker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Robert. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>

**DATE:** 2/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** alternatives; property impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives; property impacts (oc:Robert Decker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I appreciate your work on conserving water and trying to find good options to serve all of the water users of the Logan river. It is an integral part of the landscape and identity of Logan, particularly the areas lucky enough to be touched by its banks. Growing up I spent my summers playing in the river and possibly adversely impacting the local sculpin populations with my efforts to catch them. Even now, though I live in Mendon, I still enjoy walking and driving by the river in Logan. Each year in August and September, I am sad to see the waters of the Logan river slow to a trickle and I worry how a fish population could survive with such low flows. That is the cost of living in this valley: consuming those resources. I realize that there are many extremely complex problems to this project, and I have tried to keep an open mind as I become educated about some of those challenges. If it were possible, I truly think the best goal would be to use the existing canals to disperse water, even if this involves piping those waters. I recognize that a growing population, water conservation, and safety concerns make open canals less ideal. I don't know if the additional water saved from evaporative and seepage losses could be kept in the river, but that would be ideal. By increasing our efficiency perhaps we could give the benefit back to the river, rather than diverting it to new development. I don't favor the option of diverting the water at First Dam and drastically reducing the flow through Logan. Ideally, I would favor taking the water out just before it enters the wetlands west of Logan, recovering the water yet preserving the beauty of the river as it courses through our neighborhoods. We have the tools to pressurize that water, rather than relying on gravity alone. Lastly, I have had the privilege of enjoying communities that embrace, conserve and celebrate their rivers. Every year we take at least one trip, and often two, to Kelly's Whitewater Park on the Payette River in Idaho. We raft and kayak the Main and Cabarton stretches of the Payette near Cascade. We raft and kayak the Riggins city section of the Salmon river. We take walks along the Boise river and watch people surf the man-made wave adjacent to the riverside park. These communities embraced their rivers and subsequently enjoy local economic benefits from my tourism dollars. I am not proposing to monetize the Logan river, but to recognize that we value healthy flow of the Logan River through our city. I believe we are at a point in our relationship with nature, that we chose a better way to preserve, enjoy and cherish our rivers, even if it means our yards are xeriscaped. The Logan river is a jewel. If there is a way, through careful planning and water conservation, to serve our water needs, as well as preserve the healthy flow and ecosystem of the Logan river, I favor that option. Even if it is a difficult, expensive and convoluted road, we will look back at what we have chosen and be

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Wildlife and Habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** Wildlife and Habitat (oc:Aaron Rollins)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello! My name is Aaron Rollins, I live just off center on the west side. I saw the article about modifying the canals, and gave it a thorough read. I am all for drainage access and better flow for the quality of water, but I can not stress enough how the open canals are such a necessary part of the beauty of Logan and it's wildlife. I love the birds that come through, many may not even notice how important these animals are and how much they depend on the canals until the day they are gone. I don't mean to be a Lorax, I understand the city and the island needs a safe way to thrive these next stormy seasons, but I think the committee should really focus on ways that preserve the aesthetic (maybe even improve it!) while also achieving the practical & necessary goals of the city. Perhaps there could be some real consideration on how much this will effect the wildlife if we close up these canals and put them underground. I would appreciate it! Best Regards,

**DATE:** 2/10/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Aaron Rollins)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Aaron. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>

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**DATE:** 2/9/2021

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**RE:** Stakeholders and

**COMMENT TYPE:** Stakeholders and Beneficiaries (oc:Brendon Eliason)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Brendon Eliason, I'm 17, and I live on the island. I would just like to voice that I would hate to see the Logan river go into a pipe. I float on the river, fish on the river, and swim in the river. Not to mention the value that it and the ecosystem it supports adds to Logan. Countless dollars of well spent money on river projects like the river trail system and etcetera would be wasted by a piped river, not to mention the damage to the city during the construction period. I sincerely hope this project will be reconsidered. Sincerely, a concerned resident.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Brendon Eliason)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Brendon. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>

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**RE:** **COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:Alyson Decker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I would like to express my concern with the idea of removing water from the Logan River. I am very opposed. I have several concerns: Wildlife: I'm sure this will be detrimental to the animal and plant life in the area. The river has been here longer than any humans. The ecosystem is anchored on this water source. I heard the argument that a trail will be built instead. A trail will not help fish, birds, and other animals that need water to survive. They have been relying on this source of water for centuries. It seems very irresponsible and wrong to change the landscape so dramatically. Quality of Life: The charm of this great city is centered on the Logan River. It winds throughout the canyon, adds interest to our neighborhoods, and beauty to the wetlands. We need to protect it so that we can protect the character of our town. The river is a large reason people want to live here. Many people enjoy fishing, and floating in the river. Transparency: I do not think due diligence has been taken to get public opinion on the subject. No one I have talked to this week, after learning about the plan, knew anything about it. I find it deceitful to proceed without allowing a vote or more thorough public opinion. I fear there may be a vested interest by some parties who do not want to get a true public opinion. This proposal will greatly affect many citizens who live beside the river, care about the wildlife that frequents our city, recreate on the river, or just care about the city of Logan. I hope strongly that our elected officials will protect the public's interests and intervene to make sure the public opinion is heard and honored. That's what they are elected to do. I am certain we can find other solutions to whatever problems prompted this proposal. The idea of taking any significant percentage of water out of the Logan River should not be considered. I truly believe it will ruin our ecosystem and charming city. Please consider these concerns. Take care, Alyson Decker

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response **COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Alyson Decker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Alyson. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**NAME:** [Andrew Decker](#)

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**RE:** Flooding **COMMENT TYPE:** Flooding (oc:Andrew Decker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I do not want water taken out of the logan river. The river is beautiful and it is enjoyed by people, fish, birds, and deer alike. I feel it's wrong to take water out of the river that God built, and that animals have been using for who knows how long. It's wrong to disrespect nature, and it's also wrong to take something from people that they enjoy and cherish. There is no denying the effect this would have on the value of the houses on the river. The river is central to this town, and has literally shaped this valley. Who gave you the right to take something like that and put it in a pipe? As to your concerns about the floods, I can assure you that the community is more than happy to spend an afternoon stacking sandbags if it means nature's beauty 12 months out of the year. Sure it's a bit of work, but no one who has done it would

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even consider piping the river as an alternative. Furthermore, no one who has enjoyed the river would think for a second about doing anything to tamper with it. Me and my family kayak it all the time. It is a wonderful experience I'd hoped to share with my kids... We need a different solution that wouldn't rob people of the value of their homes, or take away something that they love and enjoy every day. Thank you for reading -Andrew

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**RE:** Team Response **COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Andrew Decker)

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**DATE:** 2/10/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Jude Crutchfield, DMD)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm writing this email to express my concern for the proposal to divert water from the Logan River starting at first dam. For years my family has enjoyed the Logan River through kayaking, fishing and playing/relaxing near it's shore line. If the river is diverted it will change the charm and dynamics of Logan in a negative way. Please reconsider the proposal. Regards, Jude Crutchfield DMD.

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**RE:** Team Response **COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Jude Crutchfield, DMD)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Jude. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Andy Neff Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web: <http://bit.ly/LoganRiverWatershed>

**NAME:** [Keith Cameron](#)

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**RE:** Flooding **COMMENT TYPE:** Flooding (oc:Keith Cameron)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Good evening, My name is Keith Cameron. I am a Logan City first time real estate owner that lives on Riverside Dr and is right across the street from the Logan River. First, I want to say that I am opposed to this Logan River Watershed Plan Proposal. There are many reasons why I am opposed to this plan and I will list a few of them: - First, I want to say that I am a Pacific Islander American and I believe that this project will adversely affect my real estate valuation. My family was never wealthy and they only have a high school education. I have prospered in this great country because of them but I am afraid I will be going backwards financially by this decision. - I purchased my real estate with full risk acceptance of floods occurring. I mitigate this risk by buying flood insurance. - Taxes or bonds will most likely have to be imposed on

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the residents of Cache county to fund this proposal even with the USDA NRCS grant. - I don't believe that we should destroy nature by cutting off this river. I would hope that this proposal consult with the Utah State University, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources(DNR), UAS Forest Service, and Trout Unlimited. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. Respectfully, Keith Cameron

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**RE:** Team Response **COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Keith Cameron)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

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**DATE:** 2/11/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** alternative; waterflow **COMMENT TYPE:** alternative; waterflow (oc:Brett Roper)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thanks for considering these comments. Brett (word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.)

**DATE:** 2/11/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response **COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Brett Roper)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for your comments, Brett. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**NAME:** [Cassidy Recker](#) **ADDRESS:**  
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**DATE:** 2/11/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Cassidy Recker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

If you choose to follow through with the project presented on January 28th, you will be sacrificing the future of water in Cache Valley for a few quick bucks for rich real estate developers. The Logan River below First Dam is a rich and extremely necessary riparian environment. Cutting the flow of the river to 6 CFS would cause irreparable damage to the environment and to home owners along the river. This section of the logan river is also a paradise for recreation. Cutting the flow of the river will irredeemable harm fishing, tubing, and kayaking along this section of river. As to the proposed beneficiaries of the project, Farmers, this unexceptable course of action will only provide a short term benefit in the form of being able to sell land. However, the implied benefit of increased yield will never come to pass. In conclusion, do NOT under ANY circumstances allow this travesty of a project to be implemented. If you do so your motives will be clear: supporting the few who stand to make money over the wishes and needs of the people of Cache Valley. YOU will be making it clear that you do not care about the environment, recreation, or homeowners. Thank you, -- Cassidy Recker. "The venn diagram of boys who don't like smart girls and boys you don't want to date is a circle." ? John Green

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The Langdon Group, Inc.

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Cassidy Recker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for your comments, Cassidy. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**NAME:** Curtis Broadbent

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**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Flooding

**COMMENT TYPE:** Flooding (oc:Curtis Broadbent)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

We were able to participate via zoom on the recent information meeting regarding the Logan River water proposals. We have lived on Sumac Drive in Logan for over 50 years, so we feel we have some first-hand experience regarding the river. 1. Regarding flooding, we have had only one year when there was any significant flooding in this area. That was around 1984 or 1985. There was erosion around the head of the canal coming off of the Crockett Dam and some problems down the river close to the Sumac bridge. The canal head channel was improved with concrete to replace the dirt banks and residences have put in permanent berms to control future flooding. We have had no incidences of flooding since. We have used precautionary sandbags since, but in actuality they were not needed. In our opinion, flood control is no justification for diverting water out of the Logan River anywhere east of Main Street. The real flood problems occur west of Logan in the flatlands, and flood control should be concentrated there. 2. The water flow down the river channel in the summer is really minimal, with most of what is left diverted at the Crockett Dam. Piping the water at First Dam would appear to be a very poor investment when the actual amount of water is considered. We believe a minimum flow must be left in the river channel in any event to support fish and aquatic wildlife that have existed along the river since long before this area was settled and developed. 3. An additional factor to be considered is the aesthetic value of the river. Families have located along the river for many years because they love the river environment with all it offers. Since some of the reasons for proposing to pipe the water is an economic benefit for water users, we believe this factor must be taken into consideration. 4. We have noticed along canals that have dried up where water has been diverted, the trees and vegetation are dying out. This negative factor must be taken into consideration as well. In addition, many residences, still have gardens on their property and have depended on their turns to use the water in the ditches coming off of the canals to irrigate their gardens, etc. They will lose this water. Some might say that they can just use culinary water for this purpose, but we do not think that is fair to them as that is not what our culinary water is designed for and it is much more expensive than the irrigation water they have had access to. In addition, the canal water flows through two city parks which adds to the aesthetics of the parks for many of our citizens, We submit that the above is far more important than any evaporation or seepage loss in the canals. Our understanding is that the main reason for this proposal is to collect the water at First Dam and pipe it to west of Logan and then distribute it to water users in that area for their purposes. In the final analysis, this whole proposal seems to be an economic issue to the benefit of a certain group of water users. While we might understand their desire for all the water they can get, we cannot justify the piping of the water from the dam for the reasons noted above and respectfully recommend that this proposal be scrapped and the water be allowed to flow down the existing Logan River Channel as it presently does, at least to west of Main Street. Thank you for considering our comments and suggestions. Curtis and Marilyn Broadbent 1053 Sumac Drive Logan, UT 84321

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Curtis Broadbent)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for your comments, Curtis and Marilyn. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

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The Langdon Group, Inc.

**NAME:** Danette Steinitz

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**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Danette Steinitz)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, Thank you for notifying our family concerning the possible destruction of the Logan River. WE DO NOT WANT ANY PART OF THE LOGAN RIVER DESTROYED OR THE HABITAT, ENVIRONMENT OR VEGETATION WHICH SURROUNDS IT IMPACTED IN ANY WAY. The proposal of installing an "underground pipe" is a very bad idea! Please continue to communicate information to us about this terrible proposal. Danette & Jeff Steinitz Logan, UT 84321

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Danette Steinitz)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Danette and Jeff. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**NAME:** Don and Rebecca Wadsworth

**ADDRESS:** 1329 Sumac Drive, Logan

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** bwadsy6@gmail.com

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Plan Process

**COMMENT TYPE:** Plan Process (oc:Don and Rebecca Wadsworth)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We live along the Logan River in the Sumac area. We have several concerns and questions about the project. • Is the plan to completely enclose the river in a pipe? • What are the ramifications for wildlife such as deer, fish, eagles (all wildlife) that live along the river and depend on it for their survival? • We are concerned about the trees and vegetation along the river. I recall years ago when the Logan canyon highway could not be widened because of an endangered plant and animal. Will these types of things be considered in the study? • If you pipe the river will there be a trail running along our back yard? • Has any thought been given to the detrimental effect this will have on property values of homes that are built along the river? There is only so much riverfront property in the valley and this will greatly diminish it. Please consider these concerns as the plan develops. Thank you, Don and Rebecca Wadsworth 1329 Sumac Drive

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The Langdon Group, Inc.

**NAME:** [Faith A. Neuhold](#)

**ADDRESS:** 1264 Island Drive, Logan

**PHONE 1:**

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**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Faith A. Neuhold)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Why would anyone in their right mind consider diverting the water from a blue ribbon trout stream into a pipe? My father, Dr. John M. Neuhold, bought his slice of heaven, on the river 61 years ago. Dad was a professor of fisheries biology and the director of the Ecology Center at Utah State University. He passed away this past year. As much as I miss him, I'm glad that he isn't alive to learn that some idiot[s] are proposing such a stupendously ridiculous plan! My husband and I bought our adjacent slice of heaven 21 years ago. We see so many citizens and visitors enjoying the many recreational opportunities that Logan River affords to everyone. Kayaking, fishing, tubing just to name a few. We would also be very concerned about the impact to the wildlife in the area. Deer, birds, bank beavers, raccoons, fish, as well as many other species rely on the Logan River for their water source. The proposal will also impact the house values all along the river. Please reconsider putting the Logan River into a pipe. The alternatives of pumping or diverting the water make more sense. Sincerely, Faith A. Neuhold Tracy S Neuhold 1264 Island Dr. Lohan, Utah Sent from Xfinity Mobile App

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Faith A. Neuhold)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Faith and Tracy. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**NAME:** [Gabe Murray](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** gmurray@utah.gov

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Plan Process

**COMMENT TYPE:** Plan Process (oc:Gabe Murray)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom It May Concern, I am concerned that the proposed irrigation/flood improvements associated with the NRCS Logan River Watershed Plan will have negative impacts on water quality during critical summer months. Currently, the Logan River has high temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels during summer months. Diverting water higher up in the Logan River drainage will exacerbate these problems and may force the Logan River to become listed on the Utah 303d Impaired streams list. This is in contradiction to the goal of improving watershed health. Currently, the Logan River Task Force has developed a conservation action plan(CAP) that specifically cites minimum base flows as an indicator of concern. The condition of this indicator is currently rated as poor. I am concerned that implementing this project without addressing improved base flows will only cause this indicator to decline. Currently, over 2 million dollars has been spent on attempting to improve conservation action plan indicators such as minimum base flows. I hope that we can find alternatives in the NRCS Logan River Watershed Plan that will work to improve CAP indicators. For these reasons, I would like to be included in all alternatives analysis and decision making. Thanks! Gabe

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Gabe Murray)

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## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for your comments, Gabe. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**NAME:** [Gene Pinto](#)

**ADDRESS:** 995 Thrushwood Dr, Logan

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** gjpintor@me.com

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Stakeholders and

**COMMENT TYPE:** Stakeholders and Beneficiaries (oc:Gene Pinto)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

> I am writing to you about the "Save the Logan River" issue where I've been notified that "somebody" has thought that diverting water from the logan river is beneficial. > > I live just a few houses from the river and take walks in and around the area where the river has a great influence on the neighborhood. > > Questions I have are: > > Where is this diverted water going? > > Who is benefiting from this diverted water? > > What is the percentage of the Logan river is expected to be diverted into this pipe at first dam? > > What are the grantees that this percentage will not change? > > What is the impact the lack of water down stream? > > Regards. > > Gene Pinto > 995 Thrushwood Dr. > Logan, UT 84321

**NAME:** [Lori Wood](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** lbwood@utah.gov

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Wildlife and Habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** Wildlife and Habitat (oc:Lori Wood)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing to show my support to Save the Logan River! We purchased our home for its close proximity to the river and River Hollow Park. The river is a much needed aesthetic as well as water supply. The removal or stop of water flow would greatly impact the waterfowl who use this river. We have a huge duck population that feeds off of the river, its waterbanks, and maintains their habitat. We also have a number of bird species that utilize the river as well. Any changes to this river would greatly impact both the animals and human who value this ecosystem. As a state employee who regards the protection of our lands and waterways I am highly offended that such a consideration would be made. We ALL use our waterways for various purposes and they need to remain just that. I am sure that a pipeline could be assessed for other placement outside of the city. Sincerely, Lori Wood Executive Secretary Bear River Area Forestry,

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Lori Wood)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for your comments, Lori. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

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**NAME:** [Mark Brunson](#)

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**EMAIL:** Mark.Brunson@usu.edu

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat;water flows **COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat;water flows (oc:Mark Brunson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

No Comment

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Mark Brunson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Mark. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**NAME:** [Mary Ann](#)

**ADDRESS:** 1130 Sumac Dr, Logan

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**EMAIL:** mclark1130@gmail.com

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Mary Ann)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I hope the River will be saved and continue to be enhanced both for esthetic purposes and for recreational purposes. I feel it hasn't been utilized and enhanced enough. Mary Ann Clark 1130 Sumac Dr Logan Sent from my iPad

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Mary Ann)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Mary Ann. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

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**NAME:** [Mary Ann Clark](#)

**ADDRESS:** 1130 Sumac Drive, Logan

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:**

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Mary Ann Clark)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I hope the River will be saved and continue to be enhanced both for esthetic purposes and for recreational purposes. I feel it hasn't been utilized and enhanced enough. Mary Ann Clark 1130 Sumac Dr Logan

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose disagree

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose disagree (oc:Mary Ann Clark)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please leave the canal running through the parks alone. Mary Ann Clark

**NAME:** [Mindi Schiffman](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Mindi Schiffman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Mindi. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Mindi Schiffman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just learned about the possibility of piping the Logan river. I currently live on Sumac Drive and LOVE having the Logan river in my backyard. I often walk the dogs up and long the canal and dearly miss having the water in the canal area. Once you Piped the canal we lost lots of wildlife, and beauty. I for one would HATE to Lose the Logan River the way we lost the Canal Please leave the beauty of the Logan river alone. Sincerely Mindi Schiffman -- Mindi Schiffman 435-

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**NAME:** [Nancy Mesner](#)

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**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Mailed In

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** water flow; wildlife and habitat **COMMENT TYPE:** water flow; wildlife and habitat (oc:Nancy Mesner)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please see scanned document saved under N Mesner Public comment 02.11.21

TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

To whom it may concern,

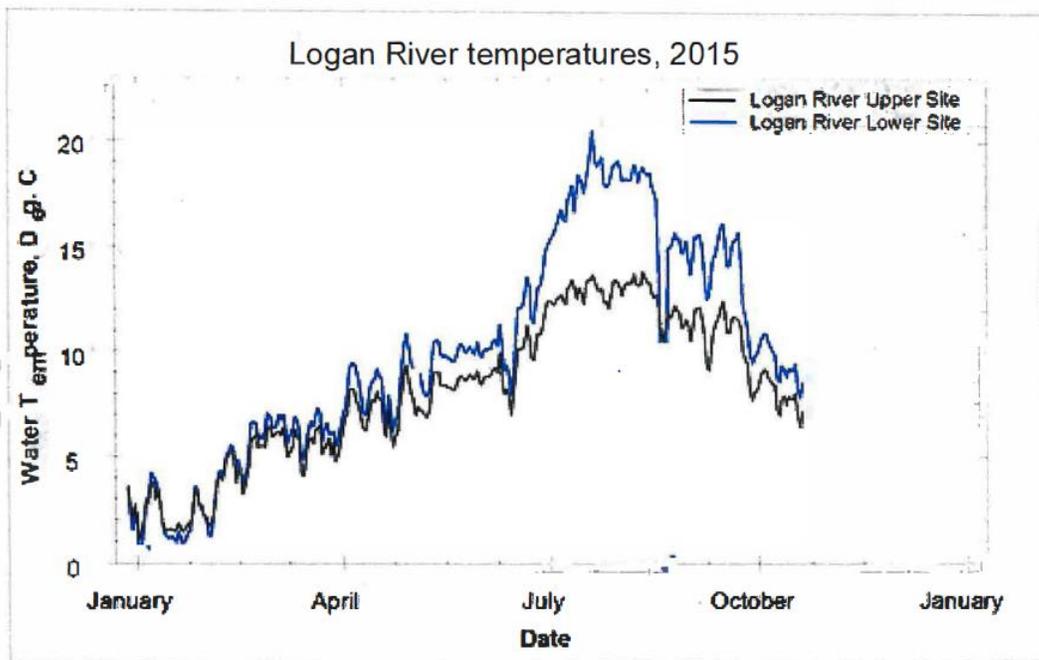
I wish to express my concern about a proposed project on the Logan River which would divert water for pressurized irrigation for residents of Cache Valley. I understand that the project is still in the planning stage and the proposed diversion is just one alternative. That said, I strongly feel that any action that removes a significant amount of the summer flow from the Logan River between First Dam and Cutler Reservoir would put fish populations in the river at risk.

As USU's water quality Extension Specialist, I have compared water temperatures with temperature criteria in rivers across the state. Attached is a graph of water temperatures at two sites on the Logan River-one at the mouth of Logan Canyon and the other near the river crossing at Main Street. These were recorded in 2015 as part of a research project. As you can see, the temperatures diverge significantly in mid-June, at the same time that irrigation water diversions began at the Crockett Diversion. The year before, many of the mature riparian trees that had shaded the river just downstream of this diversion (along Riverside Drive) had been removed in an attempt to reduce debris in the river. The river bottom was also flattened and widened slightly in this reach. The reduced flows and manipulation of the river, combined with a loss of shading, caused the river to rapidly heat up in this reach.

Utah Code R317.2 classifies the Logan River as 3A, which protects its waters as a cold-water fishery (primarily for trout). The water temperature is not to exceed 21 degrees Centigrade. Note that this criterion was exceeded briefly in 2015. Since that time, more shade trees have been removed along several extensive river reaches between S 100 East and Rendezvous Park. Revegetation efforts have begun, but it can be difficult to get trees established and once they are successfully replanted, it will take years before the trees mature sufficiently to produce shade needed to protect the river. I urge the Langdon Group and those promoting this project to take all actions possible to protect cold water temperatures and the cold-water fishes these temperatures sustain along the lower Logan River.

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Difference between mouth of canyon, river crossing at Main Street

Source: iUtah 2015 high frequency data

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**NAME:** [Woody Shepherd](#)

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**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Woody Shepherd)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Utah Watershed, As a Logan resident, Utah State University Professor, and home owner with more than 300 feet of Logan River access on my property (50 River Circle Drive, 84321), I am shocked at the new proposal to pipe the Logan River! This is outrageous and anyone who lives on the river KNOWS that there are many species of animals who love along the river. In addition to the devastation that it would do to that ecosystem, the Logan River is an aesthetically beautiful and cleansing aspect to Logan. I am stunned that anyone would propose to destroy this!. This is NOT okay! My neighbors are Equally outraged at this proposal and will NOT accept it! Sincerely, Woody Shepherd 50 River Circle dr Logan, UT 84321 (205)910-7356

**DATE:** 2/11/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** PAIGE

**RE:** Team Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Team Response (oc:Woody Shepherd)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your comments, Woody. This email is to confirm we received them. We appreciate your interest and participation in the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. Best regards, Logan River Watershed Public Involvement Team Phone: 435-213-2872 Email: loganriver@utwatershed.com Web:

**NAME:** [Brent Windley](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** bwindley@comcast.net

**DATE:** 2/12/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Brent Windley)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email To whom it may concern: I recently became aware of a proposal to divert water from the Logan River into a pipe starting at First Dam, leaving only a trickle of water in the existing river bed. This is an unacceptable solution to a problem that should not have occurred in the first place. More problems will be caused than solved. My wife and I live on the Logan River and have seen firsthand what was done in the name of flood control relative to Dry Canyon. The solution has been an example of promises made and not kept, harm to fish and wildlife, great loss of aesthetic value, and the lowering of property values. As an example, if housing units are being built in any community faster than services can be provided to them (i.e., putting the cart before the horse), poor planning principles are being followed. With a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and a Master's degree in Environmental Planning, I recognize the lack of planning that is occurring. Let's not compound the problem with another poor solution and remove one of Logan's most desirable features. Concerned citizens, Brent S. and Jill Christiansen Windley

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**NAME:** [Brett Adams](#)

**ADDRESS:** 1120 Fox Farm Road, Logan

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**DATE:** 2/12/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** water flow

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flow (oc:Brett Adams)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email Hello, I'm interested in learning more about the proposed plans for the Logan River, which runs through my neighborhood (Upper Island neighborhood). Main Question: Will the river flow downstream from First Dam be reduced by the proposed project? If so, by how much will it be reduced? And could you please provide a link to the recorded Public Scoping Zoom meeting that occurred on January 28, 2021? Thank you, --Brett Adams

**DATE:** 2/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** waterflows; wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** waterflows; wildlife and habitat (oc:Brett Adams)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, My name is Brett Adams and I live at 1120 Fox Farm Road, in Logan, 84321. I am strongly opposed to any projects that would reduce the flow of the Logan River through my neighborhood (Upper Island). This neighborhood is located between the USU Water Research Lab and Center Street in Logan. This beautiful river corridor provides habitat for numerous wildlife species, including Mule Deer, raccoon, mink, muskrat, trout, whitefish, sculpin, snakes, and numerous species of song birds and raptors. In addition, this neighborhood enhances the attractiveness of Logan as a place for people to live and visit. Please do not degrade my neighborhood by reducing the flow of the Logan River through it. Thank you, Brett Adams

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; project purpose (oc:Brett Adams)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I live in the Upper Island neighborhood of Logan, Utah. I am strongly opposed to any diversion of water from the flow of the Logan River as it runs through Logan City, UT. The Logan River within Logan City limits is very important to the attractiveness of Logan City as a place to live. It provides countless recreational activities for Logan City residents. These activities can be easily accessed without driving a vehicle. Furthermore, the Logan River provides essential wildlife habitat within town. It greatly increases the ability to observe wildlife. The Logan River (and OPEN IRRIGATION CANALS) greatly enhance the ambience of Logan City. DO NOT REDUCE THE FLOW OF THE LOGAN RIVER

**NAME:** [Gary Thiede](#)

**ADDRESS:** 1485 Sumac Drive, Logan

**PHONE 1:** (435)770-2397

**EMAIL:** garythiede@gmail.com

**DATE:** 2/12/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose-oppose;

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Gary Thiede)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email Dear Committee, In this email I express my horror and strong distaste for the proposal to pipe water out of the Logan River at First Dam. As a 25-year resident of Cache Valley, a current homeowner on the river, a scientist, and a concerned angler, this plan makes no sense. It will damage the river flora and fauna (most importantly) and it will decrease my property value at my riverfront home (less importantly); less water in the Logan River through town hurts river users and river enthusiasts. The proposal is not in the interest of Logan City or Valley residents. It appears to me to

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only benefit real estate development for a few people. Further, this project is truly not about irrigation for farmer's fields or water consumption by humans, it is about special interests. It seems that the Logan River Task Force was not even consulted regarding this preposterous proposal. Please do not destroy our lovely valley and one of its greatest resources. Sincerely, Gary Thiede 1485 Sumac Drive, Logan, UT 84321 Email: garythiede@gmail.com

**NAME:** [Hutch Daniels](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:** (435)232-0051

**EMAIL:** hutchdaniels@gmail.com

**DATE:** 2/12/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Hutch Daniels)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please keep Logan river the way it is. It is a great view and recreation for people. We don't want to ruin all of that with a pipe. My say is to keep it they was it is now! Hutch Daniels 435-232-0051

**NAME:** [Kate Decker-Wurm](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** kdeckerwurm@gmail.com

**DATE:** 2/12/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** Project Purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose-oppose (oc:Kate Decker-Wurm)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern: Please do not pipe water off of the logan river starting at first dam. Save the logan river and all the ecosystems that it supports. Kate Decker-Wurm

**NAME:** [Rachel Hyman](#)

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**DATE:** 2/12/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** Project Purpose Opposed

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose Opposed (oc:Rachel Hyman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom It May Concern, I am a local resident of Logan and I am including my comment letter to the Logan River Watershed Project, outlining my strong opposition to the proposal to pipe the Logan River. Thank you, Rachel (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** waterflow; wildlife and habitat **COMMENT TYPE:** waterflow; wildlife and habitat (oc:Sammy Laird)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern: I live near Logan River, near 1900 w. The river has been extremely low, very hard to float and the fishing seemed significantly down from previous years. A lot of unique birds in this area depend on its habitat. I highly disagree with the idea of diverting more water out of Logan River! It needs PRESERVED AND PROTECTED! Thank you,  
Sammy Laird

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Sammy Laird)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Subject: Fairgrounds creek access Hi! Please do not cover in the fairgrounds creek or Willow Park!!!! We've already lost a good portion of the river thru the fairgrounds! I've been to well over a hundred fairgrounds 9n different states and part of whst makes ours so memorable and beautiful is the river and large trees! Please preserve them for future generations to enjoy.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** waterflow

**COMMENT TYPE:** waterflow (oc:Taylor Turner)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom It May Concern, The Logan River has provided the visual appeal of Cache Valley for hundreds of years, if not millennia. The proposal to divert Logan River water into a pipeline does absolutely nothing for the community. Cache Valley agriculture has sufficed off of current irrigation and will continue to suffice in the future. As a concerned citizen, I worry immensely about the possible effects on the draw to Cache Valley that have been unprecedented in history. Water levels in the past five years have been lower than ever recorded in the past generation, and I implore those voting on this to reconsider their values. Sincerely, Taylor Turner Utah State University

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Wilma Kvarfordt)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen: Thank you for posting the Zoom presentation on the Logan River Watershed Plan public meeting conducted on January 28, 2021, which I have just reviewed. As a very long time resident and business owner in Logan, Utah, I emphatically object to the concept of diverting the Logan River at First Dam, redirecting the water flow into pipes, thus ceasing its current natural flow through the City of Logan. Flooding homes in the Logan neighborhoods by the Logan River has not been an issue, nor is it a material continuing risk, of which I am aware in the over half century I and my family have lived here, most of it along the river bank. Such drastic action and rationale for diversion for that segment of the river just isn't valid! Additionally, the incredible beauty, calming sounds, associated terrestrial and airborne wildlife, fishing and sheer magnificence of this wonderful natural amenity to our homes, parks and neighborhoods has substantially enhanced our, our children's and grandchildren's lives for decades. Many of us have moved into and remained in these neighborhoods for the primary reason that the river flows peacefully through the area. Undoubtedly, the proposed removal of our beloved river would materially and negatively impact our quality of life, peace of mind, the desirability of living in these neighborhoods and ultimately reduce our property values. The river is an integral part of our well-being! On behalf of several generations of my family, many other Logan residents and visitors, I implore you to consider other alternatives to the current presented concept, which contemplates destroying our and Logan's treasured natural asset. Sincerely, Wilma Kvarfordt

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose;

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Diane Behl)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email To Logan River Watershed Project: I wish to voice my serious concern about your proposal to pipe the Logan River starting at First Dam to move water elsewhere in the valley. I will admit that I am not a natural resources scientist, but I am someone who values the beauty of Logan River and recognizes the consequences of such an insult to the natural ecology. It doesn't take a scientist to know what such an action would have on fish, birds, deer, and vegetation that rely on open water. This short-sighted proposal also works against Logan City's desire to make our community economically vital and an attractive place to live. Logan City has worked closely with the also the Logan River Task Force promoting "blue trails", which values the Logan River as a source for recreation that can benefit Logan's economy. Finally, I have not heard enough about conserving water via water restrictions on current wasteful practices. I believe we need much greater emphasis on restricting the watering of lawns and golf courses, particularly during this serious drought period. Rather than destroy a healthy river to provide cheap water to development, let's instead design water-wise communities. Thank you for your attention, Diane Behl 964 Sumac Dr. Logan, UT 84321

**DATE:** 3/13/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Diane Behl)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Good Day, I am writing to express my concern for the possibility of the Logan River being pressurized/piped versus

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valuing its natural state. The Logan River's beauty is a jewel for our valley, and we must protect it rather than seeing it as a commodity. I also have no doubt that we can continue to respond to the possibility of flooding. I have participated in helping neighbors fill sandbags during the high water years; these events are rare, and will likely be getting rarer. Such simple solutions have offered economical protection. I walk along the river as well as canals in my Island neighborhood. It brings me a sense of calm that is unique to being by open water. The birdlife is amazing thanks to the open water. I would be devastated to have such experiences taken away from me. I am not naïve in terms of our eminent water crisis. However, rather than risk the vitality of the river, let's focus on reducing water use. Why do we continue to allow developments to have lawns that frivolously use precious water? Why do commercial buildings plant water-hungry landscapes? Thank you for reading my input, and I look forward to the possibility of a reply. Diane Behl

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat;

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; recreation; property impact (oc:Hannah

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am strongly against the piping of the Logan river. I currently live near the river on Thrushwood Drive and am concerned about what this project will do. My first concern is that the animals around the river use the water as their main source of water and food, including the vegetation and fish the water provides. My second concern is regarding recreation. The river is a source for many people to enjoy outdoor active activities including kayaking, fishing, tubing, canoeing, and playing in the water. Your plan includes making more trails in place of the river. There is no need for more trails when we have the canyons and trails all over Logan. The river provides recreation that trails do not. Plus the water is aesthetically pleasing.

Many people bought homes on waterfront property for better value and enjoyment of the river in their backyard. This will not only devalue the house, but also take away from the reasons people moved into the houses in the first place. The river is a great feature of Logan that provides the city beauty. Another huge concern of mine is the safety of the pipe. The accident on the North side of the Island where a family died from a water pipe breaking in 2009 could happen again. Especially with all the water that would be in the pipe. I don't feel like proper maintenance is being done on our current pipes as it is, to start another one. Currently in my neighbors back yard on Thrushwood Drive, there is a pipe on the hill behind her house that is leaking in two different places. When she contacts the city, they say they can't do anything about it. So, she's constantly worried about the hill sliding and becoming another catastrophe. I don't see why this project would be any different. I truly fear for the safety of this project and what damage it could do to the neighborhoods surrounding the water. There are other alternatives for fixing the flooding problems and instead of putting time and resources into this project, let's create a solution that will solve problems instead of create them.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpoe-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpoe-oppose (oc:Kevin Moore)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My wife and I live along the Logan River and we become very concerned every time a new wonderful "make everything better" idea is floated our way. We have lived here since the early 1990's and do not want any aspect of the river damaged! I watched the Zoom meeting you had and was overwhelmed with the lack of concern, vision and thoughtfulness for the river. What I did feel is the thought that there is water in that river, we need it, it is ours and we just have to figure out how best to use it. The Logan River is not just yours, it is bigger than that, it is why Logan City is "Logan City", It is everyones, and our valley heritage is tied very closely to the banks of that river. Sorry for the truncation of my email, I don't

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know what happened?? Any way, there are plenty of times that I stand at the banks and think of all the Mountain Men that traveled that steam bed, there is a lot of history that can be destroyed by changing current flows. I hope that the future of the Logan River is not one of regret. Kevin, Nedra Moore

**DATE:** 3/15/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** agricultural water                      **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kevin Moore)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I wrote in an earlier email, my reservations on the plans to limit and change water flows on the logan river. I have since learned more, and at this point , my wife and I are completely against anyone or any entity, removing a drop of water for any pressurized scheme!! Kevin and Nedra Moore.

**NAME:** [Kimberly Wadsworth](#)                      **ADDRESS:**  
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**DATE:** 2/13/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** wildlife and habitat, recreation                      **COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat, recreation (oc:Kimberly Wadsworth)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom It May Concern, I am VERY against diverting the water from the Logan River into a pipe for several reasons. How many animals rely on the Logan River for drinking water? We have several deer, ducks, and other wildlife that live in this area that use that as their primary source for drinking water. Many people also use the Logan River for recreation. There are people who tube down the river, kayak, go fishing, and just like to play in the water. Also, there are several properties that purchased their homes because they wanted the beauty of the river in their back yards. Now, what will they have? An empty river bed? You are devaluing every home that is on the river by piping the river. The river has been there for decades. There is absolutely ZERO reason for the river to be piped other than to waste millions of dollars and to pad someone's fat pockets. Keep your damn pipe and we'll keep our damn river. Thank you, Kimberly

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**DATE:** 2/13/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** Project purpose-oppose;                      **COMMENT TYPE:** Project purpose-oppose; property impacts (oc:LeAnn Walton)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

(Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:

To Whom It May Concern:

We like many others purchased our building lots on the Logan River at a significant premium in price because the river contributes much to quality of life and creates beauty in the lives of those living here. We are sending you this email to let you know that we are very strongly opposed to the idea of diverting this water into a pipe (of all things!)

The Logan River, as it flows from Logan Canyon through our beautiful city, is an extension of the most attractive scenic byway in our state. It would seem that those who own irrigation water rights do not have the right to desecrate the natural flow of one of God's beautiful creations. If needs be, we will spend significant funds and energy to preserve what rightly belongs to all the people of this great state. A cost benefit analysis would surely indicate that the additional water recovered by a pipe would require an inordinate amount of time to recover the cost of creating such pipeline.

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The concept you are proposing pales when compared to property investment and the value of the Logan River as a crowning jewel of our city. Those who propose moving ahead with this project must base their logic on greed and a willingness to unnecessarily waste valuable taxpayer money to the benefit of the selfish few. It is always surprising how many foolish people are willing to spend others' money for highly questionable projects.

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose;

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Ryan Axtell)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Ryan Axtell. I live at 920 E 100 N In Logan Utah. I am the sixth generation to live here and the Logan River is part of our heritage. I myself and my children fish and play in the river all summer long. We enjoy walking up and down it to see all the wildlife and splashing in the cool water. To lose it would not only be detrimental to my property value but we would also lose the fun activities it provides my family with and the wildlife that enjoys its benefits as well. As the water flows by my house it also provides a better climate and temperature for my trees and plants, my animals and my children. Please continue to keep Logan River as it is!

**NAME:** [Tracy Neuhold](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Tracy Neuhold)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

sunExternal Email The Logan River IS NOT AN IRRIGATION CANAL. The Logan River is not man made and should not be tubed like an irrigation canal. Tubing the Logan River is not only a bad idea but extremely ridiculous and should never been introduced as an option. FIRST you will be impacting properties and their value. The value of homes along the Logan River will plummet. You will then spend millions in lawsuits plus state and local tax's will decrease significantly. Second the cost of such a project will cost millions of dollars that could be used more wisely and on something that would make considerably more sense. You spent thousands of dollars 4 or more years ago running a track hoe up and down the Logan River. In doing so you trashed a lot of fishing habitats not to mention the way the river flows past people's properties. Thus some people have spent thousands repairing the damage you caused then. That machine came very close to tipping over several times and would have caused a larger problem had it done so. The people in charge of that project should have contacted the people who know the habitats of the river first to avoid the destruction of that project. You now want to enclose the Logan River and cause many more problems. You say you will be making a walking trail on top of it. You said that a lot of people would use the trails you made on top of the old canals. You have already tubed canals like the one on canyon road.If you pay attention people are not using them much! TheLogan River IS NOT AN IRRIGATION CANAL! You will be cutting off another water source for wildlife of many varieties. To name a few: deer, fish, raccoons, squirrels, mink, beavers,and many more. You will be cutting off recreation areas for many other people. To name a few. Fisherman, kids and adults who tube the river, kayakers, swimmers, etc. You will also be destroying peoples backyards and killing trees, plants and other landscaping that have been there for many years. The old folks will not have the resources to cleanup your mess and relandscape there properties and may not have the energy also. This will create an eye soar and demanding that people cleanup your mess is not even practical. Are you going to tube the rest of Logan River, First Dam, Second Dam, Third Dam and all the way up saying that it is for irrigation only? Yes that project would be as ridiculous as the one you are proposing. I doing that you would again be impacting a lot of wildlife and trees, plants and the recreation off fishermen and women, people who like to swim, fish, tube etc. You will also be throwing millions of dollars at this project with no possibility of seeing a return on your investment. From every point, look, and direction this

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is one of the most absurd projects I have heard of. Placing pumps where you have irrigation canals make so much more sense and drops the cost considerably not to mention leaving wildlife habitats alone. DO NOT PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT!!!!

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**RE:** recreation, plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation, plan process (oc:Jean Lown)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a kayaker who frequently paddles the Logan River and a participant in the Logan River Task Force (LRTF) process I was very surprised to find out at the last minute about the proposal to move the water out-take for the Crockett Diversion to First Dam. I participated in the LRTF meeting on February 9 and there was no mention of this plan to de-water a section of the Logan River. I and strongly opposed to this proposal moving forward without better information and participation by the general public but especially residents along the affected section of the river. I also wonder if the USU Water Research Lab, located below First Dam, has been notified about the proposal to remove a considerable amount of

water from the stretch of river where the Lab is located. The LRTF is working to improve recreational use of the Logan River. Your proposal to move the out take for the Crockett diversion to first dam would affect fishing and boating along the affected stretch of the river. This project should be put on hold until more information is made public. Sincerely Jean M. Lown, Ph.D. (Emeritus, Utah State University) 435-760-2392

**NAME:** [Joseph Decker](#)

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Joseph Decker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am 100%opposed to changing the river. Joseph Decker

**DATE:** 2/18/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Joseph Decker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am totally opposed 100% to changing the logan river. I had previously responded to this,but I want to make sure that I will be heard

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**RE:** property impacts; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; project purpose-oppose (oc:Lindsay Smellie)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern- I am totally confused about this project. It doesn't seem clear at all about why and what you are doing. It seems like you want to ruin the charm of the island to pump water for urban sprawl and pad the pockets of developers. This project would affect 2 of my properties- and more importantly, we bought our lot and built our home solely for the river access and location. I am concerned you are going to try and put in another "trail" like the road you put in to cover the old canal trail. How many people on this committee actually live on the river and would be affected by this? Are you prepared to financially compensate people who's river you are taking? Not what I want because I want the river-but seems appropriate. At this point I am totally against this project. Sincerely, Lindsay Smellie

**NAME:** [Ruth Ann Marshall](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose-oppose,

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose, property impacts (oc:Ruth Ann)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom It May Concern: I left a message at 435/764-3571 and did not receive a requested call-back and now with Monday being a holiday I'm sure I won't receive a call before the Zoom meeting on 2/15. So my comments are not based on actual knowledge of what this proposal is all about. But if this pipe is going to divert ALL or MOST of the water then I am outraged and would fight it tooth & nail. I bought this property because of the beauty of the river and having had a real estate licence, I know what this would do to my property value (like a reduction of \$50,000+). When the city had received a grant a few years ago to improve the banks, someone from the city came by & told me a deck which extended a little over the bank, and which was there when we bought the property, would probably have to be removed due to the danger of fallen trees or other debris coming down the river during high water times and knocking out the deck. I could see that happening so to be a good citizen, I had the deck removed, at a considerable cost to me. So now, a few years later you're talking of diverting the river from first dam all the way beyond? NO!!!! Ruth Ann Marshall

**DATE:** 2/19/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding;

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; recreation; property impacts (oc:Ruth)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have already sent one e-mail regarding this but after reading more literature, I have a few more comments to make. Regarding the proposal of possible flooding of canals in Logan, No. Logan, and Hyde Park: Where is your concern about potential flooding all along the river from First Dam on west during the peak run-off season occurring in April and May? I don't see this mentioned anywhere. You are planning on putting the pipes in the canals & covering them to make a path/trail. We have lots of trails in Logan but to my knowledge we DON'T have a good kayaking place. The only time when it's safe for kayakers is the summer months when you are planning on diverting the water. Believe me, living on the river I see tons of kayaking (as well as tubing and other forms of recreating) going on. Having had a real estate licence, I know that if this proposal goes through it will decrease the property value of my home \$50,000+. And even if decided to sell I would have to disclose your plans. I have lived on the river for 32 years and I was told 2-3 years ago by the city that the deck built a little out over the bank by previous owners was illegal & probably would have to be removed. I used

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that deck constantly but I saw that it could be a problem if a big tree came down the river so I had it removed at a considerable expense to me...just to be a good citizen.

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose, water **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose, water flows; flooding; habitat

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

There are all kinds of ideas. Like beneficial, clever, good, smart, useful, timely and worthwhile. The idea to pipe the Logan River is none of these. It comes under the heading of one or maybe all of the following: atrocious, bewildering, corrupt (who pays Vs, who benefits), criminal (is it a plan to steal our water and send it south?), deceitful and dastardly, horrible, ill advised, lamebrained, monstrous, nefarious, outlandish, perplexing, rotten, stupid, terrible, unwise and worrisome. Up until about 10,000 years ago the river emptied into Lake Bonneville and over many, many years built up the benches. Prime real estate for those who strive to build higher up than anyone else. The lake covered a large part of Utah and extended into Nevada and Idaho, which is where it broke out and drained. But that was a good thing for the latecomers as it left a lot of good fertile land where there was once up to 300 feet of water. After the lake drained the river (not yet named the Logan) cut through the benches it had created earlier and cut a channel which led to the lowest point in the valley. That would be where the Cutler reservoir is and Pacific Corp uses it to generate electricity. If that water is diverted elsewhere Pacific Corp will make a BIG stink as they have proposed raising the lever of the reservoir. After they have used it it goes down the Bear River into the Great Salt Lake/bird refuge, which is in dire need of water. So, one strike against the proposal. Even though Logan City did their best to ruin the river under the guise of flood control it still runs pretty much in the channel it has been in for all of my life. River flooding is both natural and beneficial when it occurs once in a while. If you don't believe me ask an Egyptian. What is not natural nor wise is building in a flood plain. Too late to stop that now as the property developers and realtors have seen to that. So how about those that built along the river and have it in their back yards? A river lot commanded a premium price and there will be law suits if the river is taken away. Even more if they bury it in the current channel and trucks and bulldozers are involved. Jim Laub also has a house on the river but also owns lots on the south side of the river to protect his privacy. His older brother once lived in a large house adjacent to the unbuilt on lots. For those who do not realize it, the river is an ecosystem that still supports fish, waterfowl, mammals (deer, skunks, raccoons, bald eagles and the occasional mountain lion). Although not on the river itself we are nearby and raised a baby duck whose mother was killed by a dog. In the fall he felt the urge and went south but came back with a lady friend to show her where he used to live. She apparently rejected the idea of taking up residence there as they left after a while. We also had two skunks in the house, one on the kitchen table. It was a baby the kids fished out of the river. We took it to the zoo but it died. So, if you did not get the gist of my ramblings it is this - piping the river is a stupid, horrible idea and should be abandoned ASAP. It is fine as it is.

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Aaron Ogden)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

It saddens mean our government officials would even consider this as a topic of conversation. We are living in a time when conservation stewardship is a sensitive issue, and proposing to ruin the eco-system of the Logan river does not seem to be a logical answer. I am absolutely against diverting the Logan River into a pipe. -- Aaron Ogden 801.243.1791 WWW.theadventureperspective.com

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Andy Beck)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I recently was made aware of the possibility of certain sections of the Logan river being put into a pipe. I want to state that it is fundamentally wrong on so many levels to even consider this. If such an action moves to the next phase, know that there will be hundreds of lawsuits filed against such an action.

**NAME:** [Brandon Barlow](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat; water flow

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; water flow (oc:Brandon Barlow)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I do understand the desire to harness the potential benefits water can provide by diverting it from its natural course. Despite the potential gains to human industry/agriculture/etc., we know and have seen the negative impacts of water diversion all too often. I truly believe responsible use of natural resources is in the best interest for everyone now and for generations to come. Please consider the many negative impacts that would result from diverting water out of its natural water course/river. Despite the Logan River having multiple dams, the water that flows beyond the confines of the dam offer many natural benefits to a large, diverse population of people, animals, plants and the ecosystem year-round. It would take page upon page to explain the benefits the Logan River offers as if meanders down its natural water course but most people are well aware of them, thus I will keep it short and to the point with a few bullet points to highlight the benefits. • Human recreations: everything from a walk or picnic along the rivers bank to swimming, fishing, kayaking/river running. • Aquatic life: fish, Frogs, insects, etc. • Vegetation. • Esthetics. Please consider allowing water to flow as naturally as possible down the Logan River. Thanks Brandon Barlow 307.203.8474

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**RE:** recreation;waterflows

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation;waterflows (oc:Casey Isom)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I understand that ideas to conserve water for irrigation are being researched. I come from a farming background and understand the importance of sustainable agriculture. I also understand the importance of free flowing rivers for the rest of the valley to enjoy. I live in Logan and appreciate the beauty of the Logan river as it flows through our valley. I recommend doing everything possible to preserve water flows in the river through Logan. Removing more water at First Dam would be devastating to fish populations, recreation, and the natural beauty that a free flowing river offers. Plans are being

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discussed to improve the river for recreation which would greatly benefit the valley. Cutting summer flows would negate any improvements already made and would destroy the river which already suffers from low summer flows in its current state. If water needs to be diverted for irrigation, I would suggest taking it as far downstream from Logan as possible. Thanks for your time and attention.

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat; property

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; property impacts (oc:Clay Essig)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a Cache Valley resident whose property abuts the Logan River and the canal system, I am deeply concerned by and opposed to the plan presented as "improvements" and "enhancements" during the January 28th, 2021 online presentation. I applaud your stated goal to "maintain and enhance environmental conditions" however, most of what I see in this plan results in the complete opposite of that. The reality is this plan of burying/"piping" numerous waterways would result in a significant degradation of quality of life for Cache Valley citizens and further degradation of our environment and habitat for trees, plants and wildlife. It is very troubling that apparently everyone who presented considers burying a clean waterway and covering it with another concrete sidewalk (even under the guise of a "vital" trail extension) to be an improvement. It is easy to see that this project's primary objective is capturing and controlling more of a public resource so that the "stake holders" can maximizing every cent of profits from every drop of water which flows through our valley. I ask in all sincerity, why isn't there anyone on this project whose genuine, primary concern and job is protecting wildlife habitat in and around these waterways as well as preserving quality of life for all citizens who live by, walk by, relax by, watch and listen to, and recreate in these waterways? Many modern cities nowadays are spending millions of dollars to uncover and restore the many waterways they buried decades ago. Why are we even considering making the same short-sighted mistakes they are now correcting? Since a significant portion of Cache Valley is no longer agricultural land, why is the claim made that they need more water? A plan that shows genuine concern for the watershed would certainly include replacement of current outdated, wasteful and environmentally destructive irrigation practices as well as promoting actual water conservation throughout the Cache Valley. Piping the canals will give only a short term result of more water going to agriculture and especially more profits going to the canal companies but at the expense of diminishing ground water and aquifer recharge which are far more vital than a concrete trail extension. Please do not promote this plan to spend millions of tax payer dollars to degrade our environment and diminish tax payers quality of life. Sincerely, Clay

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**RE:** General Question

**COMMENT TYPE:** General Question (oc:Eric Eliason)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Will you confirm this is the Logan River commentary site? The URL seems to be a squatter site [www.utwatershed.com](http://www.utwatershed.com)  
Eric Eliason mobile 801-550-9371

**DATE:** 2/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** waterflow; recreation;

**COMMENT TYPE:** waterflow; recreation; (oc:Eric Eliason)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I couldn't be more opposed to the plan to pipe water way from the Logan River in the upper town section of the river. First, a river should be a river. We are blessed with a river that runs through our city. Rivers are one of the most beautiful creations on the earth, and your plan is to pipe water away from that. Instead, your plan should be looking for a way to get the entire Logan River town section to flow at a healthy 100 CFS+ all through the summer. This will finally get the river to a healthy level for people and fish and the river. So many communities in the west have turned to utilizing these unique resources to their communities advantage, creating beauty, healthy environment, and a healthy place for people. Instead, we are talking about stuffing it in a pipe. Second, the piping is a significant set back to recreation. As a member of the Cache Trails Committee and the Logan City Parks and Recreation board, destroying a major section of the newly designated Blue Trail (the river for recreation) and touting a token connector trail to make this project a "recreation" benefit is a slap in the face. The families of Logan including ours have benefited greatly from having the river to recreate through the late summer (we don't live on the river by the way). My kids tube this upper section of river multiple times through the late summer, a family tradition. The Blue Trail plan is giving this access to a greater number of people and is a beautiful asset to the city. To destroy rather than enhance this would be a significant loss. The piping of the water also will hurt the only area with good flow for fisheries and fly fishing. You are changing this river to an Los Angeles river, a complete embarrassment. Third, water flowing into an aquifer is not lost water. I realize that some water is lost as it flows through the river as it goes along the river. This water IS NOT lost. Five of Logan's wells pump directly from these aquifers, and piping the river always has unintended consequences, and one of those could be a significant effect on the underground water in the area of these wells and a significant change in the Island environment. Finally, the price doesn't justify the project. The price doesn't justify the benefit. Spending \$81 million to mitigate a theoretical risk of \$51 million in flood damages that may never occur doesn't add up. Even when you add pressurized water, this still doesn't add up.

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**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:John Shivik)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Here are my comments for you to incorporate into an alternative, should you decide to proceed. First, there is not enough information as presented. You will have to scope again because there is not enough detail to comment on the project. For example, what will be the amount of water that will be siphoned off at First Dam? Will it only be flood waters? The river below First Dam needs natural flows, for wildlife and natural aesthetics. The NRCS has an ironic name, because this project, as presented, does not Conserve Natural Resources. It degrades them. Please explicitly incorporate the conservation of fish and wildlife resources that use the current river corridor. Diverting water out of streambeds does not improve habitat for wildlife. Indeed, it destroys it. You have not at all considered the beauty of the river corridor and the houses and restaurants, parks, golf courses, etc.. that have been built along it. Incorporate other recreational uses, such as kayaking, paddle boards, swimming, fishing, etc. Trails are not related to this project, do not try to shoe-horn non-water activities as if they were project related activities. If you remove or drastically reduce river flows, you will be reducing the value of homes, which I assert constitutes a taking. How will you reimburse the numerous home-owners who bought their property in order to have riverfront property, which it appears you will turn into a dry ditch? I would advise you to design carefully, with the explicit input from landowners downstream of the project. Indeed, expect significant lawsuits if you don't find an alternative that protects landowners. There are some very nice and expensive properties that you will negatively impact. Your Water Resource Concerns list is short. It would be good if the thinking is updated relative to water use and to grow beyond the 1950s idea of just channelizing and moving water. Water that is in a natural river system, and not in a pipe, is not "lost" water. Please factor in the attraction and beauty of the river corridor. Look how other cities are creating flood parks and zones and not diverting rivers into pipes. The water is already going to the west out to natural flood plains. At some point, we will be at water capacity. I am aware of the (J-U-B Engineering/Cache Water District) master plan and foreseeable water shortages, but even if we put the whole of the Logan river into a pipe and faucets, we will still eventually reach capacity. Consider quality of life and natural river corridors as essential components of Logan. This plan takes irreplaceable aspects of life in Logan and pumps it to other towns. I could not tell from the small size of the map, but developed trails already exist from Merlin Olsen and up the Boulevard to 400 N. Then, there is an informal pipe right-of way that is publicly used already, if not a completely finalized trail. The presentation was not an honest portrayal of potentially adding any trails or recreation. Would the proposed pipe follow the current right of way? Again, there is not enough information for meaningful comment. Please address the flow of money explicitly. I realize that the NRCS is largely an agency that has money to spend and is looking for projects to spend it on. This can be very attractive to local communities, in a short sighted way, and they may begin thinking that the influx of Federal funds could help the local community and infrastructure. Do not sell a project to a local community that they do not need, and that will, indeed, harm the community in the long run. NRCS, should you even be proposing anything that is within an urban corridor? Finally, you must incorporate all elements of the plans that the Logan River Task force have been developing. This proposal seems to have been created in a vacuum. There has been a great amount of work planning already, and some of it implemented. Your proposal seems counterproductive to existing efforts. Once again, please create very detailed alternatives that address the issues that I have presented. Thank you, John Shivik

**DATE:** 3/12/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

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**RE:** plan process;

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; (oc:John Shivik)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Dear Planners, I thank you for engaging with the public during the March 4th public meeting. I remain, however, concerned about the proposal to propose the project described on the call. I would like to add these comments and augment those that I submitted previously on February 15th. Issue: There are only vague ideas and no clearly identified or defined problem that needs to be fixed but rather engineering solutions looking for a problem. Specific needs have to be identified before engineering solutions are sketched out. This project, as described, appears to be a funding source agency (NRCS) looking for a place to spend money rather than the proper way of first identifying a need and then

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obtaining funding. The answers given at the public meeting to my comment were insufficient because the proponent said that the ideas for this project have been known for decades, yet when we asked what the specific purpose of the project, was, the answer was always listed vague concepts such as "flood control," "water use for expected growth," or less helpfully, "trails." Questions about specifics, such as flow rates of diversions etc., were dismissed to be answered with the project design was proposed. Again, if water is to be diverted from the Logan, the question of what the needed flow (if any) is should be answered first, and not start with a decision to divert and then figure out why and how much. Develop a specific purpose and need from some specific problem such as "snow melt is not able to drain fast enough to prevent damage to homes in the x neighborhood or North Logan, between x north and x west." This example is particularly disturbing because the maps presented discussing flood control included a piped diversion from the Logan river. The proponent actually admitted that the diversion from the Logan River would have no impact on the surface water flooding issues that were given as a reason for the project. Then why was a diversion even being considered? Scoping should be reinitiated with the clear and honest purpose of determining if there are problems that need to be addressed. Clearly define the geographic scope and details of the problems, not arbitrarily choosing the project area based on a drainage basin. Here are some concrete examples of questions that need to be answered before moving forward with any proposal:

- Is there a trail "emergency" so urgent that we need to put the river in a pipe in order to create room for a walking path?
- There are water rights that must be considered, but is there an obligation for the NRCS to develop infrastructure for accessing or altering rights and uses?
- How much, how expensive, and very specifically, where, has flooding occurred in Cache Valley towns so that infrastructure changes are required to fix the problem?
- What is missing in the current flood abatement infrastructure and where?
- What is the capacity of the Logan River for human water use balanced with the need to preserve quality of life? More water is not better if there is no balance struck with the loss of natural and quality of life aspects of Logan City that are gained from the open-flowing river.

Issue: Inappropriate Application of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program that is inconsistent with current law, regulation, and policy The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program has specific measures that can be included. Making trails is not one of them. How would the NRCS include trails if they are not part of the purpose of the program? The answer we were given to that question at the public meeting was lacking, with the assertion that the NRCS program includes the development of trails. In my reading of Public Law 83-566, I saw no reference to trails. Also, the NRCS website that describes the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program does not include developing trails as a purpose of the program because it says that, "Projects can include the following measures: flood prevention (flood damage reduction); development of rural, municipal, and industrial water supply sources; erosion/sediment control; fish and wildlife habitat enhancement; watershed protection; water quality improvements; water management; and hydropower sources." Perhaps trails are allowed under the program (or perhaps not), but do not inappropriately offer trails as a purpose of the project, when they are actually mitigation for destruction and degradation and for the loss of other water-based recreational activities. Explain how such mitigation would be sufficient and equivalent to actually be fully compensatory for the environmental and economic loss of the river. If trails are actually a goal, create an alternative where nothing else is done besides creating new trails next to the existing river, or in a way that only alters water flow for the creation of trails. You have much work to do, and I look forward to commenting on your Purpose and Need and potential Alternatives.

Sincerely,  
John Shivik

**DATE:** 3/16/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan process **COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:John Shivik)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I have just watched the "emergency" presentation by Zan Murray and Nate Daugs to the Logan City Council on March 16 2021. These comments are related to comments made at the presentation. Please add these comments to your scoping process. 1) I am very troubled by the pre-decisional conclusion made by Zan Murray, J-U-B engineering, who said that at the end of the NEPA process, the NRCS will conclude by publishing a Finding of No Significant Impact. This is a clear and obvious NEPA and APA violation because the NRCS and it's cooperators have already determined what the agency will find (a result in a FONSI) well before the process has been followed. 2) Your best option is to bring this project to a full stop. Especially since this project has been presented in a deceptive way. The Water District engineer, Nate Daugs, was biased and insulting, dismissing the concerns of residents as "Facebook rumors." All I know is what I've seen in your presentations, and not rumors (I don't have Facebook or any social media). You can't present a slide that shows the river being piped, present a nebulous purpose, and then dismiss people's questions about why and where you are diverting water after describing the need to prevent surface flooding from snowmelt in North Logan. 3) If you do move forward, unadvisedly, get your purpose and need straight. Mr. Daug began his comments with a purpose all about drought, and then switched to the opposite of flood control as the primary reason for the project. The problem isn't rumors, the problem is the water district not clearly presenting what they want to do. In previous public meetings, you presented a map that showed a pipe from First Dam and clearly diverted the river. If snowmelt surface flooding is the purpose and need, there must be an alternative with nothing but canal improvements in North Logan, Hyde Park etc and

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include no diversions from the natural course of the Logan River whatsoever. However, I will reiterate that you should stop the process right away due to the disingenuous presentations by the Cache Water District and the disregard for an appropriate NEPA process that has led to legal violations. If you proceed, please start over and do it correctly. Thank you for considering my additional comments.

**DATE:** 7/19/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** response to email                      **COMMENT TYPE:** response to email (oc:John Shivik)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

John, Thank you so much for bringing this to our attention. We have fixed the error and the corrected version should be posted on the website within 48 hours. You are correct, the statement should read "no additional water will be taken out". We truly appreciate your interest and your feedback regarding this project. Thank you once again and have a wonderful day  
Carla Wiese Public Facilitator/Community Planner J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc./The Langdon Group  
From: John Shivik<john.shivik@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 11:03 AM To: Utah Watershed - Logan River<loganriver@utwatershed.com> Subject: FAQ Clarification External Email Hello, As you know, many of us continue to track this project closely. Thank you for making information readily available. I have one question in reference to your FAQ referring to water potentially being taken out of the Logan River. The answer says: "No additional water will not be taken out of the river system" The double negative is an odd sentence construction. Could you clarify? I assume that what was meant is that no additional water will be taken out, Thank you, John Shivik.

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose                      **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Keifer Kelson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I am strongly against the proposal to pipe the Logan river. Keep Utah wild. -Keifer

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**RE:** recreation; wildlife and                      **COMMENT TYPE:** recreation; wildlife and habitat; alternatives (oc:Loren Anderson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Mr. Neff, I have attached comments on the Logan River Watershed Plan. Please let me know if you need further information. Loren Runar Anderson (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Logan River Watershed Plan. We participated in the Key Stakeholder Pre-Scoping meeting held via Zoom on January 8, 2021, and in the Public Scoping meeting on January 28, 2021, also on Zoom. I am a member of the Logan City Water and Wastewater Advisory Board but I am writing this letter with my wife in our behalf.

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We live at 1053 Fox Farm Road, Logan, Utah, about 500 feet upstream of Crockett Dam and our back yard borders the Logan River. We moved into the Sumac-Thrushwood- Fox Farm neighborhood in 1974 and into our present home in 1987. Needless to say, the Logan River has been an important part of our lives for the past 47 years. Our back yard landscaping as shown on Figure 1 reflects our use of the Logan River during the summer months. The Logan River has provided many recreational benefits, not only to our family but also to neighborhood children, university students and other adults and children living in Logan. The recreational uses have included and continue to include floating, kayaking, swimming, fishing and more recently paddle boarding. Figures 2 through 11 illustrate summer recreational activities along the Logan River for two generations of neighborhood youth.

We are strongly opposed to diverting a major portion of the summer flows in the Logan River into a pressurized pipeline. Even if minimum flow requirements are established, most of the activities mentioned above will no longer be possible. For example, floating the river requires a flow of about 100 cfs. Wildlife and vegetation habitat as well as groundwater recharge will all be negatively affected by reduced summer flows.

In addition to the loss of recreational benefits we are concerned that our property value will significantly decrease if the pressurized pipeline is installed and restricts the summer flows in the river. This will, of course, affect not only our property but all of the homes along the river as well as homes in neighborhoods in the vicinity of the river.

The presentations to the Key Stakeholders and to the public indicated that improvements associated with the Logan River Watershed Project “will address flood protection, agricultural water management and recreation”. There are many unanswered questions.

- It is not clear what the flood protection benefits will include and what percentage of the project cost will actually be devoted to flood protection.
- The implication in the presentation was that the main use of the pressurized water provided by the pipeline starting at First Dam would be for agricultural purposes, but no breakdown was given of the percentage used for agricultural irrigation compared to the percentage that would be used as secondary water for residential use. Would the unit price for the water be the same for residential use as for agricultural use? Who will pay for the infrastructure at the end of the main pipeline that will be required to deliver the water to customers?
- The current canal system was built many years ago for the purpose of providing irrigation water for agricultural operations. The need was real, the livelihood of farmers was at stake and we are sympathetic to providing irrigation water for agriculture operations. However, over the years much of the agricultural land has been converted to residential subdivisions and it appears to us that the irrigation district is looking for “new customers”. In order to provide water for residential irrigation a pressurized system will be required, hence, the new pipeline! It seems like it’s time to examine the water requirements for residential use. Utah is the third driest state in the USA in terms of Average Annual Rainfall. Only Nevada and Arizona are drier with Nevada at 10.3 inches /year and Arizona at 12.6 inches/year. Utah has an average annual rainfall of 13.6 inches/year, only one inch/year more than Arizona. Considering the potential for future growth perhaps it’s time to look for alternative landscaping practices rather than making “secondary water” readily available for future developments.
- Our daughter lives in Arizona – they have a beautiful yard with no lawn and very minimal use of irrigation. When they lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico (18 years ago), which is the fourth driest state at 14 inches per year they had similar landscaping restrictions and again their yard was beautiful. In Albuquerque they had a small lawn area in the back yard but none in the front.
- The notion that secondary water will free up more expensive culinary water needs to be closely examined. The cost of treating culinary water in Logan, for example, is minimal. It would seem that the cost of developing a parallel secondary water system would far exceed the cost of the unneeded treatment when using the culinary system for residential irrigation.
- It appears that the only recreational benefit for the project will be the construction of a small segment of a “new trail along existing canal segments”. This benefit is small compared to the benefits that will be lost along the Logan River from diverting Logan River summer flow into a pressurized pipeline.
- Currently the canal that starts at Crockett Dam runs through three city parks including River Hollow Park, Jens Johansen Park and Merlin Olsen Park, providing summer enjoyment for many children.
- Logan City has recently committed to the development of a “Blue Water Trail” that will facilitate floating and kayaking along the Logan River below First Dam. This system will not be possible with the proposed pressurized pipeline project.

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- There are other alternatives for minimizing seepage losses in the current canal system than diverting water into a pressurized pipeline.

Alternative Systems for providing pressurized water

Alternative methods have been suggested for providing pressurized water for meeting agricultural needs of the Crockett Avenue Irrigation Service Area including pumping from wells and installing a pump station at the current diversion location at the site of Crockett Dam or a hybrid of the two alternative systems.

Groundwater could be utilized by pumping from wells located near the area where the water is needed rather than constructing a large pressurized pipeline to feed the local distribution systems.

- Cache Valley has an abundant source of groundwater
  - During the Key Stakeholder Pre-Scoping meeting held via Zoom on January 8, 2021, I made the statement that “in mid to late August, depending on the year, the flow in the Logan River below First Dam often drops below 100 cfs and that flow rate is really not sufficient for floating the river”. A representative from the agricultural users responded that they “run short on water in mid to late August as well”. It must be pointed out that the proposed pressurized project will not alleviate the problem of water shortage for agriculture in late summer because there is not a storage component to the proposed project. However, the groundwater alternative would provide the equivalent of a storage reservoir for use in mid to late August, which would provide a solution to the problem of an insufficient water supply in dry years.
  - Depending on the aquifer that is used for the groundwater source, a few currently “flowing wells” may stop flowing at certain times of the year but the water supply will still be available even though it may require some minor pumping to utilize it.
  - It is possible that some minor subsidence may occur in isolated locations and this would need to be evaluated.
  - In general, the use of groundwater has some important advantages and would preclude the need to divert the summer flow in the Logan River into a large pressurized pipeline.
- Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Loren Anderson)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Mr. Neff, I am sending an addendum to my letter date February 15, 2021 regarding the Logan River Watershed Plan. In a follow up email I will attached a Power Point presentation consisting of a number of photographs that I took of

the July 2009 Logan Bluff landslide. Please let me know if you need further information. Loren Runar Anderson Please find attached a Power Point presentation consisting of photographs of the July 2009 Logan Bluff Landslide. Loren RunAr Anderson Power Point document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this.

This letter is an addendum to the letter sent by my wife and me dated February 15, 2021. Please let me know if you did not receive our first letter. I am writing this letter to cover two items that I failed to mention in the first letter.

- The alignment of the proposed pressurized pipe line,
- Clarification on whether or not it is planned to dredge the river near Crockett Dam.

## **Proposed pipeline alignment**

I realize that it is very early in the planning process but it seems to me that one of your team members mentioned that one of the proposed alignments for the pipeline would be along the old middle canal alignment which runs parallel to Canyon Road at the base of the Logan Bluff. This of course is where the July 2009 landslide was that forced the closure of the middle canal and killed three residents. It is my understanding that in the Environmental Impact statement for the recently constructed “Highline Canal” the need to combine the middle canal with the upper canal was the risk of further landslides along the Logan Bluff. This area remains a high landslide hazard area. I am sending to you in a following email a power point presentation of photographs that were taken by me and photographs that were given to me by KSL on the day of the landslide and the weeks/months that followed. One of our graduate students in the CEE Department at USU did a study on the historical landslide activity along the Logan Buff. I happen to be in Tucson for a couple of weeks visiting our daughter but when I return, I will get you a copy of his work if you have use for it.

## **Dredging at Crockett Dam**

During your last Zoom meeting someone on your team mentioned that there was a proposal to dredge the Logan River upstream

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of and in the immediate vicinity of Crockett Dam. It's not clear to me whether that is part of this project or if it is related to some other activity of the Crockett Avenue Irrigation Company.

Thanks for allowing us to make comments on your Logan River Watershed Project.

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**RE:** property impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts (oc:Michael Gregory)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Dear Watershed Planners, I am a homeowner who will be affected by the changes being considered. While I recognize the need for and benefits of pressurizing the canal system I am concerned about the negative impact this will have on my family and homeowners in a situation similar to ours. The canal currently constitutes a key aesthetic feature to our backyard landscape. Losing this feature will likely have a significant impact on the retail value of our overall property. Additionally, our yard is filled with several very large trees. The deep root systems of these trees doubtlessly rely upon seepage from the canal for their primary water source. Once the canal is enclosed the health of these trees will likely suffer. This will initiate the need for costly targeted irrigation systems for the trees or even tree removal. Is there any portion of the proposed watershed plan designed to compensate homeowners who will be impacted by these negative effects? While our family realizes the community needs for water conservation and the benefits provided by pressurizing the canal system are a higher priority than our private concerns, we believe that the plan should offer assistance to us and all those who will experience personal costs caused by the implementation of the plan. Sincerely, Michael Gregory

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**RE:** flooding; wildlife and habitat;

**COMMENT TYPE:** flooding; wildlife and habitat; recreation (oc:Nick Bouwes)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Please find my attached comments to the Logan River Watershed Project. -- Nick Bouwes Eco Logical Research, Inc

Re: Comments on the Crockett Pressurized Irrigation Project

Recently, the Crockett Pressurized Irrigation Project within the Logan Watershed Project was presented to meet the "needs" of the community, including providing downstream irrigators increased water, to maintain or enhance environmental conditions, and provide recreational benefits. Almost no specifics were provided, and the majority of questions were answered with "something we will be looking into." As a stream restoration practitioner, fish and aquatic ecologist, I am shocked to see such a project is even being pursued. I see this even more ill-conceived and controversial than the Emergency Watershed Protection project that employed decades-old outdated approaches of removing wood and increasing the conveyance of water to "protect" the community from flooding. This expensive and devastating EWP project highlighted the lack of involvement from many experts in river management that reside here in Cache County, and the eventual creation of the Logan River Taskforce (LRT). It appears that this same lack of involvement including the use of the LRT was not used in the development of this projects, something I hope changes as the project scoping continues. While I recognize that this presentation and expected comments are scoping in nature, listening and commenting on such a void of information and alternatives is almost pointless. This new project proposes to collect water at first dam and pipe it to the west side of the valley at a cost, I have been told from someone in the Cache Water District, of at least 83 million dollars and suggests that system that has been in place for many decades cannot meet the demands of the irrigators west of the proposed project area. As development replaces agriculture, agricultural needs must be waning not growing, so why is this project being developed now with this as the major motivation? No information was presented to demonstrate what the breakdown of the needs are, and why this will project will lead to improved water management. This

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project is also being touted as flood mitigation as the crumbling canal infrastructure cannot handle flows that supposedly will lead to major flood damage to infrastructure that has been along the Logan River for several decades. Yes, some houses are prone to impacts from floods, but how much can a pipe prevent this? I have seen the river near 2000 CFS and while some damage occurred it certainly was not in the vicinity of what was spent on the previous and this flood protection projects. What percentage of the flow can this pipe absorb to protect downstream users of similar or even larger floods (i.e. what is the difference in flood-prone risks across different flood return intervals)? What can the funds that would be required for this project do to improve the existing canals to absorb this excess flow relative to a pipe? What flood attenuation measures upstream are being proposed? The amount for flow that will remain below the pipe diversion was not presented but I have heard this can be as low as zero with expected runoff following a snowpack like we are currently experiencing. I find it extremely unconvincing that removing all or nearly all of the water from a river and putting it in a pipe will "enhance and maintain environmental conditions." As can be seen in the stretch of Spring Creek below a new diversion, much of the riparian trees are now dying. This can be almost guaranteed along all canals that will no longer receive water and likely impact many trees along the dewatered section of stream. I know several people that choose to live along the river corridor and paid premium prices for the opportunity to enjoy a perennial stream. How will they be compensated for the riparian degradation and a dewater stream? Riparian areas are well known for being disproportionately important and more species diverse than almost any other land cover. I am actually in the process of writing a book chapter on this. Having spent a fair amount of time within this riparian area, clearly this is important habitat for birds and other fauna. It sounded like an argument was being made that these losses might be offset by water savings in a more efficient water delivery system downstream. Also, having spent a lot of time in these downstream sections, I do not see how they are currently suffering from low flow conditions that an increase flow will enhance. Please flesh out this claim using actual data in the NEPA process. Perhaps the most obvious impact to a dewatered section of stream is to fishes, including native cutthroat and whitefish, as well as highly desired brown and rainbow trout as sport fish. It sounded like minimum flows will be established. How? Using PHABSIM-type of approaches that so often underestimate minimum flow impacts because of their failure to capture the mechanisms by which fish make a living? I have modelled fish foraging using much more mechanistic approaches. Water depth is often limiting the foraging area needed to find an adequate amount of prey. Six cfs, a figure I have heard as the approximate minimum flow (I have no idea where this figure comes from as there is no information I can find on the web – the link to the Crockett PI is defunct), will barely wet the cobble in this reach much less allow fish to be profitable. At zero cfs...well, I hope the impacts are obvious. The same reasoning above for the benefits downstream is being made. Please describe how this will benefit native species in section that is almost entirely a non-native fish community found in the lower low gradient sections of stream that will supposedly benefit from a higher efficiency system. This analysis should also consider impacts to stream temperature. Among the project claims is the enhanced recreational opportunities provided. The only recreation opportunity provided was a short trail connecting the larger trail system. The larger BLUE trail system highlights the enjoyment of a stream that has NOT been dewatered. While perhaps walking on sidewalks or roadside is less preferred in the short section proposed by this project, it is viable alternative. What was not discussed is the current recreation created by the Logan River itself. Many people, including myself use the river for kayaking, inner-tubing, stand-up paddle boarding, and other water recreation such as fishing. There are no alternatives allowing for these activities when the river is dewatered. This form of recreation was also not recognized in past flood mitigation projects as evidenced by the dangerous instream features added during the last stream "enhancement" project, or the flood return for dry canyon that destroyed a rapid that kayakers spent hundreds of hours playing in every year. The recreational losses must be recognized in this NEPA and other scoping processes for this project. My hope is that far less intrusive alternatives are pursued that recognize the Logan River corridor provides more than simply water as a resource but rather multiple resources that benefits 1000s of citizens in the City of Logan.

Sincerely-Nick Bouwes

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**RE:** property impact; flooding

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impact; flooding (oc:Steve Murdock)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Logan River Officials, We are Steve and Cheri Murdock, who live at 931 Sumac Drive in Logan. The Logan River runs through the back of our property. We are very opposed to any construction, digging, and/or piping that might divert and change the flow of the river. The river provides us and others with a beautiful, natural setting that is beneficial to our souls; but not only to us humans who live and walk along the river, but also to the abundant wildlife that live within the

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river's ecosystem. Flooding diversions will destroy natural habitats. Please reconsider your proposals. We have lived along the river since 1965. We spent lots of money to buy this precious piece of land along the river. To ameliorate and prevent our land from flooding we have spent much money and time building up the level of our river bank by several feet. We have also designed and built our backyard with flood protection areas that divert and ease any flooding that may occur. Much federal money, etc. has already been spent building a large overflow diversion pipe from up on the Cliffside area straight down to the Sumac bridge. When built we were told it was to protect (primarily the Cliffside area) from a 100 year flood that would occur only during the summertime! When has Logan ever had an extremely large series of thunderstorms that could cause such a Biblical flood? Especially during our hot summers! Never! And one is very unlikely to happen. The canyon above us isn't called "Dry Canyon" for nothing. Let's not destroy our quality of life for some unknown and undetermined event that probably will not happen. If this is done we'll be stuck with an expensive, useless and possibly unsightly eco-mistake for many years to come. Thank you for allowing us to comment. Steve and Cheri

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat; recreation **COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; recreation (oc:Todd Sherman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I would like to comment on the Logan River Watershed Project. My comments are attached. Thanks! Todd (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.)

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**RE:** waterflow; wildlife and habitat **COMMENT TYPE:** waterflow; wildlife and habitat (oc: Suzan and Allan Payne)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My wife and I have lived at 1505 Sumac Drive on the Logan River since 2008. This home has been the joy of our lives, and we strenuously oppose a major change in water flow in the Logan River. The Logan River provides a unique setting to fish, to float the river, to view wildlife, to do important water research at the Utah State Water Lab, and to provide opportunities for contemplation, peace, and tranquility. These unquantifiable values are available to residents of the River at flood stage and throughout the summer, fall, and winter. Diminishing river flow would significantly reduce opportunities for these activities associated with this piece of wilderness in an urban environment. Once these unquantifiable values are gone, they can't be replaced. We realize farmland affords some of these values, but we suspect that much of the farming area in North Logan, Hyde Park, and other areas will ultimately end up in housing developments, a highly profitable change in land use. To avoid extensive litigation on this water diversion proposal, we hope the NEPA process will be meticulously followed including substantial public comment regarding a wide range of alternatives to the proposed action including no-action. Also, we hope there will be an in-depth cumulative effects analysis. Please keep us advised of future planning efforts. Allan and Suzan Payne

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**RE:** recreation;

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation; (oc:Andy Thunell)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I appreciate the opportunity as a citizen to have my voice be heard regarding the Logan River Watershed Plan. As an individual who has lived in Cache Valley for nearly my entire life, I have benefited from the beauty and the recreational opportunities that the Logan River provides. I am an avid whitewater kayaker and have spent countless hours kayaking different stretches of the Logan River. One of the best stretches for paddlers to learn on is what is referred to as the "Town Section". The putin for this stretch is just below First Dam with different takeouts being used 1-2 miles downstream. Not only is it a great place to start learning, it is also in close proximity to central Logan and doesn't require a huge time commitment to paddle. There are dozens of paddlers that enjoy this stretch, with many coming from out of town to specifically experience the "Town Section". My concern with this project is the amount of water that would be diverted and how much ends up in the river below First Dam. It would be a shame if flows changed enough to make paddling no longer possible with the amount of water available in the river bed. I am hopeful that I will be able to paddle this stretch of river for years to come, and look forward to sharing the experience with my sons when the time comes for them to get out on the river with me. I look forward to continuing the conversation and learning more about the different alternatives and specific details. Best, Andy Thunell Owner/Instructor Rapid Progression Kayak School

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**RE:** wild life and habitat, process

**COMMENT TYPE:** wild life and habitat, process (oc:Cindy Cheal)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To the recipient of public comments: We are most disappointed not to have heard of this proposal before now (and we mean RIGHT NOW). We cannot call this effort to solicit public comment responsible or in compliance with NEPA requirements. We oppose it. We consider it to be environmentally unsound to "turn off the River." We observe the dead fish who were seeking to complete their annual upstream journey, the ducks who linger in their journeys along the Pacific Corridor every year crowding along small puddles of a historic riverbed, and this seems to be another trampling of the environment- and also those of us who value it and choose to live nearby. Of course you did not want us to hear about it in time to raise a protest, but I (Cindy) hope that someone finds a nice legal loophole to make your efforts exorbitant and miserable. Some things (like the environment) have no price and are better off not tampered with. What gives water right owners entitlement over the ecosystem, and everyone and everything else that is affected by these changes? Citizens of the River, Robert, Cindy, Michael and Samuel Cheal

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

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**RE:** property impacts; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; wildlife and habitat; water flow (oc:Cindy)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have so many thoughts but hope to somehow keep this short and meaningful. There are many factors to consider in an environmental impact study. Some factors that may not come up: My son with mental illness spends time at the River behind our home every day. It is his refuge and escape. What will he do if that outlet is taken from him? What about the other people who chose to live by or near the River? How many of them used it as a refuge during the pandemic this last

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year? Where would they go and what would they do? We are always trying to protect the rights of those who live downstream. What will happen downstream if we decide to ignore the rights and needs of those who live upstream? Other factors that might: There is the obvious Pacific Migration Corridor (for the birds passing back and forth along the Greater Salt Lake and Cache Valley wetlands). How do you intend to inform all the wild ducks and geese that I see crowded along our patch of the River that they will need to make other arrangements in the future? Will they be forced to take refuge in a polluted highway drainage? What about the pheasants? The bunnies? The wild turkeys? The raccoons? (Granted, they sort of moved in uninvited.) The urban deer? Even the occasional cougar? (Yes, they have been spotted on our street.) And then there is the soil health, and the natural ways that water gets purified as it moves along and through the River corridor. Or are we only worried about the life forms that we can see with our naked eyes? There are many factors (people included) in a healthy system, and only a very small part of them will come out ahead by moving the River into a pipe (not the people living within the Watershed or adjacent areas of impact). You are likely to find what you decide to find (a FONSI), not necessarily what is the actual truth. Back to the human factors: my son is so vulnerable. He is at a critical age where he needs to feel that he can make a positive difference in the things that matter to him. I hope that I will be able to help him express what he feels. I know that he feels violated and forsaken by this River pipe proposal. He feels robbed, as should his generation. We want the children to worry about global warming even as we remove all their sense of connection to the natural environment. In my view up the hill to Utah State University, I see many trees that rely on the runoff from the Bonneville Lake Terrace, and one bare patch of hill (with matted looking grass) surrounding a pipe where we humans "fixed the runoff problem." I must say that for me, your solution looks as grim and barren to me as that black obtrusive pipe on the hill. I cannot end on a positive note except to express hope that someone who cares about future generations will find and read this comment rather than someone who wants to justify a pipeline now. Cindy Cheal 728 East 200 North Logan, Utah 84321 -- Cindy Cheal Home: 435.755.9028 Cell: 435.890.2530

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**RE:** property impact; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impact; wildlife and habitat (oc:Claudia Blyth)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We understand there is a plan to divert (via a pipe) as much as 70% of the water in the river and that this is culinary water for future development. We object greatly to any change in the flow of the river. We live on the river in the area called The Island and the river is important to the well-being of the entire community. We also understand the compensation for this possible devastating loss is a trail where the river was. There is no comparison here - a trail is easily made in multiple places whereas a river is created by nature. The planners have said the river water is wasted. That is patently untrue. There are trees and bushes all along the river, ducks and fish live on and in the river, people recreate on the river. This plan would reduce the value of properties in the neighborhood. We know there is an alternative which would be less damaging. That plan would require a pump. It would also preserve the river flow for all between here and the middle of The

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**RE:** recreation; wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation; wildlife and habitat (oc:Cody Redmond)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern I am the president of the Utah whitewater club. I just heard today that there is talk of doing some work to channelized or canal the Logan river... this would cause get damage to the recreational use of this great waterway... As a kayaker, recreational at and angler I would highly recommend that you reconsider... we need more open spaces to play not close them off on a canal or tube... how about all the fish, birds and other wild life that depend on

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those water ways... take a lesson from laces like Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Where they are taking damns down and getting their rivers back to a normal flowing state... I personally drive from salt lake to Logan to float this section of river every year without fail. And I know tens of not hundreds of people that do the same Please don't alter our resources  
Cody Redmond President Utah Whitewater Club

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**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Curtis Crabb)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I strongly urge you to reconsider your plans to pipe the logan river. This would be a real hard hit to the life in and around the river. I am a kayaker/angler and utilize the river all summer long. I don't expect anyone in charge of this project will take into account any of the other users. This is evidenced by the large concrete boulders in the river at 1st north and Crockett streets placed there by some contractors. If a user were to flip over, this would destroy someone's face or arm. Please keep the logan river flowing ! No pipe dreams ! Yours, Curtis Crabb River user.

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Eric Newell)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom It May Concern, As a long-time resident of Cache Valley, a frequent user of the river, valley educator, and as a former recreational business owner (Cache Valley Canoe Rentals—now Bad Apple Eddy), I am adamantly opposed to putting any section of the Logan River into a pipe, and certainly not through town. The Logan River is one of the premiere features of Logan City and Cache Valley—the river corridor should be enhanced and celebrated, piped and removed. To sell this irrigation project under the guise of promoting recreation and trails is a sham. I will fight this proposal for as long as it takes to defeat it. Eric Newell

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**RE:** property impact; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impact; wildlife and habitati; recreation (oc:Hayden

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I strongly disagree with the proposal of diverting the Logan River at the first dam to pipe into canals. This course of action will negatively affect the quality of life in the river drainage and canyon, decrease property values, negatively impact wildlife, and eliminate the extensive recreation opportunities currently available on the river. I understand the drivers for this

proposal include flood control and irrigation needs, but there are better ways to mitigate these without impacting the river's state. Thanks, Hayden Boehlefeld

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat;

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; recreation; property impacts; alternatives

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing as a concerned citizen in regards to the project which would divert water from the Logan River at First Dam in Logan Utah into a pipe for culinary use. The environmental impact could be devastating. We currently see fish, ducks, deer, river otter, etc as a result of having a sufficient amount of water in the river. The proposal has stated that having the water in a pipe does not waste water to the river bed and is more efficient. I would not consider the water leaking into the river bed a waste because it creates drinking water for the many trees plants along it's banks. Some could be on the endangered list like the Ute Ladies Tresses plant. The river is a recreational asset for fishing kayaking tubing canoeing etc. There are several surrounding communities that have increased their recreational value by creating whitewater parks for their rivers. Diverting the water into a pipe would be going the opposite direction and ultimately decreasing the recreational value. For the majority of the year the river runs around 100 cfs which is the bear minimum for any recreational use. To take more water would negate any water activities on the river. Another concern is the property owners who paid a premium for waterfront lots on the river As the water flow decreases so does the value of their property.

How would they be compensated for property devaluation. We have seen what has happened to other communities that have taken water. I don't want to be another casualty. I understand water is scarce and future community planning will need to keep water recourses in mind. There are other alternatives: wells. 0 scape, or much more efficient use of current water we have vs depleting the few rivers we have left. The idea of a trail as payback for taking the river is laughable. To sacrifice a river to gain a trail is very far from a fair trade. I can make a trail, but can't make a river. As far piping the water as a means for flood control, this could be a benefit to have more areas for the water to flow during flood years. But, I can't get over the cost to benefit ratio. An 80 million dollar project cost vs 50 million dollar cost of a worst case scenario flood. Those numbers do not make sense. I am open to other alternatives. I hope we can explore several to come up with a plan where everyone can win.

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**RE:** water flows; agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flows; agricultural water management (cc:Jon Decker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing again as a concerned citizen regarding the Logan River proposed alternative which has been described as taking water out of the Logan River at first dam for future agricultural and culinary use. I attended the second zoom meeting on March 4th and I still have many questions and concerns. During the presentation it was stated several times that the main benefit of this project was to help with flood control. Upon further questioning the flood control was not related to the Logan river but doing an overhaul of different community's canal systems to help with community snow melt. A question was then asked how does taking water from the Logan River help this? The answer was technically you did not need to take water from The Logan River to accomplish this task. I am concerned that the irrigation companies want to sell water and they are falsely presenting this idea as flood control to get past the NEPA process. Another concern I have is having this proposal pass with the Kimball decree governing the flow rates. It is my understanding that the Kimball Decree is a legal document that determines Flow rates in the Logan River. The minimum flow for any recreational use of the river through the town section is around 100 CFS. According to the flow rates on this chart if 100 CFS is flowing from 2nd dam and the flow normally taken out at the 8th ward dam was moved to first dam 15.2 CFS could legally remain through the town stretch.  $(100 - 20.2 - 22.9 - 41.7 = 15.2)$ . Simply put if this project passes with the Kimball decree governing the flow rates the river could legally be gone. 15.2 CFS is not a river and is definitely not a suitable flow for sustaining the Natural Environment. Currently in the summer months the flow rate past first dam gets around 100 CFS. Water is then diverted at the Crocket or 8th ward dam. This leaves the main river channel with very low non recreation flows past the crocket dam. During these summer months the only section of river with enough water to recreate is between 1st dam and and the Crocket dam if the diversion is moved to 1st dam there will be no section of river in the town stretch suitable for recreation. During the meeting several questions were asked and the answers seemed to go to water rights. I understand water rights are important but does that include the right to determine diversion locations. While it may be more convenient to take the water at 1st dam it would be at the sacrifice of the recreational use of the river through the town stretch, the devaluation of the commercial and residential properties along the path and the potential loss or damage to the natural environment. I would strongly propose to look at zero scapes, wells and other

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alternatives vs taking what little water we have in the river. If water is to be diverted please divert using a pump west of Logan so these things don't have to be sacrificed. I would hate to sacrifice one of the great beauties of Logan simply for convenience. Sincerely, Jon Decker

**DATE:** 3/16/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan process **COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Jon Decker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Here is an article regarding the watershed project may be suitable information for public comment  
[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.cachevalleydaily.com%2fnews%2farchive%2f2021%2f03%2f15%2flogan-resident-urges-opposition-to-proposed-canal-project%2f%23.YFGJ-11KjPY&c=E,1,QfGn\\_-wwDYj6rVH3seNHBOWDT-WdPz\\_4QD9mdQ1691ZQECbf00QdwNYdkIW4ToNFd2Mvq7Xi78bUx9L0FpyP0zYUk2tYdKagWHEAv-8uHX1tu1INKqlZc4,&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.cachevalleydaily.com%2fnews%2farchive%2f2021%2f03%2f15%2flogan-resident-urges-opposition-to-proposed-canal-project%2f%23.YFGJ-11KjPY&c=E,1,QfGn_-wwDYj6rVH3seNHBOWDT-WdPz_4QD9mdQ1691ZQECbf00QdwNYdkIW4ToNFd2Mvq7Xi78bUx9L0FpyP0zYUk2tYdKagWHEAv-8uHX1tu1INKqlZc4,&typo=1)

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Jordan Chesley)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

This is Jordan chesley and I am 14 and I want to keep the logan river where it is. and not move it into a pipe.

**NAME:** [Kimberleigh Hadfield](#)

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**RE:** property impacts; **COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; (oc:Kimberleigh Hadfield)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

As someone living near the river, please know I absolutely condemn any proposal to put the Logan River into a pipe. The Logan River not only provides an incredible beauty to the landscape as it meanders through the city, and literally through the Logan High School (creating the most beautiful, unique high school IN THE WORLD), not to mention the golf course, etc, the river provides an ecosystem for migrating birds, butterflies, and countless trout and the insects they eat. The Logan River diverges to the canal and river near my home. It is literally one of the most beautiful sounds from our home, yard and bedroom windows: the rushing water. It is beautiful for the homes who have built near it, creating an incredible "back yard" view. It is prime real estate for the Elements restaurant and other businesses on the Logan River Walk. This is a horrific and horrendous proposal to pipe the river. It is ugly and grotesque to think of a pipe instead of the incredible beauty that it provides the entire city from the east side by first dam all the way to the west side. The Logan River and Canal system is a treasure. Do not destroy the value of Logan property (not just monetary as described above) because of someone's desire to take the water via pipe. What about water shares, the irrigation system? This is not thought through and is dangerous. But mostly dangerous to the wildlife. I see deer and ducks, geese and other birds drinking from the river year round. We live in a beautiful place. Don't take that from us.

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**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Melissa Olsen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not divert the river and confine it to a pipeline. Rivers are the arteries of our land and provide fishing, kayaking, and beauty to behold. Let the river flow! Utah is a desert and the rivers we have should be enjoyed by the people! Thank you kindly, Melissa Olsen

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Sammie Macfarlane)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am opposed to the Logan River Watershed Plan. The section of river you propose to alter is the heart of our community. We recreate on the river and along the river, we view the river as an asset to our community that is critical to our sense of place. This proposal is an ecological and social travesty that will devastate the very reason we live here. It is truly disgusting that our tax dollars are being proposed for this and in the name of flooding control, which is totally exaggerated.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Sean Lowe)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I wanted to voice our concerns with the potential of changing water flow on the Logan River. Has a Avid user of the Town section of the river, this would break my heart. It is the County's only safe and convenient place to paddle and float. It should be built up and a focal point for tourism. It's truly a unique setting. Please look at other ways to limit any of the flow. As a local business owner, this would take away so much local Recreation that we help provide equipment for. Bad Apple Eddy Outfitters wants to keep the flow! Thank you.

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**RE:** property impacts; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; wildlife and habitat; recreation (oc:Shannon

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed action to pipe water from first dam and how that will affect those of us who live in the Thrushwood/Sumac area and throughout the island in Logan. I have several concerns... The residents along the river and what that would do aesthetically to our current beautiful river. The wildlife along the river and how it would affect them. How it would affect the families and the children who use the river for recreation. Our family has had so much enjoyment from living by the river these last 12 years and piping it the way it has been proposed would completely eliminate all of the ways we have been able to do that. Please, I hope those proposing this action will reconsider! Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Shannon Eliason

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Tim Payne)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to oppose further developments or diversions of the Logan river as proposed. The river is the life blood of the cache valley and was one of the primary attractions that brought me to Logan in 1995. I graduated from Utah state and live in Salt Lake City today. Its ecosystem would be harmed irreparably with additional dewatering and I believe this would be a huge mistake for cache valley and Utah.

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**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Tyler Huffaker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just wanted to express my concern connected with sending the logan river from underneath 1st dam. I grew up in Logan Utah and received my bachelors degree from Utah State University, I also received a graduate degree and I am working professional. Honestly having the Logan river to Kayak underneath 1st dam worst a life saver for me during in high school it kept me away from things that could have had very negative impacts in my life and I think it will damage the future generations if this is taken away from the citizens of Northern Utah so please don't take that away from future generations.

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**RE:** alternatives; property impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives; property impacts (oc:Tyson Glover)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have read as much information as I could find on this project and have a few concerns that I would like to voice. I do not want to see a major reduction to the flow rate in the Logan River during spring runoff. I enjoy whitewater kayaking along this section of river and feel that the flooding issues can be resolved by rip rap and other forms of bank stabilization. The land owners along the river purchased their property knowing that the river is subject to flooding. While I do support projects that protect existing banks, I oppose additional diverting/altering water from the Logan River that would lower the annual peak runoff.

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**RE:** property impacts; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; wildlife and habitat; flooding (oc:Wally

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am sincerely grateful to have the opportunity to comment on this project. I hope that my comments and others from local citizens will be thoroughly and adequately addressed. I am sure that this project has significant opposition and thus it warrants investigating other less impactful alternatives and solutions. I am adamantly opposed to the Logan River Watershed Plan which would divert water from the Logan River into a canal. As a long time resident of the Logan area, the Logan river which functions as a semi-natural stream corridor elevates property values along the river, provides recreational opportunities including kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, fishing, hiking/walking, bird watching, and biking. These opportunities are not found in other urban areas along the Wasatch Front. This proposed project would single handedly destroy this unique and important resource which makes Cache Valley stand out as a desirable community to live in. It seems very surprising to me that the claims of this project is to enhance the watershed and reduce flooding potential. I would argue that this project will not enhance but as stated above greatly reduce or eliminate watershed function. The flood risk is overstated and in 2011 the damage to property was greatly exaggerated. Those that were involved know this. To spin this project as enhancing the watershed is purely false and laying the burden on taxpayers for paying for the project based on falsely and misleading information is wrong. I am convinced that there are more ecologically and community minded alternatives that should and need to be explored. I also think that there should be an inquiry regarding the pretenses of why this project is happening rather than relying on what I think are faulty claims. Call it what it is. Diverting a river for water development. Why should taxpayers pay for that? Cache Valley is a gem but projects such as this directly impact why this is a desirable community to live in and I ask why is this necessary? It is clear that the cost greatly outweighs the benefits of this project. I believe that enhancing the existing irrigation system would be much more appropriate than taking the water from the stream channel and adversely affecting the geomorphology, ecology, recreation, aesthetics, and amenities that this beautiful river corridor provides residents and homeowners. Sincerely, Wally Macfarlane -- Wally Macfarlane 435.512.1839

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**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Will Macfarlane)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am 12 years old and I am learning how to kayak. The Logan River town section is one of the only local places for me to kayak safely. I love where I live and part of the reason why is because of the outdoor activities. Without the Logan River I have to go far away to do the activity that I love to do. My dad learned to kayak here and I want my brother to get to do this too. Please don't take the water out of the Logan River.

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**RE:** alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives (oc:William Kent)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

A special characteristic of Logan Utah is its natural beauty. Leaving its waterways open and keeping as much water in the logan river will play a large part in maintaining that characteristic beauty. More emphasis should be applied to water conservation rather than engineered solutions such as pressurized pipes, dams, and more diversions. Without more diversions, individual users will naturally find alternatives to irrigate and ultimately conserve the natural waterways and the canal system of which characterises the beauty of Logan Utah that is already in place. New technologies such as solar, drip irrigation, and others can be used at the individual user level to achieve needed irrigation. The best solution should be found by allowing individual users achieve their irrigation needs without diverting water out of the Logan river or the open canals.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Daniel McInerney)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The work of the review committee appears to focus on two key issues: flood potential and "efficiency." These two concerns center on trends of growth, expansion, and development. But as a thirty-five year resident of Cache Valley, I am troubled by the lesser priority applied to the very reasons why our region is so appealing to so many: the critical but less quantifiable matters of environmental heritage, recreational opportunity, and aesthetic connection. Taking the sight, the sound, and the rolling course of a waterway -- and enclosing it in a pipe -- removes the pleasing, regenerative, therapeutic quality of the area we've chosen to call home. The project severs us from the very sense of place and connection that makes the valley so vital and attractive. As you continue your deliberations, I urge you to recognize that the way a community "engineers" its environment must be conducted with an equally compelling sense of how people experience their natural world. Our notions of a valley's "security" must be considered in terms of multiple "hazards": either threats to material objects or dangers to community health and happiness. Both sets of concerns are equally urgent and consequential. Daniel McInerney 30 North Cherry Drive Providence, UT 84332-9633

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**RE:** project puprose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project puprose-oppose (oc:Katie Harris)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email I am writing as a concerned citizen to please consider leaving the Logan River just as it is. Our family has loved recreating there for years, and it is a safe, level place where we can all walk. We have adored the changes in the past few years, especially the expansion, and treasure the experiences we have had. Please don't divert the water to First Dam. The Logan River is an amazing source of wildlife, beauty, and exercise. It is one of our treasures here in Logan, and it would be absolutely heartbreaking to destroy it. I have lived in Logan for 18 years, and have appreciated the beauty and wildlife educational opportunities. Thank you so much for your time. Katie Harris, Ph.D 435-890-9415

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**RE:** project purpose-oppose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-oppose (oc:Michael Sweeney)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello. I lived in Logan from 1996 to 2009. At the end, I was head of the journalism department at Utah State University. In 2006, I published a book that quickly sold out in Logan: The Last Unspoiled Place: Utah's Logan Canyon. I cannot think of any reason to pipe the outlet near First Dam that could possibly outweigh the community's need to preserve a part of its soul: the wild, pristine beauty of the Logan River as it flows out of the mountains and through town. Rethink

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**RE:** Property impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** Property impacts (oc:Sarah Gordon)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

For the Logan River Watershed Plan, please do not remove foliage on the riverbank/road behind the homes on Sumac Drive. The homes need the privacy and natural beauty of the willows and other plants. Places where foliage has been removed nearby on the Logan River look terrible (between 1535 Sumac and the USU Waterlab on the road, where bare rocks and rip rap were used) and the community comments constantly on the eyesore and lack of trees or plants. In addition, since the Herm's Inn restaurant/large parking lot was approved, residents on the other side of the river on Sumac Drive really need the plants, trees, willows, and other foliage for privacy against the busy, noisy parking lot and road at Herm's Inn. Secondly, please do not attempt to alter the river banks or plants on the ground that touches property lines on the property side of the river on Sumac Drive, and please do not alter existing historical, cultural canal behind 1525 Sumac and the other houses in the neighborhood. Thanks for your time and consideration, Dr. Sarah Gordon Logan home-owner 1525 Sumac Drive sarah.gordon@usu.edu

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**RE:** project purpose; property

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; property impacts (oc:Amy Hodges)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I live along 400 W and Center Street right along the canal. Our historic neighborhood with its charm and slower pace is enhanced by the canal. Many elderly can be seen strolling along our street in the spring to see all the baby ducks floating by. I've seen deer, hawks, and many other birds bathing and drinking out of the canal. We have wildlife living in our city that need reliable access to water. Even butterflies dip down when they're thirsty. I feel that we often choose the simpler, more expensive option instead of doing the harder, but in the end more impactful thing. Such as piping the canals instead of choosing to conserve water elsewhere. Why don't we focus on teaching our citizens to build water conservation into their landscapes? Why doesn't the city stop putting lawn in every parking strip, walkway, and empty piece of land? Why don't we focus on native drought tolerant landscapes in our city parks, and leave the water greedy grass for the soccer/football fields? It has been shown that increasing native plants not only saves water but results in greater diversity and numbers in bird populations and butterflies as well as bees. Anyone who owns property next to a beautiful canal that ends up being piped over and left as an ugly ditch covered in weeds will lose property value. Would you cover over the canal that flows through upper east side homes as well? Will you be paying us for our lost property values? Have you included the price of beautifying this now barren land into your project? Would you just plant grass on top of the buried canals thereby wasting more water or just let the weeds go rampant? Or leave the adjacent neighborhood with the burden of maintaining it? Our children play in the canals in the summer. They enhance the charm of our neighborhoods. We don't want the canals piped over so you can squeeze every drop of moisture that nature gives us. We all own the water, we all deserve access to it, we all should save open water for the trees, plants, birds, bees, butterflies, and small animals that use it. We've even seen a beaver swimming by. The water is not wasted, it returns to nature through the water table. Let's focus our money and energy on conserving all the water we do waste, watering all the grass in this city that never gets used. That's my two cents, Thank you for your time. We love our canal and it will greatly diminish our neighborhood if it goes.

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**RE:** Plan Process

**COMMENT TYPE:** Plan Process (oc:John Leake)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We live along the Logan River at 982 East Thrushwood Drive. The river is a part of our lives, in many ways and I am acutely interested in projects that affect the river. I found the document to be devoid of substance that solicits comments, but is more of a "this is how it is" document. I have written more than one Environmental Impact Statement in the past, all for wastewater treatment projects. Please keep me informed on this specific project and others affecting the river. Thanks in advance John Leake 982 Thrushwood Drive Logan Utah 408-427-6224

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Mimi Recker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to oppose Crockett Diversion: Piping the Little Logan River for Pressurized Irrigation (PI) This plan runs counter to the heavily researched and discussed proposals from the Logan River Taskforce. Preserving the flows will help preserve a rich riparian environment along the Little Logan River critical to species biodiversity and the overall health of our community. Mimi Recker Cache Valley Utah

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**RE:** water flow, recreation; wildlife

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flow, recreation; wildlife and habitat (oc:Emily Theresa)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Group, As you are considering development on the Logan and Little Logan river, I encourage you to take green space and recreation into account. I am a Logan resident, and our rivers are an asset to our community. Please make your plans to include leaving as much water in the river as possible at all times. Please place any diversion options as far downstream of our community as possible and please include a plan for preserving vegetation along the current canals that benefits people and animals in our community. Thanks, Theresa Stanton, 143 Coventry Place, Logan UT,

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Jennifer Sinor)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Committee When my second son was born, his lungs were underdeveloped. He was placed on a ventilator and spent nine days at the Logan NICU. I could say many things about how amazing the nurses in the NICU were, but here I want to write about the afternoon that I left my infant son to be with my two year old. We went to the Logan river at Merlin Olsen. My body was still sore from the birth. It hurt to walk and bend, but the day is one I will always recall with joy because I was able to spend time with Aidan at a moment before his entire life shifted with a new sibling. We threw rocks. We cast leaf boats. We sat in the dappled shade of mid-May. All around: green. Except for the sky and then the snow-covered mountains beyond. You do not find joy above a cistern. You do not recall shade when it is covering a cement tube. You cannot return a river once you have covered it. You cannot ask the birds and the butterflies to soak in metal and rebar. That you are even considering covering parts of the river as it flows through Logan sickens me. It seems to me that you are completely out of touch with what makes being in this world good, sacred, and valuable. This past year has shown us what happens when we put economy, money and profit before human good. I implore you to leave the rivers just as they are. The rest of the world is moving in the opposite direction—trying to restore what has been lost. Why on earth would we seek to bury, cover, lessen and withhold? My best, Jennifer Jennifer Sinor, PhD Professor of English Utah State University 3200 Old Main Hill Logan UT 84322-3200 435.797.3304

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**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Shane Livingston)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom It May Concern, Where this is a scoping type inquiry, I am curious about the milestones and timelines associated with next identified steps. Here are some questions I am seeking clarification on either directly or in summary format as the project proceeds. Activities for clearance of fossil fuel oriented materials (trees, foliage, shrubbery, etc) have already begun by Logan City. What I am curious about are the plans for the following: What planning and studies will be included in the scoping process and/or next steps/phases of the project? 1. Has the environmental impact to Indigenous plant life been explored and quantified? 2. Has the environmental impact to Urbanized deer and other indigenous to the immediate surroundings wildlife been explored and quantified? 3. Will the bridge into the Thrushwood/Sumac neighborhood be retrofitted to current standards? OR is this beyond scope? If beyond scope, is there any anticipated duplication of effort for when/if bridge repair(s) occur in the near term or future? 4. Concerning canal waterways improvements/changes, what techniques and identified methods will be used? Further, what is the justification for the methods to be employed: cost? impact to natural surroundings and wildlife? Flexibility for future use and maintenance? Other? 5. What measurements are being used to identify the justifications to question 4? Have those been gathered and shared? If this is a watershed and flood oriented plan, then what are the volumes of water anticipated in Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall (estimated events) and how does the plan account for the dispersion of flood events and the persistent movement of irrigation water shares during the year? 6. Will changes keep the current waterways active or is the plan to disrupt and discontinue these waterways? The removal of the canal delivery system on Canyon Road that is adjacent to the walking trail paths often collects non-movable water that stagnates and is often left unaddressed. What activities are planned to insure will not be the case as it pertains to this project? 7. What entity is managing cost and how is that being passed along in taxes and other revenue sources as it pertains to the immediate Logan City residents and those of Cache Valley if also impacted (Taxes, revenues, etc)? Maybe these questions are addressed already in a summary format or abstract, but I was seeking clarification of the overall management and environmental impacts associated with change that will be introduced and managed to the canal systems and appreciate these being addressed for the benefit of the Logan City residents and Cache Valley citizenry for information and justification. I'm not looking to agree or disagree, rather a better and more thorough set of transparent information as the

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**RE:** property impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts (oc:Bolton Colburn)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My wife and I just watched a recording of the Public Scoping Meeting Presentation that took place on Thursday, January 28. We live at 198 Preston. Part of the little Logan river runs through our backyard. We have come to love the canal in our backyard. We use the "canal" for recreation, tubing it and floating in it. We have planted particular plants and trees that relate to it. To take the water out of it would greatly diminish our enjoyment of our property. In addition, to have the water taken out of the canal would adversely affect the value of our property. How do you plan to mitigate these problems? Sincerely, Bolton Colburn and Susan Anderson 1980 Preston Avenue Logan, Utah

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Bolton Colburn)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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Attached please find a letter my wife and I have written regarding the Logan River Rehabilitation Project. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Bolton Colburn (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF THE ATTACHMENT

RE: LOGAN RIVER WATERSHED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Logan River Watershed Project proposes diverting water from the Logan River just below First Dam near Crockett Avenue as well as piping the Little Logan River/North Fork of the Logan River. Cities large and small around the world are now embracing their rivers, digging them out of concrete or piped systems in the hopes that they will breathe new life into their urban communities. Why is Logan so behind the times?

We understand the need to address potential problems such as flooding and conservation. However, instead of diverting and piping the river, the Logan River Watershed Project should be identifying the many desirable features of the river that can be rehabilitated or redeveloped on both private property and in the public realm along and near the Logan and Little Logan Rivers. The Logan River Watershed Project could instead aspire to prevent flooding and to upgrade the aging canals, while seeking to enhance access, develop trails and diverse recreation opportunities, and to create a distinct river identity for the city of Logan. A bolder, more visionary plan for the canal system, Little Logan River, North Fork of the Logan River, and Logan River, would permit that, over time, the system would become a dynamic, publicly-accessible, natural and cultural heritage corridor running through the heart of the city. This would forge connections between the city's disparate neighborhoods, as well as ensure that the river system continued to serve as a resilient, protected infrastructural resource that celebrates and protects the Logan city way of life. The project would protect the green spaces that soak up carbon dioxide, help regulate the climate, provide a vital natural habitat for bird and animal life, and recharge groundwater supplies while offering flood protection to nearby neighborhoods. The outcome would be an extensive network of trails, parks, and wildlife habitat areas along with other community amenities such as bridges, bike paths, gateways, plazas, public art, recreational spaces, and outdoor classrooms.

As homeowners on the North Fork of the Logan River, we are opposed to piping the river running through our neighborhood and backyard and ask that you consider putting any diversion as far downstream as possible, preferably at Cutler Dam. The former Logan River Conservation Action Plan stated: "Make Logan River system a showcase of ecologically viable, socially beneficial river restoration." How is piping the river consistent with this plan, which sounded so hopeful that not only would the river system be enhanced as described above, but that environmental justice would also be taken into account? We have serious reservations regarding the possible direction of the plan at present.

Thank you for letting us comment on the plan and for addressing our concerns.

Sincerely,

Bolton Colburn and Susan M. Anderson

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**RE:** lack of understanding; water

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; water flows; recreation (oc:Jennifer

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

A free-flowing river is an asset to the community in a number of non-replicable ways. Communities that have enhanced their natural assets (thinking specifically of Boise here) through riverside walkways and parks have had significant economic bumps. People want to live near nature and easy access within their communities enhances all the surrounding spaces. We need to be building up the riverside walkways not taking away the river! Once it's piped (and we've realized all the environmental/natural/economic costs), we will not be able to undo this terrible decision. The river provides recreation area. We've played in the river at Rendezvous Park countless times over the last twenty years. We've sat in friends' backyards and watch people float the river through town. We've walked the trail by the river to Trapper Park and stuck our feet in on hot days. These are the activities that make Cache Valley such an amazing place to live. Retaining our natural waterways must remain a priority for our community. Sincerely, Jennifer Peeples

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**RE:** lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding (oc:Jo Leary)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi, I live in Logan, but my mom grew up in Kanab. She remembers when they put the canals into pipes there. The large cottonwood trees that had been relying on the water running through the ditches, died. The microclimates that were hosting creatures great and small were destroyed. Please preserve the riparian environments around our canals and rivers in Logan. They are very valuable for shade and entertainment and good health. It's one of those things we may not fully appreciate now, but would miss desperately if it were gone. Thank you, Jo Leary

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**RE:** lack of understanding;

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; recreation (oc:Caroline Laine)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello. I live at 1665 n 1770 e in Logan, and the Smithfield Canal seasonally flows behind my house. I am opposed to diverting the Logan River and covering open canals. These neighborhood canals are not only beautiful, but act as a hub of urban recreational activity, and serve as corridors for wildlife. On any given summer day, there is a virtual parade of children and families floating, swimming, or kayaking down the canal behind my house. It also serves as habitat area for waterfowl, as each year ducks lay their eggs and raise their ducklings in the canal, safely tucked away from predators. Closing canals like this would take this recreational activity and take away a little piece of nature in the city. Once the water is drained from the canal in the fall, the dry canal serves as an urban hiking trail and wildlife (especially deer) corridor, where they can safely travel through the city and stay off roadways. Covering up canals with cement and pipes would make this an industrial, rather than natural place. Furthermore, little urban creeks like the one in Merlin Olsen park provide endless recreation activities for children in a safe setting, and should not be closed. The low flow is safe for kids to splash in without risking the waters of the higher-flowing Logan River. I think little connections to nature in urban settings teach children to care about the natural world, and are also essential for destressing and having good old fashioned fun. As an ecologist, I understand the reasoning of saving water; however, I think the cons outweigh the positives, if we move forward with this project. I urge you to not move forward with diversion of the Logan River or closing canals in our valley. Thank you,

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**RE:** lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding (oc:Charles Waugh)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To the Planning Group: I understand that plans are being made to pipe the Logan River and the Little Logan River as they run through town. Please do not. I have so many cherished memories of playing in those waters with my son when he was small. And beyond this, Logan is missing out on a huge opportunity to make these waterways public parks that run through town. So many great cities feature parks along their rivers—Missoula for example, or Austin, or San Antonio if you want to go big. It was so nice to sit on the patio at Elements in Logan before they cut down all those big old trees. The development that was put in across the river pays no attention to the fact the river is there at all! They completely wasted that space. Instead of walkways and tables, they put in the drive-thru for that crud restaurant that will go under in a few years. Historically, the canals have always supported vegetative growth besides their end users'. To say now that the canals should be piped because they can be denied what everyone understood the canals did when they were built. We cannot allow the canal company to take away this historic public resource from the public. All of Logan should benefit from these waterways, not just the farmers in the county. Piping the water for agriculture is short sighted at best anyway. Every year, more farmland is taken over by development. Until we have a reasonable, 50-year plan for growth, we cannot assume that there will be any farms left in the valley. But once the river is piped, there will be no going back. It's time to stop wasting the tremendous opportunity that those waterways represent in our community. Logan should act on the rights of way they already have and procure ones they don't to be able to have a continuous walkway along Logan River all the way from First Dam out to the marsh. In the commercial parts of town, the walkway should be recognized as the value added feature it is. More restaurants with patio space along the river would be wonderful. Building permit

applications that don't take the river and its public value into account should be denied. Thank you for keeping all of Logan in mind when making these decisions. Charles Waugh Logan Resident

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Chris Dunker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The water that Crocket Irrigation company serves many other purposes than increasing property values for self serving land developers. Water in canals feeds birds, insects and animals. Open water provides invaluable aesthetic experiences to our citizens. I have seen firsthand renaturalization of rivers in Europe, where pipes and canals are being renaturalized to living, breathing bodies of water. If these canals are piped and pressurized, we will lose one of the most precious assets Logan has. Logan's canal systems are a real treasure that must be preserved, not destroyed and regretted. Thanks for noting my comment. Chris Dunker.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kim Sullivan)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I would hate to see the canals through the Logan City Island area pressurized. The open canals provide an escape from summer heat especially in Merlin Olsen Park. I have eaten lunch and frequently spent time knitting in the park. I always see families relaxing along and playing in the canal. Summer are hot in Logan and this is a free activity available to all socioeconomic groups. Sincerely, Kim Sullivan

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Randy Penrod)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Planners, My name is Randy Penrod. I am a resident of the Wilson Neighborhood in Logan, Utah. I recently saw the zoom meeting regarding scoping comments and appreciate the opportunity to comment. I believe you covered two basic projects in your talk. The first a project is a pipeline to relieve flooding in the North Logan, and the second project is to pipe and pressurize irrigation water, starting near First Dam and terminating north of Logan. Regarding the flood relief project, I was not aware of the flooding issue and have no opinion at this point. I do have several opinions regarding the pressurized irrigation pipeline from First Dam and through the Wilson Neighborhood. In general I believe public funding should not be used for the purpose of benefiting private irrigation companies. I believe the private irrigation companies should bear the cost of upkeep and improvement for their private enterprises by collecting from their members. I would also oppose adding more structures along the course of the river near First Dam. Although not mentioned, I imagine a large, unsightly building (pump house) as well as a road, significant electric utility services, and the piping system itself would be required along the north side of the river., as well as several other points along the route. Lastly, selling the idea of covering the canal over and adding a sidewalk on top of it from 2nd to 5th East as a recreation tradeoff does not ring true. That is only three blocks. Not that I haven't risked life and limb running and biking on Canyon Road, but, cover the canal with rock and concrete and that public money will kill all of the riparian trees, shrubs, and birds that the public enjoys so much. You can go anywhere and walk on concrete, but Utah towns with open canals, such as ours, should be valued and treasured, especially in the Wilson Neighborhood. Thank you,

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; alternatives; plan process

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns with this project. I live in Logan, in the Island area. I watched the video made on 28 Jan 2021 which gave an overview of this project. There were maybe 3 proposals in the presentation but ended with a call for more ideas. I don't know that I have more ideas but I have some concerns to share. For easier reference I've grouped my ideas below:

A. The Logan River Task Force (LRTF) study was done within the last 5 years and was to look at the health of the river and the ecological/environmental/social impact of that health. Part of the study was to check on the plant life and the animal life along the waterway. There was also a component of recreation along the river which manifested in a plan for a Blue River Trail. This Blue Trail hasn't even made it to reality and your project goals of encasing the river in a pipe and reducing its flow seems to doom it from ever happening. Please realize how social the river is in our city. The flow is already regulated by First Dam and gets very low during the months July-September. There's also the renovation of the river south through the Logan River Golf Course and further as it makes its way to Trapper Park and Cutler Reservoir of the Bear River. The expense of this renovation was justified because the county (?) wanted the river to meander less, deposit less silt, and make the river more conducive to recreational use with floating/canoeing/kayaking. Will this renovation be all for naught as you consider piping the Logan River? From what I can tell, this Crockett Pressurized Irrigation project will restrict the flow of water of the river in the Island area. I'm NOT in favor of any plan that adds more restrictions to the flow of the river through Merlin Olson-Central Park, Pioneer Park, Garff Gardens, Willow Park, Trapper Park, the Logan Golf Course, or to Cutler Reservoir.

B. One of the proposed plans is to run secondary water pipes throughout the Crockett Irrigation Service area. This would include retrofitting the neighborhoods that lie in this service area with pipes to run the secondary water to each home. This is totally not worth the money it would take to accomplish it. Running pipes to homes would require tearing up streets, sidewalks, lawns, and creating a new meter and water access for each home. Before such a plan could even make sense, I would like to see what is the amount of culinary water usage in the older neighborhoods. A plan for new subdivisions in the service area getting secondary water might make more sense as these developments are starting from the ground up and can lay new pipe before streets and sidewalks and lawns are installed. I am NOT in favor of retrofitting secondary water piping in the older neighborhoods of the Crockett Irrigation Service Area.

C. The owning of water shares would become meaningless as, in the plan described in the Jan 28th meeting, everyone in the Service area would get secondary, 'canal' water, not just those with water shares and those with water shares would no longer get the amount of water for which they've been paying yearly.

D. As to using the canal easements for trails, I'm not clear where this would take place. There has been a trail made above Canyon Road in Logan on the old canal. This is where the canal failed and caused home damage. This is great. In other cities I've seen obsolete railroad tracks made into trails. But here in the Island, the canal easements goes through private back yards. No one would put trails there. And the easements in the agricultural areas, I would think, only allow water delivery. This would prevent trail-building. This idea should be thoroughly vetted before being proposed as it might not be allowed. Citizens might support this plan, thinking the county will make trails when they cannot.

E. I would like to see the Cache Water District, the Crockett Irrigation Company, and the cities involved in this Watershed project become leaders in requiring more water conservation in the Crockett Irrigation Service Area. This can be encouraged with incentives in the older neighborhoods and in the new subdivisions. I have a xeriscaped front yard with mulch and gravel on the front parking strips. The xeriscaping was one reason I bought the house I have. In my backyard, I have a very small section of sod with 'service areas' of raised bed gardening and patio. Promotion of xeriscaping, water-wise plantings, and water-saving habits can become part of the project. If the Natural Resources Conservation Service is a major source of funding for this project, it would seem natural that a water conservation plan would be part of the project's reach. Someone has said that we here in Cache county love our green lawns. However they come at a terrible price. Does this project have to support that water-waste? Many residents and newer move-ins are more and more aware of the need to conserve water, especially in this high mountain, semi-arid region of the state. We should all accept the natural conditions of our area and be wise with the limited water we have. I understand the farmers are seeking more water for their crops through this project. I looked up what the cash crops were for Cache County. The list includes Winder Wheat, Spring Wheat, Barley, Safflower, and Alfalfa. Have the farmers thought to investigate these crops or new ones that use less water? I would think Utah State University (USU) can help with this. Are there crops that are more drought-tolerant? Here in the West there might be other research available to identify hybrids that would acclimate better to our drier climate.

F. There seems to be a very definite conflict-of-interest in asking JU-B Engineering company to do

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the Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project. I don't mean to be offensive but how could the engineering company who would get the job be unbiased in investigating the environmental impact of this project ? So many companies are financially hurting as a result of Covid-19. If J-U-B Engineering is in charge of the Environmental Assessment study, such an arrangement would come across as a strong pull to get the project approved in order to stay employed. This is NOT good. The EA should be done by a company that would not gain financially from the results of the assessment. G. With water being a premium, I'm aware there have been 3 new car washes opened in the valley within the last 18 months (one in Providence, one in Logan, and one in North Logan). Is this water use a concern to you as you make decisions about this project ?

In conclusion, I am NOT in favor of this Crockett Pressurized Irrigation Plan as currently designed.

It's important to note that, in discussing this subject with other people, I find there are many who feel as I do.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts (oc:Nancy Hales)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

26 years ago, my daughter chose to attend USU. We chose to purchase a 2nd home here, and move our business to Logan. We chose a home on "the Island" because it was a charming little neighborhood and East Center Street was a beautiful street where the maple trees formed a canopy over most of the street. The home we chose was a lovely old brick home with a wonderful, tree-lined creek winding through the back of the property, which was a perfect situation for our children and grandchildren. Some years later, the City chose to use "improvements" to Center Street to help get funding for other city improvements. Although no one who owned homes on Center Street was in favor of those "improvements", Logan City went ahead with their plan. What was left to us is a street void of trees, the lovely canopy gone, the promise of replanting all the trees forgotten. All street parking is now forbidden leaving nowhere for any guests to park. The huge housing developments up on the hill have created a constant flow of speeding traffic so that no sane parent would allow a child or grandchild to ever play in the front yard. Older people who have lived here for many years no longer dare to try to cross the street to visit as in years past. Note: There are 42 "No Parking" signs along East Center Street and one lonely "25 MPH" sign which is largely ignored. East Center Street has lost its charm and value as a quiet, attractive, place to rear a family. We are relegated to the "back" yards, which, for now, we can at least enjoy the many old trees and bushes lining the river, which would most likely die off without the water flowing. Today, we have new "improvements" proposed. Having been forced to give up our front yard areas, we are now being expected to give up the beauty and peace of our little backyard creek. Rather than have little families of ducklings to enjoy each Spring, and watching children laughing and playing in the water each Summer, we will have a pipe. While it might be a little more efficient for others, it can in no way compensate for either the quality of life lost, or the decrease of property values for us.

Please do NOT take away the last of the beauty of our Island! Sincerely, Roy and Nancy Hales 635 E. Center Street Logan, Utah, 84321 Photos attached (4) and saved in appendix attached to this database.

**DATE:** 3/13/2021

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**RE:** property impacts; agricultural

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; agricultural water management (oc:Nancy

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Watershed Plan Zootah comments (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.)

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**RE:** agricultural water impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water impacts (oc:Ben Clegg)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I would like to submit the following comments regarding the Logan River Watershed Plan. I have shares on the Hyde Park Canal company and currently serve as the President of the company. Here are the issues that we struggle with that continue to escalate at ever faster rate.

- **Increased Storm Water Risk** o As Cities continue to pave parking lots and install curbs and gutters, a large portion of that water ends up in the canals. In storm events the amount of water that can quickly enter the canal is increasing. Canals cannot handle storm events and as a result over run banks. o Agricultural fields have been replaced with urban neighborhoods with high priced homes. These homes are in the direct path of canal breaches caused by storm events. Even though the canal may be small, if it fails it can quickly cause millions of dollars in damage as well as risk lives. o The open fields that remain have become investment properties where owners do not dare flood irrigate for fear of flooding out neighborhoods. As a result the properties become weed infested fire hazards.
- **Increased Legal Liability** o High density homes run along the canal and represent significant risks due to children drowning. Home owners want fences and grates to cover culverts which both impede or make impossible the management of the canal. o Home owners use canals for dumping of leaves, grass and other biomass. These items plug culverts and cause flooding. o Home owners have built structures and diversions on the canal which render it impossible to maintain weed control and canal integrity. o Efforts to maintain weeds on sides of canal result in home owner complaints and expensive lawsuits to force access.
- **Loss of water** o Water flow is impeded by overgrowth in areas that have become choked with weeds due to the inability to gain access. o Metrics have shown that 40% of the canal volume is lost out the bottom of the canal due to subbing. o Cities and Sub Divisions have closed off laterals that used to feed fields as well as act as storm water conveyance. Pressure on canals from storm events cannot be relieved into fields. o Many Sub Divisions have no access to secondary water from the canals, due to the loss of laterals and the risks associated with running water in laterals that may not connect back into the drainage system them.
- **Inefficient** o Since most of the land is urban and needs pressure irrigation requiring a pump. What agriculture is still in operation needs to be pressure irrigated to avoid flooding neighborhoods. Due to the limited fall or head every home owner installs a pressure pump to run their sprinklers. The combined pumps are inefficient and represent sizable environmental impact when compared to a gravity flow system.
- **Conclusion** o Most of these items have escalated in recent years, and will continue to escalate, until the cost of delivery, or the risk of delivery failure, is too high. o While our diversion point on the river may be upstream from where it currently is, efficiencies should allow more water to remain in the river all the way down. o Pressurized water could be diverted to parks and other locations for effects and then be diverted back into the river or pressurized back up for injection in the system.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Jim)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Hello Water Use Decision Makers, I am opposed to the proposed Crockett Pressurized Pipeline Project. I strongly believe that as a society we have an obligation to reduce water waste and see that as much Bear River basin water as possible reaches the bird refuge/Great Salt Lake to promote/retain wildlife biodiversity. From my vantage point I see way too much wasteful Kentucky blue grass type lawns being planted in the newly established urban sprawl taking over Cache County. I think we should place a much higher monetary value on water and ask residents to adjust their landscaping to low water consumption alternatives. I am a lifelong Utah resident and 43 year resident of Logan. I have a long employment history in environmental/water related fields and served as a vice-president for an irrigation company in Logan back in the

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## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am not a resident of Logan but my girlfriend does own a home on the Logan river. I personally am from Missoula Montana which was the subject of a book called " A river runs through it ". A movie of the same name was made in the early 90's. The city of Logan is fortunate enough to have a river running through it as well. I recently was informed that a company has a plan to pipe this river for residential as well as agricultural use to the west of town. I really cant imagine why anyone would consider this to be a reasonable idea. There really is nothing in this world more precious than our waterways and plans like this are short sighted at best and just downright detrimental at worst. As with any of these hair brained schemes that seem to pop up in beautiful places like Logan every few years one only has to follow the money trail to figure out who is going to benefit from a plan such as this. Certainly it won't be the homeowners who have purchased homes along this beautiful waterway or the local residents who use this river for recreational purposes. Nor will it be the city of Logan in the long run or even really in the short term. A town that has a piped river is a town that has sold its soul for money. I know that Utah doesn't have the aquatic resources that Montana possesses but that only makes the Logan river all the more precious. I hope everyone in Logan is thinking about the river that runs through their town and preserving an amazing waterway for themselves and future generations instead of selling their souls for a few more cows and the recreational opportunities of a new neighborhood of rich people from somewhere else, sincerely Karl Hallman.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; agricultural water management (oc:Mary

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

My husband and I live in Logan, on Lauralin Dr. Our backyard backs up to the Logan River. We moved to this house to retire and live the rest of our lives. We are not wealthy, and our home is a small, two bedroom house. We will never be able to afford the mansions on Cliffside Drive. But we have a magnificent view of the Logan River. Every day, we wake to the sound of ducks, birds and running water. Wildlife is abundant, here in the City limits. From my window, I observe beaver, river otters, kingfishers, osprey, and bald eagles. I have watched osprey dive into the water to catch fish. Great blue herons walk on the shores. Egrets fly by. Mink frolic in the bushes. The river is a blessing to the community. Kayakers, tubers and fisherman freely use the water all summer long. Logan residents do not have to travel hundreds of miles to enjoy nature in parks, because it is right here. We live in one of the most desirable cities in North America. I have just learned of a plan to divert the water away from it's natural path for a pressurized irrigation system. I thought this was a cruel joke, that engineers would willingly turn this natural treasure into a buried ditch. This plan would greatly harm the value of our home and quality of life. The community will suffer tremendously if you remove the river from the city. I implore you to consider plans that would divert water from as far downstream as possible. I invite you to visit my home to witness what you are proposing to alter forever. I am sick at heart after watching the video that the engineers have made about the proposed project. Please consider the quality of life of the residents and preserving riparian habitat in the city limits. Sincerely, Mary DaSilva 358 Lauralin Dr Logan, Utah 84321 512-736-6306

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Bruce Pendery)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Mailed in comment- pdf of comments saved under Bruce Pendery public comments 03.12.21 TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

Dear Langdon Group:

I am writing concerning the proposal to divert Logan River water below First Dam and pipe it northward for irrigation uses. This is being considered in the Logan River Watershed Project Environmental Assessment. My primary concern is that the project could greatly decrease flows in the Logan river below the diversion point. This would create a host of environmental and recreation problems including: potential decreases in riparian vegetation which would impact birds; reduced opportunities for boating and fishing; warming of water that would impact aquatic organisms, and decreased fish habitat including that of Bonneville cutthroat trout, a Species of Concern. Many of these uses of the river corridor are outlined in the Logan River Conservation Action Plan and the Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan which was adopted by the Logan Municipal Council. The Logan River is increasingly used by recreationists and is a tremendous asset for the community. Many people walk along the river downstream of First Dam. Dewatering it during droughts and seasonal low flows would greatly diminish its value for bout users of the river and those who are enjoying being in the river's corridor. Consequently, I urge you to leave as much water in the river as possible and to incorporate the Action Plan and Blue Trail Plan into the development of the Logan River Watershed Project.

I recognize the need for irrigation water and this need could be met with minimal impacts to the environment if the diversion occurred as law as possible in the river. A low diversion might require pumping , but the environmental benefits would be great. At the cost of the additional piping and ongoing costs of pumping could likely be found from environmental and recreation funding sources.

Development of the water conveyance in the valley also presents an opportunity to further develop the trail system in Logan and neighboring communities. Some trails exist along the Logan River and others along existing canals. Planners should consider purchasing rights-of-ways and building trails along these corridors. The canals presently provide substantial riparian vegetation that benefit birds and hikers. Although I understand that one of the goals of piping is to reduce evapotranspiration losses, the environmental benefits of canal seepage need to be considered as well. Some sections of the conveyance should be left with open channels or drip irrigation could be installed to help maintain some of the riparian vegetation.

The Logan River Task Force has developed the Logan River Conservation Action Plan which identifies over 20 indicators of ecological and social values of the river. This was an exhaustive process that involved many experts and resulted in a science-based, long-term management plan for the river. I highly recommend that you use the Logan River Conservation Action Plan as a standard by which to assess environmental and recreation impacts and benefits of the Watershed Plan. The Logan River Task Force represents an impressive level of expertise in nearly all aspects of Logan River ecology, hydrology, and social values and was formed specifically to provide advice on balanced river management to agencies and governments. You need to work closely with them and strongly consider their recommendation as you develop this Watershed Plan.

In addition to an environmental goal, it is important that you consider recreation as another priority objective. The Logan River Conservation Action Plan has several recreational goals. Also, as a "spinoff" to the Action Plan, the Task Force collaborated with Cache County and Logan City in developing the Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan. The Blue Trail Master Plan includes goals and recommendations for enhancing the river-oriented recreation along the Logan River. I recommend that you incorporate the Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan into the Watershed Plan wherever possible.

I also suggest that you consider developing terrestrial trails where possible in association with the Watershed Plan. These trails would be most beneficial if they could connect existing trails along the river or connect established parks and trails to the river thereby enhancing river access. Where feasible, I would suggest that trails be established by placing them on top of or directly adjacent to buried pipelines and/or abandoned canals.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; water flow; alternative (oc:David

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Attached are comments from the Utah Water Research Laboratory on the Logan River Watershed Plan. Please confirm that you have received this. Please let me know if you have any questions. As indicated in the comments we are happy to help and provide additional information or expertise where we can to help with this planning process. Thanks David Tarboton --- David Tarboton Director, Utah Water Research Laboratory Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering Utah State University, Logan UT 84322-8200 Ph: (435) 797 3172 Email: david.tarboton@usu.edu UWRL:

<https://uwrl.usu.edu/> (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix) TEXT OF

**ATTACHMENT**

UWRL Concerns about Crockett Irrigation Canal System First Dam Diversion Option

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March 12, 2021

These are comments from the Utah Water Research Laboratory (UWRL) for consideration in the Logan River Watershed plan NEPA process where constructing an intake diversion from First Dam and pressurized piping of the Crockett canal have been presented as an option. These comments focus on this option, because it was the option presented at the January 28, 2021 public scoping meeting and because it is the option with a potential to directly impact the UWRL. If a different point of diversion option is selected that is downstream from the UWRL, its location would need to be identified prior to commenting on any impacts it may have.

Utah State University owns First Dam and the State of Utah has made a significant investment in the UWRL and First Dam structure and hydropower facilities. It is important that the benefits from these investments not be reduced by the proposed project.

The UWRL is a research facility that is part of Utah State University and located downstream from First Dam. Our research mission is to conduct practical research in the state of Utah, the nation and the world, directed at solving water-related problems, informing water policy and management and training the next generation of water experts. The UWRL conducts: 1) hydraulics research and testing for which we have an intake from First Dam and 2) environmental and water resources research that addresses a wide range of water problems, including research related to instream flows, water quality, and irrigation.

The comments provided here are primarily related to the UWRL's ability to maintain our hydraulic research activities as an additional intake in First Dam may impact the daily hydraulic research operations. However, the UWRL is also a responsible steward of the river that flows adjacent to the lab and through Logan City and continues to support the ongoing data collection associated with the Logan River Observatory (<https://uwrl.usu.edu/lro/>) that is intended to support local decision making. Given our mission, while we are listing our concerns below, we would like to also offer our expertise and data to support scientifically grounded decision making in the Logan River Watershed project.

Following are concerns we would like to note. We have grouped them into: the impacts of altered flow on UWRL and USU operations, environmental impacts, and project coordination considerations. Following the listing of our concerns we also present some flow data to quantify the magnitude of potential impacts of moving the Crockett Canal diversion point to First Dam, and the impacts already observed due to pressurization of the Highline canal and moving the Logan Northern diversion upstream of First Dam.

Impacts of altered flow on UWRL and USU operations

USU benefits from green energy hydropower and the diversion of water through the UWRL for hydraulics research. A pressurized system diverting water from First Dam would reduce the flow available for these purposes, unless its operation is carefully controlled to maintain these benefits.

1. Ramifications of a Crockett Canal First Dam withdrawal coupled with UWRL operations need to be worked out with other downstream users who may need to alter their diversion structures to ensure they are not overwhelmed by surges in river flow associated with UWRL operations.

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2. The UWRL is unique in the US in having a flow capacity of 100,000 gpm coupled with precise flow measurement used to perform research and testing for many entities for which we do work. This capacity is available by virtue of the First Dam intake and it is critical that this capacity be maintained anytime during the non-irrigation season, and for a few hours each week if needed during the irrigation season. The reputation of the UWRL has been established based on this unique capability. The UWRL has a lease agreement with the Logan Island Irrigation Company to recharge First Dam periodically through the irrigation season when these large flow experiments occur.
3. The UWRL typically draws a flow of 20 cfs through the lab on a daily basis to supply water to laboratory pumps used for experiments and testing. This capability is needed year-round to support our research. This water is not consumed, but is returned to the river immediately below the UWRL.
4. Pressurization of the Highline canal in 2015, following failure of the Logan Northern Canal in 2009 has already reduced inflows to First Dam and thus water available for UWRL and USU use (see data provided below). These impact water availability from First Dam for use by USU to generate hydroelectricity and water quality in First Dam.
5. Discussions with a principal engineer from JUB (the firm appointed to carry out the proposed project) have suggested that moving the point of irrigation company diversion and pressurizing the canal will result in less water being diverted and will make more water available to UWRL for hydraulic testing and research purposes and for instream flows in the Logan River downstream from the lab. To ensure these outcomes, we request that, consistent with approved water rights, appropriate binding agreements be used to guarantee changes do not detrimentally impact other water right holders.
6. The UWRL is also concerned about fluctuations in the level of First Dam due to additional withdrawals. Fluctuations by more than 6 inches from full pool in a 24-hour period have adverse impact on research in the laboratory. Some testing runs require many hours of stable flow.

## Environmental

7. Maintaining instream flows and water temperatures that support water quality and the Logan River aquatic ecosystem is important to the UWRL mission. As part of our mission, we conduct research to inform sustainable and environmentally sound water management decisions across the state. We would be very concerned if the added irrigation withdrawals from First Dam resulted in a nearly dry river bed near the UWRL or through Logan City.
8. Given the deteriorating water quality in First Dam, any further decline due to added withdrawals from First Dam should be considered and addressed in planning and decision making.
9. The UWRL monitors flow in the Logan River in Spring (at the USGS gage) and when flows exceed predetermined thresholds and the forecasts indicate flows are likely to be sustained above the thresholds for multiple weeks, notifies USU facilities to open First Dam discharge valves to flush out accumulated sediment and organic matter. The purpose behind this is to reduce sediment accumulation behind First Dam that could cause environmental damage if the dam water level is lowered (e.g. for maintenance or to address a problem) and high levels of sediment released from the dam during a period of low flow. Any new diversion intake from First Dam should not disrupt this activity.

**Project Coordination** The UWRL is also concerned about disruption and down time during construction and impact on productivity and the economic value of our research.

10. There are a number of other projects in the area near to the UWRL planned by USU, or Logan City that should be coordinated.
  - a. USU has planned in the near future to pave the parking lot below First Dam, and resurface the UWRL parking lot. If there is to be pressurized irrigation system construction through these areas, it should avoid ripping up new construction
  - b. Logan City has concept plans, and has applied for funding to stabilize Logan River banks that are being undercut just upstream and downstream of the UWRL. These plans involve re-routing the river. Coordination is also needed here if these projects go ahead.
  - c. Logan City has concept plans for a Blue Trail along the Logan River. Blue trail recreational facilities would need accommodate alterations in flow.

Based on the above, we have some recommendations to help address some of the concerns raised.

1. When considering the First Dam diversion option, to support the hydraulic operations there needs to be a control system installed at the dam to reduce irrigation flows if the reservoir drops 6-inches below the normal full pool elevation. The system cannot be completely controlled at the various points of delivery due to the potential for demand to exceed supply.
2. If a pressurized system is developed, we request that rules and operation policies be established to retain the operations capability we now have. We are concerned about potential reductions in operational flexibility and are happy to offer our hydraulics and control systems expertise to help design a system that enhances the benefits to all parties.
3. UWRL and USU water rights and priorities for use of water stored in First Dam should be retained to enable continued use for hydropower or research purposes.
4. We will provide Logan River related data, modeling tools, and modeling support to help determine the instream flow and temperature outcomes associated with different irrigation diversion alternatives proposed.

Logan River and Canal Diversion Data

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The tables below give flow data for the Logan River at the USGS gage above First Dam and Highline Diversion flow from the USGS gage at the point of diversion in Logan Canyon, both tabulated from the USGS National Water Information System (NWIS) website, and Crockett Diversion flow from Utah Division of Water Rights. Data for the months July to September are shown because these are the low flow months when irrigation diversions have the largest impact on instream flow.

The average July-Sept flow in the Logan River is 201 cfs, but monthly average flows can be as low as 61 cfs (Table 1). The Logan Northern Canal that used to draw water from below First Dam failed in July 2009. To supply the areas served by this canal, diversions were increased in the Highline canal (formerly known as Logan, Hyde Park and Smithfield Canal). This is evident in the Table 2 where diverted flows following 2010 are higher than 1964-2009 by an average of 17.6 cfs. In between 2015 and 2016 irrigation seasons, the Highline canal was pressurized. The increased diversions have held steady following pressurization (2016-2020), notwithstanding the increased efficiency and presumed reduction in seepage losses. The increased diversions of 17.6 cfs represent a decrease in Logan River inflow to First Dam of 8.7% over these months. This decrease combined with a natural reduction in inflows to First Dam over the last 5 – 10 years (Table 1) has increased water residence time in First Dam during these months and may contribute to deteriorated water quality (e.g. increased algae and other aquatic plants that impact dissolved oxygen). We have noticed increased aquatic plant growth plugging our intake more frequently in the winter months.

The average Crockett Diversion flow of 70.6 cfs (Table 3) is 35% of the flow in the Logan River at First Dam for these months. Thus, if the same amount is withdrawn from a new intake from First Dam, flow below First Dam will be reduced by this amount. Given that Logan River flows have been as low as 61 cfs, there is the potential to divert the entire river flow. Even with minimum historic Crockett canal diversions of around 33 cfs, there is the potential to divert more than half of the historic minimum flow of 61 cfs. Such low flows would be environmentally damaging in addition to impeding UWRL and USU operations.

**Table 1 Logan River flow at USGS gage 10109000 above First Dam (cfs)**

Period	July	August	September	July-Sept Average	July-Sept Monthly Min	July-Sept Monthly Max
1971-2020	301.4	166.2	135.9	201.2	61.1	1047.0
1971-2009	311.7	174.2	142.0	209.3	61.1	690.6
2010-2015	292.2	142.6	109.1	181.3	67.0	1047.0
2016-2020	251.4	140.1	125.1	172.2	83.7	438.7

**Table 2. Highline Diversion flow at USGS gage 10108400 (cfs).**

Period	July	August	September	July-Sept Average	July-Sept Monthly Min	July-Sept Monthly Max
1964-2020	61.6	50.7	36.3	49.6	14.1	90.2
1964-2009	58.3	46.7	33.4	46.2	14.1	90.2
2010-2015	75.7	65.5	50.8	64.0	37.3	82.1
2016-2020	75.3	69.5	45.9	63.6	36.8	78.6

The Cache Highline Canal was formerly known as Logan, Hyde Park and Smithfield Canal.

**Table 3. Crockett Diversion flow (cfs) from Utah Division of Water Rights**

Period	July	August	September	July-Sept Average	July-Sept Monthly Min	July-Sept Monthly Max
1973-2020	84.4	72.4	54.9	70.6	32.7	119.3
1973-2009	86.8	73.6	56.9	72.5	32.9	119.3
2010-2015	74.0	64.7	49.1	62.6	36.0	85.0
2016-2020	80.3	73.0	48.2	67.1	32.7	85.2

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jenny Carter)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I was so sad to read about the proposed plan to divert the Logan River and put part of it underground. I am a summer citizen and the Logan River is one of the best things about Logan. You keep doing things to turn Logan into just another big city. So much value could be preserved if you slow the growth. Logan is such a wonderful place to live and visit, I am so sorry you are considering this proposal that just wipes away the beautiful Logan River.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Michael Spence)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, My kids and I love going to Merlin Olsen park, sitting by the water, and sailing paper boats down the river when the water is flowing. Please preserve the Little Logan River in its current state through our parks and find an alternative to piping it for pressurized irrigation. Mike Spence 1340 Cliffside Dr Logan UT 84321 801-691-2830

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**RE:** water flows

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flows (oc:Paul and Jill Mortenson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Our family is totally against this project due to the undefined impact on the downstream flows below the Crockett Ave diversion. ANY significant reduction in flow would cause extreme negative impact to tens of thousands of Cache Valley residents. Do Not Do This!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Robert Alumbaugh)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern: While I understand the desire and perceived benefit of diverting the Logan River and Little Logan River to a pressurized irrigation or piped system this proposal is narrow-minded and short-sighted. Rivers, streams and even canals are ever being eyed to divert or manage artificially. This benefits few at the expense of many. Rivers and other waterways provide towns or cities and their populace of tremendous benefits. Recreation, beauty, wildlife corridors and abundant vegetation are just a few of the broad categories of benefits. Although easy to provide lists of reasons to keep and enhance our Logan River this has already been done and I see little reason to waste your time or mine reiterating what has already been pointed out. The river was of importance in our decision to relocate to Logan. Having lived in many towns where rivers and waterways are being increasingly embraced by both residents and city officials given the benefits I had little doubt Logan would not be far behind in increasing the enhancement of our waterways. Instead it seems Logan is taking steps backward into an era of excessive management that does little to increase the public good. I

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Russell Drake)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Who initiated this project to begin with? Cache County? Logan City? The State of Utah? Reducing flow of the Logan River does not seem wise especially when so many vague answers to questions are being given. We enjoy the river from a visual and recreational point of view. It seems monetary reasons are not in the best interest of local overall usage. This dry year is not a time to make water diversion decisions. Answer the questions well presented by Logan Christian. Thank you, Russell Drake

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Chris and Misty Adkins)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My wife and I moved to 126 South 300 East in Nov 2019. Our home is diagonally across from Merlin Olson park. We moved here from FL and picked this location with the park and the Logan River flowing through it. This is similar to what we were moving from and already have many fond memories with our kids and many relatives that have visited. Watching the young children play in the river in the summer is something we enjoy doing. Me being a multiple stroke survivor we enjoy watching young people in the area just having fun. To us this is Some of Gods best work and needs to be left as is!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Christine Pearce)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email This project does not seem to be well thought out. In fact the project is downright specious. You've had so many water "projects" it's like you are now only making busy work. Our natural Logan river provides so much for so many and is something that makes our city unique and welcoming. It also enhances property values. There is a song called "You Don't Know What You've Got Till It's Gone." One of the lines is, "They paved Paradise and put up a parking lot." Is that what you are trying to do by piping the canals? No to this endeavor!!!

**NAME:** Debra Campbell

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Debra

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The purpose of my email today, March 13, 2021, is to let you know I am totally AGAINST the plans to divert,enclose, and pressurize the Logan and Little Logan rivers. I have live by the Little Logan river for over four years. It is well maintained by a number of folks. Not only does the Little Logan river sustain the lives of animals- domestic and wild, all sorts of vegetation - gardens, evergreen n deciduous trees,lawns, and yes, weeds, but it also lifts the spirits of all who watch it, improving the quality of the lives of those people. This is important. These rivers are life-giving. Three separate of hatchings and nurturing of ducks happen here, by the Little Logan river each year. I watch them, we all enjoy them. So many other animals depend on this water to live as well, like the deer, and my dogs. I have parents bring their children to the north side of my place to let them play in this gentle flow of water that pours into the Little Logan river. Never has a child ever come to either area of water without adult supervision. What a joy it is to the children and their parents to enjoy this Logan water. Many, many dogs also walk through this small stream, drinking the water and splashing in it. Keeping them hydrated in the summer, especially, keeps them healthy. Dog owners appreciate this! The Little Logan river offers many parents the perfect teaching moment(s) for their children. This is a daily occurence here when the water is flowing. The City of Logan workers keep the areas clean where these families stand and watch the wildlife. The children can wade in, supervised. Gardeners, like myself, count on this water to water my garden on my set day and time. It also waters my front lawn. My garden is my main food source. I used city water one summer and my plants did not thrive or produce well. Listening to the sound of the Little Logan river is refreshing, a treat to many people, walking by or living next to it. I hope you can understand that I want to see the Logan and the Little Logan rivers remain where they are, open to all life, never to be contained and pressurized. I want this not only for myself and my neighbors but for future generations of people, wildlife, and vegetation. Our children, grandchildren, and on need water to live. Please, do not take this water away from us. Thank you for the opportunity to speak out.

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Gabrielle LeBeau)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I write to express my wish for you to continue the openly flowing Logan and Little Logan Rivers sections to which the general public has access. Particularly Merlin Olsen Park. Having spent most of the past year within Cache Valley, as many other people did due to the pandemic, I regularly witnessed the use by the public of the Merlin Olsen Park section of the water. People gravitate to a shady, natural landscape with water. Where small children can play in the water, without fear of the power of a river. And the amenity is right in the center of town. Not everyone can drive up the canyon regularly to access nature. It's one of the appealing features of this town. And there are a lot more birds, wildlife, trees, and plants that depend on this water, too. Removing this water flow will damage many landscapes along the way. Willows don't do well without water, and the cost to remove dead willows is not insignificant. Will the homeowners along the waterways be responsible for a changed drier landscape not of their doing? Efficiency is a worthy goal. Yet sacrificing all charm and appeal, for both humans and other living entities, is not the way to pay for efficiency. The complete pressurized irrigation system proposal for these waterways is unacceptable. Sincerely, Gabrielle LeBeau

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**RE:** agricultural water **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Graham Hunter)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Our kids grew up playing in the Logan River at Central Park. Now their kids play in this beautiful, shady river. We now have a great grandson who will soon be old enough to play in this incredible resource. Please, don't turn this branch of the river into a trickle. Water conservation is an important issue for me, I feel this pressurized irrigation systems can only conserve water if the public buys into doing so... efficient irrigation systems, proper plant selection, limited bluegrass and public education on these issues. Not a system where we set the time clock in April and turn it off in November. Please consider alternative solutions. Graham Hunter I'm a native Utahn, like most of the plants in my yard.

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**RE:** agricultural water **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Joan Beveridge)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a concerned citizen that lives by the Merlin Olsen Central Park in Logan, Utah. It has been brought to my attention that the Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project is being considered that would reduce the Logan River waterways, potentially reducing the main channel down to a trickle and piping and burying the Little Logan that runs through our iconic Merlin Olsen Central Park. This is unacceptable! The water that runs through Merlin Olsen Central Park has been a huge part of my family for over 30 years. My children have been able to grow up by the park where we all have been able

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to enjoy the water during the summer months. Taking this away from our neighborhood would be a huge disservice to this community. I urge you to leave as much water as possible in the river as far downstream as possible allowing for the preservation of free-flowing waterways through our town.

**NAME:** [Kathy and John Copenhaver](#)

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**RE:** plan process; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; wildlife and habitat; recreation (oc:Kathy and John

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Group, The purpose for this message is to provide public comment regarding the Logan River Watershed Plan. This comment is from Kathy and John Copenhaver, we have property on the Logan River at 362 Lauralin Drive. We have lived at that location for 29 years. The River is used by individuals and families, it provides a place to enjoy "Mother Nature" and helps make memories for families throughout the community. Places like the Logan River are becoming more

and more scarce. We have countless memories and stories of how the River has enriched our family and friends. We understand that this project is in the initial stages and will begin with a research study. We just wanted to go "on the record" that we are concerned with any project that would "disturb" that natural flow and beauty of the Logan River. We see and hear the River each day and know that it is very fragile. We have appreciated the recent development of trails above Canyon Road by the existing Canal system. We have taken our grandchildren their numerous times and it is nice to see families and individuals biking, walking and running on the trail to First Dam and then connecting to the network of trails above First Dam. We believe that the property by the current canal systems is ideal for these types of activities. Because we live on the Logan River, we have noticed an increase of recreational use of the River such as, fishing, tubing, kayaking and swimming. The great majority of those using the River are very respectful and try not to cause harm. We love to see a fisherman come through our backyard or a group of kayakers floating and enjoying the River. It warms our hearts to hear children laugh and enjoy a swim in the River. The River offers a home and sanctuary for birds, fish, ducks, deer, racoons, beavers, porcupines, skunks, snakes, and all kinds of other creatures, great and small. The River is very fragile to any "outside" influence. The River flow varies from season to season, but always maintains a level of flow for the wildlife that makes it their home. We would worry if the flow of the River was changed by manmade interventions. We would hope that diversion options be placed as far downstream as possible. Drought conditions and other environmental factors are already putting the flow of the River at risk. We urge this study and project to take in consideration the fragile nature of a River system. The Logan River is a blessing to our community and future generations. We understand the issues of flooding and appreciate how the Water Department has been able to manage the flow of the River during heavy Winter snow fall and Spring runoff, in all the years we have lived on the River, our bottom level has only been flooded a few times. We appreciate the techniques that have been used in the past to help avoid flooding in the Island area. We appreciate the opportunity to voice our opinion and look forward to other public meetings and public comment periods. Please put us on the notification list for the future events. Regards, Kathy and John Copenhaver

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Margie Barker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello this is a concerned citizen on the island about the logan and little logan river being piped. We don't want it. Will you please leave our waterways along. They were here before we come along and you try to tell us its for our own good and its not. And it just disrupts wildlife, and people, and it just makes everything look ugly. If you take em away , they've been here for years and years. Stop trying to pipe this. Ok this is ridiculous. Stop. We dont want it. Will you please listen for once. My name is Margie. I am very concerned. I can be reached at 435 770 3685. Thank you.

**DATE:** 3/13/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Margie Barker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Will you please LISTEN for once? The Logan and Little Logan Rivers were here and flowing long before humans come along. Then we come along and mess things up. That is what you are trying to do again, mess things up. Do not pipe our Rivers! That will RUIN the land further than you already have. We are at 730 E 100 N in Logan. The little Logan river runs right through our backyard and it is a sanctuary for animal's and humans. It used to flow through here uninterrupted. Then Logan city come along and put gates up and stopped the flow from October-May. It was very upsetting to my grandparents. Their children used to be able to fish out of it. Then people build downstream in the flood plains and then whine about it when it floods. Do not pipe these! You try to tell us it will help with evaporation, it doesn't. You try to tell us it is for our own good, it isn't. Stop messing with Mother Nature! She is not yours to control, despite what you tell yourselves. Please, for the love of GOD! Leave our river and stream ALONE! Very upset.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Marianne Christian)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Many of us residents of the Island Area strongly feel that your Logan River Watershed proposal is not at all in harmony with the Logan City General Plan as articulated in the following. Below are pieces from Logan City's own general plan for the future. Please note the specific wording. 6.2 Natural Areas Logan's natural areas are important to the City and its citizens. From vital ecological functions, to aesthetic backdrops, natural areas provide many benefits to the City. Logan's rivers, streams, and canals serve a variety of functions: " ¢ Providing local recreational opportunities," ¢ Enhancing the beauty of the City," ¢ Providing habitat that supports fish and wildlife," ¢ Encouraging tourism. Containing natural wildlife migration corridors, Logan's waterways provide ecological connectivity. Furthermore, Logan River's mature tree groves provide a major visual backdrop as they meander through the City. All waterways provide visual interest and relief from development. Logan residents want to maintain these natural resources in order to help preserve the natural systems and reduce potential environmental hazards. Floodplains are a good example, the floodplains of the Logan River and its tributaries help reduce damage from flooding. Logan's wetlands assist in the preservation of water and air quality. These protections are especially important in light of recent air quality findings. Reducing development near rivers or adapting it to flooding will reduce potential loss and protect the essential func- tions these natural areas create. Finally, natural areas are valuable as they create an interesting, livable city with a unique character and a true sense of place.

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Protecting these areas will help protect the quality of life in the City. Hillsides, lowland meadows, and wetlands are critical natural resources that should be protected from development. Many waterways course through the city and should be more fully used to enhance public spaces throughout the city. Conserve Resources. Conserve the natural, cultural, and historical resources of the community which are the backbone to quality living in the city. 2.6.3 Healthy Life A healthy life is a balance of physical and mental well being. Logan City is committed to promoting a healthy life for Logan residents by fostering an environment where people are safe, free from hazards to health, and where opportunity abounds for physical activity and enjoyment of the community. Parks, recreation, and open space are vital components of a healthy community. The lives of citizens are enhanced by access to parks and recreational facilities. Open space and public space should be provided for the benefit of all citizens. A broad selection of choices must also abound for citizens to experience cultural, historical, and social enrichment. 2.6.8 Conserve Resources The public sector, private sector, and individuals should cooperate to protect and conserve water, air, energy, sensitive lands, important agricultural lands, and historical, and cultural resources. Conserving critical resources will protect the natural environment that sustains life and enjoyment. They will ensure the integration of ecological systems and natural open space into the fabric of development. One of our critical resources is the excellent air quality that we enjoy most of the year. However, we must become very serious about managing air quality by taking actions today which will sustain breathable air in the future. Reduced vehicle miles and fuel consumption, more walking, more biking, and more dependence on mass transit are imminently critical. Resource conservation will encourage innovative stormwater management. New resource conservation practices will be less consumptive and more protective of natural resources. Conservation can maintain or improve air quality and enhance water quality and quantity for future generations. Energy conservation results in a more sustainable community. New building practices can reduce natural resource consumption in the design, construction, and operation of buildings. Water conservation is a necessity and a major emphasis of City policy. Water conserving landscapes should become the practice for installation and retrofitting of landscapes throughout the city. The appearance of green landscapes is an important quality of the community. Natural green landscapes should be promoted. Manicured green landscapes should only be used to create a green image in highly visible areas that have a significant community purpose. All green areas should be designed with highly efficient irrigation systems to conserve water. The most effective method to create a green community is through disciplined installation and care of street trees. The public streets and entrances to the city should be dominated by green street trees and the shady oasis they produce. C. Find ways to use existing water features to enhance the quality of downtown. Downtowns with water features such as creeks, rivers, ponds, and lakes often take advantage of this natural setting with lakeside parks or riverside walks. These open spaces often draw people to the downtown to enjoy a shady, cool bench along the water. Logan is fortunate to have a major irrigation canal flowing through the historic downtown area. Greater advantage should be taken here. Portions of a public trail also parallel the canal for a block (from Main Street to 100 East). This trail should be extended to follow the canal to the east and the west of downtown. Ultimately, this trail system should connect residential neighborhoods to the downtown.

**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** water flows; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flows; wildlife and habitat (oc:Marianne Christian)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Group, One of the many things Logan residents love about Logan is our parks! For most, parks with rivers and canals flowing through provide immense beauty, wildlife along with a delightful place to cool off. Countless Logan families and visitors enjoy picnicking and playing near Logan's park water. The Logan River corridor also supports beautiful big trees, fish, deer and an abundance of birds as it flows freely from east to west through the city. JUB Engineering, the firm from Salt Lake City that is proposing this project, says that the project's purpose is to prevent flooding and improve water delivery for irrigation. However, they have yet to specify how much water will be removed from the Logan River. If water is removed from the river, it will undermine years of work, time and money spent by The Logan River Task Force to restore the Logan River. Were these restoration projects not sufficient for improving flood control on the river? Taxpayers and federal monies supported this project, so why are we now abandoning these restoration efforts? The Logan River is an invaluable asset; its water, wildlife, and recreation opportunities are an absolute necessity for local families who thrive most when exposed to nature. Please do not proceed with this project until a full environmental review is conducted. At the very least, the public should be made aware of how much water would be removed before any project proceeds so that we can actually know how our local wildlife, recreation opportunities, homes, and businesses would be impacted. I, Marianne Christian, am a retired teacher that loved the abundant benefits of field trips to the Logan River, as well as its wetlands and tributaries, where I taught young children about the importance of water. Thank you for your time and consideration, Marianne Christian

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Michelle Parrish)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Good afternoon I just wanted to email you regarding the complete pressurized irrigation system you are planning for the little Logan River. This change to our beautiful river is unacceptable. I grew up in Logan and one of my fondest memories is visiting Merlin Olsen park and playing in the chilly river. 15 years later I have returned to the area as an adult to enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood memories. I still play in the river to this day. I hope my future children will get to enjoy the pure bliss of playing in the river and to see the beautiful wildlife that lives all around the park. Without that water source the ducks will vacate and the wonderful experience of being a long side our valleys wildlife will be lost. Please be considerate of Logan's history. The complete pressurized irrigation system for little Logan River is unnecessary.

**NAME:** [Natalie Fronk](#)

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Natalie Fronk)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am concerned how this project will effect flows of the Logan River, and visible water on the Island. Access to the river for low-income residents in parks and along the sidewalks on the Island is valued and important for the residents. We've had a lot of projects focused on addressing flooding issues while preserving waterways for recreation and wildlife. I worry this project is only focused on utility for residents elsewhere, not the benefit of wildlife and residents in the area. Maybe if pipelines must be made, consider adding a walking path on top of the pipeline to compensate?

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Omkar)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I grew up in Logan and one of the highlights of the beautiful town are the Logan and Little Logan Rivers. I grew up playing in and around these rivers, and the memories have lasted a lifetime. I implore you to NOT alter, pipe, pressurize, or otherwise divert these beautiful waterways! It will be a massive mistake that will detract from the wonderful nature and environment that make Logan and Cache Valley a beautiful place to live!

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**RE:** lack of understanding; project **COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:Rachelle Sandefur)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I saw a flyer concerning the diversion of Logan river. I dont feel like this should be done. Logan river has been a beautiful landmark of this place for many, many years. I, as a child, loved to play in it at the park. So much so that I took my kids there when they were little for the very same reason. I feel that by changing it in any way would be a disservice to the beauty of our town and those who love to play in, or walk by it. Sitting next to it and reading as an adult has also brought me joy. Rachelle sandedur

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat **COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat (oc:Terri White)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Summer thoughts for the conversation with the public: "converting open irrigation canals to piped canals"was mentioned in this article (below). I'm concerned about wildlife like ducks or other wildlife that rely on moving water or canals and have learned from year to year where the ditches and canals are at only to have them disappear. We see them scrambling trying to figure out where to go when they return the next year and there isn't a ditch or canal where it used to be. Can canals be modified to have cemented bottoms and sides or something like that, to keep water leach and edison down and plant growth along the banks down but still allow ducks and other birds to use the water? Even that may hinder them if it interferes with plants and insects that they need. I don't know enough about all of that, but it's a concern. I also wouldn't want baby ducks stuck in a place where they can't climb out because of steep banks and no foliage, or any age to end up being stuck in a really long section, completely closed in, that's completely full and drowns them. [https://www.hjnews.com/opinion/columns/soapbox-plan-to-divert-logan-river-water-has-many-unanswered-questions/article\\_92e6390a-4f0d-51ac-b5f7-26e84a001e62.html](https://www.hjnews.com/opinion/columns/soapbox-plan-to-divert-logan-river-water-has-many-unanswered-questions/article_92e6390a-4f0d-51ac-b5f7-26e84a001e62.html)

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**RE:** agricultural water **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Whitney Wilhardt)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

After such a rough year full of loss and tragedy, it's hard to swallow the idea that the Logan and Little Logan River would add to the growing list of misfortune. The complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable and will prove to be devastating to the community and those who love and care for it. The river is a staple in the town of Logan and without it, you would completely destroy the culture and heritage of the town and of those who reside there. I urge you to leave as much water as possible to allow for the preservation of free-flowing waterways through our town. Nature and natural water sources are symbiotic to human existence and would leave the town sterile and depressed. Please don't do this to us. Please let us enjoy our beautiful little river and all the good it does for not only us humans but for the entire ecosystem it supports.

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**RE:** agricultural water      **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:.)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little logan river is unacceptable!! Please don't cover this area up and ruin it for so many families in cache valley! Our kids love this park and live for it in the summer. They beg for it at the start of spring. We have spent countless hours there playing, resting, picnicking, and having family parties at the pavilion. Especially this last year when the Logan Aquatic Center was closed due to Covid-19. So many sought refuge from the heat and gained new friendships. My family urges you to reconsider and find other ways. Photos attached (3) and saved in appendix attached to this database.

**DATE:** 3/14/2021      **SOURCE:** Email      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** agricultural water      **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:.)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My fiancé and I run with our two dogs around Merlon Olsen nearly daily. we always stop for a cooling break and our dogs love the little Logan River to cool off. My siblings and I grew up near here and played in this park all the time. It would be a shame to take away such a priceless and free recreational activity such as playing in the water as we all did once upon time. With the upcoming summer that we all know is going to be insufferably hot, I vote to keep the little Logan River available to everyone! Thank you.

**DATE:** 3/14/2021      **SOURCE:** Email      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** agricultural water      **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:.)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable! Logan would not be the same without water running down the current waterways. Especially the creeks that run through our parks and the Cache County Fair grounds.

**NAME:** [Abigail Both](#)  
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**DATE:** 3/14/2021      **SOURCE:** Email      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** project purpose      **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Abigail Both)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please keep the river running freely in Logan. As a kid the river was important to play in with my sisters. Now being back as a college student I love being able to ride my bike along the water. Please do not pipe over the canal. Abigail Both

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; project purpose (oc:Afton Izatt)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The river is a staple for so many people on the island. my brother and I played in that river every summer for 8 years, the church would have boat races, A LOT of migrating wildlife use it as a water source as they pass through our beautiful town. I lived in some apartments that had the river running right behind them and I saw raccoons, Deer, dogs, cats, badgers, skunks, squirrels, all drink from that river a lot. These animals never went through the trash, broke windows, or hurt anybody. This could affect the ecosystem in Logan tremendously.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:AJ Elwood)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern: Please reconsider your plan to pipe and pressurize the Little Logan River. I can't count the number of times we have played with our dogs in the water. We also enjoy just sitting and listening to the sounds of the water during the different seasons. Thank you. AJ Elwood

**NAME:** [Alexi Lamm](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Alexi Lamm)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Group, NRCS, and other concerned parties: I am a Logan resident, living a few blocks west of Merlin Olsen Central Park and a few blocks east of the fairgrounds and Willow Park. I love walking and riding my bicycle from the golf course to Trapper Park and seeing families around the water in the nearby parks in the summer. I appreciate the goals of the Logan River Watershed Plan to enhance environmental conditions, reduce the need for culinary water infrastructure, and provide recreational opportunities since I believe that they could enhance some of my favorite aspects of the city. Planning efforts are important to envisioning the Cache Valley of the future and ensuring we are able to grow as a community in a way that aligns with our values. With that in mind, please integrate previous planning work adopted by the City of Logan and other affected jurisdictions. The City of Logan has already adopted and publicly published the Logan River Restoration Conservation Action Plan and Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan. Both plans were developed in a multi-stakeholder process. To the extent that the process and adopted recommendations should be respected from this plan, they should be from those already completed as well. These plans cover many aspects of the environmental and recreational value of the river. As a resident of a nearby neighborhood, I greatly enjoy the aesthetic and recreation opportunities provided by the river. The river is a key feature of Logan and a major amenity. Please preserve these aspects as you consider if, where, and how much diversion is appropriate. Additionally, throughout the planning process, please communicate specifics about the amount of water that will be diverted; the impact of reduced flow on the existing vegetation, wildlife, and natural processes; the impact on recreational opportunities; and who the recipients of the

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Alexia Ryann)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

pls don't pipe that canal that goes through logan, i had so many memories there as a little and kid and with my grandfather that passed away. piping that little river will only piss the people of logan off. it's a fun river and i hope to one day take my own children there during the summer to cool off and have fun, and dogs love it too. you guys don't want to be the cruel people that take away that fun from children and dogs do you?

**NAME:** [Alicia Parker](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Alicia

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not cover and take out the Logan river. The future complete pressurized irrigation system is unacceptable. We need these self sustaining green spaces. Not only do they provide places for families to gather. They are the homes to wildlife. They provide needed fresh air in an ever increasing concrete world.

**NAME:** [Alyssa Russell](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Alyssa Russell)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please leave the river alone. We don't need to modernize every naturally beautiful place. The Logan River is gorgeous and should be left as is.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Amber Driggs)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. My two sweet dogs rely on the water to cool off in the summertime and the Little Logan River has brought memories to many Logan families I know as well. An alternative solution needs to be found which does not include covering up the Little Logan River. Thank you, Amber Driggs

**NAME:** [Amy Tucker](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Amy Tucker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. (My family of 13, 11 of us being kids have loved to have picnics and playing in these small rivers. It keeps us cool in the summers and gives our kids so much to do during the summer. These small rivers are a really big part of what makes cache county the best county in Utah. Please do not get rid of them, it will be a huge mistake for so many other reasons than just fun.) It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and

**NAME:** [Angela Barry](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Angela Barry)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

"The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable"?. These parks and water areas are such a valuable place for the community to come together and play, especially in those warm Summer months. To see the water taken from these beautiful parks would be heart breaking. Please consider a different alternative. Thank you, The Barry Family

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Annie VanLeeuwen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Consulting Group, I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. My six year old daughter and her cousins love playing in the Merlin Olsen Park river for hours on end. Some of our best memories of the last couple summers have been spent there floating the river. I look forward to a future where my current one year old daughter will have the same opportunity to enjoy the park to it's full capacity with her older sister. Keeping these rivers open and available is absolutely priceless. Please reconsider this decision when considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You,  
- Concerned Cache Valley Resident Annie Van Leeuwen

**NAME:** [Ashley Greer](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Ashley Greer)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Ashton Celaya)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable!!! I have had so many family events their I use to go play in that water as a kid with loads of family members and have hours of endless fun

**NAME:** [Austin and Ryley Rose](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Austin and Ryley)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I just want to express my thoughts on losing the Logan river that runs through Logan City. This river runs through my front yard. I was married in front of this river. I grew up playing in this river. I now own the property that this river runs through. Losing this river would also significantly decrease my property value. This river brings so much serenity and wildlife into my yard. It is so beautiful. There are so many memories tied to the river that runs through my yard. Like I mentioned before my husband and I were married in front of this river and now we own the property that it runs through. It is so meaningful to not just us but our entire family. We lovingly call it the north fork oasis because it makes us feel like we aren't in the middle of town. Losing this would break the hearts of not just us but everyone in our family that loves coming to our home to play in the river and watch the wildlife that is here because of the river. These photos were taken as I wrote this email. I sincerely hope that you reconsider your decision to take away the beauty that this river brings to Logan. Photos attached (2) and saved in appendix attached to this database.

**NAME:** [Becky Christensen](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Becky Christensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just wanted to voice my opposition in changing of the little river at the Cache Valley Fairgrounds to pipes. That river is calming to many people. Taking a walk through the beautiful grass at the fairgrounds along the river is something that is becoming more and more rare. I think others would agree. Please don't take the river out and lay pipe. The walk along the river there has many many memories for probably the majority of Cache Valley residents. Something that many families enjoy and take their children, grandchildren and maybe even great grandchildren. Sharing the memories of walking through there is something that we like to pass down through the generations. Becky Christensen

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Becky Whittier)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am very concerned over the decision to cover the canal that runs through the parks. What a wonderful place for families to gather and fun for the kids to play in that water. There are so few places left for families please don't do this. I understand the reasoning behind the water preservation but this is not the answer. This place is important to my kids and now for more my grandkids. Please do not pipe the canal.

**NAME:** [Brandon Douglas](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Brandon

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing you in regards to the future completion of the pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River and to let you know it is unacceptable. This needs to remain open and free for public access especially in the Cache County Fairgrounds. I am the president of the Cache Valley cruise in and I hear time and time and time again how unique the fairgrounds are and part of that is due to the river that runs through it. During the week we are down there with the Cruise In, we see hundreds of kids playing in the water. We have dogs that we take down there on a regular basis and let them play in the river as well. It would be a huge mistake to cover this in the fairgrounds area because it will take away some of the uniqueness and make it just like any other park. Please do not cover this portion of the canal. Thank you.

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Brandon Douglas)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I still am not in favor of covering the River in the fairgrounds

**NAME:** [Braxton Foust](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Braxton Foust)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. We love merlin olsen and johansson parks, and the rivers are the best part of them. You will destroy the natural beauty and likey cause disruption to the environment by getting rid of them.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Briana Johns)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Seriously there is no point in doing this when there is nothing wrong with it. Irrigation wise either. The city workers don't even see a point in it. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Brianna Johns

**NAME:** [Bryan Carlson](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Bryan Carlson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I just heard that there are plans to enclose the little logan river. I feel that would be a mistake. That park is my families favorite park in cache valley. Why you might ask? The river. When it's a hot day, what's better than hanging out in the park by a nice cool river. Please don't cover the little logan river. Sincerely Bryan Carlson.

# LOGAN RIVER WATERSHED PLAN EA PROJECT | Contact Report

The Langdon Group, Inc.

**NAME:** [Caitlyn Jennings](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Caitlyn Jennings)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Attached you will find my letter concerning the Little Logan River Irrigation project. Please take my concerns into consideration. Thank you, Caitlyn Jennings (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:

March 14, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I was recently made aware of the plan to pressurize the irrigation system for the Little Logan River and wanted to make my opinion known regarding this topic. My property currently resides on the Little Logan River, an area that transitions over to Merlin Olsen Park once it passes my house. We have an embankment built up alongside of it, and it is used as a feature of our property. When we moved into this house 5 years ago, this was a large reason why we invested in the property. We even call our house the "Creekside Cottage."

We have deer in our backyard throughout the summer that use the Little Logan River for drinking water. We have families of ducks that nest in the Little Logan River. We have a significant number of small birds that nest in our large pine trees along the Little Logan River for its water access.

Our dogs drink out of the Little Logan River when they're hot in the summer. On long walks with in the summer, we will stop at the many parks along the Little Logan River in the Island neighborhood for them to cool off and get a drink. We moved our family to the Island area after I graduated from Medical School and wanted to come back to Northern Utah after growing up in Brigham City. The Island Neighborhood is incredibly charming with its older houses, frequent wildlife sightings, and multiple open waterways that beautify the community. I can walk along paths and over bridges enjoying the Logan River and Little Logan River anywhere near my house. I significantly fear that removing the free-flowing waterways in the Island area will decrease our home values and our recreational enjoyment of the area. The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable.

I hope that you take my comments into consideration while evaluating this project. Please reconsider your decision.

Caitlyn Jennings

Logan Island Resident

**NAME:** [Candida and Dennis Jensen](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Candida and Dennis Jensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am very concerned in what I heard of the possibility of the small canals in Pioneer and Merlin Olsen parks being enclosed. For many years our family, children, then grandchildren & our cub scout packs have enjoyed these waterways on hot summer days. They also add ambiance to the parks, and cooling for the adults. How unfortunate it would be to lose these special opportunities for the residents of Logan. Please leave these waterways open!

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Carena Martin)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I recently learned about the plan to enclose waterways throughout Logan city to create a pressurized system. I'm taking a moment to write and let you know that while I don't know all the reasons that such a step would be beneficial to the community, I do know that the exposed rivers in the parks provide natural places for people to play. My children love the play in the water at Merlin Olsen park. They move the rocks to try and create dams, make small boats from twigs to float, and wiggle their toes in the cold water. The water is good for the senses: the flow on the skin, the burble heard by ears, the visual beauty of light reflecting off the surface, the smell of fresh water. Please consider other approaches to avoid the emotional and mental costs of losing these open waterways.

**NAME:** [Carol Larsen](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Carol Larsen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The river is what makes those parks fun and memorable. Anyone can have a playground and picnic tables but a small little river running through the park to cool you off is priceless. I have such wonderful memories of watching my grandchildren play in that river, small reunions with cousins and a wonderful memory of being there with a son who is no longer with us. Logan is losing touch with its small town roots that have made me love this city. Large apartment complexes, horrific traffic and new business after new business is problematic for air quality and human quality. Surely this does not have to be done. Is it all about the money? Larsen Family

**NAME:** [Caroline Wilkins](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Caroline Wilkins)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom it May Concern, The future pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable. This river provides more than beauty for my family. We have loved cooling off on a summer day, letting our dog play in the water, and enjoying the added fun to the parks near our home. This river is one of the main reasons we visit many of the parks that it passes through. Without the little logan river, there is not a close area (within walking/biking distance) for our family to enjoy the refreshing water in the summer. This is of the utmost importance to our family and community. Please do not remove the Little Logan River. Thank you! Caroline Wilkins

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**NAME:** [Carrie Sargent](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Carrie Sargent)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, my name is Carrie Sargent. I have been made aware that you are considering piping the canal that runs through Logan. My kids love to walk to Willow park in the summer and play in the water to cool off. There isn't much that our kids can do outdoors that's fun and free. Please don't take this away from my kids. (Our kids) Photos attached (2) and saved in appendix attached to this database.

**NAME:** [Cassidy Madson](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Cassidy Madson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As someone who grew up here, the thought that you're going to take away this river is unthinkable!! Please listen to the people and let it be!! Kids and pets need somewhere to go to play for free.

**NAME:** [Catherine Brown](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation (oc:Catherine Brown)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Took my grandchildren several times last summer. Clean water, beautiful site. Plus it's nearby and safe for little ones. Why in the world would you consider taking this away?! Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan

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The Langdon Group, Inc.

**NAME:** [Chantel Blackburn](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Chantel Blackburn)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. Our children play in this it's one of the only free things to do in Logan you can not take away childhood joys these kids need this. We parents need this.

**NAME:** [Charles Salzberg](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding; water

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; water flow (oc:Charles Salzberg)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Duplicate comments sent 03/16/21

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding; water

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; water flow (oc:Charles Salzberg)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I think that the JUB Engineering's proposed Crockett project is premature. There are simply too many basic questions left unanswered. First, how much water would be diverted from the Logan River at the Crockett diversion and what impact will that have? Second, where is that diverted water going? Third, who will be making those decisions and will they be made public in a timely way? Fourth, the stated rationale is flood control but why is it necessary, especially in light of other recent flood control projects (e.g., Stuart Nature Park, Old Main Street, etc.)? Fifth, how will outdoor recreational use be affected? Please include my comments in the record for the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

**NAME:** [Cheryl Norr](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Cheryl Norr)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

First off I'd like to talk about Merlin Olsen Park. It was already sad enough the bridge was removed. My daughter walked across it when she was married. The little river flowing made it a beautiful place. As a kid 45 years ago I use to play in it with my siblings and friends. It was fun to take my kids there too. As for Willow Park, also as a kid we fished in it, played in it and loved it! I cannot imagine these parks without the little rivers.

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Chris Guymon)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Chris Guymon

**NAME:** [Christopher and Lorraine Ryan](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Christopher and Lorraine

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. My teenagers enjoy sitting with feet in the water and relaxed outdoor time which lasts longer when we have the water to congregate around. I look forward to taking my grandkids to play on the water in years to come. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Dr. Christopher and Lorraine Ryan.

**NAME:** [Connie Peterson](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:ConniePeterson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Things are changing so fast and taking away everything that has memories for our citizens. Please leave Little Logan River alone and let future generations build memories of playing, falling into and watching the water like we have. Thank you for thinking of us and leave things alone for a change. Connie

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**NAME:** [Danielle Vigil](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Danielle Vigil)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am deeply saddened to hear about the future plans for a complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River. I have had many wonderful memories in the parks that benefit from the water that runs and would hate to see such a beautiful and unique staple of Logan parks disappear. Please reconsider your decision and allow our families, children and pets to continue to enjoy the water ways.

**NAME:** [David James](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:David James)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I personally feel the decision to pipe and cover the little Logan River in Logan Utah is a horrible decision and hope you will reconsider. Thousands upon thousands of families and individuals build memories lasting a lifetime on these canals and waterways and you will be taking a priceless piece of our community happiness and the ability to form great memories there - away from us. From the day at flows in me to the day at shuts off in October, I use this waterway every single day with my dog for drinking at multiple different locations and for calling off and playing in the water. This decision needs to be reversed. Please do not cover the little Logan River, that is absolutely unacceptable! Thank You, -David

**NAME:** [David Waterman](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:David Waterman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As I have read in the newspaper about the enclosure of canals and diversion of additional water from the Logan river I am concerned. Enclosing water may preserve water, but it takes away from the community. Utah and Logan have historically done a poor job with rivers. The Logan river should have been the highlight of the city, rather than put off to the side and a downtown that is struggling along main street. It's too late to maximize water, but we should not minimize it. Open water in the park is a destination. The recent announcement of the blue trail development of the Logan river for rafting/tubing was exciting, but with any less water would not be feasible. David Waterman

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**NAME:** [Dawn O'Dell](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation; wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My husband just showed me the email about your group considering to cover and pressurize the water that streams through Merlin Olsen Central Park, Willow Park, Jen Johanson Park, and Pioneer Parkway Park. I plead with you, sincerely, to reconsider this plan! The canals through these public parks are unique to Logan City and are some of the most beautifying features in town. My daughter Elena and I have enjoyed going on several mother-daughter outings and have even taken friends with us to wade in the icy water at Merlin Olsen Central Park every summer since we moved here

when she was 6. It's the highlight of summer for both of us. We, like many other families in Logan, have an extremely modest income. This affords us no opportunity to travel other than visiting family members in other cities in Utah, none of which have wading canals! The parks here feel like we can go on a mini vacation, right here at home. We thought the canal was something that would always be here, that we could count on to play in and cool us down on the most sweltering days in July and August. The huge old trees that line the canals would surely suffer as well, and no covered, pressurized pipeline would save them from dying. Are you really prepared to destroy the iconic landscapes of our most beautiful historic public parks? Man-made playgrounds can be found in every city and town, and even in some apartment complexes. But the natural playgrounds of mature, 200-year-old trees and clean running water are something special. Many trees have been there since the pioneers settled the area. They cannot be imitated by artificial structures. Those trees need the water even more than we humans do. The willow trees in Willow Park are massive, and their roots require that the canal remains intact. Once again, I implore you to reconsider the canal project. Once done, it cannot be rededicated at a later date to reverse the damage to nature, to the city landscape, and to our collective way of life.

**NAME:** [Debby Bronson](#)

**ADDRESS:** Logan

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**EMAIL:** garlicgrrl@yahoo.com

**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (cc:Debby Bronson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I am writing this because I care very deeply for the Logan River and what it provides for my family. My children have played in the river at Central Park, and now my grandchildren spend their summers wading and floating in the river at the park. My husband and my sons have fished the Logan River in town over the years. I walk past the Logan River every day on my morning walks, and it brings me immeasurable joy. It is unconscionable to even consider piping any part of the Logan River and its tributaries, and I will do everything in my power to make sure the Logan River is never piped. Sincerely, Debby Bronson Logan, Ut.

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**NAME:** [Deborah Van Noy](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Deborah Van Noy)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please see attached (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF THE ATTACHMENT:

The Logan neighborhoods have benefitted from our canals and river flow in our valley. I am opposed to the Crockett Project as yet another effort to change our beloved Cache Valley into a urban, concreted and increasingly unlivable city mimicking larger more crowded cities in Utah. Cache Valley is a Class 3 agricultural county with our waterways created to aid farming as well as neighborhoods throughout the area. We do not want this change; yet I am certain that developers who plan more and more subdivisions in Cache Valley want it as do local governments. There are too many unanswered questions about water flows and water uses to approve this project as it stands. My family enjoys our parks with their canals and waterways including Denzel Stewart Park – Merlin Olsen and Willow Park. We kayak on the waterways in the valley and on Little Bear River with friends and do not want to see that recreational use disappear. We love the tranquility of our neighborhood canals, valuing their historical significance and their absolute uniqueness. The proponents of this project claim that the goal is flood control. Millions have already been spent on restoration projects to improve flood control, fish and wildlife habitat in Cache Valley. In my view, this is about development and readying Cache Valley for more and more residential usage. I stand opposed to this plan and urge others to express the same opposition.

**NAME:** [DeNeil Petersen](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:DeNeil Petersen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan river is unacceptable. My family enjoys the river through Merlin Olsen park on numerous occasions during the summer months. Having picnics and playing in the river is some of our greatest times. Please reconsider covering the little Logan river.

**NAME:** [Derek Wilkins](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Derek

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To who it may concern, I have recently heard about a proposed plan to completely cover the Little Logan River. As a resident of Logan Utah, I believe the future complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable. This river running through Logan's parks is invaluable! My family and I have spent countless hours enjoying the beauty this River brings and also playing in it. Please leave this prized gem in Logan. Best regards, Derek Wilkins

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Dick Whittier)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do all you can to preserve the little logan river canal. My family has great memories of playing in the canal and I hope for my grandchildren to have the same experience.

**NAME:** [Dixie Page](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** dixiepage@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Dixie Page)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I would ask you to please please not pipe in this river! We have so many memories at the fairgrounds on long days there with horse shows or fair lamb shows when the heat was unbearable. The only relief in sight was that beautiful little river flowing through the grounds for children to cool off in. Please keep in mind, there are so many who would suffer from this choice.

**NAME:** [Elise Faucette](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Elise Faucette)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I recently learned that plans are on the table to possible cover the little loan River, which runs through Merlin Olsen park. Please, please don't do this! My children love playing in the canal and it's one of the few public spaces in cache valley where kids can enjoy a little bit of nature instead of just a hot playground or splash pad. We have countless memories of building little dams and cooling off on hot days. One of our favorite family activities. I believe the value of the open canal far exceeds whatever value may be derived from covering it. Sincerely, Elise Faucette Long time resident of Cache Valley

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**NAME:** [Ernest Blankenship](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; project purpose (oc:Ernest Blankenship)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a resident of Cache County, I'm extremely concerned about the JUB plan to divert water from below First Dam. JUB has not fully responded to questions regarding the impact on the Logan River, wildlife, as well as how it will impact residences along and recreation. I urge you to not push forward with this plan until a full, transparent review is put into place as well as an environmental review stating all impacts on fish and wildlife habitat. Thank you for your time,

**NAME:** [Freeman and Wendy Rogers](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Freeman and Wendy Rogers)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Langdon, I respectfully disagree with the proposal to divert the Little Logan River into a covered pressurized irrigation system. To destroy an areas beauty and to cover it up in cement is what they do in Southern California and other large urban areas. I love that our valley allows our towns and cities to be part of nature and not always fighting against it! Hundreds of people including myself and my family enjoy the running water through our parks and fairground. To remove this beautiful resource would be almost a crime against the residents of Cache Valley. Sincerely Freeman & Wendy Rogers 2477 S 960 W, Nibley UT 84321

**NAME:** [Gretchen Jasperson](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**EMAIL:** jasperwoman@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; lack of understanding

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just read that there is a plan to completely close off access to the little Logan river in order to pressurize it. I understand this is the river that runs through many parks in Logan, ones that my kids and I love to play in during the hot summer months. Is this true? I hope so much that it isn't. I hope I receive an email in return that explains that I was misinformed and that no plans to cover this up exist. So many families rely on this river for fun and relief from the heat. It is also one of the main natural beauties that Logan has to offer. Please do not cover it up. Please. It is too important and magical to take away. Sincerely, Gretchen Jasperson Photos attached (2) and saved in appendix attached to this database.

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The Langdon Group, Inc.

**NAME:** [Guy and Rosalyn Hampton](#) **ADDRESS:** 191 Eats 100 North, Logan  
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**DATE:** 3/14/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Guy and Rosalyn Hampton)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Whom it may concern, Please do not change the Little Logan River canal system. It is an important part of our community. It is functional, beautiful, and calming. This is a photo of our grandson looking for water skeeters in Merlin Olsen Park. We took he and his brother there two or three times a week last summer. The canal also goes through our backyard. In 1903, George Champ was instrumental in building the canal system. He built the house we now live in. He made sure the canal flowed through the property. He had rocks and plants brought in and finished the landscaping with bridges. The canal is is the focal point of our yard and brings us enjoyment every day during the summer months. Imagine sitting on the porch of our historic home, sipping a cold glass of lemonade and watching the canal flow through our property. George Champ and the other founding members of our city had a wonderful plan to bring water into Logan. Their vision not only included water for irrigation but, a beautiful and enjoyable addition to our community. Their plan has served us well for 118 years. Please do not let this wonderful resource die! Photo attached saved in appendix

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Heather James)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

This is unacceptable! Logan is losing so much of it's charm with masses of new people, businesses, and Apartments. Please do not do this. Some of my best memories are when I grew up across the street from Merlin Olsen park and cooling off in the summer in the canal. It's the LOGAN river for christs sake.

**NAME:** [Iris Nielsen](#) **ADDRESS:**  
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**RE:** agricultural water **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Iris Nielsen)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Resent because I comments were blocked Dear Langdon Consulting Group, I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Open water is required for birds and animals. Open water cools the air. Open water calms people. I've never cooked my feet off in a metal pipe. Open water, waters plants, mostly likely all the cottonwood would die. Open water is aesthetically pleasing, nobody sits down by a pipe for an afternoon. Do not bury this treasure, protect it from being lost

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forever. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Iris Nielsen

**DATE:** 3/14/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan process **COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Iris Nielsen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

RE: Automatic reply: Why are you blocking my email Kind of annoying my letter get's blocked

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:James Fritzler)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Mayor and Watershed group, As a homeowner here in Riverside on the Island I would like to voice my feedback that I would be against diverting the Logan River. This is in response to the plans by JUB to divert and pipe it near Crockett Ave. I think changing the Logan River would be detrimental to our community.

**NAME:** [James Milligan](#) **ADDRESS:**  
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**DATE:** 3/14/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:James Milligan)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. It's such a nice place for the kids to float on tubes and dogs enjoy the fresh water available on hot summer days! Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities.

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**NAME:** [Jan and Scott Theobald](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jan and Scott Theobald)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a resident of Logan whose children and families enjoyed and continue to enjoy the little side rivers from the Logan River, we absolutely do not want you to change it. Do not cover it and pipe it. This is one of the things that makes Logan a special place to live.

**NAME:** [Jan Nelson](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding (oc:Jan Nelson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I need to know the intentions concerning the future plans for Little Logan River. My property line extends into the river halfway. I've noticed that the flow of the water varies and is reduced greatly in the winter months. Exactly who regulates its flow to the fishing pond in West Willow Park and what are the future plans for this River. Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

**NAME:** [Janet Alder](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Janet Alder)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not cover the little river that runs through our parks. That area is one of the last places left for us to take our children grandchildren and great grandchildren to enjoy some of the freedoms we had as children. I have enjoyed a time there when they backed up the waters and put fish in for us to have an open fish day. Please keep some of what makes Cache Valley a perfect place to live perfect

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**NAME:** [Jeanne Harold](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jeanne Harold)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Jeanne Harold, I have lived in Cache Valley for 37 years. I am concerned about decisions that are being made without consulting those who live here as to their opinion. If more people knew, trust that they would be objecting those who are trying to push this particular action through. The future "Complete pressurized irrigation system" for Logan river should be unacceptable. We have had that beautiful river flowing through forever. Why would ANYONE want to put it under ground in pipes??? It brings beautiful, peaceful moments as we have walked by it... Listened to it, and let the children and dogs play in some areas. I don't understand the reasoning other than someone's agenda that somehow will bring more money. I beg that you leave this river alone. It brings joy! Beautifies the whole area and allows for nature to be a natural part of this area! Why take it away? I hope hundreds of more will reach out to stop this thought and action!

**NAME:** [Jen Weeks](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jen Weeks)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I love taking my kids to Merlin Oleson Park to enjoy the river, whether they take off their shoes and wade in it, or whether we sit close by and relax listening to the running water. There is something magical in cooling off in a stream, or river rather than a municipal pool. Allowing our children to connect with nature in this manner is invaluable in their appreciation of our Earth. We need to continue to allow our children this privilege. This little river also adds to the beauty of our parks in Logan. We have spent many days enjoying the benefits of the streams in several parks and we would be heartbroken if it changes at all! I plead with you to please consider the implications on our community of losing this priceless resource for memories and beauty, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids can safely cool off in the summer. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, Jen Weeks

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**NAME:** [Jennifer and Justin Fowler](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jennifer and Justin Fowler)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family of 6, and I beg you not to pressurize it. Photos attached (3) and saved in appendix attached to this database. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. We're asking you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. When we first move to the valley, our first weekend here we went to the park and the kids all played in the water with the neighborhood children. It's an amazing spot we visit every summer multiple times. The island community and Surrounding neighborhoods value the contribution it gives to our children's memories. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities.

**NAME:** [Jennifer Duncan](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding;

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; alternatives (oc:Jennifer Duncan)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We are opposed, at this time, to any diversion of the Logan River and piping of the city's canals. Why? We simply do not have answers to some basic questions concerning the JUBproposal. We do not know how much water will be diverted, to whom this water will go, and who will be profiting from this enterprise. JUB could have easily included this information in their proposal. They chose not to do so, and thus their proposal must be rejected at this time, until more complete information is provided. Going forward, any proposal must include the following elements. The basic environment and current flow of the Logan River must be respected, for both environmental and recreational reasons. The Little Logan River Canal (and/or the canals that flows through Merlin Olson Park, Logan High School, and the County Fairgrounds) must remain intact, as these provide an obvious public good. If any of the other canals are piped, the canal beds must be turned into public urban trails. Any enterprise seeking to pipe the canals must secure all necessary legal permissions from landholders and stakeholders for a public trail before any piping takes place. In closing, there must be transparency and the public good (which is our water) must be prioritized over private gain. Sincerely, Jennifer Duncan

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jessica Lucero)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm writing to express my concerns about the future complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River. I urge you to consider alternatives that will maintain public access to the Little Logan River. My family has spent countless summer hours at Merlin Olsen Park, splashing in the river on a hot summer day. The thought of that incredible amenity being pipe and covered is heartbreaking, especially when I think of my 1 year old who has not yet made memories with her sisters in the river. I know it is a difficult task to weigh the myriad costs of a project such as this, but I do hope that the human cost receives adequate consideration. Thank you, Jess

**NAME:** [Jessica Stottern](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jessica Stottern)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi I am a parent and resident of Logan Utah who spends my summer with my kids in the creak running through Merlin Olsen park. Personally I think it's unacceptable to destroy something so beautiful. I'm against it being covered up.

**NAME:** [Jill Douglas](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jill Douglas)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system system for the little Logan river is unacceptable. Our family enjoys spending summer days playing in the river. Our dogs also enjoy spending time there with as well. Please do not cover it.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Jill Wilson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I feel strongly that covering the Logan River would deplete the community in many aspects, the kids LOVE to play in the water, it's one's childhood you'd be taking away! The memories that are created last for a lifetime. By taking away that chance to play, float homemade boats or rubber ducky's would be an injustice to the community and children. Dogs enjoy playing in the water just as much as the kids and you know dang well the adults have a blast in the River. Please don't take this away from us. This is the canal that runs through Merlin Olsen Park, Pioneer Parkway Park, Jen Johansen Park, and Willow Park. It is a priceless place for kids (and in some parks, dogs) to cool off and play during the summer! Little Logan River serves as a place for our dogs and kids to PLAY IN and COOL-OFF (and a drinking source for our dogs) during the the hot summer months. "The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable"?. Little Logan River and is important no only to humans to play in but also dogs, birds, cats and other wildlife that rely on it for a source of water to survive. DO NOT completely pipe and cover the River.

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:John Hansen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. Thanks, John Hansen

**NAME:** [Josephine Hepworth](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Josephine Hepworth)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

play in the river. Please do not take away the river that is so fun to play in or just listen to while sitting at the park!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Joshua Leishman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I love the logan river and never want it to leave. I love going to the park and having the sounds of the river. Please don't take it away

**NAME:** [Joyce Westmoreland](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Joyce Westmoreland)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't cover the creek in the Merlin Olson park.. The kids and the dogs luv playing in it in the summer to keep cool.. thanks

**NAME:** [Jude Calhoon](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jude Calhoon)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Growing up my family and my best friends family would meet up at Willow Park. We'd get burgers and fries from Central Park. My friend and I would play in the water and catch skippers. Families still play there and bring their dogs to some areas. It would be sad to not have that to play in during the summer months. Please do not pipe the canal!

**NAME:** [Julie Cook](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Julie Cook)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I was saddened to hear of the proposal to pipe water through Merlin Olsen and Willow Parks. When my grandkids visit from Kansas and Wyoming we would spend many happy hours floating homemade boats on strings in the stream! I also enjoyed going birdwatching with the autobahn society and thrilled watching the variety of birds drawn to water. I do understand that piping water can conserve greater amounts of water, but birds and children don't have access to piped

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water. It is hard to Put a price tag on the beauty of a stream in a park, or the memories of my grandchildren playing beside the stream. When the canal system was piped, we no longer could swing on a rope across the canal in North Logan or float on a tube in the canal. I hope someone will join me in speaking up for streams of water in public parks. Water is a precious gift, a priceless asset that adds to the attraction of time spent in a park or canyon. I ask for consideration of other ways and places to conserve water. Julie Cook

**NAME:** [Kathryn Goodwin](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kathryn Goodwin)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system of the Little Logan river is unacceptable. We have enjoyed many of Logan's parks and these water ways for years. The water is not only cooling but also calming. Many times just bringing fussy children to the waters edge can change their whole attitude. Please keep these water ways open and part of our

**NAME:** [Katie Anderson](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Katie Anderson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation center for the little Logan river is unacceptable. When I learned that we could be losing the little Logan river, I felt an immediate drop in my stomach. My three children love to play in it at both Merlin Olsen Park and Jens Johansen Park. There are points along the river that we have routinely enjoyed picnics at over the last 8 years. We love the ducks that have made this river their home. Part of this river runs by our home, where we have spent countless hours watching the water, dipping our toes, and throwing small rocks. This little river provides enjoyment, entertainment, and beauty in countless locations. So many citizens would be deprived of this piece of nature if you choose to pipe it instead of letting it freely run. Please consider the beauty of the landscape and the hours of entertainment that would unnecessarily be taken away by enclosing the river.

**NAME:** [Katy Johnson](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Katy Johnson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

What in the world are you thinking? Or NOT? Please don't change the flow of the beautiful Logan River. It is why we chose to live where we live. We have seen what has happened in other communities where they have changed the flow of the river, and it has been a disaster. It seems to me, that the mighty \$\$ is always an issue. Someone, somewhere wants to make a lot of money at Logan's expense.... They don't really care about human lives, about the environment, about recreation, about natural beauty.... They only want to make money. Unfortunately, this happens all too often. We so appreciate all that the Logan City Task Force has done in trying to protect our River. We don't need our beautiful river changed..... Please don't let this happen.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Keisha Pink)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am emailing and voicing my opinion in covering the Logan river.. The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. Families spend hours playing in the Logan river, it's place to cook off during the hot summer days, it's a place to sit and relax and reflect in the beauty of our valley and I for one would be devastated to see it covered up. In 2013, I walked across the old bridge over the little Logan river and married my husband at Merlin Olsen Park. It was beautiful scenery for my special day, the kids played in the river, it was perfect to walk down the aisle over. Please reconsider your options for this. Myself and others in this valley would be absolutely devastated! Photo attached and saved in appendix attached to this database.

**NAME:** [KelliAnne Brown](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:KelliAnne Brown)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please reconsider piping and covering our beautiful canal system that runs through our parks. I've enjoyed these parks since I was a small child and for the past 45 years. Many childhood memories of mine and my own children were made at Merlin Olsen and Willow Park. This past summer my sweet 15 year old and I dipped our feet and had deep conversations on several hot summer days. It would be a real shame and change our parks forever. Logan is known for it's beautiful parks. I'm certain there is a better way to resolve this.

**NAME:** [Kellie Anderson](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Kellie)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To who this may concern, The future complete pressurised irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable. The Little Logan River means so much to myself and my family and should not be taken away. The Little Logan River that runs through Merlin Olsen Park is a cherished gathering place where we meet up with family and friends and our kids play and cool off in the summer. My kids spend hours playing with cousins or friends racing toy boats, sticks, or leaves. They splash, play, laugh, and enjoy the crisp water to cool down in the summer. Also it is our favorite place to sit by and have a picnic. The Little Logan River that runs through Willow Park is very sentimental to myself and my husband because that is where we got married. That side of Willow park is so beautiful and the river running next to it is so peaceful and it was the perfect place to have our small intimate wedding. On our wedding anniversary my husband and I like to visit that park and sit by the river and enjoy the calmness of the area. So many people will be negatively affected by the river going away and enclosed in a pipe system. Please don't move forward with the project. Thank you for your time - Kellie Anderson

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**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** Project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project purpose (oc:Kenan Sua-Filo)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't piper the Logan river that runs through our beautiful city. Larger cities are already being ruined by people like you. Please leave ours alone. Your obviously not from here or you would understand why this would be a bad decision.

**NAME:** [Kristan Earl](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kristan Earl)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to urge you to consider alternatives to piping the river that runs throughout the Cache County fairgrounds. The River and trees is part of what makes our fairgrounds beautiful and unique not only in the state, but around the country. As a young child I spent summers at horse shows and the fair and rodeo and now my own children are doing those same things. Not only does the river provide a comfortable and fun place foe my youngest son to tube down the river and make new friends the water also makes for a cool and pleasant area for our horses to cool down. Water is an important resource in our community, I hope that the value added to our parks and fairgrounds by this particular stream is considered in decisions that will impact the future of our communities.

**NAME:** [Kristina](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kristina)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We are already covered with housing, cement, buildings and very little open "wild" areas where we can feel nature without feeling crowded or traveling a great distance. Please don't cover the Logan River and pipe it.

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**NAME:** [Kristine Atwood](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kristine Atwood)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Every summer I take my kids to the Merlin Olsen park and the Jens Johansen park and they love to older in the river. My husband and I like to stick our feet on to cool off. We used to live right by the park when my son was 2 and he loved to play in the water and hold a stick in it to pretend like he was fishing. It was the high light of every day. It is beautiful and we will miss it terribly. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities.

**NAME:** [Kylie Kramer](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; lack of understanding (oc:Kylie

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

To Whom It May Concern: can you please explain the plan for the little river at Merlin-Olsen Park in Logan, Utah? I understand the little river is supposed to be closed off for a pressurized irrigation system. I am begging you not to do this. I understand the need for water, updating irrigation systems, and engineering advancements, but there is also a need for free and accessible recreation within our little community. The park and the river bring so much joy to our community. I live on the Island and while I am not from Cache Valley, each summer we have our family visit from out of state. There is not a year that goes by that we do not use the park. The kids love it...the adults love it. It's easy to access, safe, free, and fun. Please, please, please find another solution and leave the river be. Sincerely, Kylie Kramer Logan, Utah

**NAME:** [Laura Higgins](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Laura Higgins)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. The parks that this little river runs through are our families favorite parks

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to go to, just for this very reason. When family and friends come from out of town, they can't believe how beautiful it is and that is their favorite feature also.. We love to have picnics and cool off in the water not to mention peaceful to sit next to and listen to. Cache Valley is place that isn't like anywhere else and it is these little things that make it that way, getting rid of it would be a mistake. Please reconsider this decision while considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You,  
- Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident

**NAME:** [Lauren Baysinger](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Lauren Baysinger)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. Logans beauty comes from these unique and historic places, that are left intact amidst so many other Utah cities bulldozing over their landmarks to develop and gentrify. In merlin olsen park alone, me and my family have spent so many summers playing in the river. Its small enough and slow enough that its not a danger to kids, and provides cool water on the hottest days to pets and people alike. Please consider the effect that this has on citizens of Logan, as well as the future of these little parks and river-front homes.

**NAME:** [Lauren Swainston](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding (oc:Lauren Swainston)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please please don't take away our rivers. We play in them every day. Children, wildlife, dogs, bees, we will all suffer.

**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding (oc:Lauren Swainston)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Is it true you are going to cut off access to the canal? I played in this canal as a child and now my children and dog play in it every day in the summer. Please don't do this.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; water flows; property impacts

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the Little Logan River. The Little Logan River is an important water source for wildlife, a priceless place for gathering with friends to cool off and make memories, and a financial asset to those who live on its banks. I urge you, please do not pressurize the Little Logan River. Not at all, not ever. It is the only source of water we have in the parks for wildlife and for other animals - therefore the only source for cooling off in the hot summer months. My family goes to the Jens Johansen and Merlin Olsen parks on a regular basis, and one large appeal of those parks is the ability to play in the water. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource. I recognize that open water can be a safety hazard for small children, but if we are going to remove all potentially dangerous features from our parks, then we might as well start taking out all of the playground equipment as well. Having the river allows storm water to be collected into a moving body rather than creating stagnant puddles where mosquito populations can breed. More money will have to be spent on remediation measures to keep mosquito populations in check. I object to spending additional tax payer money on something that could be easily prevented by simply allowing the status quo to remain. Having the river also increases home values of properties that border its banks. While my home does not border the river, many neighbors on my street do. Their home values are substantially higher than comparable homes with the same size lot, square footage and age of the home. By removing this feature from their property, you will reduce their property value, as well as a major aesthetic that led them to purchase those homes in the first place. When Logan High went through its extensive remodel, one feature that students, faculty, and the community wanted was to preserve the flowing water of the Little Logan River on its campus. This was not an inexpensive thing. As taxpayers whose money goes to maintain parks that we actively use, and to support a school district that has spent a considerable amount of money for a beautiful bridge and water feature, I object strongly to the proposed plan of removing this resource from our neighborhood. To clarify, I do not have an objection to enclosing and pressurizing the canals that deliver irrigation water to Logan City and surrounding areas, I just want the Little Logan River to remain separate from that project. Please reconsider this decision. Considering the impact on families who use the parks as a 'free' recreational site, especially those closest to these parks. The river is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Not only is it a resource that contributes to the quality of life we enjoy here in Cache Valley, but it is a financial investment that has been made by residents as well. Thank You, Laverna Horne - Concerned Logan City

**NAME:** Leslie Reeder

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Leslie Reeder)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Consulting Group, I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is one of the last few rivers that is allowed to run freely in our beautiful community. Most of the irrigation canals have already been covered. I used to take my kids to play in the streams that ran through Merlin Olsen and Willow Parks. Now I take my grandson. The thought that this simple pleasure, one of the sweet, simple joys of Cache Valley will be gone breaks my heart. The valley has changed so much since I first moved here in 1980. Please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Thank You, A Concerned Cache Valley Resident

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Lindie Stoddard)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. This place shares many memories with my family! When I had my first miscarriage this is where I would go to have peace. I would watch the River stream. My daughter loves this river as it brings so much joy to her! To watch her face light up when she is able to put her feet in the water becomes very magical. This is where I got my engagements done with my husband, and it's the very first park we brought our son. Getting rid of the river would be extremely devastating to many people including the children that play here.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation (oc:Lindsay Jenkins)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I wish to express my great displeasure at the plan to cover, pipe, and/or pressurize the 'Little Logan River' canal running through Merlin Olsen Park, Willow Park, etc. I cannot express this enough - we do not want this! This canal is an invaluable source of recreational pleasure for children, adults, and pets. Feeding ducks, cooling off during a hot day, and even playing in the canal when it is dry are beloved past-times and you must not take them away. My boys would be heart broken, and I'm sure thousands of other children would be as well. This canal is also a source of aesthetic natural beauty and should not be taken for granted. Not only does the beauty have a calming, cheering effect on the residents of Cache Valley, but it is also an important photographic site. People take engagement photos along the canal and hold photo-heavy gatherings such as wedding receptions because of the beauty of the canal, and this would stop if it is covered up or replaced by an ugly piping system. Any monetary benefits this may bring is not worth everything that would be lost. Doing something so large in size and so public, that the people do not want, will brand your company in a very bad way. It will not be overlooked. Do not turn a source of natural beauty that embodies the atmosphere of Cache Valley into an industrial eye-sore. I grew up in a big city, and there was nothing like this anywhere near me growing up. There is a reason I moved here - for things like a river to play in and relax by so close to home - and if you take that away you are contributing to turning Cache Valley into something it does not want to be. Please be a hero to the people of Cache Valley.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Lisa Blau)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not cover all the canals! This is a favorite activity of my children and our ouo in the summer. The free flowing

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canals make it possible to enjoy an evening in the park during the hot summer months. Please consider keeping them open. It would mean a great deal to the residents of our community!

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Lisa Thompson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm very disappointed to hear about this project. So much of the recent improvements to our beautiful city are related to the river that runs through it. I'm shocked to hear that anyone could be considering getting rid of our river. They obviously don't live here or they would see what a negative impact this would make on our city. How much of the river is going to be left behind for us to appreciate? A stream? Or possibly nothing at all? What is going to happen to all of the areas that have just been improved? Is it possible that they may be forgotten and neglected because the atmosphere leaves every visitor wishing for more. What a waste of time and money. How much more money will we need to pay to hide the fact our river is gone? Will this affect the businesses that have chosen to build beside the river? Will they decide to leave because of it? I realize that this isn't the main point of this project. The point is sharing water with our neighbors and preventing evaporation, etc. I just don't understand why it has to be this plan. Can't we share the river and still keep the amazing river in the areas that we have spent so much time and money improving? It's sad that the same people we would be giving up our river to also enjoy the benefits of it when they visit Logan. So this is a sacrifice for them too. If we have to give up the beautiful atmosphere, great recreational areas, and activities that are the center of life for us, and every one else who visits our community, I don't think this project is in Logan's best interest. Please don't expect this plan, I know there has to be a better solution, one that our community doesn't have to sacrifice every thing we treasure to achieve it.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Lisa Waterman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I was dismayed to read that completely covering and piping the canal that runs through our parks is being considered.

What a terrible idea. The water running through these parks and our neighborhoods are what attracts us to these places in the first place. The river and canals are precious and should not be covered up or piped! These rivers and canals create an ambiance in these areas that attract people. Please do NOT cover or pipe these waterways!! Sincerely, Lisa Waterman 435-881-0446

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Loam Durapau)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a thirty years of age and working harder than I ever have to see a day when our land, water, and air are honored and cared for. I am appalled to hear Little Logan is now under attack. This river has been a life giver for many years long before our ancestors knew of its cool gentle waters. In my life time it has nurtured the current in my family bringing us together under the sky to celebrate and morn in this life. This river has been present and alive sharing in our story. To take this river from me would be akin to taking my brother, my sister, or my mother. Little Logan is a living part of my family and I call on you to protect my family.

**NAME:** [Lyn Olney](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Lyn Olney)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The proposed plan to convert to pressurized irrigation at the cost of little Logan River is not acceptable. Please do not ruin this beautiful setting in our parks and fairground areas. This water source is historic and needs to be considered as such. Many generations have loved and enjoyed it's benefits! So many good things are being destroyed for the sake of develop, develop, development!! Please listen to the people that live here and preserve this historic waterway!

**NAME:** [Lyra Gordon](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Lyra Gordon)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Mariah

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing this email to let you know that the future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable!!! I can not believe that this is even a discussion in an area of drought and needing free-flowing waterways.

As someone that has lived in Logan all except 4 years of her 35 years of life I have so many memories of walking along and playing in the various canals and waterways that come from the Logan River. Living on the West side of town where we are already having to fight to keep our community nice and inviting to beat the "Westside" stigma, our rivers are one of the main attractions. My son has now had the opportunity to go to the canal where for the past two years he feeds the little fish and ducks. To take this water away will not only break his heart but all around because we love our Sunday walks to see the wildlife and dip our feet in during the summer. Also having water rights on my own property this makes me worry of any effects that this may have in drying up what I already have in place for everyday and emergency needs.

It is SO important that we DO NOT completely pipe and cover the river and canals that come from the little Logan River and I hope that you will see that this is something that needs to be stopped and CAN NOT happen!! Sincerely a very concerned Logan Native, Mariah Checketts

**NAME:** [Mark Malmstrom](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** water flow; plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flow; plan process (oc:Mark Malmstrom)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I wanted to comment on the proposed changes to the Logan River watershed. I understand about piping existing canals and using historical canal flows as input into the proposed piping. Of course piping the canals will reduce water loss due to evaporation, seepage, and general inefficiency with the added benefit of using pressurized irrigation for those with water shares. I do not have major concerns with this part of the plan but I am very concerned with taking additional water from the river for culinary and irrigation use. I have a little insight on the proposed project because I was the tree removal contractor on the piping of the canal in Logan in 2012 and the Logan River Restoration project at Trapper Park in 2017. In summer the flows of the river through the island and beyond can be quite low. Taking additional water from the river will affect wildlife such as fish habitat, vegetation, groundwater inflow, recreational opportunities (that Logan City has done such a great job to promote and enhance), as well as the many people who live and recreate on the lower river. Taking a resource that can already be in short supply and repurposing it to another to benefit others that aren't even currently using it seems short sighted, exploitative, and another example of sacrificing a natural resource in the name of yet more development. It also seems that this project or approval has been rushed with a need for more information getting out to the public and time for the public and other stakeholders to comment and get involved. Is there a way to get information in more detail such as how the proposed project will impact the flow of the river and if any kind of environmental impact statement has been done. Thank you for your time. If it is possible to be included on an email list that gives updates on the project I would appreciate that.

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**NAME:** [Martin Schroeder](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Phone Call

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** waterflows; property impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** waterflows; property impacts (oc:Martin Schroeder)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hey I am a landowner at 545 E Service st, Logan, UT, I am calling in opposition to the proposed pressurization of the little logan and crocket canals through the (?) area in lower utah. Uh, my family has profitted greatly from having water to our land. And I would like to see that into the future. THank you. Bye.

**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Martin Schroeder)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I strongly oppose the proposed pressurization of the island area canals. My family's home at 545 E Center has benefited emensely from the open water channel running through our property. I have watched multiple generations of ducks and other water fowl utilize this open water resource, and hope to share this experience with my children.

**NAME:** [Marv Hansen](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Marv Hansen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am very much opposed to the changing of the waterways in Logan. They're such a joy for everyone to enjoy. Please reconsider these changes!

**NAME:** [Mary Ayotte](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Mary Ayotte)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable. I just saw that the little River that goes through our parks may be covered and dried up. My children play in these parks every year and it would be greatly missed by many. I am a resident of Millville, we have also lived in Smithfield and Logan. I have 7 children ages 22 to 6 and 3 grandchildren. Every one of my children have played in this little River. It would be a great disappointment if that tradition were to stop. At willow park, it is a beloved cooling off during the annual car show. At Merlin Olsen it is the perfect place to watch your little ones enjoy the water while the big kids play volleyball. Please don't take this away from our community. Thank you for your time, Mary Ayotte

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Matthew Moss)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I was made aware of plans to cap the river/stream flowing through Logan's parks and am writing to express that that water feature is exactly what makes parks like Merlin Olsen Park great. Please DO NOT do this to our parks. It would be detrimental to the parks. Why do this if it is a source of much joy and serenity to those of us who pay taxes for public access to features such as these. My kids LIVE for hot summer days at the park playing in the stream. If there is some other form or forum that I need to utilize to formally express my family's disapproval of such actions, please reply with what is needed from us. Thanks you.

**NAME:** [Melissa Manwaring](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Melissa Manwaring)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. As a low income family we do not always have the extra money to spare for swimming pool access. This river gives us as a family a free place to cool off. We love that it brings people from the community together. We have made many friends and connections being there. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities.

**NAME:** [Melissa Rodemack](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation (oc:Melissa)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. Please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories and ambiance. I have been taking my children to Jens

Johansen and Merlin Olsen Parks for over 11 years to play in the water. It is a place of fun summer refuge for many families in our valley where kids can go have old fashioned summer fun. Please reconsider this decision and take into consideration the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank you, Melissa Rodemack Concerned homeowner and Logan citizen.

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**NAME:** [Michael Crook](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Michael Crook)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I recently learned of a plan to cover up/pipe the canal, sometimes referred to as the little Logan River, that flows through the city of Logan. I strongly disagree with any such plan. As a youth I remember activities at Merlin Olsen Central Park where we'd play in the water. I also remember at our family reunion every year grandpa chilled the watermelons in the cool water. The canal at Willow Park adds to the park. Again, I have fond memories of a fishing day in the stream each year. I believe this is the same canal that used to run through the Logan High School campus. I'm saddened that it's been covered up there. Too many other open water features are being covered...I remember floating the canal that no longer exists from First Dam down to just below 600 East. Another peaceful water oasis used to exist down the hill from the LDS institute at USU. It has now been replaced by urban sprawl. I understand there may be some public safety concerns with flowing open water...but covering them up only masks the larger problem of responsible parenting and stifles youthful exploration. I also understand that closed piping more efficiently moves precious water. But removing these features from our parks and replacing them with concrete "splash pads" is shameful. Free flowing water is soothing to the soul and beautiful. It cannot be adequately replaced. Please consider my thoughts as you move forward with plans to destroy more of the beauty that makes Logan such a special place. Thank you, -Michael Crook, Cache Valley resident

**NAME:** [Michelle Rasmussen](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Michelle Rasmussen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

"The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable" Please consider slowing down growth and population instead so we can enjoy our lives and not turn us into China or India's lifestyle. Thank you, Michelle Rasmussen

**NAME:** [Mickayla Derricott](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Mickayla Derricott)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. It's such a nice place for the kids to float on tubes and dogs enjoy the

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fresh water available on hot summer days! Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities.

**NAME:** [Miriam Sagers](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; recreation (oc:Miriam Sagers)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to beg you to leave the Little Logan River as open water at least through our cherished parks and recreation spots. My family has enjoyed going to Merlin Olsen park and Willow Park as well as others my whole life. These parks would lose so much of their appeal if they did not have a water feature. The water is the heart of these parks. Covering it up would be disastrous.

**NAME:** [Misha Palza](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Misha Palza)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have been made aware that a proposal to completely enclose the irrigation system of the Logan river canals. I have many fond memories of playing in the water and my kids still do. We live very near willow park and half the enjoyment is to cool off in the water. We go to Jens Johansen and Melin Olsen park for the water. This is one of those things that makes these parks unique. Play on the playground or In the water. It would be very unfortunate for future generations not to enjoy this aspect of the parks. I urge you to reconsider your planning and leave the water as is.

**NAME:** [Nanci and Les Cunningham](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat; property impacts (oc:Nanci

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello. We are long time residents near willow park and are very concerned with what we are hearing about covering the open water around our neighborhood. This is unacceptable to us as the creek that runs through the fairgrounds also runs through our backyard. The sound and feel of open streaming water is a blessing and turns the whole area into small oases of comfort. These water streams provide habitat to ducks and birds that nest nearby and return annually. They give immense pleasure to kids and families who play in the water throughout the fairgrounds. Our backyard in the summertime is our little heaven on earth. The water adds greatly to our property value and is the reason we chose to build here. Please do not bury the water and ruin this beautiful and natural aesthetic that so many Logan residents love and enjoy.

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**RE:** project purpose ; recreation; **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose ; recreation; water flows (oc:Nathan Strain)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I believe your plan to divert water from the Logan river and put the Little Logan River in a pipe underground is seriously flawed. The little Logan River runs through many parks and it's a valuable asset for recreation in many communities throughout Logan. Many ecosystems rely on that river as a source of water. Additionally we already draw more water from the Bear River watershed than we should. The Great Salt Lake's water level is dropping yet you propose diverting an unspecified amount of water away from the watershed. This plan hurts the communities that have the most to lose. Stop thinking about the profits for just a moment to think about the people.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; (oc:Neicole Teare)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Our family spent many days at this park playing in the water, during their summer camps and birthday parties. My son got his pictures done at Merlin Olsen when he was 3. We are already pretty discouraged with the terrible reworking that the city did of this neighborhood that used to be quiet. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan

**NAME:** [Nolan Garrity](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Nolan Garrity)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I appreciate the proposal to improve the canals, irrigation, and overall surrounding Watershed area. However, I have a big concern with covering up the portion in Merlin Olsen Park. Is there an alternative to this? I occasionally go to the little river on my lunch breaks. I love the beauty that it provides for the park. One of the big things I enjoy about the little river is that, coupled with the large trees, it cools down the center of the park. This little river provides an excellent way to cool off and a great spot for kids to play in during the hot summer month. This is a [semi] natural water feature unlike many

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other areas in cache valley. To enclose the canal and cover this up with a trail would be a big mistake and quite honestly be less of a draw for people who regularly visit the park. I live in Hyrum, but this is still a park myself and my family visit and enjoy. I really hope you can find another alternative. Sincerely, Nolan Garrity

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Rachel Wentz)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, my name is Rachel Wentz. I am currently a resident of Cache Valley Utah. There is a post going around the valley saying that the Little Logan River could be covered up and piped. I have lived in the area for the past 12 years plus from when I was five to eleven years of age currently 30 years old. When I was a kid we would frequent Merlin Olsen park and loved playing in the river. I was a participant of the Big Brother Big Sister program, Logan used to have. One of my favorite memories with them, is going to the Little Logan River at Merlin Olsen Park and raking up the leaves in the river bed. I have pictures. Such a fun time. I have taken my kids there multiple times, they love playing in the water. Helps keep them cool on hot summer days. Really good way to make friends. We would be really sad to see it go. I hope that it will not have to be piped up. That our great community can find a way so it doesn't need to do this.

**NAME:** [Rebecca Welch](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Rebecca Welch)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to let you know my extreme disappointment to hear that the canal may be covered/piped. I am a local, who has been in the cache valley area all of my life. I have enjoyed the canal all these years, and is now a family tradition I have shared with my daughter. We look forward to playing in the canal yearly with friends and other family, and have made sure to leave no trace when we are done. Please reconsider your idea of covering or piping the canal as this would prevent us and many other from enjoying this beautiful part of logan. Thank you for reading and considering my thoughts.

**NAME:** [Renee Scamlin](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Phone Call

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** waterways

**COMMENT TYPE:** waterways (oc:Renee Scamlin)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello my name is renee scamlin, I just recieved a letter to act immediately to save the logan and little logan river, urban waterways, so I just wanted some information. Thank you. Um, water is always good to have.

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**RE:** lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding (oc:Robert McCreary)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a company outside of cache valley, you have no right to come in and change how our water is moved through our city. What is the environmental impact by diinv this. What affect will ut have on the wildlife. What will happen to thise who own the water shares. Stay out of our city. You have no rights in ourlives, city to change and pipe our water. We are 3rd generation in our home.

**NAME:** Roger and Carol Johnson

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**SOURCE:** Email

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**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Roger and Carol Johnson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

A friend said that their letter to this email address came back undeliverable. I'm testing that to see if that's the case. Thank you

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Roger and Carol Johnson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have been a citizen of Logan City for the last 36 years, living only a block from Merlin Olsen Central Park. We love that park and one of the biggest draws is the river that runs through the park. Our children grew up loving that park and it's a huge draw in the summer time with children walking in the shallow river. It's something unique about our park and the river is loved by all who come to the park. We had a small family reunion at the park last August and the river was a huge hit with the children walking and playing with the water and parents enjoying watching their children having a wonderful and unique time. We love having the irrigation water running in front of our house and it holds so many memories of our children growing up and now our children's children playing in the water in the summer time. Logan has a beautiful history of the river flowing through the city, irrigation water running in the ditches, and irrigation water being used to water gardens. It is so much fun when our grandchildren come to visit and we take them out back when it's our water turn. They love to pull the gate and watch the water follow a path and going in to water our garden. We beg, even plead with you, to allow the water to continue running in the open river, allow the irrigation water to flow in our gutters. and allow us to keep our water shares so that we can water our gardens. The open river and the irrigation water are a very unique and important part of our cities past history and current history. Many Thanks, Carol Johnson

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Roger

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to express my great concern about the proposal to enclose and pressurize the little Logan River. It seems we are in such a rush to take away the natural beauty of our city. In California I saw the Army Corp of Engineers make almost every river as they came within city limits into a concrete spillway and to "beautify" their ugly mess, they would put a green chain link fence along each side to "make it safe." Do you realize how many little kids play in the river as it runs through Merlin Olsen Central Park as long as the canal is open? Have you seen the kids and adults putting their feet into the water as it runs along the gutters that are part of the irrigation system here in the Island area? Have you seen the

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trees that died when they covered the Hyde Park canal? Have you seen the tress that died when the North Logan Canal was covered? The cooling and soothing effect of the water running in the canal? Do you realize you will remove one of the release systems we have in the valley to help minimize any potential flooding of the Logan River during a high run off years? I know the Salt Lake area wants our water. Are they just following California's example and taking everyone else's water? Let them dig their own wells, or just curtail the growth, or raise their water prices. Leave our water for our valley. I know Logan City is also guilty because they want to use the water instead of allowing the farms and residents to use it to water their crops and gardens. Maybe open irrigation isn't as efficient as a pressurized system, but it certainly is cheaper, more aesthetically pleasing and enjoyable for the kids. Please allow us to keep some of our pioneer heritage and the memories it continues to build with families now and to our precious past. Is the Logan River next?

**NAME:** [Sara Goeking](#)

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**RE:** water flows; property impacts; **COMMENT TYPE:** water flows; property impacts; agricultural water management

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

To Whom it May Concern: I am writing in regards to the proposed Logan River Watershed Plan, and specifically the Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project. For several reasons described below, this plan will adversely affect the residents of Logan, particularly riverfront landowners such as myself. Citizens of Logan increasingly value the recreational opportunities provided by the current flows of the Logan River, including fishing, boating/kayaking, and enjoying the aesthetics of flowing water and the birds and animals that are attracted to the river. Summertime flows in the town section of the Logan River are already low enough to barely support these activities. Any additional withdrawals will result in warmer water temperatures and decreased dissolved oxygen, which in turn will adversely affect macroinvertebrate (i.e., food for fish) communities, the fish themselves, and the birds that rely on insects along the river. In particular, the trout that inhabit the Logan River throughout the town section are prized by anglers and are known to be sensitive to even small changes in water temperature and dissolved oxygen. These adverse impacts will directly affect the ability of residents to enjoy fishing for trout as a recreational activity, and will indirectly affect our ability to enjoy natural bird populations along the river. Lower flows will also adversely impact the experience of users of Logan City's riverside trails. Logan City, as well as developments such as the Riverwoods complex, have created riverside that include direct access to the water for fishing, boating, and wading. Additional withdrawals from the Logan River above the town section will render the river unnavigable for most of the summer months when these activities are most popular. In general, these adverse impacts will decrease the quality of life of Logan residents, whereas maintaining these river-based recreational activities by leaving as much water as possible in the Logan River will attract new residents and new businesses to the area. The Logan City Council has already voted in favor of the Blue Trail Plan, and the Logan River Watershed Plan should incorporate the recreational values within the Blue Trail Plan into any additional planning. Finally, additional withdrawals from the Logan River will adversely impact riverfront property owners such as myself. My family bought a home along the Logan River specifically because of the aesthetic values associated with being near naturally flowing water. Lowering the flow through town will, in turn, lower the local water table and thus adversely affect the vegetation in our yard and along the river in general. Our property values, including the price we paid for our property, have thus far been affected by the existence of the Logan River as a property amenity. Additional withdrawals will effectively reduce our amenities and our property values. At a recent public meeting, it was stated that one reason for this proposal is to mitigate flooding during spring runoff. This justification is baseless and is simply not supported by the data that exist for snowmelt, river discharge, and likelihood of future flooding. During the historically large flood of 2011, very few areas were at risk of flooding, and mitigation projects that have occurred since that time have made future spring flooding even more unlikely. As a riverfront homeowner, I find the flood control justification to be completely unwarranted. The 2011 spring flood was admittedly powerful and impressive, but it did not pose any risk to my property nor any others in my neighborhood. The chance of similar or more severe flooding in the future is statistically improbable, and dewatering the Logan River in all years because of the nearly nonexistent risk of a larger flood occurring in the future is not warranted. The best available science about flood risk in the Logan River watershed simply does not support the need for additional withdrawals as a means of flood control. To provide maximum value for the residents of Logan, river managers should leave as much water as possible in the main Logan River channel, as far downstream as possible. If any withdrawals are required to support essential irrigation needs, such withdrawals should occur from the Cutler area. By leaving as much water as possible in the Logan River, especially during the summer recreation season, the River will continue to provide aesthetic, recreational, and property amenity values, now and into the future. Kind regards, Sara Goeking Homeowner of property at 420 S 100 E.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Sarah Hedges)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I grew up in Logan, the water that flows in many locations around the valley have been and continue to be a part of my and my families lives. My sister, mother, and I played there in the parks, especially in the summer, but also in the winter. In college at USU, I exercised my dogs near there, and watered them there too. As an adult, my children and I have built dams in Merlin Olsen Central Park, played with our dogs in the water, and my kids have grown up with it. Please leave the water open, it's fun wholesome, and beautiful.

**NAME:** [Sarah Hooper](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Sarah Hooper)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Consulting Group, I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Sarah Hooper

**NAME:** [Serra White](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Serra White)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. Please reconsider. Merlin Olsen park is a favorite for all 5 of my kids to come and play during the summer months because of the low water levels. They are able to play and cool off and sometimes even float without (as a parent) me fearing of them drowning. We love the water at merlin olsen and it would be so sad to have this part of our community covered. We drive from Wellsville just to come and spend time at this park as it is our favorite because of the water. Please please reconsider!!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Shari Ferney)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I am a concerned citizen of Logan Utah. I grew up here, moved to Oregon for 25 years and moved back 2 years ago. I love Logan and I am concerned about losing so many of our lovely areas. The Little Logan river is an integral part of our city, making our parks pleasant and beautiful. I oppose the covering of it. Thank you for hearing my opinion, Shari

**NAME:** [Shealyn Fish](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation (oc:Shealyn Fish)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Consulting Group, I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. We got to enjoy our summer (a couple times) tubing down the river by willow park. My kids loved it. This was some place that was safer for them to tune with out rapids etc and the depth was just perfect for them. It was something covid friendly we could do and something fun and free to do. My kids got to meet some new friends and socialize (of course from a distance). I also enjoy being able to put my feet in to get them wet during the fair. They help cool you off during the heat wave and make it bearable. I love to see the laughter in everyone who enjoys the water. I also enjoy seeing the 4h lambs etc to be able to go in cool off and get a drink. To take the heat away. This has been around for years. Please do not take it away from our community. It brings so much memories and fun. Please reconsider this. I do not support this being covered up and have been saddened about learning about this today. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Shealyn Fish

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**RE:** lack of understanding; project **COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:Sheila Woodbury)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

When I saw the article about taking away the free flowing water making it's way through the valley I wanted to CRY! In our busy modern world can't we please have something peaceful and enjoyable for our youngsters to enjoy during the summer!!! There are families with children that go to these parks to let them play in the water for entertainment that is FREE. Some can't afford to take them to the swimming pool. My grandkids love playing in these free flowing waterways, more like a gentle creek to me. Such a beautiful way to spend the day, under the trees listening to the kids enjoying themselves and the sound of water! It's a throw back to my childhood, playing in ditches, wading in creeks having a blast!!  
PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS AWAY FROM US !!!

**NAME:** [Stacy Larsen](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Stacy Larsen)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Consulting Group, I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. (ENTER ONE MEMORY OR REASON TO NOT PIPE THE RIVER - HERE) Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Stacy Larsen

**NAME:** [Steffanie Norton](#)

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Steffanie Norton)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

PLEASE don't cover the little Logan river! We need to preserve the beauty & natural resources we have! The wildlife count on this water source & we as a community should be allowed to enjoy it as it is! I was upset when they closed off the river in Smithfield & we weren't asked as a community how we felt about it! Please leave our city as it is! We enjoy the open natural beauty & that was a main reason we moved here. We don't want to be another big city full of cement & pipes. Thank you! A concerned member of the community Steffanie Norton

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Stephen Nelson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have lived on the little Logan River bordering Willow West and just a short walk from the fishing pond. Every year, tens of thousands of Logan residents and tourists enjoy the beauty and peace and serenity of this natural treasure as it meanders through the Cache County Fairgrounds, Willow Park, Willow West and to and through the fishing pond with it's turtles, ducks, geese, frogs and many other of nature's visitors. It would be tragic to see ANY of these things changed or lessened. Please don't. Stephen Nelson

**NAME:** [Susan Johnson](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Susan Johnson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please reconsider pressurizing the little Logan River! Especially now during these uncertain times, allowing kids an outlet to be outside and enjoy the beauty and nature in our valley is critical to their emotional and mental health! I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is priceless for cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Susan Johnson

**NAME:** [Sydni Moyes](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Sydni)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the Little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off source for my dog during the summer, and has been the center of many memories for my family and friends. I urge you to not pressurize the Little Logan River at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the in the summer. Not only will this pressurized pipe effect the community, it will also effect the wildlife and vegetation it supports around it. If your company were to take away this vital resource for the plants, trees and shrubs that grow in the parks that Little Logan River flows

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through, you will be effectively killing more open space that Logan desperately needs. Please reconsider the lasting impact this choice will have on our community and environment.

**NAME:** [Tamara Steinitz](#)

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**RE:** project purpose; water flow;

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; water flow; plan process (oc:Tamara Steinitz)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a resident of Cache Valley for 50 years, I consider Logan River to be a shining jewel in the heart of our valley. I have spent countless hours enjoying the river and the gifts of nature it brings to my parents, my children, my grandchildren, my friends, and my pets. Spending time there has introduced four generations to the pleasures and healthy outcomes of open spaces and instilled an appreciation and respect for diverse plants and animals. I have concern about the plan to divert water from the Logan River just below First Dam near Crockett Avenue. This proposed project has potential to do good things but could significantly impact flows in the Logan River, harming plant and animal species as well as severely limiting human access to the river and its tributaries. I strongly encourage methods that would leave as much water in the Logan River as far downstream as possible. There are many unanswered questions related to the proposal. What amount of water would actually be diverted and how would this affect river flow? How have flow control issues already been addressed through recent projects? Haven't recent efforts to convert open irrigation canals to piped canals already improved water efficiency throughout Cache Valley? Who will receive water as a result of this project? What would the impact of reduced river flow have on outdoor recreation opportunities? These questions must be answered in detail before this project is considered. The future of Logan River is at stake, and that is no small thing. The river is a gift and should be treated as such. Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

**NAME:** [Teresa Ukrainetz](#)

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Teresa Ukrainetz)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have all the same questions raised by Logan Christian in the Herald Journal on March 13, 2021. I had read about the project in an earlier HJ article, but that one focused on turning canals into pipelines. I thought that might lose some "streams" needed by fauna and flora and enjoyed by people, but sadly accepted it for greater efficiency for agricultural use. However, this article raises many more questions that do not appear to have satisfactory answers. Please respond to Mr. Christian's questions with clear, accurate answers so informed decisions can be made. Teresa Ukrainetz Logan

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Tia Montgomery)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Will this plan include covering the water that flows through Merlin Olsen Park? I would like to officially submit my strong interest in keeping this particular part of the water flow open and free to the park attendees :) Tia Montgomery

**NAME:** [Tiffani Todd](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Tiffani Todd)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. I grew playing in those rivers and watching my children and now my grandchildren play in them. We have enough progression, building and expansion going on. We need some things to remain. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Tiffani Todd

**NAME:** [Joan Kramer](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Mail In

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

comment mailed in and saved in public comment database under Joan Kramer public comment 03.14.21

**TEXT OF ATTACHMENT**

This letter is to inform you that I am very opposed to the complete pressurizing irrigation system for the Little Logan River. I have enjoyed these water ways through the years. My Children, My Grandchildren, and me have spent hours and hours wadding (sic) and playing in the water. Enjoying the sound of the water as it travels over the rocks. The coolness of the water, on a hot summer day. Tubbing (sic) in there(sic) blown up tubs (sic). And to think you want to take that away from future generations. Isn't anything scared (sic) anymore?

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I URGE YOU TO LEAVE AS MUCH WATER AS POSSIBLE IN THE RIVER AS FAR DOWN AS POSSIBLE ALLOWING FOR THE PRESERVATION, OF THE FREE FLOWING WATERWAYS.

I have a questions How will this affect irrigation and our water shares?

**NAME:** [Tooele](#)

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**PHONE 1:** (435)255-8082

**EMAIL:**

**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Phone Call

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** recreation; waterwats; project **COMMENT TYPE:** recreation; waterwats; project purpose (oc:Tooele)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi yeah, I was just calling to voice my opinion on the whole pipeline, and the little logan river thing. And first of all I really don't even understand why that this even is a thing. Um, you guys shouldn't do it. Just leave it. Its amazing. its everybody loves it. You're just going to make a lot of people mad. I mean you already have. Just, dont do it. I have a lot of memories growing up with that. I mean it runs behind my childhood house, and my friends houses. And just, man, its not a good idea. its dumb, its stupid. theres no point. dont do it, please. just leave it alone. Its perfect. its part of logan, it makes

**DATE:** 7/19/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** response to email

**COMMENT TYPE:** response to email (oc:Tooele)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Tony, Our email security blocker is blocking the download of the document you sent titled "remittance\_copy 2021". Could you give me more information about what this document is about? There is a message that we need to sign and return it to acknowledge receipt. I have attached a screen shot of the message we are receiving. Thank you. Carla Wiese Public Facilitator/CommunityPlanner J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc./The Langdon Group 1047 S. 100 W., Suite 180, Logan, UT 84321 e cwiese@jub.com; cwiese@langdongroupinc.com p 435.915.3553 c 435-465-8286

**DATE:** 7/19/2021

**SOURCE:**

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:**

**COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:Tooele)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

No Comment

**NAME:** [Tori Cubias](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation (oc:Tori Cubias)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Consulting Group, I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Personally, this canal is one of

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the main reasons I chose to have my wedding ceremony as well as a reception at this park. The water provides dimming of the background noise from other things going on, a cute little background for gorgeous local pictures, and a safe place to take my dog and young child on hot days not too far away. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident Tori Cubias

**NAME:** [Trevor Gilmour](#)

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**DATE:** 3/14/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Trevor Gilmour)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't cover the river. My Family and dogs as well as friends use that park and spend a great amount of time in that river. It is also necessary for wildlife to have access to water and cool down during the hot summers. It will be a disservice to do this to the wildlife and people of Logan. Sincerely, Trevor Gilmour (435)760-6172

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Trish Gibbs)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My family has enjoyed the fair grounds and the river that runs thru it so much. I was heart broken when I saw the river had been piped in other places. Please don't pipe the river running thru the fairgrounds. Our family enjoys it so much and has made soooo many memories in that river while there at the 4 H shows and the fair.

**NAME:** [Victoria Cardon](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:Victoria Cardon)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't close the river! This is not what anyone I know would want! Lots and lots of people would be furious. Don't do it.

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**NAME:** [Adrian Parkinson](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Adrian Parkinson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for letting me write about an issue that concerns me as a private citizen in Logan, UT. I have lived in Logan since 2011 though my family pioneered Cache Valley & surrounding areas. (Keller & Parkinson & associated lines including Card. I heard that it is being considered the enclosing of canals & affecting open water access! I feel this would be a mistake for Logan.. Cache Valley! It is bad enough that Cache Valley farmland, scenic views, & easy access to outdoor beauty is quickly becoming a thing of the past! This is tragic what brought many to Cache Valley is the very thing that is quickly disappearing!! I don't feel enough is being done by all cities in Cache Valley. Logan in particular should be leading by example & heading many of these things off in a proactive sense instead of reactive which needs to be done & in a sense in many ways is to late! Please help protect the open canals that look like rivers, streams etc I feel it is one thing that differentiates Cache Valley.. Logan from much of many modern cities. Sets us apart!

**NAME:** [Alan Hochberg](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; property

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; property impact (oc:Alan Hochberg)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please, please, please, protect and preserve the flow of the Logan and Little Logan River in their existing channels. These waterways are cherished by the community. My home is on the Little Logan River and it is one of the most beautiful waterways I have ever seen. Families visit Jens Johansen and Merlin Olsen park daily and thousands of people a year come to these parks to enjoy the waterway. The identity of the neighborhood is defined (The Island Neighborhood) by these waterways. I tube down the river, I sit by the river and I cherish it's natural beauty. There is such abundant wildlife that is nourished by this river. Please protect our heritage and the incredible beauty of this river for today and all future generations. Please know how much this river means to our community and protect it for the unique wonderful part of Logan Utah that it is. Thank you and please know how consequential your actions will be to the history and natural preservation of our neighborhood and community.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Alan Jacobsen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I was told that this is where I express my concerns about the waterway running threw some of our parks. (Central and Willow) I'm disappointed that this is even being considered. I love that waterway and would hate to see it go. I don't understand the reason it should. It is used as is by so many and adds to the ambiance of the areas. It would be my vote to not cover it. Alan Jacobsen

**NAME:** [Alanna Nafziger](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Alanna)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern: I am writing to express grave concerns about the negative impact the Crockett Pressurized Irrigation Project would have on myself, my family, and my community. Sequestration of the river from the Island through pressurization and piping would amount to a huge loss in flora, fauna, and general quality of life. Our natural and open spaces have such an increased value especially during the hardship our nation has endured the past year due to Covid. These spaces have proven benefit will only increase in value as Logan grows and these places become scarcer. Isolation and exclusion of the Logan River and its canal system is a monumental mistake and I urge anyone involved to reconsider it as a "solution". We moved to Logan when I was 5, first to a rental near Wilson Elementary and then, to the delight of my siblings and I, a house on 200 North street where the North branch of the Logan River flows through the backyard. Across the river is Jens Johanson park where people come all summer long to enjoy the river and hang out on the banks. As children, we spent all summer in that river, we had a rope swing hanging from the dear old willow in the back, whose branches not only made a great place to hang a rope swing, but also provided shelter from the sun and endless climbing opportunities. The willow was and is a hub of activity for animals and it stands probably hundreds of years old with its red roots forming most of the bank. It is one of the dearest places in the world to me. We tubed from our yard all the way down to Merlin Olsen Park, under bridges and through the "woods". We had contests to see who could stay in the cold freshness of the water, that still held its whisper of freshly melted snow. We played with other kids who came in droves to the river from the park side. They came for family gatherings, birthday parties and those long hot summer days when a cool dip in the river is what you need to cure the heat that has saturated you and wash the sweat from yourself. We watched ducks in the daytime, tried to catch fish, and got grossed out by weird squirmy creatures we found under rocks. We caught mayflies and wondered at their delicate wings and passing nature. We waded across, and up, and sometimes floated down by sitting with legs out in front, pointing downstream. Just us and the river. In the fall w, when the water inevitably slowed to a trickle, we looked for fish, and in the winter, we tromped around the riverbed crunching through ice and snow. We looked at the deep crisp deer tracks and the light delicate ones of small rodents, once we found a ferret completely frozen in ice. I recently moved back to Logan and find myself by the river again, I watch as my niece and nephews play in the treehouse that now graces the big willow and wonder at fish and fallen leaves, I watch as people come to the park and inevitably are drawn to the bank of the river for a quiet moment of reflection or, to dip a baby's tiny feet and chubby legs in. Maybe the child's first time in a river. I watch as a great blue heron (who I believe is on his 5th consecutive winter) comes for food in the depth of the winter. People are better off because of the river. The plants and trees are better off because of the river. The animals are better off because of the river. When I heard about the possibility of the Logan River, and its North Fork it struck at the very core of me, who I am and my place in the world. As the pandemic has already taken so much this year, the idea of losing an outside place to be, most dear to me in the world, seems an especially cruel irony. I know I am not alone in this and it would be a huge loss to my community as well. We

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would lose a vibrant living part of our history and kids could no longer grow up with the river, so it would be robbing countless futures as well. This is not to mention the effect it would have on property value, the centuries old ecology, and the quality of life in Logan. To pipe the rivers would come at huge cost and I urge you not to do it. I also have questions. As the cost of piping is a huge one, paid by my community, I wonder who is benefiting from this project? Has anyone from your firm taken the time to get to know the community that you would be so drastically altering? Taken a walk along its banks? Is my community reduced to a GIS map and the potential monetary profit for an unknown "stakeholder"? Might there not be another way to manage the rivers so that this huge loss can be avoided while still addressing flooding and infrastructure concerns? I appreciate you taking the time to read and respond to my concerns.

**NAME:** [Amy Asper](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Amy Asper)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please please do not take away the water and access to these parks. The Logan River is what makes going to these parks unique and entertaining. I have taken my three kids and they learn so much through natural play. If this is taken, they will have less opportunity to explore water safely and independently (with my supervision of course). We use it to cool off in the summer and it's part of what makes the park beautiful! The pressurized irrigation system for the Logan River is unacceptable.

**NAME:** [Amy Hochberg](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Amy Hochberg)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Recently I heard of your intent to divert the water from Logan River which will alter its flow. I am completely opposed to any new diversion or altered configuration of the Logan River in Logan City. The Logan River is an essential feature of Logan City - it adds value to residential and commercial properties that are built close to its banks. People purchased their properties because of the proximity to the river, its branches and canals so that they can enjoy all that the river brings, such as wildlife, recreation, and aesthetic beauty. The Logan River, its branches and canals run through numerous Logan City parks where the water is enjoyed by children splashing, tubing and playing. Popular walking paths are established along the Logan River banks. The Blue Trail plan aims to enhance recreational opportunities along the Logan River but diminished flows on the Logan River would detract from that potential. According to the Logan City Master Plan, "Logan's natural areas are important to the City and its citizens....Logan's rivers, streams and canals serve a variety of functions: providing local recreational opportunities; enhancing the beauty of the City; providing habitat that supports fish and wildlife; and encouraging tourism." The Logan River is an essential part of the Logan community. Logan's vitality is dependent upon the health of its river ecosystem, please keep it intact. After all, most thriving cities in the west have a beloved river at their core.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Amy Jensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not cover the little Logan River here in Logan. Part of what makes Logan beautiful is it's unique mountains, parks, and rivers. My family loves visiting Merlin Olsen park and seeing the beauty of the river. The kids love dipping there feet in the water. As a photographer I love the little Logan River. It has made a great backdrop for family photos throughout the years. Please consider an alternative.

**NAME:** [Amy Miller](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; agricultural

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; agricultural water management (oc:Amy Miller)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not pipe in the river at the Cache County fairgrounds. As a member of the Cache Valley Cruising Association, I think it is a great asset to our park. It's fun to sit by the river and camp, I enjoy being a spectator to the children who play in the river during our show. Its a great way to cool off and another fun source of entertainment. Our fairgrounds offers a venue, like no other, for car shows and other community events. I understand the desire and need for pressurized water, can you please only do this downstream from our park. Thank you, Amy Miller

**NAME:** [Andrew Walker](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Andrew Walker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I strongly oppose the diversion program for the logan River. We must do something about the water use in this valley, allocating more of it to a business is not that. The work to be done is reducing our water use, even in agriculture. Fuxt the canals before we give it more water. thanks, Andrew Walker

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Angela Oborn)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. The parks that this little river runs through are our families favorite parks to go to, just for this very reason. When family and friends come from out of town, they can't believe how beautiful it is and that is their favorite feature also.. We love to have picnics and cool off in the water not to mention peaceful to sit next to and listen to. Cache Valley is place that isn't like anywhere else and it is these little things that make it that way, getting rid of it would be a mistake. Please reconsider this decision while considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You,  
- Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident

**NAME:** [Anne Shifrer](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Phone Call

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** property value; plan process;

**COMMENT TYPE:** property value; plan process; property impacts (oc:Anne Shifrer)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello mr neff. I live in the island area of logan, UT. ANd we've been canvassing our neighborhood about the logan rivers watershed project, and the ways in which it might impact our communities. Uhm we are discovering that most of our neighbors know nothing about this. And supposedly there was some sort of outreach. You, I believe someone on the zoom channel alluded to a mailer sent out. None of the people we spoke with had recieved any information and will be directly impacted by uh, having a pipe go through our neighborhoods. So we are just wanting to inform you of that. And I think its unlikely that you will extend the comment period, since the due date is tomorrow and you have extended it once before, but its very clear to use that no outreach has been attempted in our area that we can see. and that is going to be, as I undestand it, a necessary part of the project. It will greatly depreciate the values of the property in the neighborhood and i think they need to be informed of that. Maybe we're wrong about that, maybe you delivered mailers to all the houses but its very clear that people in the lower socioeconomic bracket especially dont know whats going on and they stand to lose waterfront. that enhancesx their lives and probably the value of their property. I will be submitting a letter to probably address this issue but, I just thought it was important to alert you to the need for better public outreach.

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan process; plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; plan purpose (oc:Anne Shifrer)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email To: The Langdon Group cc Mayor Holly Daines From: Anne Shifrer and James Kingsland with other

residents of the Island area residents Date: March15, 2021 Subject: Logan River Watershed Project. A group of us from

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the Island canvassed our area to see if our neighbors were aware of the Logan River Watershed Project and its potential impacts. In truth, we were dismayed to find that very few of our neighbors had heard of the project. When we told them about the plan to drain the canals and pipe the waters of the Little Logan, many were shocked and felt that the project would negatively impact their properties, their neighborhood, their parks, the traditional character and general vitality of the Island. The canvassing group, in fact, was deeply saddened by the housing conditions of many parts of the Island. Rather than a big pipe ripping through the Island and sucking up the canals, we felt that many neighborhoods are in sore need of Community Development Grants for low income areas. The matter of environmental justice will almost surely arise when your demographic studies look to the income levels of the lower Island. A pipe that strips the area of its waterways will, many of us feel, further decimate the area. Neighbors who have the means are talking about moving away – which will diminish the lower Island's tax base and further disempower the poorer folk left behind. We urge you to amplify your outreach so that our neighborhoods are well-informed and able to have a voice. We ourselves received no notices of the public hearings and only heard about these hearings after the fact. All of us in the canvassing group are fully “connected” with computers, internet, cable, so we were able to find a zoom recording of the first meeting. Many of our neighbors aren't as privileged. For the reasons following, we also ask you to seriously investigate alternatives, including the plan discussed by Frank Howe, Chair of the Logan River Task Force, i.e., adopting diversion options as far downstream as possible even if they include pumping – past the parks, past the city. Below, you'll find a number of questions and concerns, a mix of our own thoughts and those we heard from neighbors. Are we right in understanding that Little Logan River [see endnote] and its various diversions in our intricate canal system will be piped and largely diverted to other areas of the valley? Will everything above Crockett Ave retain its water features; while everything below Crockett will lose its significant water features? It seems that residents below Crockett who currently have waterfront properties will lose them and suffer a consequent loss in the beauty of their backyards and side-yards. Such properties may well lose value. The current project plan includes no mention of these losses and no mention of reimbursements to landholders or landscape restoration of the canal bed. Those who enjoy the wildlife that our canal systems bring to the Island are also concerned. Loss of riparian areas will diminish our bird populations, the pheasant harems, the ducks, the winter birds that come down to the Island to feed through the winter. The dry winter canals are corridors for established animal communities, “roads” for animals to travel safely through neighborhoods, head back to the mountains or bed down to have their young in the spring. In short, “The Island” is lively with not only domestic animals -- horses, chickens, goats but also wild animals and. for many of us, this in one of the pleasures and values of living in an area which others might see as run-down and shabby. Piping the Little Logan and its associated diversions may also affect our parks. Will Jens Johansen Park lose its prettiest part, the little stream that runs along its northern perimeter? Will Merlin Olsen park lose the flow of the Little Logan through its center, which has made a shallow stream that children have played in for generations? Is flooding the park's flat area for a skating rink a thing of the past? Will Garff Wayside Gardens also lose its slender stream, its little bridges, its wayside benches . . . all the way down to the Fairgrounds, Willow Park and Zootah? Will all of these parks lose their streams, their wading areas and duck ponds? The project plan is silent about of this matter. While the value of piping for agricultural areas is a promoted feature of this plan, there's no guarantee that agricultural and open space in the valley will be preserved. The water may well be used for sprawling housing developments with big lawns rather than true conservation. The rationale for the project plan would be more persuasive as a conservation project if provision and funding for farmland preservation were included. Nothing in the plan addresses sustainable food production and small farming. The plan almost exclusively addresses conserving water for the purpose of growth. Funding is being sought from NRCS (the Natural Resources Conservation Service) which originated under FDR for restoration of farmlands after the dustbowl. If this project is true to the spirit of restoration and conservation, it should deal directly and forcefully with the conservation of farmland. After all, USU began as an agricultural college and still has tremendous knowledge that could be employed to make the valley more food independent. The Island itself has historically been a place of farming (thus the elongated properties). Much could be done to support more small farms and gardens within the lower Island, making it “a food basket” for fresh local produce. Since the project managers say socio-economic impacts and “environmental justice” must be considered, it's notable that the area in which this piping project is proposed is generally of lower socio-economic status. All of the area above Crockett Ave, those beautiful properties tucked deep into the eastern end of the Island will keep their waterfronts, those below, will lose them. The disparate impact is glaring. The “rattier part” of the Island with its mix of social classes, ethnicities, its transient renters and students as well as old-timers, its meandering waterways, its animals and birds, its trees and hidden walkways could, if properly rehabilitated, have an old-town, historical charm that would attract new residents and tourists. And there's real potential for central city densification in the lower Island if its beauties are enhanced rather than diminished and if the recreational possibilities of its many parks and trails are developed. Little businesses, like the highly successful Island Market, might also sprout up if some of the blight areas of the lower Island received community development grants. The project plan vaguely alludes to trails where canals and waterways once ran but it offers no specifics and no budget for trails or other improvements to the neighborhoods of the lower Island. Improved irrigation in the Island area is also mentioned as a benefit of piping. But the project includes no monies for actually delivering water to “the little people” of the Island. Household holders will likely have to pay for irrigation corridors off the main pipe. Yes, there are lots of the “little farmers” on the Island who currently feed their families with a yearly garden of edible crop -- and low cost irrigation waters.

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Will these little farmers have to pay for new irrigation corridors, pipes and pumps and who knows what? Or will the cost of their water shares skyrocket if their canal company constructs delivery corridors? Given that the canal companies in the lower Island have failed to adequately maintain current irrigation delivery systems, are they likely to do so in the future? [see endnote] And one wonders about the wisdom throwing more power to the Crockett Avenue Irrigation Company, which seems to be the largest beneficiary of the project. Yes, the Kimball Decree may guarantee certain "irrigation water rights" to shareholders, especially large ancestral shareholders, but is it wise to further entrench the privatization of water rights by spending public monies on a pipe and a pressurizing system that looks to disproportionately advantage Crockett Ave Irrigation Company? – Water should be a public good, period. It is true that the canals need major maintenance, their banks need restoration, water flows improved, channels redesigned for conservation and native vegetation. BUT this plan proposes to get rid of these problems by destroying one of the most distinctive charms of the Island area. Yes, trails along the canals is a fantastic idea – or a mix of piping and free flowing waterways with trails alongside – but "The Plan" doesn't contemplate more complex and refined possibilities that would genuinely enhance the Island. Indeed, for the lower Island it seems more like a desertification project than a improvement project. Many cities have piped and buried their waterways only to now be removing the pipes, the cement aqueducts, and restoring the passage of streams and rivers through their cities. Take a look at Boise, for instance, with its amazing greenbelt, look at what Ogden has done with its river flowing through the city, and the restoration of the Jordan River in the SLC valley with a walkway running the length of it. Around the nation there are plenty examples of waterways incorporated into the hearts of cities in truly imaginative ways that attract both businesses and urban residents that otherwise might flee to suburbs and look-alike housing developments. We apologize for taking this much of your time and admit that our understanding of the Watershed Plan is likely flawed and incomplete, but we hope that the faults of our perspective will provide all the more reason to amplify education, outreach, and imaginative, beautiful ideas. In roaming the neighborhoods of the lower Island, we noticed the prevalence of bad sidewalks and slum landlordism. We also learned more about just how challenged many of our neighbors are -- strapped for money, time, energy, often elderly or disabled, homes in disrepair, disconnected from information sources. We also learned more about the kindness and receptivity of our neighbors. We urge the project planners and the city governments involved to make sure that there's REAL benefit people like these. Sincerely, Anne Shifrer, the writer & compiler, James Kingsland and other Island residents 680 East 200 North Logan, Utah 84321 435-760-1012 Endnote: "The Little Logan" is, as you likely know, an ambiguous term and many Island resident have little knowledge of where it runs, thus little knowledge of how they might be impacted. Indeed, we realize that "The Little Logan" / "Northern Fork of the Logan River" has been moved and re-channelized into canals & smaller waterways, some of which move southwest through the Island, some north toward Hyde Park. Endnote: We have a small number of shares in the New Logan Hollow Canal Company. We pay for our water shares but haven't been able to use them for over a decade due to the deteriorated condition of the underground street piping and the sluice control heads. Our system has been additionally impaired by residents who dig new channels and pirate waters without paying for shares. This is one small instance of canal company monitoring and repair of the irrigation systems within their purview.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; lack of understanding

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm writing in regards to the river that currently runs through the Cache County Fairgrounds. It's my understanding that there's possibly going to be complete pressurized irrigation to the Little Logan River and this will allow only a trickle of water or none at all to flow through there. Please, please, please, do not do this!!! I grew up in that area and many of my fondest memories have come from spending so much of my life there riding horses, picnicking, watching my kids, (and now grand kids,) float and play in the river etc. My husband and I go there once or twice a week or more to eat lunch or dinner on a picnic table by the river all summer long and enjoy watching and listening to it. The river is part of what makes the fairgrounds so special to me and my family! My grandkids look forward to floating the river as one of their favorite summer pastimes, even with the public swimming pool just across the street, they prefer floating that perfect little river! As a very concerned citizen that would sorely miss the absence of that little river, I implore you to please not shut the water flow off or slow it down, at least through the fairgrounds! Thank you for your consideration.

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**RE:** project purpose; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Ashley Christensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I would ask that you do not cover the local rivers. These rivers are part of what makes Logan City beautiful. It's a place where people can walk, let their kids play in the water, relax, and is good for your mental health. Many people have such wonderful memories as a kid going to these places and now having these same memories come alive with their children. We love to take our kids on walks along the river near Merlin Olsen Park, we play stick games, and love to have a picnic while watching the water go by. One of my kids favorite things to watch as well are the ducks that land in the water. These places are part of what makes Logan special, please do not take them away. Perhaps if we are having water problems, there are other ways to help. You could set up guidelines for watering in the early morning or evenings. I am always surprised in the Summer by how many large parks and houses will have their sprinklers going off in the middle of a hot day. This is something our city could work on along with being more careful with the water we have running in our homes. I hope that you consider what I say, I know many of my family members in the valley and neighbors feel the same way.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Ashley)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

am a Logan UT resident and have lived in cache valley for most of my life. I've become aware of the plan to pressurize, divert and pipe our waterways. I am against this. The few rivers and creeks we have in our parks and throughout town is very important to me. So many people enjoy walking and sitting next to rivers. It would be a tragedy to cover them up. Additionally I do not trust that if we have the water pipes that it would stay within our community. Please do not go forward with this.

**NAME:** [Becky Craner](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Becky Craner)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't move our beautiful rivers underground! They provide such beauty to our city! I lived in Logan until 2019 and then moved to Hyde I have been following the Logan River Project and thought that I understand what was being considered. After reading the article in the Daily today, I am not sure. It seems that there are implications that I did not catch. Perhaps more community information is in order. Please consider additional time.

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Beth Anne and Paul

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My husband and I are very much opposed to the piping of the Little Logan River, especially in the areas where it runs through the town parks. We feel incredibly lucky to live in such a beautiful and well-cared for city. The Logan city parks - with the river flowing through our favorites - are at the top of our list why we enjoy living in Logan. Currently, we rent an apartment (and likely will continue to do so for the foreseeable future given the housing market). As we don't have a yard for our dog, we visit the off-leash parks daily - often, 2x/day - with our dog. If the river is piped, the parks would lose much of their beauty and charm. I'd much rather relax, picnic, and play next to the flowing river than alongside an ugly pipe - wouldn't you? I understand this proposal addresses flood control and irrigation efficiencies, but there must be alternative solutions to be considered, I hope? Thank you for noting our firm opposition to the piping of the Little Logan River.

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**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** plan process; alternatives;

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; alternatives; property impacts; wildlife and

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Mr. Neff, Im beth , I live on the logan river in logan. and im against your plan. For all the standard reasons, its going to destroy our neighborhood, our land values. And um will kill wildlife. Um, Im a member of the wood land task force, and we've ben working for four years, and have invested quite a bit of time and money into plantings and rethinking how we could avoid floodig and preserve our rivers and lands. My number is 435 760 1708. And than you, if you'd like to talk to me further, I'd be happy to talk with you. I've been at the assorted meetings so far, and have pretty much concluded that there is a plan we dont know about to develop, um, on the valley of cache floods. so um, I, wish we could get straight answers from JUB and the langdon group about whats really going on, and uh,, i am hoping this can be resolved with citizen input and some common sensse. thank you so much for letting me talk.

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; property impacts; wildlife and

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to protest the plan to put our river in a tube. See the attached. Beth Booton (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:

"March 14, 2021

To whom this may concern,

I understand The Logan River Watershed Plan coordinated by JUB Engineers in conjunction with the Langdon Group is proposing to pipe and then pressurize our Logan River at First Dam or at the Crockett diversion. The plan is to divert the waters to farmers in the western parts of Cache Valley and to provide flood control.

This plan if implemented will be at the expense of all that live on or near the River as it flows through town. That includes landowners, residents, animals , birds and fish. Essentially the 100 cubic feet per second they intend to draw down will drop the river to a trickle for much of the year except spring runoff .

As I write this, the Logan is now at 80 cfs. If they take 100 cfs they will aim to draw down more than we have in the river right now. This is absolute nonsense.

Land values, the value of our homes , the quality of our neighborhoods will drop. Without the beauty, sounds and

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ambience of our river and without the fishing, swimming and other recreational activities, we will lose one of the main reasons we love our neighborhood so much.

Environmental impacts that could then result include water quality degradation resulting in algae blooms that release cyanotoxins into the water. Think Utah Lake in Provo, which is regularly shut down due to algae blooms. My children and I play in this river. Two of my dogs in August of two different years have contracted botulism from the water in my back yard in August during the time the canal companies divert much of our water. Water quality, the stink of dying fish and animals and rotting dead plants in August is already terrible. The water and ambient air temperatures, bank habitat, will be much worse with the LRW Plan in place.

The Logan River Task Force ( of which I am a citizen member) is actively trying to protect our River and has spent 2 million dollars in four years trying to upgrade the river and banks for the right reasons: quality of life for humans, flood control, enhancing our neighborhoods, survival of birds, fish (including the endangered Bonneville cutthroat) and mammals. The City of Logan seems to be reversing itself in allowing this to come to the table. The time and money that has been spent by the City, by professionals and concerned citizens will amount to nothing. How can this be?

Questions regarding who is paying for this project have remained unanswered. I am guessing this is really about shipping water west for developing the undeveloped areas on the valley floor where migrating birds, mosquitos and floods happen. The future homes and business will occur at the expense of those with existing homes and businesses on the Island. How can this be?

The early pioneers knew better. They did not build out there. In their wisdom, they knew that flooding, the mosquitos and poor building sites were a bad investment. How can it be that JUB, the Langdon Group and Logan City do not get this?

Please stop this project. There will be a huge struggle and likely a legal fight of mega proportions. We have so many other ways to solve our issues in Logan and Cache Valley.

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**RE:** plan process; project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; project purpose (oc:Bill Strong)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

As property owners of homes at 947 Sumac Drive and 945 Sumac Drive in Logan, we wish to voice concerns regarding the proposed project as conceptually outlined at the January 28, 2021 Public Scoping Meeting--a meeting held during the very darkest days of a pandemic crisis. We do recognize that this project is still at an early stage of its proposed timeline; however, our concerns relate to both the PROCESS and the SUBSTANCE of the proposed project. PROCESS

The project, as broadly outlined, proposes significant, irreversible changes to the delivery of canal water and to existing environmental conditions along the Logan River. Given this fact--and given the lockdowns imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic--we would have expected far greater public visibility and discussion regarding the scope and nature of the proposed project. Here, then, are a few of our process concerns: Prior to January 28, was there any media dissemination of this plan, with an opportunity for citizen input and discussion? Have property owners along the Logan River been provided with answers to their many questions, including (for example) the specific downriver impacts of withdrawing 100 cubic feet per second on wildlife? Have any and all potential conflicts of interest of the principals (and canal companies) involved in this project been publicly acknowledged and discussed? In our opinion the answer to all these questions--and many more--must be a resounding NO. There are print media venues in Cache Valley (as well as radio stations) for dissemination of the conceptual plan and for discussion of its many issues. In our opinion, the proactive obligation of its sponsors (and local government) is to ensure that every effort is made to inform property owners and citizens generally about what is being proposed. We find only a reactive Feb 5 article in the Herald Journal, and a March 12 article in the same publication, neither of which was authored by the sponsors. To us, this appears to be almost a Stealth Campaign, one under the radar of public scrutiny and comment. SUBSTANCE In addition to the goal of flood mitigation, three broad goals of the project, as articulated on January 28, 2021, are listed below: • water quality improvement • fish and wildlife habitat enhancement • recreation Also during that meeting, we noted that the project sponsors seek to "maintain and enhance environmental conditions" and provide "recreational opportunities." One of the engineers spoke of the Logan River--accurately, we thought--as the "heart of the watershed." Given the broad outlines of the project, we do not understand how the main channel of the Logan River will see "water quality improvement" during summer months or "how fish and wildlife habitat will be enhanced." Indeed, we see a degradation of water quality as well as fish and wildlife

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habitat as likely and foreordained outcomes, weakening the recreational "heart" of Logan in profound ways. To date, Logan City has beautifully capitalized on the Logan River--with its Merlin Olsen Central Park, its Jens Johansen Park, its Stewart Nature Park, and its Willow Park (as well as its trails along the Logan River Golf Course, Riverside Drive, and Highway 89) and its west side dog park. All of these parks and trails, with their rich recreational opportunities, absolutely depend on the free flow of the Logan River. We believe that the quality of life in Logan will be diminished to the extent that these resources are negatively impacted by reduced water flows in the main channel. Presently, many anglers, inner tube floaters, and kayakers cross our properties for access to the Logan River, and we also provide free summer access to various civic and cultural groups. We regard ourselves as stewards of the river channel, and we work hard to ensure the health of the river and its wildlife. We urge the project sponsors to protect the heart of Logan.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Blake Peterson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just became aware of the possibility of covering the river that goes through Merlin Olsen Central Park. That would be an absolute tragedy. I grew up 3 blocks from the park and spent many hours playing in that river. My wife's grandparents were Merle and Lynn Olsen (Merlin Olsen's parents) and they lived across the street from the park. Thus, whenever, my wife went to visit her grandparents in the summer, that river was a "go to" place. Losing that river in that park would deteriorate that "small town" feeling that makes Logan so great. DON'T COVER THE RIVER! Blake Peterson

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**RE:** Agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** Agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Bradley Willis)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Growing up in Logan I played in the Logan River and the Little Logan River and irrigation canals. They are great places for splashing, sports and fun. The City, County, and other entities should leave as much water as possible in the river for kids to play in. The river through Central Park is an iconic summer fun spot and any impact on the flow would be tragic. The same for the canals in each neighborhood and especially the main Logan river. The rivers and canals also water trees and plants along the banks and provide wildlife habitat and fishing. I own property along the Little Logan River and enjoy the atmosphere it provides. I see all kinds of fish and wildlife along the river and canals. The lovely noise of flowing water blocks out the busy street noise and the riparian canal banks are a significant benefit to the property and property value. I own water rights on Ditch 2 of the Logan Island Irrigation district and I still prefer to have the water in the canal NOT in a pressurized system. The natural beauty the rivers and ditches provide will be permanently taken away if the City goes with this plan to pressurize the system. I irrigate a garden and yard in the summer, and many trees along the canal banks would take a big hit and/or die if their water is reduced or cut off. Thank you for leaving as much water in the natural waterways as possible. Bradley Willis, Property Owner in Logan Island Irrigation District.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Branden Blauer)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future pressurized irrigation system for the little logan river is unacceptable.

**NAME:** [Brenda Chung](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Brenda Chung)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just heard the distressing news about the recommendation of constructing a complete PI system for the Logan and Little Rivers throughout the Crockett service area. As a long-term resident of Logan and property owner this this service area, this recommendation is completely unacceptable to me. Having the Little Logan River free-flowing through the Merlin Olsen Central Park has been a defining character of the Island neighborhood and my life experience in Cache Valley. My children and then my grandson and many of their friends have grown up playing in the Little Logan River as it flows through Central Park. A group of our dear friends and neighbors have planted a tree next to the river in remembrance of a dear departed friend. Many of us participated in the sacred ceremony by the flowing water of the Little Logan River when the Tibetan Buddhist monks released the sacred sands from the mandala they constructed in Logan over a week's time. Having that river restrained in PI system will completely change the character of the entire Island neighborhood. The flowing river is the heart of the neighborhood. Please don't take that away from us and from the future generations.

**NAME:** [Brent and Linda Eames](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; plan purpose (oc:Brent and

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email please read the attached letter (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:

To whom it may concern,

We have recently been informed of the plan to change the beauty and uniqueness of the City of Logan by diverting the water in the Logan River to a pressurized system.

The home we live in has been in our family since 1986 when my husband's parents bought the home primarily because of the beautiful Logan River location. We see so many people float the river and enjoy fishing the river much of the year. We also see and enjoy the families of ducks that reside in the river. We appreciate all of the efforts that have been made to beautify and maintain the river since we have lived here.

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To divert that much water out of this end of the river would leave stagnate water and be a perfect environment for mosquitos and unwanted algae along with other devastating environmental effects known and unknown to all of us in Logan. The fantastic parks in the Island area would also be negatively affected.

To proceed with such a plan will bring on a huge class action law suit and I for one will go house to house for the needed signatures. There are no apparent justifications for the plan. The farmers have done well with the existing irrigation system for many years and there seems to be less and less farm ground as more housing is built. So, what is the real reason for this plan? Who stands to benefit?

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

**NAME:** [Brittany Stephens](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat (oc:Brittany Stephens)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

This move will destroy it's habitats and overall con (rest of comment not able to be read). (pdf saved to folder)

**NAME:** [Britton Bowen](#)

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Britton Bowen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I do not like the proposed spot that you are planning on diverting the river from. I think that the parks and properties down stream benefit greatly from it. It would be a shame to loose a part of the community where so many memories have been made. Additionally it is unclear to the public as to what is going to be done with the diverted water. My concern is that it will be bought up by large companies and force small farms to go with out. Over all this plan seems to decrease the value of the community surrounding the river.

**NAME:** [Bruce Anderson](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Bruce Anderson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

This is Bruce Anderson. I live in Mendon Ut. Some of my fond memories are playing in the water at Central Park and willow park in Logan Ut. Then my children and grand children played there too. Let's take a lesson from Slc. When they rebuild down town they brought city creek up in the mall and around north temple. You don't even have to bring it up. It is already there.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Cadi Haun)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Cadi Haun. I've lived in the valley all 31 years of my life. I grew up in Smithfield literally going to play in the canal every day during the summer. It was our stop for a break spot on a walk with my mother or with friends. It's something so small that makes the best memories and I'm asking you to not remove that from my children's further or the children in this valley. The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. Please don't do this to the valley and these kids that already have had so much changed in there lives. Let them still have the opportunity to make these memories of being outside and playing in the canal. They're what so many of us grew up on and cherish Today. Thank you.

**NAME:** [Carol Sharp](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Phone Call

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** property impacts.

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts. (oc:Carol Sharp)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Yes, I can leave a message. I don't know if you're for or against the waterline being taken out of the valley here in cache valley. If you could maybe just leavge me a message about whats going on and why. I just can't live without that river going through my yard, so. Thank you Andy.

**NAME:** [Carol Strong](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan process; project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; project purpose (oc:Carol Strong)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

DUPLICATE OF COMMENTS FROM BILL STRONG As property owners of homes at 947 Sumac Drive and 945 Sumac Drive in Logan, we wish to voice concerns regarding the proposed project as conceptually outlined at the January 28, 2021 Public Scoping Meeting--a meeting held during the very darkest days of a pandemic crisis. We do recognize that this project is still at an early stage of its proposed timeline; however, our concerns relate to both the PROCESS and the SUBSTANCE of the proposed project. PROCESS The project, as broadly outlined, proposes significant, irreversible changes to the delivery of canal water and to existing environmental conditions along the Logan River. Given this fact--and given the lockdowns imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic--we would have expected far greater public visibility and discussion regarding the scope and nature of the proposed project. Here, then, are a few of our process concerns: Prior to January 28, was there any media dissemination of this plan, with an opportunity for citizen input and discussion? Have property owners along the Logan River been provided with answers to their many questions, including (for example) the specific downriver impacts of withdrawing 100 cubic feet per second on wildlife? Have any and all potential conflicts of interest of the principals (and canal companies) involved in this project been publicly acknowledged and discussed? In our

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opinion the answer to all these questions--and many more--must be a resounding NO. There are print media venues in Cache Valley (as well as radio stations) for dissemination of the conceptual plan and for discussion of its many issues. In our opinion, the proactive obligation of its sponsors (and local government) is to ensure that every effort is made to inform property owners and citizens generally about what is being proposed. We find only a reactive Feb 5 article in the Herald Journal, and a March 12 article in the same publication, neither of which was authored by the sponsors. To us, this appears to be almost a Stealth Campaign, one under the radar of public scrutiny and comment. **SUBSTANCE** In addition to the goal of flood mitigation, three broad goals of the project, as articulated on January 28, 2021, are listed below: • water quality improvement • fish and wildlife habitat enhancement • recreation Also during that meeting, we noted that the project sponsors seek to "maintain and enhance environmental conditions" and provide "recreational opportunities." One of the engineers spoke of the Logan River--accurately, we thought--as the "heart of the watershed." Given the broad outlines of the project, we do not understand how the main channel of the Logan River will see "water quality improvement" during summer months or "how fish and wildlife habitat will be enhanced." Indeed, we see a degradation of water quality as well as fish and wildlife habitat as likely and foreordained outcomes, weakening the recreational "heart" of Logan in profound ways. To date, Logan City has beautifully capitalized on the Logan River--with its Merlin Olsen Central Park, its Jens Johansen Park, its Stewart Nature Park, and its Willow Park (as well as its trails along the Logan River Golf Course, Riverside Drive, and Highway 89) and its west side dog park. All of these parks and trails, with their rich recreational opportunities, absolutely depend on the free flow of the Logan River. We believe that the quality of life in Logan will be diminished to the extent that these resources are negatively impacted by reduced water flows in the main channel. Presently, many anglers, inner tube floaters, and kayakers cross our properties for access to the Logan River, and we also provide free summer access to various civic and cultural groups. We regard ourselves as stewards of the river channel, and we work hard to ensure the health of the river and its wildlife. We urge the project sponsors to protect the heart of Logan.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Caroline Hansen)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan river is unacceptable. These open water systems are an important part of our community and should not be covered. The community at large do not want these water ways changed or covered. Please respect the desires of the community and leave the little Logan river as they are.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Carson

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

\*\*\* I know it's long but PLEASE READ \*\*\* Dear Utah Watershed Council. The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is completely unacceptable. This river means so much to me and my family. I know to few people, it may just seem to be a simple, insignificant river. But to the people of Logan, and anyone who has visited the beautiful fairgrounds. What's left of that little river is what sets the mood. It ties together all the beautiful traits of Logan and the fairgrounds. I can think of pages and pages of memories tied with this beautiful river. For example, My name is Carson Hoxer. I am 22 years old, and every single year of my life. My family and I travel to the Cache county fairgrounds go camping for a week straight during the Cache Valley Cruise In! Without hesitation, this is the highlight of my year. If I could go anywhere else in the world, or the fairgrounds during the car show, I would pick the fairgrounds with that innocent river. It's a piece of history. It's what sets Cache counties fairgrounds from the rest. I remember when the river used to run the full length of the fairgrounds. I truly miss that, but I cannot imagine what it would be like without it. In fact, that river is

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where my parents, and older siblings decided on my name before I was born. My mother was soaking her feet in the refreshing yet soothing river, watching the crowd and cars at the show thinking about what she was going to name her little boy. My older sister suggested that I should be named something car related. And they both said Carson! My name was literally decided in that river. And that's not even a memory that I was there for. I know it sounds crazy, but the fairgrounds would not be the same without it. And I promise you, 99% of people would agree. I love listening to it before I fall asleep. I understand what you are trying to accomplish. But if there is any possible way that we can find another option so that we and the people from all over the country that visit the fairgrounds can still have this piece of nature and history? That would mean literally the world to me. I teared up hearing that we might lose our river. And at this point, if you're still reading this. I know there's hope<3 Thank you so much for your time. Please take me, my family and friends, future generations, visitors of Cache county, and event holders into deep consideration before making the final call on this.

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**RE:** project purpose; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Casey Poulson)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I am Casey Poulson and I was born and raised in Cache Valley. I graduated from USU in 2018 with a B.S. degree in Recreation Resource Management, and am rather familiar with processes such as NEPA. I know that a full environmental assessment has yet to be carried out, and I cannot stress the importance of this enough. I have watched the public scoping meeting that was held on January 28, 2021, and to be honest, it seems as though ecological impacts and assessments were not even discussed. I realize we are in the beginning stages of the NEPA process, and I hope there is significant value placed on factors such as: water quality, wildlife and bird habitat, riparian ecosystem health including fish, plants, animals, micro and macro-invertebrates, and other environmental concerns. I am concerned about the effects of climate change on this community, and have witnessed increased warming, and decreased snowfall over the past two decades. I understand that agricultural irrigation and residential consumption are viable concerns for the future. However, during the public scoping meeting, when project goals are outlined, and it is stated that one of them is to maintain and enhance environmental conditions, all he mentions is agricultural irrigation. I would think that human water use and environmental conditions are recognized as being separate. I think there are huge gains to be made in terms of water conservation. I have seen firsthand the behavior of residents in and around Logan. Many people maintain large areas of lawn which I think is absolutely ridiculous, given the state of available water now and in the future. Also, I have seen neighbors watering their lawns in the summer in the middle of the day with sprinklers that spray water 5 to 10 feet into the air, sometimes for up to 8 hours at a time. There have been times I had to ask my neighbor to turn his sprinklers down because he was watering my garage building. I would vote to make having lawns made illegal in water-starved areas such as Cache Valley. My point is that incentivizing people to use less water could have large benefits for all downstream, including agricultural use. Also, irrigation systems could be updated and made more efficient by using drip irrigation rather than the wasteful method of spraying water high into the air. These irrigation systems are costly I know, but perhaps local and even federal governments and municipalities could assist these farms with the associated costs. People respond to money first and foremost, and water here is cheap and freely accessible. I think water use for residents (including myself) could be limited and/or made more expensive to promote sustainable usage. Piping the Logan and Little Logan Rivers is a short-term solution, and neglects many crucial values related to ecological impacts and sustainable water usage. I hope that an agreeable solution that includes all values and stakeholders-even those who cannot voice themselves directly such as wildlife-can be reached and implemented, and that people can continue to live in Cache Valley for many years to come, and learn to live with the increasingly-dry conditions we find ourselves.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Cassidy P)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I remember playing and loving to swim in the little river, I want my children and grandchildren to get to experience the wonderful little river. I beg of you not to get rid of the wonder little river. I played all day and have so much fun. Logan still needs it little river in it world.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; lack of understanding

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to insist that the Crockett Ave Pressurized Irrigation Project be halted and the Little Logan River not be piped. To my knowledge, this falls on unceded Shoshone lands and has both cultural and resource value to those who were violently dis-possessed of their land as well as current residents. The Little Logan River continues to serve many in both public and private spaces. It is unacceptable to pipe this river.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Chantel Lind)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Before I was born (in 1995), my parents joined the Cache Valley Cruising Association. Every year since then, my 4th of July weekends have been filled with Cache Valley Cruise-In events; either preparing for, actively hosting, or cleaning up from the event. As an adult I have chosen to continue to be a member of the club because it is something I love. I am writing you this email to ask you not to pressurize the little Logan River. The portion of it that runs through the Cache County Fairgrounds is priceless to our attendees and is a good portion of the reason some of them come. My father does registration for those who bring a car to the show, and as such he talks to almost every person who participated in the show. Over the years we have heard from many people, who travel from all over the country, how unique of an experience it is for their families to come and camp for the week of the show along that river, enjoy the area, and participate in our show. If you pressurize the Little Logan River, it could greatly affect how many people choose to travel to Logan and camp in the area because they love that experience and might choose not to come otherwise.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Chrysta McCombs)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a citizen of Logan, the proposed completely pressurized system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. My children, extended family, and I enjoy this river all the time, and it would be a tremendous loss of a beautiful, great resource for families if it is piped over and taken from our citizens. Please do not deprive Logan families of this much enjoyed and appreciated family recreational resource. Photos attached (2) and saved in appendix.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Cindy Olson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As an avid participant in the Cache Valley Cruise In, I would like to ask please do not pipe in the river at the fair grounds. I enjoy the atmosphere the fairgrounds provides, camping is so much fun. Meeting with friends from out of state. As the adults are visiting our children enjoy cooling off in the river. Thank you for your consideration, Cindy Olson

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Craig Hardman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I've heard rumors of the river waters going through parks being covered and run through culverts, if it's true that this is an option you're considering I'm whole heartily against it. It will take away so much beauty and recreation. Wouldn't it be better to enhance the use of the waterway than destroy it. Just loon at all the use that the logan river walk way has gotten with a little upgrade.

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat (oc:Crystal Olson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't do this. It will damage the eco system and take away from logan's natural beauty.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Crystal Thomas)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, several other wildlife, all the trees and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. We've played in that river whereas it's perfect even for smaller children due to it being shallow. Please redirect those monies to something else more worthwhile. Leave the river as it is. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley/Logan Resident

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Dallas Hansen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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**RE:** water flows

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flows (oc:Daniel Ferris)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Please see the attached comments from Utah State University Facilities regarding the proposed Logan River Watershed Plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Sincerely, Daniel R. Ferris, PE, CEM Director, Utilities and Energy Management Utah State University 435-797-9500 (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:

**USU Facilities Concerns about Crockett Irrigation Canal System First Dam Diversion Option** Daniel Ferris, Utilities and Energy Management Director, [daniel.ferris@usu.edu](mailto:daniel.ferris@usu.edu), 435-797-9500 Ben Berrett, Associate Vice President for Facilities, [ben.berrett@usu.edu](mailto:ben.berrett@usu.edu), 435-797-1957 March 9, 2021

These are comments from Utah State University Facilities for consideration in the Logan River Watershed plan NEPA process where constructing an intake diversion from First Dam and pressurized piping of the Crockett canal have been presented as an option. These comments focus on this option, because it was the option presented at the January 28, 2021 public scoping meeting and because it is the option with a potential to directly impact USU Facilities. If a different point of diversion option is selected that is downstream from the dam, its location would need to be identified prior to commenting on any impacts it may have. Utah State University owns First Dam and the State of Utah has made a significant investment in the First Dam structure and hydropower facilities. It is important that the benefits from these investments not be reduced by the proposed project. USU Facilities is responsible for both operation and safety of the dam. Following are concerns we would like to note regarding the impacts of altered flow on USU operations: 1. USU benefits from green energy hydroelectric power at First Dam. The turbine is rated at 320 kW. During the spring run-off, the hydro-turbine has a capacity factor of approximately 50% with an annual capacity factor of approximately 30%. The turbine produces 800,000 kWh per year of clean carbon-neutral energy for the university. A pressurized system diverting water from First Dam would reduce the flow available for creating hydropower, unless its operation is carefully controlled to maintain this ability. This power is part of the University's goal to become net-carbon zero. Any reduction in the capability of this green power production would mean that green power would need to be purchased or produced in a different manner. 2. Pressurization of the Highline canal in 2015, following failure of the Logan Northern Canal in 2009, has already reduced inflows to First Dam and thus water available for USU Power production. This has reduced water quality at First Dam and increased the need for maintenance as aquatic plants and algae are an increased problem at the intake of the dam. Reducing flows even more could create additional maintenance problems in order to continue to operate the hydroelectric turbine. 3. There is an open bay within First Dam to add a second hydro-turbine if the University determined that the green power would be a benefit in the future. Reducing water flows through the dam would reduce the capacity of a potential second turbine and eliminate the possibility of capturing the green hydroelectric power to further reduce the University's carbon footprint. 4. As the owner of the dam, USU is responsible for its maintenance and safe operation. Any penetration into the dam will need a full structural and safety analysis. In addition, a maintenance agreement will need to be developed to ensure that the intakes are properly maintained and that any flow control systems are effective and working properly. 5. Any new penetration into the reservoir increases the complexity of operating the dam. As the dam owner and operator, USU Facilities feels this proposal would increase the complexity of silt management, dam safety, maintaining proper flows for irrigation and UWRL research activities, and balancing power production needs with irrigation demands. USU Facilities respectfully requests that these concerns be address by the Environmental Assessment and that the team conducting the assessment stay in contact with USU as they study these issues. This will help with determining any adverse effects on the operation of the dam and hydroelectric power production. Respectfully, Daniel R. Ferris, PE, CEM Utah State University Director, Utilities and Energy Management

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Danielle Macfarlane)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I have heard about the possibility of diverting important Cache rivers underground. I would be greatly opposed to this action and would most respectfully ask you to consider negative the impact of this decision. I am a life-long Cache resident and frequently walk the river trail, my children attend preschool in the Logan areas in question, we attend events in the Cache fair grounds, and if these areas were impacted it would be a great detriment to our community. Please consider not only the nature and bird-life that depend on these areas but also how it would shift the feel of the areas to have be more urban thus increasing many negative effects on the neighborhoods. I implore those considering this decision to carefully research these impacts and also allow residents more information and a voice or vote in this matter. Thank you, Danielle Macfarlane 435-881-4280

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Dave Browning)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The details on this plan seem inadequate given the impact. I don't feel you've made the case strongly enough to merit the work planned. Please respond to the questions brought forward in the opinion piece about the project [https://www.hjnews.com/opinion/columns/soapbox-plan-to-divert-logan-river-water-has-many-unanswered-questions/article\\_92e6390a-4f0d-51ac-b5f7-26e84a001e62.html](https://www.hjnews.com/opinion/columns/soapbox-plan-to-divert-logan-river-water-has-many-unanswered-questions/article_92e6390a-4f0d-51ac-b5f7-26e84a001e62.html)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Dave Wells)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Proposed pressurizing of the Little Logan Upon hearing of plans to pipe and bury the Little Logan I was very upset. The Little Logan is my back property boundary behind my home in the Woodruff neighborhood on Mallard Loop. We had opportunities to buy other homes in the Logan area but choose this one because of the above mentioned river and trees. My wife and I have invested a sizable amount of money and physical effort on landscaping and improvements because of that little river and the beautiful trees we love so much. The flora and fauna is what makes the neighborhood so special. My grandchildren drive from the Ogden area to play in, "Grandpa and Grandma's River." Please reconsider your plans!!!! We've had family and friends visit from other states and rave about how pretty our neighborhood and town are. It would be truly sad to see the Little Logan and the trees go away. I may stop bragging about the beautiful place we live and start complaining about it to all who will listen. Dave Wells Local Resident 505.554.7386

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:David Ringle)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not ruin the charm of Merlin Olsen Park for the sake of progress. Every time I deuce by the Olsen home on Canyon Drive right near the park Irene that family and what the skating rink was. Sometimes supposed progress isn't for the best. Each summer I gather my family of 42 and we play in the sand and wade in the river while we race little boats. Your proposal will just do away with those things. Thank you David Ringle

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Dawn Williams)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Since I was a little girl we had always played in the Logan River. As I got older the family and our grandchildren has done the same. I enjoyed the walk down along the River at least 3 to 4 nites a week all summer and into the fall and spring. Logan is a beautiful place and so many people enjoy the River in numerous places. Please do not cover it up! Thank You,

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Debbie Caldwell)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am appalled and sick to my stomach that you are even considering piping the little logan river that runs through several parks. I have four small children and our FAVORITE summer activity is going to the parks and playing in the river. It's so much more fun than playing at splashpads. The river is integral to Cache Valley and one of the most enjoyable things about living here. Waterways not only provide recreation, but they create beauty and make our Valley unique. First we lost the canal down the canyon that I would float as a child, then we lost the canal in Hyde Park. By erasing all these waterways we are making this Valley less beautiful and less enjoyable. The river can hold my children's attention for hours, something manmade objects like playgrounds can never do. Children need nature, and so do adults. Even just walking next to the river in these parks lowers my blood pressure. Please, please, please to not pipe the little Logan river! We cannot afford to lose one more waterway in Cache Valley!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Debbie Cooper)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I do not understand why anyone would want to disrupt the natural flow of that river that has been providing enjoyment and beauty to our fair grounds for so many years. If something is not broke. There is no reason to fix it. Or screw it up and make it ugly and turn our fair grounds in to a dusty old boring place like everyone else's in the state. Let's think of preserving what is natural along with the beauty it provides. Sincerely, Debbie Cooper

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**RE:** project purpose; agricultural

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; agricultural water management (oc:Dennis)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have enjoyed the open Creeks/Rivers that run through Logan & so have the Valley's children from what I can tell ! I would NOT like to see these water features covered up ! Please do not consider this option further !!

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Dennis Shaw)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have read Logan Christensen's article in the Herald Journal. I cannot express my opinion or ask any questions better than he already has. I would urge you to read his article very carefully and ask yourself if the proposed change is in the best interest of every person in Cache Valley or just a select few. I am sure there are justifications that can be argued for the changes but nothing that can be said will override any reason to change nature's beauty. When this was presented to the Council there are many unanswered questions that citizens like myself have. It would appear that the presenters had not researched the ramifications of this project when they came before the Council otherwise there would not be so many unanswered questions. Any changes to the Logan River regardless of how small the project would be ill advised at best and disastrous at worst. Several years ago I watched in dismay as track hoes ran up and down the Logan River with little to no regard for the fishing beds that have taken hundreds of years to create and are only now, years later, beginning to recover. This was done in the name of flood control. While there were some areas that definitely needed the work done on the section of river where I live there was no need for any kind of flood control but because the city had money from the federal government they wanted to spend it. I have some experience with engineering and construction companies, especially those that deal with public works projects. These companies are actively looking for projects that will create income and profit for their company with little to no regard for the irreversible changes it will make to a community. They

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create areas of concern and then propose a solution. They cite studies and put forth projections that are designed to create a sense of a future calamity if the changes are not made right away. I live 100' from the Logan River. I purchased my home almost 20 years ago so I could be close to the river. Every person that lives along the river did so for exactly the same reason. The proposal now is to destroy and irrevocably change the beauty that hundreds of people along the river and thousands that come to the enjoy river have done ever since Logan was homesteaded. To have the beauty as well as the recreational activities it provides to the residents destroyed would be a tragedy and one that once changed cannot be undone. The beauty of this valley and the activities it provides, many of which are centered around the river, are an integral part of the lifestyle of Cache Valley and Logan and the reason that so many, like myself, have been attracted to the area and chosen to make Logan our home. The Logan River is an extraordinary natural wonder not unlike Yellowstone. No one would think of irreversibly changing Yellowstone.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Diana King)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Please consider the attached letter (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of Cache Valley since 1980 when my parents mover our family across the country. I came here from the beautifully green rolling hills of Virginia. When I first arrived, I though to myself, what happened to all the trees? I didn't realize that we had moved to a dessert. I love Cache Valley. It has become home to me. After graduating from Sky View High School, I attended Utah State University, where I met and married my husband. After we both graduated from US, we had the opportunity to move out of the State of Utah. Because of the great community we have enjoyed here, we opted to stay in Cache Valley and raise our children here.

We purchased the home we still occupy in the Fall of 1992. Our home is situated near the Logan River not far downstream from the USU Water Research Lab. In the summertime, we love to listen to the sound of the water as it rolls over some falls near Sumac Park.

Our children have spent countless hours floating in tubes and on river boards down the Logan River near our home. One of my children's fondest memories is playing in the water at Merlin Olsen Park. It is a wonderful place to cool down on a hot summer day. We have continued to enjoy the stream through Central Park with our grandchildren. Whenever we plan a picnic, Merlin Olsen Park is the favorite destination because of the stream and other facilities available there.

It would be a travesty to remove the free-flowing waterways that exist through our beautiful neighborhoods. Please consider the quality of life these waterways have provided for so many people and the beauty that they provide for us to enjoy. There is nothing quite like the sound of a rolling river to sooth the soul.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Diane Ringle)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I strongly oppose the plan to change the river in the Merlin Olsen Park. Our extended family travels at least yearly to gather at the park and play in the river. We travel from 6 different states specifically to spend a few days in the park and a week at a time in Logan. If the river is covered, we will likely not travel to Logan at all.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Dustin Glenn)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I recently was informed that the City is planning on turning the Little Logan River into a pressurized irrigation system. I am disgusted by this betrayal of city leaders and other city officials. The people who live in Logan know and love the parks that have a river flowing through them. I hope that we as a society can recognize the importance of people being able to enjoy the natural beauty of a river and use the open spaces in our parks. From kids playing in the water to people fishing, the river provides character and a unique feature that most cities wish they could have. I strongly encourage you to reject this projected plan, and ask you to think of the loss of beauty from such a wonderful natural feature. I have lived in Cache Valley for 20 years. I have been to those places personally, where the river is able to be played in and know that they hold a special place in the hearts of me and many in the Valley. I ask you again to reject this drastic plan. .

**NAME:** [Eric Blanchard](#)

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**RE:** project purpose-support

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-support (oc:Eric Blanchard)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a resident of Logan City on the west side of the city. I am writing in favor of the proposals that are being made to move some or all parts of Logan City to a pressurized irrigation system. I believe this to be a step in the right direction with modernization of a system that has too long been in the hands of too few. Water is one of the most important natural resources we have and to allow a few citizens to accumulate so much power by having shares in this resource while leaving other citizens with no say in what happens to the water is not right. A company should not have control of our natural resources, especially one that is passed from one generation to the next like a thing of royalty. This is something that should be controlled by elected officials. Part of the current canal system runs through the backyard of my home. While it is a benefit visually, it has also caused extreme problems with the home because of seepage and poor management of the resource. 3 years ago a neighbor, who might or might not have water shares (no one really knows except the water master), did his weekly water turn by damming up the water across the street from my house.

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He then fell asleep and allowed the water to continue to back up for about 4 hours longer than was allowed. The seepage of the water into the ground compounded by the high water table ran the water into my basement where there ended up being about 2 inches of water throughout. Neighbors helped us tear everything out of the basement but much was destroyed because of the negligence of someone nearby. We tried to contact the water master using the phone number provided by the city, but could never get ahold of him and he never once returned one of our many messages over the course of a couple of years. We finally ran into him last year as he was clearing the debris from the ditch at the beginning of the season. This is not right that I have their water running through my yard at my expense and have no way to contact this person in case of an emergency. Obviously, they have no desire to be in this position of responsibility, but only want control of the natural resource to water their farmland. This flooding has happened to two other neighbors around us with one having been flooded three times because of seepage from the canal. These are extreme examples, but we live with the repercussions of this water system from April until October as we are required to run a dehumidifier in our basement during that entire time just to keep the humidity levels low enough so mold isn't a constant threat. The rest of the year there is no issue, but the seepage from the canal is excessive. When this home was built, the general contractor promised the owner water shares to irrigate the lawn and garden, but when the house was finished it turned out that either the general contractor had lied or the water master gave him false information because there were no shares to be had. It seems that there is way too much power in these water shares and the wasted water that occurs from seepage and evaporation is something that needs to be addressed. I feel like I should be paid rent to have their water cross my property especially when it can cause so much damage to my home. I was told the only way to have any redress for what has happened is to sue the water user as the canal company seems to get off litigation-free because of so many laws in their favor. I know there are many concerned citizens in this community that worry about losing the beauty of running water through parks and other locations, but there are also many dangers to having open waterways. A child in the city of Lewiston just drowned this week because he drove a motorized toy in the river by his house and was lost because of lack of adult supervision. These tragedies are not worth the beauty of water. There are too many unsupervised children using these waterways. We have had numerous children run down the ditch in our yard, trespassing without any supervision. It is extremely dangerous because right beyond our fence is a culvert where a child could very easily drown. No one will forget the tragedy that happened several years ago with the seepage that caused a landslide and the deaths of several people in our community. These things cannot be allowed to happen again. It is time for water control to be put into the hands of elected officials and for the dangers and issues of open waterways to be removed completely. We have numerous dams and other bodies of water close by and do not need open waterways running through the city. All citizens should have access to this water and the city's culinary water should not be used to water lawns and gardens any longer. It is a waste of money and too much of the precious natural resource is being lost because of mismanagement and hoarding. What will happen when we have a terrible drought and there is little water to be had? Will they still send 90% of down waterways losing 10-30% of it through seepage and evaporation? I certainly hope not. It is time to modernize and allow all citizens access to this water. I know that the current plan is a step in the right direction and I heartily support these changes.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Esther Calvert)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I, along with many others who live on the west side in Logan am adamantly opposed to redirecting the Logan river, especially when we are entering a period of expected water shortages due to a winter where we had extremely cold temperatures with little snowfall. This project is designed solely by people who will NOT feel it's impact, but who will benefit from it's rewards. Please take your project elsewhere as it is not wanted in our community

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am saddened to hear that there are plans for a complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River. I love the habitat that comes along with the current amount of water in this river. It provides a slice of wildlife to observe in Merlin Olsen Central Park and Merlin Olsen Central Park that makes them incredibly attractive to many people. It is a valuable cultural and recreational asset and the quality of life in Logan depends on our unique river heritage. Thank you for your time.

**NAME:** [Gordon Suter](#)

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**SOURCE:** Phone Call

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Gordon Suter)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi this is gordon. calling about the proposed piping and all of the water in our parks, here in logan and smithfield. My number is 435 757 6489. thank you.

**NAME:** [Gwen Cascio](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Gwen Cascio)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a advocate of keeping the little open waterways in our parks and city. They provide a breath of nature, among the houses and parks. They help cool and provide a welcome respite from the heat of the summer. Please don't cover up every blessing of natural water that is here in our town.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Gwen Olsen Saltern)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

When I was a little girl, I would wade in the water at Central Park with my friends & siblings, & catch a few "penny bugs" or "skaters." As the years went by, we would also float on inner tubes down the "canal" as we called it. Later, we watched our children & grandchildren enjoy wading or tubing in the cool water. There are so many special memories of those experiences that friends & members of my family cherish. The "Little Logan River" that meanders through Merlin Olsen Central Park adds charm to the park. It would be a sad loss to so many if it were covered. With all my heart, I hope you won't do that!

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**RE:** lack of understanding; water

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; water flow; wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have been a resident of Logan for more than 25 years, and the Logan river has been a big part of those 25 years. For the past ten years I have lived on the Logan river and have observed the flows. I'm all for investing in our canal systems to make them more safe and more efficient, but I heavily disagree with an outside entity coming into our valley and diverting more water than is already being diverted. By the end of summer the river is already very slow and low, due to the amount of water withdrawn by canals. If we were to divert even more water there would hardly be a trickle. The river's wildlife habitat and ecosystem would be devastated. Once the water dries up a putrid smell become prevalent. If there is no water in our river then there will be a countless number of people unable to recreate, fish and cool down on a hot summer day. Don't let some greedy outside party come in and swoop our water. We must protect the little that we have left.

**NAME:** [Holly Murdock](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; plan purpose (oc:Holly Murdock)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to respectfully express my and my family's opposition to the Logan River Watershed Plan. Changing the Little Logan or Logan River to a complete pressurized irrigation system is unacceptable and will destroy the community and quality of life that the people and animals of Logan enjoy. The urban waterways of the Island area are what makes this part of the city special. I have grown up along the Logan and Little Logan rivers and it is not an exaggeration to say that this plan will be destructive to this community. I have countless memories playing in and around both river systems and it is crucial that they are preserved for future generations. I also have memories of tubing in the canal above Lundstrom Park and the loss of that waterway has been detrimental to that area. Please find other ways of managing our water than to

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destroy the beauty and tranquility of our open water system and the parks that these rivers flow through. A decision like this be detrimental to people and the animals who depend on this open water, and it will decimate the property values of the homes located along the river. Everyone I have talked to who lives on the Island opposes this plan and opposition will only grow as more people learn of what is being discussed.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Hunter Horsely)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

This River runs through our back yard and is one of the things that makes the island so special. It's so frustrating when local leadership try's to get rid of the things that makes Logan so special and unique. Complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan river is unacceptable! Please reconsider, One of MANY concerned residents.

**NAME:** [Idena Ward](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Idena Ward)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't move our beautiful rivers underground! They provide such beauty to our city! I lived in Logan until 2019 and then moved to Hyde Park, but I still come back to some of these parks with rivers often, they are such a wonderful thing in an otherwise dry dessert state.

**NAME:** [Ilona Jappinen](#)

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**RE:** property impacts; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; wildlife and habitat (oc:Ilona Jappinen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My home & property sit along the Logan River bank. Our address is 999 Sumac. Over 30 years ago my husband and I bought this house largely because of its location on the river. When I read your description on the website touting the proposed Piped Irrigation (PI) program, I was amused to see that one of your arguments in promoting this plan was that it would increase real estate values. This reminds me of an observation by my husband's father: "It all depends on whose ox is being gored." Yes, property owners elsewhere will see their property gain value. I think the families with homes along the Logan River in this (Thrushwood) neighborhood and along the course of the river as it flows past Jens Johannsen Park, past many homes en route to Central Park and to the 6th-South bridge will join me in feeling their oxen should be nervous. Over the years visitors to our home, and those of our neighbors, rarely fail to mention how lucky we are to live by the river. They know it provides cool in the summer, habitat for birds, fish, and wildlife, sustenance for trees and other oxygen-producing flora, recreation for children and their adults, and much more. The much more might seem airy-fairy to technocrats. But when the technocrats go home, I suspect they too want physical and spiritual renewal. The latter being distinctly fostered by the sounds and sights of a mountain river flowing past their homes. We know we paid a premium for

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this privilege and that our real estate values will be "gored" by its diminishment. I do not support the PI project and I would be pleased to join a class-action suit to keep my oxen safe.

**NAME:** [Irina Jonkers](#)

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**RE:** property impacts; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; project purpose; plan process (oc:Irina

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern: With due recognition of Utah water rights law, this letter is to register strong objection to any proposal to divert water from the Logan River at First Dam and related "proposals" such as converting the river bed to some sort of public pathway, a plan for which there is no demand or request from the bulk of the city's stakeholders and certainly none from the Island. I (with family) have a house with frontage on the Logan river in the "Island" (1197 Sumac). My comments are particularly directed at (a) the adverse effects on the river frontage properties and on the Island in respect of various plans under consideration to divert and transport water at First Dam and (b) in respect of plans to convert the use of the existing river bed. However, I also have concerns about the process and information misalignment associated with the public relations campaign organized by the Water District and its contractors as evidenced thus far, and the impact in other public spaces in Logan. The proposed water diversion at First Dam is a taking and the water district should be ashamed. Property values and a unique community, the Island, will be sacrificed to provide some marginal benefit – as presented, only some savings in pressurization– to a narrow class of beneficiaries. The water district is ignoring a class of stakeholders just by moving the proposal (and not even mentioning alternatives at the two public sessions). The alternative, diversion below the Island, is feasible and solves all issues for the Island, leaving only another sore affecting water feature impairments in the city parks. The bottom line is that the cost of pressurization is known, is marginal, can be a shared cost, and so far has been fully obfuscated in the public sessions. In fact, the additional marginal cost should be fully absorbed by the farm interests and the water right holders. The idea of converting the waterway to a trail is a joke. Unfunded costs, security issues for Island homeowners, privacy issues, microclimate changes, extreme plant losses, dust, wildlife, and recreational impacts all loom clearly. There is no evidence of demand for such a feature, and access to the First Dam is already easily accomplished on surface streets, even for Island residents. The trail proposal is a further catastrophe for the Island and for the frontage owners and is offered only to check a box for NCRS, an organization that at this point only wants a paper process that defends a funding decision. It is clear that the challenge to the Island likely requires political focus and legal review, and I will support that. Crockett and the Logan public works bureaucrats have in fact set themselves on a particular course for a narrow constituency and are attempting a process to facilitate that decision with a public engagement designed to deflect rather than engage. Public knowledge, even on the Island, is appallingly low and an indictment of the process thus far. In the two public sessions, exact clones of each other, the many direct questions from the public participants were quickly pushed aside seemingly to avoid debate. There was absolutely no engagement on issues by the panel in any meaningful way, and no way to press the panel on any issues. The job of Langdon Group, an affiliate of JEB Engineers (no conflict there) and public relations outfit, is to manage the public engagement process to enable a decision that has already been endorsed by its own affiliate. Indeed, the whole process is only to check a box for NCRS so that the NCRS funding can flow, and so a passing nod is made to the work of the Logan River Task Force. The Langdon-JEB process is deeply flawed as an honest public engagement – a look at JEB's input in the masterplan and Crockett's plan will quickly reveal inherent conflicts in the Langdon/JEB/city public works/Crockett group. By the way, what was the procurement process for JEB and Langdon, and where is the objective, independent new look that a fair process should reflect?

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**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Isaac Ferney)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am opposed to these changes for 1 reason: lack of transparency. I had no idea this plan was proposed until today, the final day to submit feedback. From what I've been able to find, very little concrete plans are available, and very little has been said about the effects of diverting the river. The plan to convert canals to closed pipes is a good one- fewer mosquitos and flooding is great. But not knowing how this will effect down river parks, the ecosystem, etc is too much. Come back when you can show forcasts of these effects.

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**RE:** project purpose; recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; recreation (oc:Isaiah McDonough)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Progress is often a tricky thing. It is often impossible to achieve without ruffling feathers or stepping on toes. As such, I can completely understand undertaking certaqin projects, even if it comes at the cost of recreation and convenience. However, there is a line which can't be crossed, and a complete pressurized irrigation system crosses that line. A significant reduction in Logan's waterways would be catastrophic to the cultural fabric of our community. Please prioritize keeping our rivers intact.

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**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Jacob H)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I've been told that the city is contemplating piping rivers that run through Logan City. Especially in and through the central parks. While in some instances piping a river is a good idea, I feel this is not an idea we want to entertain when it comes to our parks. The parks are used for recreation, relaxing and enjoyment and many people do that by listening to the gurgle of the rivers, feeding ducks that are attracted to the water, and wading on hot summer days. Rivers lend themselves to the enviroment of the park. They also keep the parks and city cooler and shadier with the trees that are also attracted to the water. Please don't pipe the rivers through the city.

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**RE:** project purpose; water flow

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; water flow (oc:Jacob Hawley)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We should keep as much water flowing through the logan parks as possible. These parks are very important, especially for underprivileged families. Taking the water away from these parks will most likely kill them, and cause grief for everyone who has ever been there. I can't believe that this proposal was even brought up.

**NAME:** [Jacob Hendrickson](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jacob Hendrickson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I am a citizen of the city and have concerns about the Crockett Avenue Pressurized irrigation project. It is my understanding that there is discussion about the Little Logan River to be piped and pressurized. This simply must not happen. With all respect, I find this completely unacceptable particularly as it negatively affects our city parks. As a landscape architect, quality parks and attractive amenities within the city are important to me. The city has done so much to revitalize the downtown and is doing an excellent job. Merlin Olsen Park is only a short walk from the downtown and is such a beautiful place to get away and take a stroll. I have often jogged on the connecting trails and just absolutely love that park. It has a beautiful view of the Logan Temple, and has many large trees. What I particularly enjoy about this park is the flowing water through its center. This stream/ river has been an important part of this park for many generations. The same is true of Willow Park. I have loved the park since I was just a toddler. It would be such a shame and mistake to remove the flowing water through there. Although I'm a little less familiar with Jens Johansen Park and the Stewart Nature Park, flowing water is an important defining characteristic of our open spaces here in Logan. I realize that a pressurized irrigation system would be nice for many residents and I realize that the current situation is not efficient from an irrigation perspective. That being said, the stream through our Logan parks should not be removed now or a hundred years from now. I ask you to please reconsider the treatment of these park streams. We must come up with another plan and leave them alone. Thank you for your consideration.

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**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:JaNae Packer Morris Merendino)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just moved here last year from Ogden. My family has settled in this area throughout the history of Utah. I have family buried from Southern Idaho to southern Utah, most are buried right here in Cache County. I want my children and grandchildren to be able to enjoy the Logan river completely without any restrictions. Please do Not restrict the river. This is the canal that runs through Merlin Olsen Park, Pioneer Parkway Park, Jen Johansen Park, the Fair Grounds, and Willow Park. It is a priceless place for kids (and in some parks, dogs) to cool off and play during the summer! My family includes the Packer name of which my grandfather helped build the Cutler Dam, the Morris name, Hightower, and so forth, Please stop what you are doing for the generations after we are gone, the memories.

**NAME:** [Janet LaRue](#) **ADDRESS:**  
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**RE:** agricultural water **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Janet  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Objections to Piping and Pressurizing the Logan and Little Logan Rivers Traditionally there has been river water running through many of Logan's parks. Many of us find this one of nature's beauties. Many of us also use the irrigation water on our property. We have recently purchased new pumps and hoses for this purpose. The current system seems to be working fine for most of the home homeowners. The cost of such a project would be exorbenent during this difficult time during the coronavirus pandemic.

**NAME:** [Janet Speth](#) **ADDRESS:**  
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**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Janet Speth)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please preserve the beautiful river that flows through The Merlin Olson Central Park. I was raised at 379 East Center in Logan. I spent much of my childhood there and would be very disappointed if it is changed in any way. Consider leaving it alone!!

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**SOURCE:** Mailed In

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Janice and Bill Bird)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Public comment mailed in and saved to database public comments folder under Janice Bird public comment 03.15.21

**TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:**

There will be petitions and letters to Editor in my name and others! Attn: The Langdon Group  
I feel we need more time to put a comprehensive information program before the public regarding the Logan River project. We have have (sic) as an island neighborhood many unanswered questions. Public gathering have been impacted by Covid-19! We have read insufficient info in the media. I am 100% against the proposal to divert water from the Logan River. It would significantly impact residents and JUB Engineering needs to have public gatherings and more media input from residents (Island)

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**RE:** lack of understanding; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:Jared Imbler)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

There are many questions that need to be answered regarding the Logan River Watershed Plan proposed by JUB Engineering in Salt Lake City. At this point, it is irresponsible of Logan City, Cache County, and the State of Utah to allow the project to move forward until the following questions are fully answered: 1) What amount of water would actually be diverted from the Logan River as a result of this project and how would this impact flow in the Logan River? 2) To what extent have flood control issues already been addressed through the many recent restoration projects along the Logan River? Multi-million dollar restoration projects were completed in the last few years to improve flood control, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreation opportunities along the river. These included projects at a) Rendezvous Park b) Denzel Stewart Nature Park c) Between Main St and 100 E near Riverwoods Conference Center, among others. Each of these projects was funded through a combination of state and federal grants and by local taxpayers. What was the point of these projects if flood risks were not alleviated? 3) Since converting open irrigation canals to piped canals will greatly improve water efficiency, according to JUB, is it necessary to both pipe canals and divert more water from the Logan River? In other words, if there are such large efficiency gains from piping canals, why wouldn't piping canals be sufficient? 4) Which specific entities or groups of individuals will actually receive water as a result of this project? How much will be allocated for agriculture, and how much for residential use? It is misleading to frame this project as protecting water for agricultural use if the water will be going to areas that may soon be converted to homes. The proposed areas to receive piped water are North Logan, Hyde Park, and the area west of Logan City limits, all of which are hotbeds for housing development. 5) Finally, if flows in the Logan River are reduced, how would this impact the many free outdoor recreation opportunities along the river (e.g., walking, biking, wildlife watching, and fishing)?

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jared Jorgensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I think it would be a terrible mistake to enclose and pressurize the Little Logan River canal. I live across the street from Jens Johansen Park and I see the enjoyment the water provides to those who use the park. I urge you to reconsider any changes to this area.

**NAME:** [Jared Leatham](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jared Leatham)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm writing in response to the Logan River Watershed plan and my concerns for the pressurized piping as planned. The visuals and access to the river in our community are so important especially in areas such as Merlin Olsen park. The water in this park has provided a unique and priceless amenity to my family and friends for longer than I can remember. It continues to be the favorite summer destination for my young family and is the sort of place that makes Cache Valley where we want to live. I beg you to consider ways that would not completely remove this asset. In areas where enclosure occurs I hope there is guarantee that trails are available in their place.

**NAME:** [Jared Silliman](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose-support;

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose-support; agricultural water management-support

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for taking steps to ensure our watershed is protected. I am in full support of your plan to pressurize the water system. When we moved to Cache Valley, we were completely blown away by the open water canals and irrigation ditches. We moved from Tennessee where it actually rains during the summer and they do not even have the irrigation system that this desert climate has. Thank you for taking the steps necessary to protect our watershed and the downstream communities who rely on it

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jason Whittier)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Im against pressurizing the canal! Please leave something for our children and the city beauty!

**NAME:** [Jeff Case](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jeff Case)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. My son loves to play in the water during the car show and with him having autism he is the happiest when he is in water. And the best part the water is not that deep. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities.

**NAME:** [Jennifer Delgado](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jennifer Delgado)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The Logan canal system has been a part of my life for over 40 years. I grew up along the canal. I anxiously awaited the return of the water each spring and spent my summer nights being lulled to sleep by its sounds. We played in and cleaned our section of canal every year. We rescued fish and removed debris. It helped instill a sense of civic duty and pride. Piping this canal system would be a mistake. The proposed benefits are largely negated by the harm to the well being of those who live along and those who love the canal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Phone Call

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Jennifer Lawrence)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi there, this is jennifer, Im calling in regard to the logan river watershed plan. As per reading the article in the paper on saturday, and I understand there is media a little bit today, but its a little bit too late for people to be sufficiently informed. And my neighbors and I are strongly feeling that this has been insufficient opporutnity to put input on this, and we feel that we should have an extension we feel we should have further information. THat this has more or less been run in under the table, in the wake of COVID 19 and we would like to have more oppportunity to have our voices heard. My number is 4357448847 there are poeple that are as I understand, interested in more oppportunities. We are putting in letters to the editor. We feel that as residents of Logan, we deserve more opporutnity to have our voices heard. Thank you, Bye

**NAME:** [Jennifer Loveland](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; recreation (oc:Jennifer Loveland)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have just become aware of the plan to potentially divert water from the Logan river. My family loves spending time in nature. Last year we went to each of the Willow, Merlin Olsen, Stewart Nature, Gateway, and Rendezvous Parks multiple times. And spent many days hiking in Logan Canyon. Our three young boys love to play in the river when we go to these parks. My husband and I find great enjoyment in the beautiful parks with the river being the main attraction. We have met many people who moved to Logan because of the great outdoor recreation opportunities. Please keep our city beautiful. Please don't divert the river.

**NAME:** [Jenny Guthrie](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jenny Guthrie)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm writing to say how much the rivers in Merlin Olson and Willow park add to the beauty and family fun here in Logan! As a child from Texas visiting family at Merlin Olson park, the river through it was my favorite part. We've had many family reunions and parties just bc of the river there. My sister and I take our kids there several times a month to let them cool off in the summer. Please do not divert the rivers running through our beautiful parks! Thank You Jenny Guthrie

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Family Dickson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing in opposition to the Logan River Watershed Plan and having the Little Logan and other rivers being changed to a complete pressurized irrigation system. My family has lived in Logan for four years, and we have the little Logan River run right along our backyard. It is why we have fell in love with living in Logan! Our favorite time of year is when the river is full of fresh flowing water because of the life that follows it. There are several old, strong, and gorgeous trees that line the river that I use to hammock in the summer with my family. We use the Little Logan River to walk in, swim and refresh after a long hot day. We see so much wildlife including fish, a herd of six deer and fawns, ducks and their ducklings, pheasants and their babies, all kinds of birds, racoons and their pups, and hear the frogs sing each summer night. I am a Certified Therapeutic Recreational Specialist who studied about the quality of life and benefits that come from river recreation. Reducing and taking away the rivers will make life in the Island horrible. There will be no joy from children, families, and wildlife without the rivers that run through our Jens Johansen Park, Merlin Olsen Park, Stewart Nature Park, Willow Park and our backyards. It will make the landscapes dull, uninviting and less desirable to life near. Anyone who comes to visit us, can't stop talking about how lucky we are to have the local and personal Little Logan River. We take pride in it! The rivers help me emotionally; to destress, laugh, marvel, smile and reflect.

**NAME:** [Jeremy Jensen](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; plan process (oc:Jeremy Jensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing in concern of what is being called the "Logan River Watershed Plan". I highly object to this current proposal. The public is vastly unaware of what is going on here and deserves to know the truth about this project and the reality of what is at stake. I live along the canal system, own rights to the water therein and I have seen the disaster of what has been done to the Logan river over the past few years within the city limits of Logan.

**NAME:** [Jeremy Nivison](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jeremy Nivison)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River would be tragic. The memories of this place are far too many to even begin. Taking away the river from our parks will also remove the opportunity for future generations to enjoy a safe but fun fixture that's been here as long as I can remember.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jeri Ostrander)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please please please don't divert our Logan city canals and rivers! Please don't take that away from our children... the beautiful nature of this valley. Please I beg you please don't destroy one of the more beautiful natural habitats we have. They're all being destroyed all over the valley for the sake of money and track housing and overpopulation and not enough roads. Please please please don't take this from the citizens of Logan and cache Valley. There are numerous reasons why it's critical not do this. Too many to talk about in an email. I just found out about this or I would've been out knocking doors and trying to get the word out to people. Please don't do this!!! I just moved back to the Valley two months ago after being away for 15 years. I could've chosen anywhere in the country to go and I chose to come back here because of the beauty and the effort our city planners put into preserving the natural beauty of this city.

**NAME:** [Jessie](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jessie)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Just throwing my voice out there that I support the little Logan River staying as is. No piping or covering the canals please!! Thank you!

**NAME:** [Jessie Oable](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** project purpose; recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; recreation (oc:Jessie Oable)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

What a shame it would be to take from this community one of the gems of the area that make it so wonderful and enjoyable for all. This water source adds a great deal of character and beauty to be proud of. Removing it would be a great disappointment and a regress in Logan's value. Personally I'd like to see our community get better and better. Will this really make our home better? Please leave the river as it is. Thank you.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Jessie Polanis)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I was deeply saddened to hear about the plans to pressurize the Little Logan River that runs through several local parks. My kids LOVE playing in the water during hot summers—it is absolutely a highlight of our summer breaks. Please reconsider and prioritize the quality of life that the river brings to Logan families. Sincerely, Jessie

**NAME:** [Jim Johnson](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat (oc:Jim Johnson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Almost six years ago my wife and I moved to Logan to be closer to our grandchildren. We looked at many homes before purchasing our current home on what we call the island. Our home is adjacent to the North fork of the Logan river. When I saw this property, water was flowing and ducks were swimming; it was lovely. Now I understand that you want to pipe it, you want to destroy the very reason we purchased this property. I am concerned about the natural habitat for the wildlife we enjoy please do not pipe.

**NAME:** [Jim Ringle](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jim Ringle)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing this letter to voice my opposition to the covering of the Logan River through Merlin Olsen Park. Part of the beauty and uniqueness of that park is the fact that the river runs through there. The Cache Valley's appeal lies largely in the outdoors feel. Covering the river would be a large mistake.

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**NAME:** [Joey Kozlowski](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding;

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; property impacts (oc:Joey Kozlowski)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am aware this email will be received within the public scoping period; it is important to make a few comments regarding this project. 1. I live on the Logan River (main channel), farther down by 300 East, 300 S. and wonder what effect this project will have on the main channel of the river. I watched your video presentation online and didn't find a clear answer to this question. Is it going to 'disappear' or be reduced to a trickle as many of the 'anti-logan watershed plan people' claim? 2. What about all the folks who live along the main irrigation canal that you propose to bury? It seems like this project would significantly devalue their homes, who currently have a beautiful and unique feature running next to their property. Do they get compensated when these types of public projects occur that could negatively affect their homes? I sympathize with them.

**NAME:** [Jorri Garcia](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jorri Garcia)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm writing to comment on the diversion of rivers running through Logan city parks to underground lines. I live on Meadow Circle, just a few blocks away from Willow Park, and enjoy the beauty and easy access to nature present in our city's parks. The streams and rivers running through these parks are a huge part of what makes our town beautiful and appealing. I oppose any diversion of these waterways into underground routes where they could not be enjoyed by myself and my neighbors. Thank you for your consideration!

**NAME:** [Julie Orme](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Julie Orme)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We have lived in Logan City for 26 years and always taken walks near the rivers near ICON, at Willow Park, by the restaurants that have the river, even at Logan High School. It brings wildlife and beauty to our valley. We are avid bird watchers and much of the birds' habitat exist around these waterways. I also have a preschool near Willow Park and many parents enjoy the outdoors and the cozy feel to Logan even within the city. If you decide to reroute these waterways, I will find out who allowed this and make sure they don't hold public office. It is our duty to protect the cozy feel of Logan City. We do not want to become an inner-city of crime and vandalism. These beautiful areas keep good people living here and businesses thrive because the neighborhood is not overrun. Please do not divert this water.

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021 **SOURCE:** **RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH  
**RE:** **COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:Justice McMulin)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Implementing a complete pressurized irrigation system for the Logan River completely depletes the scenery that been a part of Logan for many years. Not only does it deplete the scenery, it takes away the traditions that families have spent time building with one another. Living in Logan for 10 years, I've used the rive4rs as a peaceful escape. Having these rivers flowing provides a sense of tranquility and rapture for this town. Being a part of its removal would not be acceptable in any way, shape or form and without these rivers flowing freely, where does the Logan population go? Where do we got to think, to walk our dogs, whom already get limited areas of Logan as it is. With all being said, please allow us as much water as possible to remain in the rivers of logan. They are another aspect of what makes this place beautiful. (pdf saved

**NAME:** [K Fronk](#) **ADDRESS:**  
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**DATE:** 3/15/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH  
**RE:** recreation **COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:K Fronk)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

This is what saved our kids with covid. The kids have absolutely nothing to do here in Logan. Playing in this little rivers especially in the summer is sooooo amazing and a dream for the kids!! Please don't take it away!

**NAME:** [Kaleigh Moreau](#) **ADDRESS:** 1150 W 200 St, Logan  
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**DATE:** 3/15/2021 **SOURCE:** **RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH  
**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kaleigh Moreau)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't continue with this project! (pdf saved to folder)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** comment card

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** Wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** Wildlife and habitat (oc:Karen Kolesky)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have lived on the Logan Rive4r for 12 years. How dare you destroy a source of water that supports a delicate and beautiful ecosystem. This is ridiculous! Please dont! (pdf saved to folder)

**NAME:** [Karl Pettigrew](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Karl Pettigrew)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm against this proposal. I think it would be harmful to residents of Logan to take away access to the river. The open waters are a nice feature of the city. We all know the benefits of being outdoors. Where does everyone gravitate to but open water. It seems to me that the majority have to suffer for the benefit of a few. The ones that will benefit is agriculture. Beef production and dairy are on a decline and I don't think we should suffer for alfalfa production, all are major contributors to climate change. What about wildlife? I have an irrigation canal next to my property that I have rights to and use every year. It attracts quite a variety of wildlife. I understand the parks are included in this plan and that would be devastating to our parks. I wonder whose idea this was, I'm sure the citizens of Logan didn't ask for it. It's just another money grab by rich people who could care less about everyone in the city. I know there are grants to fund it but it's still taxpayer money. I'm surprised that i just found out about it, I feel like it is being swept under the rug so you could sneak it in, Who's benefiting from this.j Who's getting the kickbacks? I strongly oppose this. Leave our waterways alone!

**NAME:** [Karla Mortensen Grant](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Karla Mortensen Grant)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am in favor of progress, but not if it destroys the past. Please leave the river and canals alone. The habitat, the recreation, the ambiance, the sound of the water running will all be affected. Peace and tranquility will be destroyed. Empty canals will be an eyesore that will take much effort and expense to beautify. What are you thinking? NO, NO, NO!

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Katelynn Hall)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email The loss of community, cultural, and ecological amenities is to much. You would absolutely ruin some of the most well used parks in Logan city. Cancel the crockett avenue diversion and figure out another plan that doesn't cause harm to people already here

**NAME:** [Katherine Mohlman](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Katherine Mohlman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not pipe the Little Logan River! That has been one of the highlights of summer for my family as well as many other families. That's what draws people to the parks here in the summer. Just yesterday my 13 yr old son asked, "Can we make boats and go float them in the river at the fairgrounds this summer with Jacob and Lucas?" He wants to share this time with his nephews. There seem to far more pros to leaving this open than there are to closing it. Please consider very carefully the negative impact this will have on all of the residents of this valley before making any decisions.

I was not made aware of this until last week in the newspaper. What is the reason for this being considered? What is the driving force behind this decision? Are there other options? Are those options being considered?

**NAME:** [Kathy Christensen](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kathy Christensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a parent who lives in Logan I am completely against a pressurized irrigation system on the Logan River. I understand the concern you are trying to help, but I feel that this will cause more drowning deaths & problems with our children. The Logan River is a precious resource which families & children use daily. We moved from the Eastern US & Logan River has provided our family & children a peaceful reminder of the east. We love it & my kids are crying as I write this very worried that they will lose their River. Please, do not pressurize the Logan River. That will make it unsafe for all of us. Logan is natures gem. Dont mess with nature. I think you, my children thank you & generations to come will thank you! Kathy

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**NAME:** [Kathy Hoxsie](#)

**ADDRESS:** 700 East 200 North, Logan

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:**

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Mailed In

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kathy Hoxsie)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

Gentlemen:

I have heard you are going to divert or completely pipe the water running through my neighborhood.

I have lived at 700 East 200 North in Logan for 50 years. The canal runs through my backyard.

I have been asked why people call my area the Island, I told them because we are surrounded by water.

I have years of memories where family, friends and guests have gone in my backyard where the canal runs. People have told me I do not need to go to the canyon because I have it in my backyard.

I hope you will allow as much water as possible to run through or in the river.

The parks in my area Merlin Olsen, Jens Johansen, Willow Park, Stewart Nature Park have always been special to me and my family because of the water that has run through them.

Thank you for your consideration.

**NAME:** [Kay Durrant](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kay Durrant)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

It was very disheartening to me to hear of the plan to pressurize some of our most valued water systems in Logan, diverting or taking away the Little Logan River. I've enjoyed walking along this River for years and to have it reduced to merely a trickle is a sad story of so-called development. For what purpose, I can't even imagine. These waterways provide places of recreation and outdoor enjoyment that make Logan such a wonderful place to live. Please reconsider your plans and stop taking away these beautiful spots that only make our lives better and give us all places to relax and enjoy mother nature in a way no other natural resources can.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation (oc:Keegan Garrity)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing in opposition to the complete pressurized irrigation system. I understand a complete PI system will be more efficient because water is lost to evaporation and runoff, and I recognize the flood risk is increased with open canals. However, just a few years ago, Logan City undertook the Logan River Conservation action plan, which was supposed to address flooding concerns. Just recently the Logan City council voted to allocate \$6M to a new development in the center

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of downtown that includes a splash pad. With water conservation and flood mitigation being the primary goals for this project, some residents are having a difficult time understanding why these seemingly contradicting initiatives are being undertaken around the same time. A river flowing through the city provides recreational opportunities for many residents without the expense of a costly, man-made equivalent. I realize this doesn't apply to every stretch of the canal system within the Crockett network, but there are key areas near Willow Park, the Cache County Fairgrounds, and Merlin Olsen Park that need to remain open. Whether it's racing homemade boats, floating on tubes, watching the baby ducks, or wading through the water, many families—including mine—appreciate the natural beauty and entertainment provided to all who live in the vicinity. I've included a photo taken at the Cache County Fairgrounds. This spot in particular is enjoyed by many, especially during the Cruise-In, the Fair & Rodeo, and other local events. We ought to preserve it so future generations can appreciate it for years to come. Photo attached and saved in appendix attached to this database.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Kendall

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I have serious concerns about the proposed complete pressurized irrigation system for the Logan and Little Logan River. I live across the street from Garf Wayside Gardens Park. The Little Logan River runs through this park. Water from this river supports a grove of large, dense trees. Shade and evaporative cooling from the tree leaves keeps the temperature of the park cool throughout the summer. During the summer I exercise and stretch in this small, shady refuge. I have seen people rest on the shady bench to write in notebooks, lean against the biggest tree trunk to sketch, and bring small children to crawl around in the undergrowth. Diverting water from this stream will impose additional drought stress on the large trees that make this park so enjoyable. Drought stress reduces trees' ability to photosynthesize, predisposing them to harmful pathogens and structural failure. Please leave as much water in the Logan and Little Logan River as possible by placing diversion systems as far downstream as possible (i.e., Cutler). Please incorporate the Logan River Conservation Action Plan and Blue Trail Plan wherever possible.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kenneth Tingey)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Dear Sirs and Madams I apologize from the outset with regard to my comments in that I do not have the time to fully evaluate the plan. Based on reading the FAQ and a reading of the plan objectives, these are my concerns. There is reference to lost water. If that means that seepage from the river south of Center Street is in question, it is important to remember that that function serves to recharge the aquifer in that part of town and has much to do with greening of the southern expanse of the Island and areas downstream. This has much to do with the trees in particular and are a key element in the charm and quasi-riparian aspects of the lifestyle there. I grew up on the Island in a time when that was more predominant, perhaps, but it is a primary attraction, I believe, in the growing perception among young families who are buying homes here. I live here again on the Island and have noted a remarkable influx of young families. If the plan is to allow the shallow aquifer to dry out substantially without accounting for the symbiotic connection between the river and the trees, that will damage the Island's prospects -- and Logan's prospects -- for attracting and keeping young families such as these. If there is concern for the pure, clean water of the river seeping into the ground and thus being "lost" to commerce, it is important to note that it could be recovered to the west from the shallow aquifer and possibly via artesian means from the lower aquifers. It isn't lost. That is the joy of hydrology. Allowing the trees in that area to dry out is also dangerous -- creating both risk of falling and of fire. Clearly, many have overgrown and present risk, particularly with high winds. Care and management of the trees on the Island should be a priority, a major aspect in assuring the charm and

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uniqueness of Logan generally. There are comments at the end of the FAQ that all things will be done legally. That is downright creepy. At a stage such as this, the laws should be made adaptable to the needs and preferences of the people, not the master of all. Please let me know of anything I might do to clarify this or to aid in the process.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kim Moore)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello.im sure you have sustainable reasons for doing the irrigation project through central park in logan.one of the most loved features of that park is the water way running through it.also a duck family has nested there every summer for years.we live right across the park and enjoy it's beauty and the way it is kept up so nice either way.it would be welcomed if there is any way to save the water flow through there.thank you for taking great care of the city of logan.we are appreciative to live in such a beautiful town with many nature and water features.kim moore

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Kimberly

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pipe & pressurize the little Logan river. The little Logan river is a priceless cooling off and making memories area for myself, my family and many others in our beautiful Cache Valley. I urge you to please not pipe and pressurize the little Logan river...at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks. The only source for us to cool off out in the parks, having a place for countless animals (wild & domestic) to get a drink of water, and I believe this is the source for watering the lawns & trees. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource and one of the only places in Cache Valley that little kids & pets can safely cool off and experience the fun (safely) of playing in the creek. Please reconsider this decision, its impact on families, wildlife, and the grounds across the county. There are many people and animals that enjoy this feature in our areas more

**NAME:** [Kirill and Janna Bannatyne](#)

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**RE:** plan process; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; lack of understanding (oc:Kirill and Janna

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As residents and home owners in Cache Valley my wife and I are opposed to the currently proposed plans to divert Logan river. Not enough information has been provided to citizens of Cache Valley to make an educated decision on this proposal. More ecological assessment should be performed and reported to Cache Valley citizens. Additionally, specific information how much water will be captured and diverted and what specific purposes are planned for this water should be outlined in detail before any decisions are made.

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**RE:** Project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project purpose (oc:Kristin Jaggi)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We live in a very fast paced, materialistic world where so many family friendly attractions costs money. One activity I have always counted on that provides hours of quality time with my children is the water that runs through our many parks. We play at the fairgrounds. We play at Merlin Olsen Park. We play at Stewart Nature Park. It is the water in a safe, outdoor environment that draws us to these special locations. Please help us keep Logan a place that we love by preserving the running water at these locations that provide so many benefits to our community.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kristin Longhurst)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not pipe the rivers running through the local parks. Our kids LOVE playing in them during the summer months. The rivers also add such beauty to the area. It would be tragic & would be doing a huge disservice to the children in the community to pipe them.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Landyn Burris)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm a life long resident of Cache Valley living in the young ward area. I highly disagree with the Crockett project. The logan river has been distributed enough in the past few year. Leave it alone. I fish and float all the rivers in this Valley. I don't want to see the river destroyed even more and being piped up. I'm not a tree hugging libral, but nature needs to be worked around. Stop destroyed this beautiful Valley for profit and housing gain. Cache valley is over populated as is. It can only be sped to thin before all the resources we have are gone. Then your just trying to uproot natural and drain every last drop out of her. To only make more laws, regulations and raise taxes for us common folk. I Landyn Burris a Cache Valley resident and native of 31 years vote NO on the Crockett project. Thanks for listening. P.S we need more project that preserve our farm lands, rural living, and outdoor recreation. Thanks

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Lara Gardner)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized water irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable and would completely wipe out a major, enriching resource our community enjoys each year. My children enjoy this fruit each summer with their friends. It is a real joy to all of us!

**NAME:** [LaVere and Margie Barker](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:LaVere and Margie Barker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Why? Why pipe our waterways? Who in their right mind comes up with these terrible ideas? How do you look in the mirror at yourselves? Does the devil look back? The waterways on the Island are what make it unique. They twist and turn and are fun to walk next to, listen to, see the water foul raise their families, see the green growth, walk in the shade, enjoy, and so on. Why do you want to destroy that? We bought this property next to the little Logan River before there was the 100 N road going through. It used to be a pasture for horses. We bought it from my wife's aunt and built a home. Our kids would fish out of the stream. Then the City comes along and blocks it from flowing year-round. No more fishing. It was very upsetting to my wife. When the water flows, the property is complete. DO NOT BURY OUR WATERWAYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The Logan and Little Logan River(s) were here before people were. STOP with the terrible ideas! Leave our waterways alone! Don't pat yourselves on the back thinking it is a good idea. IT IS NOT! There are so many places around the country that are digging out their buried waterways. Water flowing through a landscape is what makes it amazingly complete. There are so many positive things about water flowing. Don't go through with one terrible idea and

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Leslie)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To Langdon Consulting Group about the future complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River: This proposal, and your plans to carry it out is very distressing to this whole area of Cache Valley! Not just Logan! That little river brings joy, to all the places it runs through! The parks that receive its meandering bends of water give all who use the parks enjoyment! Our large family gatherings dip our toes in it in the hot summer months, it is so peaceful, soothing, so pleasant to sit by, to picnic by, please do not take it away! Why, would you do this? A park that has water, draws people so much better than those that do not. If we have dogs, they need a quick drink, the heat is bad in the summer, the Little Logan River gives these parks, a place to cool off, a place to share time and fun with family. The trees and shrubbery near them are not all dried up as in other places. Please reconsider, PLEASE RETHINK THIS!! I Don't think

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we had a vote on this! I never even heard of this until today! Don't cover up our Little Logan River!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Linda Webster)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing to share my concerns about your plan to pipe the canal that runs through Merlin Olsen park and Willow Park including the Cache County Fairgrounds. My children and I and now my grandchildren have loved the water running through these parks. As a cub scout leader we had many fun water activities in this fun waterway. As it is relatively shallow and slow moving it has been a safe and enjoyable destination on hot summer days. Having children and grandchildren and neighbor children showing livestock at the county fair this waterway has been a respite for all of us. It is a lovely peaceful time to enjoy each other. There are so few places where children can enjoy water safely. Livestock and dogs alike have benefitted from the cool waters. Please reconsider your plans to pipe this. It would be an enormous loss for so many in our community. I cannot adequately express my heartache at the possibility of this happening.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Lindsay Hull)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Please take my opinion into consideration. I am against changing the Little Logan River. We've had enough changes as a society, don't need any more. For decades this has been a beloved landmark. Please do not take that away. Please leave some normalcy.

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**RE:** water flow; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flow; lack of understanding (oc:Logan Christian)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

The Logan River is one of Cache Valley's greatest assets, providing water for valley residents, agriculture, wildlife, and recreation. Before the Logan River Watershed Plan proceeds any further, a number of questions need to be answered. First, what amount of water would actually be diverted from the Logan River as a result of this project and how would this impact flow in the Logan River? Without a specific number, or even a range, it is impossible for Logan residents to know how the project will impact their recreation opportunities, homes, and businesses. Moreover, without this information, it is difficult to know whether the project actually addresses its stated goals of improving flood control and water delivery efficiency for agriculture. Second, to what extent have flood control issues already been addressed through the many recent restoration projects along the Logan River? As many Logan residents know, multi-million dollar restoration projects

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were completed in the last few years to improve flood control, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreation opportunities along

the river. These included projects at Rendezvous Park, Denzel Stewart Nature Park, and between Main St and 100 E near Riverwoods Conference Center, among others. Each of these projects was funded through a combination of state and federal grants and by local taxpayers. What was the point of these projects if flood risks were not alleviated? Additionally, will the many recreation and fisheries benefits of these recent projects be undermined by the Crockett Project if flow in the Logan River is reduced? Third, since converting open irrigation canals to piped canals will improve water efficiency, according to JUB Engineers in a recent public meeting, is it necessary to both pipe canals and divert more water from the Logan River? If there are such large efficiency gains from piping canals, why wouldn't piping canals be sufficient? Fourth, what percent of diverted water, as well as water made available through efficiency improvements, will actually be allocated for agriculture, and how much for residential use? It is misleading to frame this project as protecting water for agricultural use if the water will be going to areas that may soon be converted to homes. The proposed areas to receive piped water are hotbeds for housing development (North Logan, Hyde Park, and the area west of Logan City). Residential development is fine, but if this project will indeed expand development (and not agriculture), further questions should be considered about that development, such as whether new homes would be affordable and help address our valley's affordable housing problems. And if residential development will expand as a result of this project, to what extent will our valley's farmland be impacted? Finally, if flows in the Logan River are reduced, how would this impact the many free outdoor recreation opportunities along the river (e.g., walking, biking, wildlife watching, and fishing)? Depriving middle and lower income residents of free recreation opportunities, particularly on the west side of Logan, is a serious environmental justice consideration. How, if at all, is this consideration being evaluated against other project metrics? If flows are reduced on the Logan River, the value of the many walking paths, fishing holes, and rapids for floating will be greatly reduced. These recreation opportunities are close to where Logan residents live. For people who can't always escape to the nearby canyons or marshes, these in-town opportunities are invaluable. Before any project proceeds, the above questions should be answered clearly and specifically and the public should be given a chance to respond. Furthermore, for a project with such a large potential impact on the ecological resources and people of Cache County, the NRCS should consider initiating an Environmental Impact Statement. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**NAME:** [Lori Rodebush](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Lori

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I was so sad to hear that the Logan and Little Logan Rivers are at risk of being extinct. My hubby grew up in Logan and has beautiful memories as a child including fishing, and floating. We had a hiatus to California and have now returned to this stunning valley. Nature's beauty in Logan is one of the things that pulled us back here. The thought of these rivers being diverted and completely piped and pressurized is heartbreaking. We are looking forward to creating new memories with our grandlittles and hope that the Logan River and Little Logan River will be a part of those cherished memories. Please reconsider taking away something that is enjoyed and cherished by so many. Thank you for your time and

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Lynn Christiansen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to voice my opposition to the piping of the Little Logan River. I've lived in several places across the country and none of them have the unique structure of a canal system that can be enjoyed by the people in the community. My

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family, as well as many others, has enjoyed many, many hours of outdoor summer fun at the Merlin Olsen Park's waterway. Please reconsider the piping project so that the community can continue to have traditions with families and enjoy the cool things that make Logan so awesome.

**NAME:** [Lynzee Brown](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Lynzee Brown)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please ,don't do this! I have many fond memories of playing and floating down the canal at Merlin Olsen Park: as a child with my siblings and cousins;for tug of war and water fights for school/church/birthday parties. One special memory was when my cousins and I floated on giant pieces of Styrofoam,while my grandma watched over us.My son, and my nieces and nephews also have loved playing in the canal.This has been a tradition for generations,please don't take this family activity spot away.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Macy Whitaker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My husband, son and I live in the neighborhood surrounding Merlin Olsen Park and we are very against the proposed irrigation system. We are in the process of buying a home here and have been renting for the past two years. We have LOVED the beautiful piece of the Little Logan river that runs through our park. It's a source of beauty, cooling, and FUN in our neighborhood and community, and we would be terribly sad to see it buried and to be left with an ugly, useless, dry riverbed in the middle of our beloved park. I first put my toes into the cooling water of the Little Logan when I was out on a walk seeking solace and perspective after the loss of our first child, and have been so looking forward to taking our miracle baby son to go splash and play in the river during the hot months of summer this year. We are invested in the future fun and beauty that will come from our piece of the Little Logan and it would be a true loss to see it go. Our land, natural features, ecosystems, and environment deserve better from our local government. A government that does not preserve the natural in our valley, town, and neighborhood is not a government I support. Don't touch our river.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Madeline English)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Don't divert the river! This is a major project that isn't a permanent solution to the water problems, and will get rid of the lovely water features that are part of Logan's parks.

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**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Marie Maughan)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hey Andy, This is Marie Maughan calling. Hey, I just wanted to call and tell you guys that I am opposed to you guys doing the project that will put the logan rivers into a complete pressurized irrigation system. And, it is unacceptable. And, I want my voice to be heard. and tell you, I do not support this, and its a no. So please do not put the logan rivers into a pressurized irrigation system. And, I'm not in support of this. And thank you, I hope you are doing well. Please make sure this gets voted down. My name is Marie Maughan. Thank you, have a good day.

**NAME:** [Marilyn Johnson](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Marilyn

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not destroy the trees, flowers, fishing, and hiking along the Logan River and the canals. This is what makes Logan a beautiful place to live and to enjoy nature. (See attached pictures.) We live on the canal. In fact, it runs right behind our home. It is serene and beautiful. Once the water is piped, the trees will die, the foliage will turn to weeds and the canal to dust. The ducks won't arrive in the spring to hatch their little ones and to give us joy. Without water for the roots of these mature trees, they will die (This is exactly what happened in Redmond, Utah, which is now desolate). Who will pay for the damage to our roof when these trees lose their roots and are blown over by the winds? (See the attached picture.) I am putting my voice out there as one who would say no to The Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project. Photos attached (2) and saved in appendix attached to this database.

**NAME:** [Melody Olson](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Melody Olson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I would hTe to see the rivers diverted from the parks . They Really so beautiful and calming to watch. They provide entertainment also. Can you imagine not having a place to soak your feet on a hot summers day. You would also be destroying homes for wild life. Duchs,geese, rock chucks deer and various other creatures all call them home. Please leave things as they are.

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat; water

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; water flows (oc:Michael Jablonski)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please accept the attached Portable Document File (PDF) as comments, from myself and Cynthia Johnson, regarding the Logan Watershed Plan. Could you also please acknowledge receipt of this email, so I know that you received our comments before the March 16 deadline. Thank you! Mike J. (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.)

**TEXT OF ATTACHMENT**

Please accept these comments regarding the Logan River Watershed Project, as described at a public scoping meeting held on January 28, 2021.

We live next to the Logan River. We have lived here for 34 years and have been protecting our property along the river as a natural area ever since we purchased the property in 1987.

In 2019, with support from the Logan River Task Force and the USDA NRCS, we added to our never-ending project by planting over 150 native trees and shrubs in a 35-foot-wide buffer along the river, adding to other plantings and improvements made since 1987. We know and value the Logan River as an impaired, but functioning, ecosystem. The river needs ecological improvements, not further degradation.

We are concerned that this project will reduce flows in the Logan River, in mid-summer, when the riparian vegetation, wildlife, and fish need the water the most. We want adequate water flows to support the natural riparian and riverine ecosystem along the Logan River, all year long, for perpetuity.

We are also concerned that this project will destroy the enjoyment people get from the surface water in the existing, non-piped, canal through its entire reach in Logan.

We fail to see how this project enhances fish and wildlife habitat and watershed protection, stated reasons for projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (PL 83-566). By contrast, this project may harm riparian vegetation, fish, and wildlife habitat.

We also fail to see how this project protects the greater watershed, which extends all the way to the Great Salt Lake, a shrinking and dying lake because of upstream water diversions. This project, by itself, will not kill the Salt Lake, but it is one of many upstream diversions and they all add up. The death of the Great Salt Lake would be an ecological and economic disaster. This project is more of an engineering project than an ecological project, but do not ignore its ecological impacts. We suggest that you seek out and listen to the Logan River Task Force. Following their advice will make for better watershed protection, improved water quality, and better fish and wildlife habitat.

We will submit more detailed comments after you release the draft environmental assessment, as the conceptual documentation does not discuss all our concerns, such as how much water will remain in the Logan River in mid-summer during dry years. Thank you.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Michelle Derricott)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

It is UNACCEPTABLE TO PIPELINE THE LITTLE LOGAN RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH OUR PARKS!! CHILDREN LOVE WADING AND TUBING DOWN THE GENLE FLOWING WATER RUNNING... THESE GENTLE RIVERS CREATE

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THE FEEL OF NATURE SURROUNDINGS US IN THIS CRAZY SPEEDY WORLD WE LIVE IN!! I REQUEST ANOTHER ATTENTIVE LOOK AT THE DAMAGE THIS WILL DO TO OUR BEAUTIFUL SCAPES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY OUR ENJOYMENT!! GOSH LOGAN HAS NO POOL... LEAVE THIS RIVER ALONE!!!

**NAME:** [Mike and Heidi Christiansen](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Mike and Heidi Christiansen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We are writing in regards to pressurizing the complete irrigation for the Little Logan River. We live three houses away from Merlin Olson Park in Logan. For many years we have enjoyed the Little Logan River as it flows through the park and neighborhood. We played in it as children and our children now play in it. We love the aesthetics that it brings to our neighborhood and park. We use it for recreation and we have seen a lot of wildlife along the waterway. As a Realtor having flowing water ways is a huge draw for people. Communities around the country are utilizing their flowing water ways as blue trails. It help bring people to nature which is so critical, especially now. Although we support partial piping for irrigation (we have shares through Logan Island Irrigation Company) we beg of you to leave as much water as possible in the river as far downstream as possible so it can continue to be an asset to our community for many years to come. Please reach out with any questions.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Mike Christiansen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Though I like the idea, being a water rights owner, of being able to use irrigation through a pressurized system. I do not want it to be at the expense of the natural waterways and canals that we enjoy and many utilize at the parks along the canal path. The water that flows freely along these paths are not only beautiful but are beneficial all along that path for plants, people, and migratory animals. DO NOT DETROY OR COVER THESE WATERS ALONG THE CANALS IN THE PARKS.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Mitchell)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I recently heard about the plan to create a complete pressurized irrigation system on the Logan River's waterways. I am writing this letter to voice my disapproval for the plan and concern for the damage it may cause. I do recognize that the irrigation system may be beneficial to the farmers who use it (I exclude commercial enterprises and residential use because the majority of humanity's water usage comes from agricultural purposes), but the downstream damage of that system can cause irreversible damage. The majority of rivers here in the semi-arid midwest are losing rivers, meaning that more surface water flows down into the groundwater systems than groundwater systems contribute water to surface

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water. Siphoning off a significant proportion of water upstream will cause a substantial decrease in surface water levels. There are not only the visible aesthetics that decrease in value, but the capability of fluvial ecosystems to support complex and robust life also diminishes. As an aquatic invertebrate specialist, I have studied the lives of some of the most foundational organisms of aquatic ecosystems, especially those at, or affected by, headwaters. To reduce or take away a primary source of water would completely rearrange the trophic systems that stabilize ecosystems. A lot of macroinvertebrates are already very sensitive to change in environmental stimulus (e.g. addition of pollution or change in water temperature). Taking away a critical amount of water would remove habitats that serve as breeding grounds, feeding areas, reproduction and egg storage, etc. A decrease in water can also reduce oxygen levels in the water column, which will cause large amounts of death among invertebrates and benthic fauna. I urge you to vote or show your support against this proposal. The potential damage that will come thereby is far greater than the potential benefits of a renewed irrigation system

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat;

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; alternatives (oc:Neal Artz)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Hello, Please find attached scoping comments on the Logan River Watershed Plan. Would you please confirm timely receipt. Thank you. (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix) TEXT OF

### ATTACHMENT.

RE: Cache Anglers' scoping comments on Logan River Watershed Plan

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Cache Anglers, a group of more than 230 anglers dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of the fishing tradition in Cache Valley and around the world. Cache Anglers is the Northern Utah chapter of Trout Unlimited. Accordingly, we are keenly interested in the proposed watershed plan and its potential effects on the Logan River fishery. We also recognize that many of the same characteristics that affect the value of the fishery also bear on other amenities the river provides to our community, including aesthetic, recreational, and economic benefits.

We view the watershed planning process as an opportunity to preserve and enhance these amenities, and we believe it is the responsibility of the Cache Water District, the cities of Logan, North Logan and Hyde Park, and the Crockett Irrigation Company to ensure that the plan does so.

The stated goals of the plan go beyond strict water management and use within the watershed to include environmental enhancement and recreational opportunity, and we applaud the planners for taking this broader view. We hope that our comments establish the river itself – its ecological functioning and health – as a central focus in achieving those broader goals. Toward that end, our specific concerns, with associated thoughts on alternatives and mitigation, are as follows.

1. Summer flows below Crockett Diversion: Upper reaches of the river are classified as a Blue Ribbon Fishery and provide thousands of user-days of angling opportunity to residents and visitors alike each year. Below the mouth of the canyon, the river provides important angling opportunities, but diversions – particularly the Crockett Diversion – reduce summer flows to as little as 6 cfs, reducing available habitat for fish and the other aquatic organisms on which they depend and, most importantly, increasing water temperatures to dangerous levels for aquatic life.

According to a study completed under the auspices of the Logan River Task Force, a broad coalition that includes Cache Anglers, a 4-mile, mostly urban reach of the Logan River from 100 West to Trapper Park supported about 2,000 hours of angling from April through October 2019. This opportunity could be increased substantially through improved water management, with parallel aesthetic, economic, and recreational effects.

Issue: How do current and proposed management of Logan River water affect summer flows, water temperature, and aquatic habitat, and populations of fish and aquatic invertebrates below Crockett Diversion?

Potential alternatives/mitigation:

- a. Establishment of a summer minimum in-stream flow below Crockett Diversion.
- b. Allocation of a portion of the water conserved through piping, irrigation efficiency, and other elements of the watershed plan to maintain summer flows below Crockett Diversion.
- c. Maintaining, enhancing, and/or replacing riparian vegetation that shades the channel when developing and maintaining water-management infrastructure.

2. Water quality: While flow volume and temperature are the primary threats to aquatic health in the lower Logan River, water quality – particularly sedimentation – is also a recurring problem. Maintenance and flow management at upstream dams is the

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main issue, and sedimentation associated with construction-related disturbance and stormwater inflow is also a concern.

Issue: How do current and proposed management of upstream dams and other water use and management infrastructure affect water quality in the Logan River?

Potential alternatives/mitigation:

- a. Operate and manage upstream dams – particularly First Dam – to ensure that harmful quantities of silt are not released into downstream flows.
- b. Identify and implement best management practices (BMPs) sufficient to prevent sediment delivery to the Logan River during construction and maintenance of water use and management infrastructure.
3. Fish passage and entrainment: Dams and diversion structures, including Crockett Diversion, can block upstream and downstream fish movement. This can limit spawning and other essential activities. Canals and pipelines can entrap fish that enter but are unable to get back to the river when flow are cut off, leading to fish mortality.

Issue: How does current and proposed water use and management infrastructure affect fish passage and entrainment?

Potential alternatives/mitigation:

- a. Design and build dams and diversions to not impede upstream and downstream fish movement.
- b. Screen or otherwise prevent fish entry to canals and pipelines.
4. Channel characteristics: The shape and dimensions of the river channel have substantial effects on aquatic habitat and populations of fish and other aquatic species. A broad, flat channel – such as that created in portions of the Logan River by the recent Emergency Watershed Protection project – may carry high run-off flows effectively but generally provides poor aquatic habitat. Such a channel results in shallow water during low flows, increased water temperatures, minimal shading, insufficient in-channel structure to protect fish and provide habitat for invertebrates, and a range of other ecological problems.

Issue: How does current and proposed channel morphology affect fish habitat and overall aquatic health?

Potential alternatives/mitigation:

- a. In building and maintaining water use and management infrastructure, provide a sufficiently wide flood plain for the river to create its own channel with natural meanders and other features.
- b. Where this is not possible, construct a multi-stage channel, providing a narrower low-flow channel within a wider high-flow channel, with adjacent zone for safe flood overflow.
5. Coordination with other plans: Other plans are in place that address various aspects of Logan River management, functioning, and health. The 2019 Logan River Conservation Action Plan (CAP) developed by the Logan River Task Force may be most relevant in terms of the concerns identified in these comments as well as the watershed plan's broader environmental enhancement and recreational opportunity goals. Efforts to coordinate watershed planning with the CAP and other pertinent plans would help ensure that different perspectives were considered, avoid duplication of effort, and increase net efficiency in managing the river. We are all familiar with the tendency for even well-developed plans to wind up languishing on the shelf. Can we avoid that in this case?

Issue: Is the proposed watershed management plan consistent with pertinent direction in the CAP?

Alternatives/mitigation: Review the CAP and adopt direction pertinent to summer instream flows, water quality maintenance, fish passage and entrainment, channel morphology, and other pertinent Logan River planning elements.

We appreciate this opportunity to participate in this planning effort and hope our comments prove to be relevant and useful.

Please contact me if we can answer any questions or provide further information.

Sincerely,

/S/ Neal Artz

Cache Anglers

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Nicole Izatt)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a local logan mom with three daughters. All summer we live in the water. We always visit the parks that the girls can go splash in some water. It's very important to us. It's beauty and fun are something we look forward to every summer. Please don't take those away. Nicole Izatt

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:NicoleThatcher)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm writing in regards to the streams that are to be piped underground in Logan City. My family and I (6 kids) always look forward to the flowing water each year. It's not only fun to be able to dip your toes and cool off in the summer, but it is so pretty to look at as well! Even a walk along the water is peaceful and makes us all appreciate finding that sight in the city!! Please do not move this underground. The city itself needs all the help it can get in needing to keep nice residents around who appreciate that sort of thing. Thank you.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Paige Smith)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We moved to Logan one year ago from out of state. We got her the week that Covid hit and the world shut down. What gave us hope and made us love where we live are the beautiful rivers running throughout the city. We spent countless days on end at Merlin Ohlsen park playing and cooling off in the river. It would be such a shame to get rid of them. I'm begging you to reconsider. My family will be devastated. please listen to the people who live here and want beautiful places for their children to spend time.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Pat Barfuss)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Logan Utah is a unique place to live. Many of its city parks have streams running through them. The Crocket Avenue pressurized irrigation project will compromise the beauty, recreation, and historic culture of our city. At a time when other cities are spending money to dig up their concrete or pipes system we need to not enclose ours. I moved to Logan in 1979 as a single parent of 3. One child was a new born. On a limited budget we spent many hours at both Willow Park and Central Park. While I tended the baby my boys spent hours floating down the river, collect rock from the river bottom, and playing pirates on the bridges. Please do not end the fun everyone has at our parks. Not to mention all the trees will suffer having it enclosed.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Patrick Easterling)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't ruin the Little Logan that runs through the parks in Logan. The little sterile stream that was the compromise on the high canal is not good. Please preserve the beautiful stream.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Rachelle Garcia)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi, my name is Rachelle Garcia and I have 3 daughters. One attended a preschool in Logan by Willow Park, I have one attending currently and one that will when she is old enough. Please do not pipe the natural beauty of Logan and make it look like any other place. We have lived in Cache Valley for almost 5 years now, and it's natural beauty was one of the major contributors to is moving here. It really is one of a kind. Please keep it naturally beautiful the way it is. Do not hide its beauty. Thank you, A concerned Cache Valley resident

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Randy Reese)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I understand there is talk of piping our gorgeous and historic canals in Logan. I would hope the decision makers do a 180 on that quickly, and/or there are legal channels to force a more community protecting decision.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Raul Cruz)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi I'm Raul Cruz and I'm not agree to support what the city want to do please don't do it we have so many good memorized time with family friends and our nephews love that canal they wait summer to go to the park and get in to the water to refresh please don't cover it's a nice part for Logan people

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**RE:** lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding (oc:Reagan Shaw)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a homeowner with a young family near Logan High School. The Southwest Fields canal flows alongside our yard at the corner of 400 West and 100 South. Our property benefits from the canal because a wall of willow, aspen, and dogwood and grasses grow on the banks of the canal. We enjoy bird watching in our backyard, and frequently walk to the Logan River golf course trail, especially since the recent improvements there. I would like to echo that I have the same concerns articulated in the article posted in the Herald Journal on March 12, 2021, that was written by Logan Christian. I don't want to re-write every concern I have because I feel like the article did a good job of that already. I understand that water is a precious commodity in this region, and that development is inevitable, however I feel like transparency must be demanded when it comes to projects related to our natural resources. To put it bluntly, I have to ask, what is the end goal of this project? If one of the main driving factors is to have water for residential/commercial development, I think that should be clearly stated at this point in the discussion. I would consider the worst case scenarios being that this water be piped out of the valley in some fashion. I have no idea if that is even in the discussion now, but if it is, I would consider that to be unacceptable. I feel like a public meeting that has better advertising is necessary. JUB Engineers need to be able to give a detailed accounting of their intentions for this project and be able to answer specific questions. Thank you

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Rebecca

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know that we oppose accomplishing the future fully pressurized irrigation system coming at the expense of burying all the waterways around Logan. I am most especially opposed to burying the creek through Merlin Olsen park. That is a staple in our family summers. We meet at that park for reunions based solely on the availability of that shallow waterway and the fun it brings. We have tons of memories there. We hope to make more. It brings business to the local hotels and restaurants as family comes in to meet. Our single family, with one reunion each year, generates a lot of commerce and park fees for the city. And that is just the scheduled reunion. We

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are drawn to that park SOLEY because of the water that is there. It is a wonderful place. It has been part of the community for years and years and generations in our family. It is vital that this remains part of our wholesome community. Please find another way. We oppose the burial of open waterways (we have already lost quite a few). This is unacceptable.

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**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Rebecca Merrell)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please reconsider your plans to pipe this. It would be an enormous loss for so many in our community. I cannot adequately express my heartache at the possibility of this happening. I understand the need for conserving water, but some things are worth keeping. People have fountains in public places for beauty and enjoyment and the river adds to the beauty and value to the park. Children go to the park in the summer to race stick boats in the river. I find putting the water in pipes backwards. I visited landscape architects in Switzerland and they said they put their rivers underground 50 years ago and they regretted it. They were now spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring those rivers back to the surface so people could enjoy them in public parks. We already have that. Please don't take it away.

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**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Reed Perry)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Leave the river alone!!! (pdf saved to folder)

**NAME:** [Richard Hemmert](#) **ADDRESS:** 730 East 100 North, Logan  
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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat; property impacts  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

You are inviting public comment regarding the plan to eliminate open water in areas south of first dam. Our direct concern is that cutting water off or piping the river in on what is called the Little Logan River will permanently damage the aesthetic qualities of this area and the ecosystem which is now dependent on this branch of the Logan River. Our home, located at 730 E. 100 N., was built to be next to the river. The water was in the river year-round then and there were fish in the river. Even now other wildlife such as seasonal ducks and geese and a resident deer herd depend on the open water. When they started shutting the river off in the winter months or it was shut down to a trickle in the fall the fish and other aquatic life could not survive. If the river is piped in all of the vegetation, such as raspberries, watercress, mint, fruit trees, birch and elm trees along its edges would die, the birds would disappear, the deer would no longer be there they would have to go. We see pheasants, raccoon, skunks, ducks, geese, snakes all of these would lose their habitat. The properties along the river would see their property value drop. Piping the open water in the Little Logan branch of the Logan River would create an ecological disaster, and an economic hardship on the residents. The residents who buy

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water shares and pump water out of the river would no longer be able to have that irrigation from the canal company except from a pressurized spigot. They would be compelled to buy city water to maintain a garden. In other words cutting the water down to a trickle or piping the river in is a lose lose proposition and we are against this. The river water flows from a head gate, behind several homes, under a bridge crossing 100 N., behind Barker's, behind my dad's (James Hemmert) property, down toward Center Street and onwards to Merlin Olson Central Park. It winds through historic neighborhoods and goes into Willow Park. Please do not destroy this river. The proposed plan is to expand recreation in the North of Cache County at the expense of the Little Logan River recreation that we have now. We object to this plan! There must be other alternatives. How about taking water from the west fields before it goes towards the Bear River?

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Robyne Stephenson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't put a pipeline in place of the logan river! Our family has enjoyed this for many years and I want our grandchildren to have the same opportunity!

**NAME:** [Roy Hales](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; lack of understanding (oc:Roy

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Attached is my response to the proposed watershed project proposal. Also a letter form Zootah in case you did not receive it. Thank you, Roy Hales 7th Ward Irrigation Co. President (copy has already been saved as attachment) (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF THE ATTACHMENT.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as President of the Seventh Ward Irrigation Co., located in the Island area of Logan Utah. The following is a list of some of the major concerns that need to be resolved before the Shareholders can consider approval of the proposed WATERSHED Project:

- How will those Shareholders irrigate their property who flood irrigate now?
- How will shareholders use the pressurized water system?
- Who will pay for the cost of using the pressurized on their property? Many of the Shareholders are retired, disabled, or of low income who cannot afford the cost that may be required to use the pressurized system.
- What will be done to support the ground water that sustains the many trees and vegetation that are part of the Island area?
- What kind of construction will be happening on their property to install the new pressured pipe?
- To what degree will the shareholders property be restored after the construction of the pipeline?
- Who will control the cost of the water?
- Will the price of the water be consistent with the other water companies?
- What consideration will be given to the wildlife that currently feed and water along the waterways? How will the wildlife be sustained?
- How do you propose to deal with the loss of property values by the removal of the flowing water?
- Other items that are yet to come from the Shareholders.

These and other items will need to be resolved before the Shareholders of the Seventh Ward Irrigation Co. can buy into this proposed project.

I look forward to working with you to help resolve the issues that are associated with this project and to meet the needs of all

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concerned.

Sincerely,  
Roy Hales  
President, Seventh Ward Irrigation Company

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**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Ryan Tyler)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I enjoy the rivers in the parks. Don't take that away. (pdf saved to folder)

**NAME:** [Sam Woods](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; lack of understanding (oc:Sam)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm concerned that removing open water ways along some of the proposed routes will adversely affect our urban environment leading to higher temperatures like those in larger municipalities experience. I'm also concerned that such construction of the PI system may cause the removal of badly needed trees and vegetation exacerbating a dry environment with less open water ways. I do not think that the proposed project is the correct way to go about water issues, especially for water hungry lawns. This also could be looked at from a classist viewpoint. Taking access from water ways in parks and public lands and redistributing it to wealthy landowners for their landscaping. This takes away from public enjoyment and may hinder community growth that would otherwise happen with the appealing water features of public parks and lower temperature environment. We've seen many larger cities reverse course on such projects and increase their natural waterscapes or develop better access to existing waterways. The high mountain valleys in Utah, including Salt Lake are basically deserts. The only reason we enjoy beautiful trees and temperate climate is because of the open irrigation systems our forefathers built. They changed the environment to have a better life here. This project may reverse much of that. I suggest better permaculture outreach, xeriscspe on commercial and public properties, and gray water as a secondary water system.

**NAME:** [Samuel Cheal](#)

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat (oc:Samuel Cheal)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

If you put the River into a pipe, what will happen to the fish? They could get claustrophobic and die, and so could the fishermen. Fish I have seen in the River behind my backyard: Rainbow trout Brown trout Bonneville cutthroat Roundtail chub Mountain whitefish? Juvenile Kokanee salmon? Flannelmouth sucker Mottled sculpin And a large goldfish. We should leave the River alone because: It makes a good fishing option. Children like to play in the River. People could no

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longer canoe or float on it. There would not be enough water for the other animals and trees. It would change the bird diets to something less healthy. That is why we should leave the River as is. Samuel Cheal, age 13

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Sara Smith)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The little Logan river that runs through Merlin Olsen park and the fair grounds is one of the things that makes Logan such a quaint and beautiful town! Please do not cover it up, it is beautiful and adds such character to our community. Every time I am at either locations the little river is a popular spot and attracts people to the parks. We have animals that we take to the fair and it is a refreshing place for them to cool off! Please don't make Logan like these big cities that have nothing unique and beautiful to speak of! We love the small town feel that the little river adds to Beautiful Logan Utah!

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Savanna Soorma)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

It is a priceless place for kids (and in some parks, dogs) to cool off and play during the summer! When summer temperatures reach high 90s into the 100s that little creek/river is the BEST! It brings so much fun, happiness and extremely needed cool relief from the heat! I take my dogs to the fair grounds probably 4 times a week, all year round and in the summer that water is their favorite part! Cooling off or fetching sticks in the water! It is such an important part of the fairgrounds as well as all the other places it reaches! It would be absolutely devastating to cover! So many people love to come and run around the park or play with their dogs and then cool down in the water! Please let us continue to do so! The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable! Let's do what we can to preserve free-flowing waterways through our town. Please!

**NAME:** [Scott Ringle](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Scott Ringle)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to share my opposition to the covering of the rivers in the parks. These features are a beauty and should be kept and preserved. Please do not take away this wonderful resource we have in our community.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Shania)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the Little Logan River. I understand that this plan includes the water that runs through the Cache County Fairgrounds. I have attended numerous events at the fairgrounds over the past 25 years. I have participated in the Cache County Fair and Rodeo every single year. As well as the Cache Valley Cruise In. I have also served on the Cruise In Board of Directors for the past 4 years. The Cruise In event brings in the largest amount of revenue to our community. The number one reason over 18,000 spectators and participants attend our event is our amazing fairgrounds. The water that runs through the fairgrounds and those beautiful old trees that provide so much shade are irreplaceable. Once that kind of nature is gone, it is gone forever. I realize there is a 50 million dollar grant at stake here, but some things are PRICELESS. We have already lost a significant amount of water at the fairgrounds and we do not want to lose anymore. I urge you to take a look at the Farmington Fairgrounds. There is zero water and zero shade. Our fairgrounds will not be able to present these events without our relaxing accommodations. Without these events, our community will not survive. I also urge you to take a look at the water plan that Carson City implemented. They closed in water sources in residents back yards in order to avoid liability and left all water sources alone at public parks and fairgrounds. There is a bigger picture here. If you would like any further information regarding the stance the Cache Valley Cruise In has taken in regards to the fairgrounds, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and careful consideration regarding the negative impact this may have on our county and our community. Shania Laird CVCA

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** Project purpose; waterflows;;

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project purpose; waterflows;; wildlife and habitat (oc:Sherry)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I live on what we've always referred to as the north fork of the Logan river. Apparently it's referred to as the little Logan as well? In any case I'm somewhat confused about the direction Logan city?? is taking concerning piping this. Years ago there was a developer that was clearing trees along the river next to our property. I contacted friends that do wetland mitigation for a living. They told us to contact the army corps of engineers in SLC because this river is a protected waterway. Not an irrigation canal. Someone drove immediately to Logan from SLC and halted the guy from tearing out these old trees and destroying the stream side. Told him what he was doing was illegal and he should be cited and fined. They didn't, he hasn't touched the property since and no further action was taken. So now the city is going to enclose the river to save water? Clearly I'm not understanding how this protects the trees, banks, fish, etc... on what I thought was a protected waterway. I hope this is just some sort of miscommunication. The environmental impact of closing this river off seems like a travesty to the term protected waterway. Please consider the impact let alone the legality of changing this waterway Thank you for your consideration ~Sherry

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Sheryl Lasley)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We got a very alarming notification concerning our Logan Rivers. It's heart breaking to think that the rivers and streams thru the parks would no longer be there to enjoy! We have so many things taken away now please don't be another thing that we're t... (no body of email-all in subject line and was cut off)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:**

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Stephanie Pointer)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't destroy our beautiful river! (pdf saved to folder)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Suzi Brown)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have heard and am very concerned about the plans to change the little Logan River . Please do not do this ! It is a wonderful asset to our community. As our valley grows it is important to keep the availability of outside activities for our children and community in the neighborhoods . Please reconsider Thank you

**NAME:** [Tanya Seeley](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Tanya Seeley)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please, please do not pipe the little Logan river canal! I have so many memories from that river we cool are horses off in there after riding at the fairgrounds. We have cooled ourselves off in it during the hot summer days! I enjoy watching

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families walk with there sweet pets along it laughing and enjoying time with Family. My husband and I travel to Boise just to walk there river it is so peaceful and it is great exercise why couldn't they eventually put a sidewalk along it so we could all enjoy the little Logan river! Please, please don't pipe it and cover the river! There are so many positives to keep it!

**NAME:** [Tasha Davis](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Tasha Davis)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Diverting the rivers in Logan underground would be a huge mistake. These rivers add so much Beauty and fun to the parks. We love going on walks along these rivers. My children love the rivers and are always thrilled to run across the bridges and look out across the water. They love playing in the river at Merlin Olsen it makes for a great summer activity. I have been playing and enjoying these rivers my whole life. Keep logan a beautiful place, it is so important for our children and generations to come to have beautiful places to love and enjoy all around town.

**NAME:** [Tate Shepherd](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Tate Shepherd)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a citizen of Logan, I would like to voice my opinion in opposition to the diverting of water from Logan River for agricultural purposes. Doing so diverts water away from important ecological habitats, and is not a sustainable practice. Many migratory birds use the wetlands that the Logan River drains into, and those habitats are extremely fragile. Water resources in Utah are already strained, and the environment is hurting as a result. It is my opinion that it is in the long-term best interest of the people of Cache Valley to divert as little as possible away from the Logan River.

**NAME:** [Timothy Shahan](#) **ADDRESS:**

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Timothy)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed piping and pressurization project for the Little Logan River. This waterway in its current form serves a critical role in the character of Logan city parks and the neighborhoods through which it passes. The beauty and serenity of these places would be forever destroyed by this project. I and many, many other families use the water in these parks and throughout these neighborhoods nearly everyday as a place of serenity and cool-off and relax in the summer. These water ways provide a gathering place for citizens and help to build a sense of community. The natural flow of water is also very desirable aesthetically. Consider some of the most iconic and desirable cities in the world like Amsterdam, Venice California, and others where it is the presence and flow of water through the city that makes it desirable as a place to be. Finally, there are just too many unanswered questions about the amount of water diverted from the Logan river and what exactly will be done with this water. I strongly urge that this project be rejected.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; lack of understanding; property

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Let me first start by saying that I am entirely opposed to the proposed pressurized irrigation plan for the Crockett irrigation system. The ZOOM meeting lacked any specific information as to what this might look like, how much water is going to be diverted, how you will resolve the issue of the riparian zone no longer having water, how to do you compensate those who live on the river with decreasing property values etc... Questions and Concerns: • What is this project actually going to look like? • How much water is going to be diverted and put into the pressurized system? • How will the flow that runs through all the city parks be affected? Especially Jens Johansen Park? • I live on the North Fork of the Logan river that backs up to Jens Johansen Park and my trees rely on this water source for survival. I have documented over thirty species of birds that also rely on these trees for survival. What are you proposing to do with the riparian zones along the NATURALLY flowing rivers? • During the meeting, someone asked if you could put the water in the pressurized system after it flows through the city. Is this an option? • Who's going to pay for the removal of my trees after they die due to dehydration? • Who's going to compensate me for the money that I put in to keep my trees alive? • Who's going to compensate me for my decreased property value? • I have watched thousands of people over the last eight years enjoy this park, especially the river. I have seen toddlers learn how to throw their first rocks in the water. I've seen parent teach their children about ducks. This is just one park of many, I really can't believe that you would even consider diverting the water that defines the "Island" and tearing its character away. • I really hope that you think with clear minds when you continue planning for "us" and how we are all affected by your decisions. Thank you for your time

**NAME:** Tom Brillisour

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:Tom Brillisour)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Are you people serious!?!.....reducing the Logan River below Crockett Ave is the epitome of selfish and careless ideology. A lake in the valley surrounded my millionaire McMansions! Pushing this through with little disclosure and reducing critical valley wetlands?! Hoping the EPA keeps an eye on this and a comment to the city council, mayor and all elected officials.....WHOA unto you all by alienating us voters with this sordid plan to mess up recreation, wildlife habitat, aesthetics and all the benefits the river has provided us folks who love it and gaze upon it every day! Sincerely.....Tom Brillisour, Logan resident and voter

**NAME:** Tom Proffitt

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**EMAIL:**

**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Mailed In

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Tom Proffitt)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

public comment mailed in and saved under Tom Proffitt public comment 03.15.21

TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

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I am totally against the plan to take water from the Logan River for pressurized irrigation is offensive to me. For the twenty years living in Logan, I have lived near the river. The pressurized irrigation system is not needed. The change in the river is offensive. I urge the proposal to be rejected. Thank you for rejecting this proposal.

**NAME:** [Tony Calvert](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Tony

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

It appears that your organization plans to pipe the Logan and Little Logan Rivers in the Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project. This project would remove most of the water flowing through our downtown parks. As a city we are trying to make the downtown areas more user friendly, pleasant and recreational. Your project would interfere with that endeavour. My children delighted in playing in the Logan River as it flowed through Merlin Olsen Central Park. I am sure you have children who, likewise, enjoy happy hours playing in the rivers and streams that course through your local parks.

I disagree with your plan which would deny the assets of a river that is giving joy to our children. They are traumatized enough in this day and age. They should not be denied the opportunity to enjoy some time playing in the water in our parks. Please rethink your plan.

**NAME:** [Tony, Sheri and Karli Nielson](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Tony, Sheri and Karli Nielson)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

This letter is to STRONGLY oppose any and all plans to divert the Logan River in any form. We have lived along the Logan River for 60 plus years. The plan in progress lacks enough information for anyone to even know what is being proposed. The thought of any work taking place along the river from below first dam to below 1000 West makes zero sense. Further more we do not support piping or covering any section of the Crocket Canal System. The water free flowing at Central Park, along Logan High, through west Logan and Willow Park is one of the best water projects Logan has to offer. The thoughts of a "concrete splash pad" at the Emporium are just as ridiculous as the thought of piping the canal. The current canal system provides a splash pad, tubing channel, etc. throughout the entire area it is currently flowing uncovered. It is free and available to all...citizens of all ages, dogs, birds and other wildlife. Cities all over America would beg to have this feature available through out their city and Logan has a perfect system already in place. If anything consider spending the money on un covering the currently covered water ways. The Crocket canal in areas and the Highline canal for starting points. I could offer 5 to 50 reasons to stop this project and re affirm what thousands of citizens have already expressed. Please count the below votes as strong NO VOTES! also support to abandon this project in any and all shapes and forms. We cannot express strongly enough this is a total waste of money, time and resources in every way. Respectfully submitted, Glen and Sandra Nielson 368 Lauralin Drive Logan, Utah 435 752 6287 Tony Nielson, Sheri Nielson, Karli Nielson 1393 Boxwood Circle Logan, Utah 435 752 9332 Cole Nielson 1305 North 1000 West suite 100 Logan, Utah 435 799 5991

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Tresa Riggs)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable. Please leave the little river through the Cache County Fairgrounds and Merlin Olsen park open and free flowing.

**NAME:** [Trevor Buttars](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Trevor Buttars)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I strongly object to your current plan and urge you to come up with a better plan than to pressurizing the Little Logan River. Your current proposal would destroy the current open river ambiance of the parks and fairgrounds. Just because you can do something, doesn't mean you should. Leave it the way it is and come up with a solution that does not ruin the recreational and relaxation vibe of logan for future generations. Sometime doing nothing is the right thing to do.

**NAME:** [Tye Smith](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives (oc:Tye Smith)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Everyone is blaming farmers ?? And the golf course comment is good, but what about every freaking green lawn in this high altitude desert that used to be completely covered by sage brush? Every damn day of the warm months I see INSANE AMOUNTS of people using sprinklers and running their automatic sprinkler systems on a DAILY basis. On top of that between the hours of 0900-1700! WHY???? Talk about EVAPORATION and WASTE! And you want to blame the farmers and golf course. At least the farmers serve a purpose. The problem is the insane amount of growth this valley has seen the past 10 years. A valley that geologically has proven that we already had to many people 10 years ago. The inversion alone should be regulated by the CDC and EPA and a population cap should be put in place. The water has never been an issue my entire life growing up in this valley until now. California and the rest of the nation wanted a slice of our pie since it's such a beautiful place... and safe... and all that's done is bring what they left and rapidly changing it into the metropolis they left. The mountain culture of this valley is being snuffed out by this bullcrap. They ruined it so let's give them a slice of what they left and place "California Water Restrictions". Problem solved. And we keep our rivers. And the tax money Logan City Corp and Cache County Corp will pay for this project. Why not reinvest it in these waterways in a way to enhance them for recreational use rather than bury it and ruin generations before and to come memories.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Tyler Fenstermaker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am opposed to the covering of these rivers for a "future complete pressurized irrigation system" which can be accomplished in other ways.

**NAME:** [Valerie Bosworth](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Valerie Bosworth)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I wish to express my concern about pressurizing the water that runs through several parks in Logan. There are very few places in Logan such as Merlin Olsen Park and Willow Park that offer the peace and serenity of flowing water that is safe for children and pets to have available. I remember as a kid going to these places to play and cool off in the summer. So many of the outdoor spaces are being taken away. Please reserve this little spot of Cache Valley for future generations. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our concerns.

**NAME:** [Valerie Lopez](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Valerie Lopez)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not go through with the pressurized irrigation project! We are one of many families who support Dave Tate of Logan, since we have enjoyed the countless hours our children have spent enjoying the meandering canal water that goes through Willow Park, Merlin Olsen Park and others. There is a time for efficiency, but if it comes at the cost of essentially removing a significant feature that contributes to the loveliness of these parks, it's just not worth it. Keep our parks natural and beautiful! Thanks for your time,

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Victoria Grieve)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am deeply concerned about the general direction of development and over-population in Cache Valley, and this development plan is just the most recent example of local government being shortsighted about the future of Cache Valley. The Logan River is one of the most valuable assets of Cache Valley. It is used recreationally; it provides essential habitat all along its various corridors. Diverting and piping the river (to make ski lakes!!!! Really?!?!) is among the most unbelievable schemes I've heard yet. I am appalled that you would even consider allowing developers to do this. Please LISTEN to the PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. Not the developers who will make their money and leave after littering the Valley with endless acres of ugly housing developments and townhouses as far as the eye can see. The PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE want more trails. More access to resources exactly like the Logan River. Instead of diverting and piping it, turn it into a usable community asset. Make a greenway corridor in our increasingly crowded valley that is losing green and open space every day. My family tubes on that river. My kids and I swim and mess around in that river every summer, all summer. We fish in that river. We camp by that river. Please leave SOMETHING in Logan free and undeveloped. We've lost the canal trails due to development. All the trails are crowded due to development. Please, please, take the long view and leave the Little Logan River alone. The Logan River is used more and more every year as the Valley population increases. It is an asset to the community. De-watering it during droughts and seasonal low flows would greatly diminish its value. We urge planners to leave as much water in the river as possible and incorporate the Logan River Conservation Action Plan and Blue Trail Plan into the development of the Logan River Watershed Project. Please rein in the out-of-control development here. It is ruining literally everything that was great about living here with over-crowding and insane plans like this. From an increasingly frustrated PERSON WHO HAS LIVED HERE FOR 17 YEARS and is horrified to see what has happened to Cache Valley over the past five years.

**NAME:** [Wendy Tyler](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; recreation (oc:Wendy Tyler)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Like many others living in Cache Valley, I too enjoy the recreation afforded from the rivers and streams in our valley. I have lived here for 25 years and both my children and grandchildren have play in the water at Merlin Olsen and Willow Parks. I live down near where there are new ducks born each year in our neighborhood thanks to that water. We have already lost many beautiful trees near the Logan River, and it would be sad to continue to lose more of the beauty of Logan. Please leave the water as is.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Winston Jones)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

All concerned. Please allow me to voice my concern regarding plans to cover over and pipe the Logan River as it flows through the park. This stretch of river as it exists today is a peaceful place of beauty in a hectic world. Multiple generations of our family played, picnic'ed, and spent peaceful leisurely afternoons adjacent to this wonderful location. All of my grandkids played in these waters during the successive summers of their youth. And we've been looking forward to continuing to enjoying these leisure times with our Great-Grandkids now that our Grandchildren are in their early marriage years. The river as it flows through the park is the main natural feature of the park. It's the feature that separates it from all other urban park spaces. It's the feature that will keep the park from creeping into urban blight as the years flow by. It is beyond me why anyone would want to cover it over and bury it. Please save this place of peace and beauty for future generations.

**NAME:** [Zachary Shepherd](#)

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**DATE:** 3/15/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** water flows; property impacts

**COMMENT TYPE:** water flows; property impacts (oc:Zachary Shepherd)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a resident on the Logan River I atrongly disagree with the proposed Crockett Project. The water flow in the Logan River has already shrunk over the last several years. I feel that this would further hinder the flow causing less water for the animals and plants that rely on that water. I also worry about my property value considering there wouldn't be the natural habitat and beauty from the river if the water was diverted. Why should my property value hinder at the expense of an outside engineering firm?

**NAME:** [Adam Nafziger](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose (oc:Adam Nafziger)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing concerning the Logan River Watershed Plan and the possible piping of the Little Logan River. As someone who grew up in Cache Valley I can speak to the huge importance of the Little Logan River to me personally and to Logan Cities many residents, families, and visitors. It is imperative that these free-flowing waterways be preserved throughout our town. I, as so many others, have spent countless hours enjoying the Logan and Little Logan River watching animals drink from their banks and been shaded by the trees and plant life sustained by their flow. Anyone who has visited a backyard or one of the many parks graced by these open waterways on a warm day will know the joy and value they bring to

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families and the community at large, forging invaluable memories as a truly essential part of the city's character and charm. Piping the Little Logan River is an unacceptable solution that would damage the beauty, value and well being of Logan City and the lives of its residents and families taking away a vital source of beauty, history, recreation, and contemplation and harming local plants and wildlife. It is imperative that the free-flowing waterways be preserved in defense of this city that is the cherished home of so many. Sincerely, Adam Nafziger

**NAME:** [Alan Hinckley](#)

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**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; water flow

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; water flow (oc:Alan Hinckley)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

This is a copy of the letter I sent via the US mail. Thanks!

Re: STRONGLY OPPOSED to the piping of the Logan and Little Logan Rivers

To: The Landon Group

Our house is less than 200 yards from the Little Logan River.

We greatly enjoy walking down to the end of the street and feeding the ducks and the trout that live in that beautiful little river.

The river splits and makes a small island on our neighbor Joe Anderson's property. We have neighborhood gatherings and weddings and scouting events on that beautiful island.

Piping that beautiful river would dry up and kill the trees around the island that drink from that river and destroy all that beautiful habitat and much of their property value. We wouldn't be able to feed the ducks and trout. We wouldn't be able to let our grandchildren play in the cool waters in the summer and race boats down it.

Living where we do, we also have ready access to the Logan River Trail and frequently walk or ride bikes from the golf course clear down to Trappers Park. We have fished the Logan river and played with our children and grandchildren on its banks.

Please do not reduce the flow of water down either of these water ways. These are precious valuable assets to our community and our way of life. Sincerely, Alan & Magdalena Hinckley and our children & grandchildren

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Alan

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a resident of The Island in Logan, I would like to express my concern with, and opposition to, the proposal for a "complete pressurized irrigation system" that would divert water from its current pattern of flow through The Island, Merlin Olsen Park, and downtown Logan. As a professional biologist, I am concerned that the reduction of water through The Island will negatively impact riparian vegetation and the fauna that relies upon that riparian habitat, as well as the fully aquatic organisms that occupy the Logan River. Although in some years high water presents a modest risk to property (my property lies partially within the flood zone), the strongly seasonal nature of water flow makes the cessation of flow due to diversion a much greater risk from the biological perspective. I urge policymakers to reject any plan that will result in substantial diversion of water from the current path of the Logan River.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** water fkow; project purpose (oc:Amberly Hollingshead)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please please do not shut off the water flow through the parks!!!

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Amy Anderson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We as a collection of long-time neighbors have lived along the North Logan Hyde Park Smithfield canal for approximately 20 to 30 years. Over so many years in our lovely neighborhood, we have had the opportunity to build a healthy rapport with the Cache Highline Water Association that operates and maintains the NLHPS canal behind our homes. I personally have interacted with the watermaster as well as some various board members; good people with the canal company have stood in our backyards and patiently addressed our questions and concerns over the years. When the last canal piping project was performed -- along the Logan Country Club, past Lundstrom Park, to a diversion at 1500 N -- we were assured that the canal company was invested in preserving the section of the canal beyond 1500 N. Indeed, representatives of the NLHPS Canal Company stood in my backyard, including the president of the canal company at the time, and fostered an esprit de corps about the importance of preserving a portion of the 100+-year-old canal for posterity. We felt blessed to see that commitment to the canal behind our homes. Accordingly, we all have taken seriously the responsibility of stewardship to maintain and protect the canal and all that it has to offer. As such, one can only imagine our disappointment to see yet another assault on the canals in the name of (insert here). Flood control seems to be the order of the day this time. Okay, most folks generally get this in principle. Maybe it is an issue downstream of the Island now that we've allowed homes to be built on flood plains. It hasn't always been, healthy rivers flood, but that's another story. But, be assured, there is no flooding issue along the upper canal and piping the canal to 1800 North as described in the public Zoom meeting (see HJnews article, where most of us first learned about this) will do nothing. Evaporation? Between 1500 and 1800 N? A three-block stretch? Maybe a little, but, please, someone come to measure it and make a real economic case given how expensive the work will be! Trees "stealing" water? Hmm, is it really stealing? Does anyone who says "the canal was here first" (and thus we can do what we want) consider that we also allowed -- and as a community enjoyed -- a mature riparian zone to grow and flourish complete with full-sized trees and generations of wildlife that consistently depend on it? Trees that protect backyards. Ducks that migrate back to this canal every year. Come to our homes and visit the 20+ ducks and their ducklings that roam our yards every year. They will be here soon and we are sure they would like a vote on this matter. The sadness in all of this is that it's hard to accept the word of anyone involved with city and county planning these days. Logan City promised to build a cemetery in the old Deer Pen property. That didn't happen. Come on up and look at the plastic houses there now instead. And now a power station is surely going in, I hear. Well, anyway, the bottom line: The canal company said in good faith that they wanted to preserve the historical significance of the canal in our neighborhood. And it was reasonable. After all, how could piping another mere three blocks be justified financially? Fast forward a couple years to today and here we are again: three blocks of piping at the expense of Cache Valley history that is cared for by members of a mature neighborhood invested in this town. One final note: As a trained watershed scientist with years of geomorphology fieldwork and water chemistry lab experience, I

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blanch to hear of a project without real data to justify it. I watched the video discussion made available to the public and I was bewildered to see that no one could specifically describe in any meaningful way how the project will affect the flow of the Logan River. The particular stakeholder in the project (from the engineering company) acknowledged the river's flow would be affected but couldn't quantify it at all. Who does resource management like this? It sounds like a classic case of "let's get the federal \$\$ first and figure it out later." Well, while that's getting figured out, I'll ponder ways I can help the ducks and the trees and the Cache Valley history that are about to be lost. And, for the record, maybe I'm just not connected enough, but I would hope to get some kind of notification as a resident along the canal to impending projects like this. No one on my block knew anything about this. The Lundstrom neighborhood on whole strives to be an anchor to the community and we as a collection of neighbors believe the canal is a significant component of the neighborhood. As such, we as a collection of neighbors along 1770 East oppose the proposal to pipe NLHPS canal.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc: Amy Greenhalgh)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi! I hope that this is the right place to BEG you to not cover the river!! My family LOVES going to Merlin Olsen Park and also down by the fair grounds to picnic by the river and play in the water!! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!!! Do not take away these beautiful places to make family memories!!

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**RE:** plan purpose; property

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose; property impacts (oc: Amy Havin)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Amy and I am writing to you with regards to the proposed plan to pipe the Little Logan River. While I do believe in progress and in water conservation, I highly oppose the Logan River Watershed Plan due to its undeniably detrimental affects on Logan, Utah, and its community. Not only do the Logan River and Little Logan River rest on unceded Shoshone Native American lands, but they also run through and near the properties of hundreds of Logan citizens. On these properties rest homes full of tax-paying Logan citizens whose families not only enjoy the Little Logan River as part of their every day life, but who have raised their children in and around the Little Logan River for decades. These rivers represent more than just a water source for businesses and agricultural companies to use and drain, they represent the ideals of home and the innocence of many happy childhoods. The Little Logan River represents joy and family values to hundreds of Logan children and their parents. To take away this imperative part of the landscape would be to rob the hard working homeowners and citizens of Logan, Utah of the beauty that drew them to this city in the first place. To pipe the Little Logan River would be to rip away the happy childhoods from innocent children whose parents have worked hard to provide them with a happy and beautiful life on these rivers. The Little Logan River personally means a great deal to me. It has been there for me in moments of joy and moments of peril. It has flowed peacefully, year after year, bringing birds and deer to drink in the backyard where I have enjoyed its beauty and spent many meaningful moments in thought. This river is a piece of my life, a piece of my heart, and a place of religious contemplation. It is home to natural life, like fish and frogs, and gives water to the strong Logan trees which make up the striking foliage that defines Logan's Island neighborhood. To pipe the Little Logan River would be to rob the Island of its defining feature, lowering the monetary value of all the homes on the island in an unprecedentedly unfair affront on all of the hard-working, tax-paying homeowners in the area. While I do believe in change for the better, I am certain that piping the Logan River and the Little Logan River is absolutely not the change that Logan wants or needs. To pipe these rivers would be an assault on the community, the tax-paying citizens, the hard working families, and the young children who live on the Island of Logan — all who cherish the Logan River and Little Logan River as an important part of their hometown. With

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respect, I call upon you to look into your hearts and do the right thing for the people of Logan: stop the Logan River Watershed Plan and stop the proposed piping of the Logan River and Little Logan River. It is what we, the people, want. Let us keep our beloved Little Logan River, and the Logan River from which it flows. The opinions of the people in your town, after all, should be valued more than money and more than business. God Bless, and may you find it within yourselves to honor the word of your community — putting honest and hard-working people before profit. Sincerely, Amy

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Amy Hopkins)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am horrified to hear about the plans to pipe the Little Logan River. I live in a neighborhood that will be adversely affected by this plan. My kids grew up playing in the water at Lars Hansen Park and Merlin Olsen Park. I also love to wade in the water during the summer. It's what makes the parks so special - not only for kids but adults and dogs and birds and fish! This is a quality of life issue. Please don't take this away. I can't even believe it's being considered! WHO IS PAYING FOR THIS? I would really like to know. Why would anyone be actively trying to make our town worse instead of better? This is absolutely unacceptable.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Ana

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Growing up in Logan I played in the Logan River and the Little Logan River and irrigation canals. They are great places for splashing, sports and fun. The City, County, and other entities should leave as much water as possible in the river for kids to play in. The river through Central Park is an iconic summer fun spot and any impact on the flow would be tragic. The same for the canals in each neighborhood and especially the main Logan river. The rivers and canals also water trees and plants along the banks and provide wildlife habitat and fishing. I live along the Little Logan River and enjoy the atmosphere it provides. I see all kinds of fish and wildlife along the river and canals. The lovely noise of flowing water blocks out the busy street noise and the riparian canal banks are a significant benefit to the property and property value. Along with the beautiful home in which we reside, my partner owns water rights on Ditch 2 of the Logan Island Irrigation district and I still prefer to have the water in the canal NOT in a pressurized system. The natural beauty the rivers and ditches provide will be permanently taken away if the City goes with this plan to pressurize the system. I irrigate a garden and yard in the summer, and many trees along the canal banks would take a big hit and/or die if their water is reduced or cut off. Thank you for leaving as much water in the natural waterways as possible. Ana Pena, Resident in Logan

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**RE:** property impacts; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; project purpose (oc:Andrew Arave)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a life long resident and homeowner in Logan city. I have a home on the Island with the beautiful Logan river flowing through my backyard. The riverfront property is the number one reason that I purchased my home in 2014. My family and I absolutely love the river and many benefits it brings to the Island area. We use the river for recreation almost daily. My Family and I play in the water all the time. We love seeing all of the other people out on the water as well. Whether it is just us playing in the water with all of the other neighborhood kids, or seeing the many people float by in kayaks, paddle boards and tubes, we love all of the many uses it provides. We often walk to the many parks in the Island where the river feeds smaller waterways, and believe the water definitely adds so much joy to all of the people using it. One of the other great things about the river is all of the birds and other wildlife that live on or around the river and rely on its water for life. We love seeing the birds gather and raise their young along its banks. We love the bird watching, especially when we get some of the less common larger birds. We have seen bald eagles multiple times right in our backyard! I purchased my home well above the value of what similar homes were selling for, because I felt it was worth it to have river property. I would hate to lose substantial property value if the river were to be less vibrant, or worse yet, completely non-existent. I believe many homes along the river are older homes with good families living in them. I believe those homes are well maintained and cared for because the river property is so rare. I believe that if you take the river away those homeowners might re-locate and the homes and neighborhoods would go down hill fast. If you look at the homes in my neighborhood and compare the homes with river property vs. the homes without, you will see the riverfront homes are all homeowners that maintain their properties very well, and many of the non-river homes are mostly rentals in rough shape. I am concerned that draining the river will have a huge negative impact on downtown and island neighborhoods. I am STRONGLY opposed to anything that will reduce water flow in the Logan River. Please take all of this into strong consideration when deciding on the proposed plan.

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Andrew Wegener)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I would like to voice my disappointment with the current plans to pipe the canals in Logan. As was the case a decade ago, planning and execution of this project occurred as quietly and quickly as possible. Public opinion is usually against projects like this once the facts emerge. This is due to the loss of recreation and beautification reduction of the city. More time is needed to procure proper public opinion, but the City Council, County Council, Canal Companies and the NRCS have all made up their minds. They all have their reasons, mostly to do with the almighty dollar rather than what is morally, ethically, and often legally correct. Cache County does not care one whit about the citizen's loss of use and value, Logan City only cares about "free" stormwater drainage separation, and the canal companies get all this work done at a 75% discount. The NRCS regularly stated that "betterments" are not allowed, but the 2013 project was a complete betterment of the system ON EVERY LEVEL... as had been planned since the 1960s. Even when a private citizen paid personal money to 'beautify' the Smithfield Canal portion of Logan City, the engineering firm bugged up the design and failed to deliver. Who is left to protect the citizens affected? I believe that prior to any further decisions/deadlines, the public must be legally informed how their right of ways and easements will be altered. Property owners along the canals

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need to know how they will be reimbursed for loss of water seepage watering nearby landscapes (they have a legal right to that water after decades of prescriptive 'use'). The property value of each property will be lessened and, in many cases (like in the 2013 middle canal project), the canal company will outright steal property to put a completely new access road NEXT to it. Rushing this project through will result in litigation... just like last time. Litigation that needlessly cost the taxpayers and canal company hundreds of thousands of dollars, literally stole property from its citizens without reimbursement, and resulted in the unbelievable violation of first amendment rights of the litigants... but who cares? They got their canal piped. We learned our lessons last time. Next time, we the people will win. Andrew Wegener

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Angela Thompson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

You know how therapists or teachers or whomever have you close your eyes and visualize yourself in your "Safe Place"? For many people, it's a warm beach somewhere with the waves lapping and an umbrella. For me, it is next to a river. Rivers are important. Waterways are important. For wildlife, and for wild humans. Locally, we are lucky enough to have access to both rivers and canals (as well as wetlands, lakes, etc.). This letter is in reference to the proposed changes to our local Logan River and Little Logan Rivers that course through well-established neighborhoods and parks. Please reconsider changes to these already-small and precious waterways. In a time of warp-speed "progress" in many ways (both good and not-so-good), this is one opportunity to leave something better untouched for both current and future generations, making these "Safe Places" accessible every day to everyone. Thank you :) Angela Thompson, NP

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Anne Hedrich)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a Logan resident and am opposed to the proposed canal project that would take away access to the water that flows through Logan parks and recreation areas. We have played there for years with our family and it should be available for years to come as open water. Many people benefit from the way it is now, it would be terrible to change it. Anne Hedrich  
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**RE:** wildlife and habitat; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; project purpose (oc:Annette Graham)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a resident of Logan City, I am writing to express my disapproval for the preposed Crocket Project by JUB Engineering. Although I would have liked to have more time to gather information concerning the preposed project, I was made aware of the deadline for public comment with very little time to respond. That said, I do feel that this project should not move forward. I have a strong sense that this is a solution that came looking for a problem and that the allure of federal funds to support the project were the impetus for the idea. I understand that a business such as JUB must always be looking for new projects, but a project that will so negatively affect the lives of the people, animals, and trees of Logan should not be given the green light before the public fully understands the impacts it would have on their quality of life. Although there are many reasons that I believe this project should not go forward, my primary concern is for the loss of trees that will result from piping the Little Logan River. I have seen this happen first-hand as ranchers in my previous state of Wyoming would pipe irrigation ditches to prevent shrinkage. Without fail, hundred year old Cottonwood trees lining these ditches would begin to die within a few years. Piping the Little Logan River will have the same affect on the trees that provide our city with its wonderful green spaces. These trees have grown root systems that depend on the water supply now in place, and to expect them to survive without it makes no logical sense. I also happen to live along the Lundstrom Park canal, which was pipelined before I purchased my current home. In an effort to keep the many trees on my property alive, I use vast amounts of city water every summer. The summer water bills are huge, but do not compare to the cost of having large dead trees removed, not to mention the decline in property value should my trees die. I have heard that some people use our Lundstrom park trees as an example of trees that survive after losing access to canal water. They should know that those of us who live along the canal take extreme and expensive measures to keep the trees alive. Thank you for receiving my public input on this project. It was written in haste, but I do hope I will have another opportunity to express my views in more detail at a later date. Annette Graham 1782 Country Club Drive Logan, UT 84321

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**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Anton Franklin)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't pressurized any canals in logan. Thanks Citizen

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Ashley)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not cover and pipe the Little Logan River. This would be devastating to do. The waterways which run thru town and all the parks are essential to local wildlife and vegetation. At Merlin Olsen Park there are several trees nearly 400 years old located directly on the bank which rely on the river water. Removing the free-flowing river water would completely decimate these strong, tall, historic, and beautiful trees. The Little Logan River is also essential to outdoor activities for families and kids. Especially in today's troublesome world--they are a some of the few remaining handful of places where our small family has been able to play and relax almost every week during the Spring and Summer months the past few years. The future completed pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is unacceptable. Please do the right thing--do not remove this historic and beautiful piece of our local wildlife.

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**RE:** lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding (oc:Ashley Nachreiner)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To the developers considering piping the little Logan River we urge you to stop ! Not only will you destroy eco systems, but you will destroy memories and a sacred piece of history shared amongst the community!

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**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Barbara Bentz)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to let you know that I cried when I learned that you might fill in the canal. Please please do not fill in the canal that runs through Merlin Olsen Park my kids floated the canal almost everyday this last summer. It was an activity I could take them to do that was free and fun for my younger and older kids. I used to play in the canal as a young child and have the best memories playing here and I want my kids to have the same memories. My kids will be devastated if they can not float the canal this summer and summers to come. We love Logan and this is hands down our favorite thing to do. We pack lunches and spend hours floating the canal. I cant beg Dear Langdon Group, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Logan River Watershed Project Environmental Assessment, outlining plans to divert the Logan River below first dam, piping it northward for irrigation uses. First and foremost, piping a natural river that provides tremendous amenities to the local communities would be devastating not only to the ecology of the river and riparian habitat, but also to social and economic entities within Cache Valley. The benefits of the river to the environment and communities are outlined in the Logan River Conservation Action Plan and the Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan, both

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adopted by the Logan Municipal Council. While beneficial use of the Logan river has traditionally been tied to economic values including irrigation and flood control, there is a need to also recognize the tremendous social benefits of this natural river that runs through the parks and neighborhoods of Logan. If it is decided to pipe the river, I urge you to consider and develop plans that divert the water as far downstream as possible to maintain the integrity of the river and its benefits to the community (including all the riverfront parks in Logan). Incorporating the recreation aspect of the plan is also incredibly valuable and additional trails along the river (as outlined in the plans identified above) would be a big win for the community and a draw for tourists. Some remaining questions that I hope you can address include: 1. Who will benefit from increased irrigation water? Homeowners or agriculture. 2. If agriculture, has a study been conducted to show that there is a need for more water and that future irrigation water will be limited. 3. If for use by homeowners to water landscapes, can an alternative in the plan acknowledge the need to reduce the use of grass as many communities in the west are proposing. The plan suggests a benefit of 50 million \$ - is this all based on culinary water that will not be used for watering landscapes? 4. If there will be benefits to culinary water, what percentage of people will shift to piped water rather than culinary? It is unclear if the benefits to culinary water will be realized. 5. The plan suggests that land with pressurized irrigation is more valuable. A more detailed investigation of the negative impacts to land along the river and canals is needed. Home appraisals most certainly include the value of property next to water. 6. A more detailed analysis of how much water will actually be saved, and for whom, is needed. Additionally, a more detailed analysis of the value of that water now and in the future is needed. 7. EAs are required to include not only direct monetary economic costs and benefits, but also environmental costs and benefits (in this case to the ecology of the river and the local community). Please consider these other costs/benefits in your EA. 8. Homeowners who live on the river or canal do so at their own risk. Flood insurance is a requirement for most home buyers and more appropriate than piping a natural river. 9. If the river is dewatered, significant effects to homeowners and city parks will occur including effects of lowered water tables on buildings and dead trees that pose hazards. This type of costs must be incorporated. 10. Has an assessment of the potential flooding effects to northern communities been compared to western communities within the valley? 11. Other communities in the western US have gone through similar analyses regarding flowing rivers. I would like to see this EA for the Logan river be compared and contrasted with other plans, many of which decided the monetary cost/benefit was not great enough relative to the benefits to a community.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Barbara Middleton)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Water available for people to hear, see and play around is critical for a quality of life. This particular waterway runs through important neighborhood parks and open spaces. Take a look at the empty ditches in North Logan, garbage gatherers after storms, mosquito pools, and nothing but a mostly dry ditch that parallels one of the most accessible trails for all ages and abilities in North Logan. Not to mention a historical trail children used to walk and ride their horses to the first school in North Logan as well as church. What a debacle. We have lost urban wildlife, running water that kids played around (rope swings, swimming, critter catching, picnicking) etc. Our open canal was such a resource. Not only that, but the pipe for farms and lawn irrigating was the push. In all the planning, a vegetation plan was NEVER included other than some designs, designs which were promised but never delivered. Seasonal water was removed from a shady trail that also shaded yards. All kinds of large, medium and smaller trees, shrubs providing food for wildlife, and wildflowers have suffered or been lost. And then they put up gates that are walking paths between neighborhoods. This decision is archaic, you are not moving Logan forward, you are going backwards and not tracking worldwide trends in planning, human recreational and residential behavior. Look at the landscape companies that are including pools, ponds, running water, fountains, etc., as well as the apartment complexes including water features in their designs. Just take a look at European cities that have opened waterways, making them visibly accessible to create urban spaces with walking paths, amphitheatres and places of relaxation. These are places where people WANT to live and be around. Barbara Middleton

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Blake Sorenson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am opposed to the Crockett Avenue project. As someone who grew up in Cache Valley and has witnessed changes that have occurred over the past 30 years. I see the slow and steady movement away from agriculture in the valley and the once fertile land giving way to non agricultural uses. Town homes and businesses now occupy what was once the agricultural heartland of the valley. The argument that the already overburdened Logan River should be further channeled away from an already dewatered river for agriculture is poor excuse for a water grab. In the past twenty years there has been an awakening in the city of how special and beautiful the Logan River is. The investment the city has made in the Logan River Trail System, Rendezvous Park, and Trapper Park would all be for nothing to the residents of Logan if you allow less water to naturally flow down the real river channel. To take the water out of our Logan river before the residents of Logan can utilize the water for their own recreational activities and send it off to some unknown destination in an unspecified quantity, is a theft of our natural resources for personal profit. I ask that you not approve of this project. Does The City of Logan really want the river with its name on it to be a dewatered lifeless riverbed as it flows through our city? Think of the summer recreation opportunities we are missing out on right now during the summer. Floating, tubing, fishing, wildlife watching and walking along the sounds of a beautiful river. If this project is approved, we are really just giving away the most beautiful part of our city, our Logan River.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Brandon Elwood)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I learned recently that there are plans to change the nature of Logan's beautiful waterways. We purchased our home on Canyon Road and have truly loved the wonderful rivers and creeks that flow through this area. What a blessing it is that so many of the parks on the island (Stewart Nature Park, Merlin Olsen, Jens Johansen) are given added beauty and wonder through these waterways. This is what sets this area apart and makes it a unique place to call home. We have spent hours and hours walking along the waterways with our children and talk often about how amazing they are. We are so, so grateful for them. I would urge those looking to change this to take the greatest care and concern to preserve the legacy of these waterways in our neighborhood. I understand that one of the reasons to make changes is to serve more customers. As these things are considered, please look to "sprawl" communities such as Orem and Lehi to see how to remove the charm and beauty of an area in exchange for dollar signs and growth. Talking to family and friends who grew up in those communities, they are heartbroken to have lost that charm. We moved from Farmington to Logan because Farmington is now headed down that path. Development has become the chief concern. Communities all over the state are selling their souls. And they will be rich indeed, but not the kind of rich that we ought all to strive for. Logan has been able to maintain its charm and natural feel. It is a haven in our rapidly growing state. Please help us maintain that.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Brenda Lott)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't close off the free flowing water at Merlin Olsen park! The little river was an absolute life saver for me last summer. I was super pregnant and with shallow water, I could sit and watch on the sidelines while they played. They prefer it over the city pool even. Please preserve this!!!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Brent Sorenson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Having been born in Logan, graduated from Utah State, and my wife and I having raised our family here. I am opposed to this project. This project is not a significant improvement in flood control nor does it meaningfully improve recreational opportunities. I also believe that if adopted in the long haul would create pressure on the Logan River to increase water diversion which I am strongly opposed to. This river is already being dewatered to the extent that trout are fortunate to survive in the lower section in late summer. And if not for the deep pools there, they wouldn't. It's a sad commentary when in the meeting nothing meaningful was offered to enhance recreation in the river corridor other than enhanced dry trails. I also think that if current trends continue the scarcity of recreational water will continue to increase. This isn't just about ease of maintenance, that canal structures are dated, or what kind of revenue we can generate. It's about the aesthetics and standard of living we enjoy in Logan. With growth, traffic, and all, Logan has lost a bit of its charm in the last several years. This project is a step to furthering this. I'm not sure there currently a reliable mechanism to ensure that diversions are within agreed to levels from the Logan River. If they are, a serious objective evaluation of this is long overdue, because too much is being diverted.

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**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Brent Thomas)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, I have been reading about the proposal to replace the open canal waterways with a pressurized system. I am opposed, largely because of the negative impact to our parks and shared outdoor spaces, as well as the negative impact to our blue trails and canal trails in the valley. Best, Brent Thomas Director Cache Trails Alliance

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Brett Petersen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing in opposition to the "complete pressurized irrigation system" proposal. I will highlight just a couple of the reasons why I am opposed. First, although these waterways have been altered since modern settlement of Cache Valley, they still maintain an important thoroughfare for local wildlife. They provide critical habitat for deer, elk, moose, waterfowl, not to mention for the aquatic species such as fish and insect life. Second, beauty of the land. People don't travel to Cache Valley to look at all the pretty new multi-family homes, roads, and infrastructure. However, there is a great appeal to this area due to the incredible natural beauty, our waterways being a significant portion of that. Third, is recreation. These urban stretches of river not only now are important, but will have an increasing importance in upcoming years. This past year has seen a dramatic increase in the number of people utilizing the natural resources around us. Covid definitely had an instrumental hand in getting more people outdoors. Logan Canyon had more people, for longer, by a large margin than at any other time. These urban waterways provide a great opportunity for folks to enjoy the resource and spread out, instead of being forced to pack into more congested areas. Being born and raised out in the farming communities in western Cache Valley I know how vital water is, and also understand the increased efficiency of a piped system, however, there is a major difference of taking that water from completely man-made canals with seasonal water flows; and diverting significant flow from waterways that support ecosystems. Please carefully consider these points.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Brian Phillips)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to oppose the plan to pressurize the canals running through local parks. Merlin Olsen park, in particular, offers one of the most family friendly experiences in Cache Valley in the summer and would not be the same if the water were greatly reduced or no longer running above ground. Efficiencies do not always equate to effectiveness.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Brianna Anderson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I just recently was made aware of the plans to pipe the Little Logan River that runs through Merlin Olsen park. I was so upset that this was ever brought to the table without public awareness given to the residents of the area, including myself. Merlin Olsen park is the best park in all of Logan. It provides shade, large grassy areas, sand in the volleyball court, a

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large playground and a place to cool off in the safety of a shallow river. We spend every summer walking or biking the local trails like the one that runs alongside the river at Merlin Olsen park and enjoy finding all the baby ducks. There have been so many spontaneous educational moments thanks to the ecosystem provided by the river. To lose those cherished experiences would be exactly what drives young families away from this area and would be contrary to expressed desires to increase young, stable families here. I do not see how removing this landmark to pipe it could possibly be for the betterment of the residents when, if more residents had been made aware, they'd voice the same things as i have. Is it for the betterment of those who live here or for someone else? Do you actually represent us and are making choices to reflect our desires? In this case, I can firmly say no. You can be certain to encounter many upset and even angry residents if this decision goes through, having been pretty blatantly slipped under the table. I sincerely hope you will reconsider and find other solutions if one is truly necessary. Please do not take this gem away from so many families and even local businesses. This affects us, this is where we live every day of our lives. Please keep this a nice place to live.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Brittany Nielson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My husband and had recently moved back from overseas where we spent the last few years. We've returned back to the valley we love and adore. However, so much has changed. Some for the better like, the Logan River Walkway transformation due to hydrology reasons. I remember that flood, and think the necessary steps were taken. However, sometimes it's best to leave things alone. Like the canal. The idea to pressurize the Canal seems unnecessary and extreme. Why mess with a beautiful part of Cache valley's historic waterscape? Such a project would be a lot of money, where we could put forth some money to re-adjust parts of the canal to prevent flooding in those areas. Please don't take away the beauty if it doesn't need to go. Thank you, Concerned Cache Valley Resident

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**RE:** Lack of understanding

**COMMENT TYPE:** Lack of understanding (oc:Cameron Sorenson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

What ecology studies have been done to show this project won't have detrimental impacts downstream? How will these changes effect the ecology of the logan river system in the valley? How will these changes effect the fishing opportunities in the valley where lower water flow is already an issue during the summer? How will this impact the ecology of the Cutler Marsh? How will this effect recreation on the logan river in the valley? How will this effect taxpayers in logan and Cache Valley? How will this effect the housing market and the already high price of homes? Why are these diversions going to towns that have very little agriculture such as North Logan? How will this improve the lives of the majority of cache valley residents, who will loose out on the benefits afforded by the Logan River as it flows now?

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Candice

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I urge you to reconsider the proposed plans for the Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project. Altering the current flow of the Logan river will only further reduce the quality of living for Logan residents. Previous changes to the Logan river near Crockett Avenue demonstrate how quickly the charm and appeal of the riverside can be drastically altered for the worse. Public access to these areas should be maintained in order to uphold quality of "small town" living. As our community continues to grow and expand, we need to stand behind what makes our valley so great and preserve features like the Logan river running through local parks. One of the greatest things our community has discovered a year after life has been altered by Covid is the importance of the great outdoors. Public pools can be shut down, but public access to the outdoors and features like the Logan riverside are integral to our happiness and well being. I chose to buy a home on the island for the future that it would provide for my children. We walk our dog to the Denzil Stewart Nature park, over to Merlin Olsen park and up along the Boulevard daily. I rely on access to the water for both hydrating my dog along the way and also as a teaching experience for my children. I think we can all recall the feeling of taking off your shoes on a hot day and wading into the river. Please don't take that joy away from my children. The most important thing to teach our children is to preserve and care for our earth for future generations. We can't do that if we pressurize the Logan river, we would just be teaching our children that water is a commodity for us to exploit, instead of sharing with the community.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Carjean)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I could not believe the paper I saw stating Logan wants to Pressurize the canal. Well Logan does not, but maybe the Mayor and others at large do for their own damn proffit! These water ways have been used for generations! Enjoyment at the parks, coolness of the water and shade on hot days. You know not many towns have a park and fairgrounds as great at Logan does. The grass, the mature trees that make wonderful shade for different events held there, shade for Willow Park picnics and all..... kids playing in the water, animals who use it for a water source, kids at fair walking their animals and cooling off there..... Removing these, well then there goes the large beautiful trees! There goes the enjoyment of the events at these places. Dont be greedy and pressurize for your own damn pockets and send it on down stream down South. Don't ruin the beauty of Logan and charm that people love.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Caroline Lovoie)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project. After reviewing the project documents, we have significant concerns. We do not support piping the Little Logan River or and the canal system. While modified through human engineering, Logan's canal system is integral with our valley's natural hydrological system. In its current form, the open canals are irreplaceable recreation amenities, especially where they flow through several of Logan's public parks. In addition to providing visual and tangible relief on a hot summer day, the canals' aesthetic and interactive qualities contribute to Logan's unique sense of place, understanding of our community's historic settlement, and public awareness of the natural hydrological cycle. To achieve water conservation goals, public awareness of the natural and engineered hydrological system is crucial. If this system is buried underground in pipes, the system will be out of sight, out of mind, and the public will be less aware of this critical system and its importance. While the Master Plan Executive Summary (2019) speculates that "[p]ressurizing the irrigation system may allow more space for trails to be constructed along canal rights of way" (p.4), the operative word is "may." Trails and public access to rights of way are not guaranteed. However, more importantly a potential trail constructed along a "dry open channel" (p.5) devoid of flowing water is not comparable to the actual recreational amenity of the flowing Little Logan River, and the joy derived from interacting with flowing water. While we contemplate burying this unique hydrological system in underground pipes, many communities around the country are doing the exact opposite: spending significant resources on daylight streams that previous generations regrettably buried underground decades ago. Here in Utah, the Seven Canyons Trust's stream daylighting efforts in Salt Lake City is a notable example. Stream daylighting is the contemporary state of the art for urban hydrological systems. If the proposed Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project goes forward, will future generations of Cache Valley residents lament the loss of the Little Logan River and contemplate their own daylighting project to undo this proposed project? Respectfully, Caroline Lavoie and Ole Sleipness

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Cheri

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not pipe the canals that run through the local parks. The Little Logan River as a place for our dogs and kids to PLAY IN and COOL-OFF (and a drinking source for our dogs) during the the hot summer months. "The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable". We take our kids and grandkids to play and splash to the parks. We do redoes and trashcar racing and spend a lot of time at the fairgrounds. Our family loves that little creek and it is the only thing that helps ups get through all those hot summer days. Please reconsider your plan to pipe it all under ground and leave it for all of us to enjoy.

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**RE:** plan process; project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; project purpose (oc:Chise Back)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi, I am a resident on the island. I agree that we need to address the flooding issue and redirect the flood water for efficient use, however I would like to know about the risk assessment of flooding along the Logan river for the foreseeable future and the pros and cons of the project. I also think that the long-term solution to address not only the flood and agriculture irrigation, but also the possibility of drought should be included in the project goals. I am very curious to see the NEPA assessment results.

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**RE:** Project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project purpose (oc:Chris Okelberry)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We as a collection of long-time neighbors have lived along the North Logan Hyde Park Smithfield canal for approximately 20 to 30 years. Over so many years in our lovely neighborhood, we have had the opportunity to build a healthy rapport with the Cache Highline Water Association that operates and maintains the NLHPS canal behind our homes. I personally have interacted with the watermaster as well as some various board members; good people with the canal company have stood in our backyards and patiently addressed our questions and concerns over the years. When the last canal piping project was performed -- along the Logan Country Club, past Lundstrom Park, to a diversion at 1500 N -- we were assured that the canal company was invested in preserving the section of the canal beyond 1500 N. Indeed, representatives of the NLHPS Canal Company stood in my backyard, including the president of the canal company at the time, and fostered an esprit de corps about the importance of preserving a portion of the 100+-year-old canal for posterity. We felt blessed to see that commitment to the canal behind our homes. Accordingly, we all have taken seriously the responsibility of stewardship to maintain and protect the canal and all that it has to offer. As such, one can only imagine our disappointment to see yet another assault on the canals in the name of (insert here). Flood control seems to be the order of the day this time. Okay, most folks generally get this in principle. Maybe it is an issue downstream of the Island now that we've allowed homes to be built on flood plains. It hasn't always been, healthy rivers flood, but that's another story. But, be assured, there is no flooding issue along the upper canal and piping the canal to 1800 North as described in the public Zoom meeting (see HJnews article, where most of us first learned about this) will do nothing. Evaporation? Between 1500 and 1800 N? A three-block stretch? Maybe a little, but, please, someone come to measure it and make a real economic case given how expensive the work will be! Trees "stealing" water? Hmm, is it really stealing? Does anyone who says "the canal was here first" (and thus we can do what we want) consider that we also allowed -- and as a community enjoyed -- a mature riparian zone to grow and flourish complete with full-sized trees and generations of wildlife that consistently depend on it? Trees that protect backyards. Ducks that migrate back to this canal every year. Come to our homes and visit the 20+ ducks and their ducklings that roam our yards every year. They will be here soon and we are sure they would like a vote on this matter. The sadness in all of this is that it's hard to accept the word of anyone involved with city and county planning these days. Logan City promised to build a cemetery in the old Deer Pen property. That didn't happen. Come on up and look at the plastic houses there now instead. And now a power station is surely going in, I hear. Well, anyway, the bottom line: The canal company said in good faith that they wanted to preserve the historical significance of the canal in our neighborhood. And it was reasonable. After all, how could piping another mere three blocks be justified financially? Fast forward a couple years to today and here we are again: three blocks of piping at the

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expense of Cache Valley history that is cared for by members of a mature neighborhood invested in this town. One final note: As a trained watershed scientist with years of geomorphology fieldwork and water chemistry lab experience, I blanch to hear of a project without real data to justify it. I watched the video discussion made available to the public and I was bewildered to see that no one could specifically describe in any meaningful way how the project will affect the flow of the Logan River. The particular stakeholder in the project (from the engineering company) acknowledged the river's flow would be affected but couldn't quantify it at all. Who does resource management like this? It sounds like a classic case of "let's get the federal \$\$ first and figure it out later." Well, while that's getting figured out, I'll ponder ways I can help the ducks and the trees and the Cache Valley history that are about to be lost. And, for the record, maybe I'm just not connected enough, but I would hope to get some kind of notification as a resident along the canal to impending projects like this. No one on my block knew anything about this. The Lundstrom neighborhood on whole strives to be an anchor to the community and we as a collection of neighbors believe the canal is a significant component of the neighborhood. As such, we as a collection of neighbors along 1770 East oppose the proposal to pipe the NLHPS canal.

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**RE:**    **COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:Chris Okelberry)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Dear project team for the Logan River Watershed Plan: There is much buzz in our Lundstrom neighborhood about your project. May I ask a simple question for some clarification? Several years ago, the Logan, Hyde Park Smithfield canal was piped to 1500 N. Does your current project include further modifications (e.g., more piping) of the canal beyond 1500 N? There are rumors floating around that it will be extended to 1800 N or beyond.

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**RE:** agricultural water                      **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Chris P)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing to oppose the plan to pressurize and divert the current canal system. My family and I live on the canal. We make memories every summer of soaking our feet and cooling off during the hot summer months. My kids love playing in it at the park. It's so nice and relaxing to chill out and relax to the sound of the running water. It attracts the local wildlife that walk through our yard. And what about our property value, don't we matter? I am opposed to the current plan and hope you will consider my point of view. Thanks, Chris P.

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**RE:** project purpose                      **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Chris Wilson)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed irrigation water/flood control projects on the Logan and Little Logan Rivers. It appears to me that this is a "solution" in search of a problem! As a retired fisheries biologist, I am concerned about piping and additional withdrawals of water from these bodies of water. Having seen firsthand the impact of similar project alongside Lundstrom Park, I can attest to how it has damaged or eliminated riparian habitat, eliminated wildlife and reduced recreational values as well as esthetics and property values. Any further irrigation water withdrawals should only be done as low as possible to allow the maximum amount of water to remain in the river bed. To do otherwise, will only diminish the quality of life for humans and wildlife in Cache Valley. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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**RE:** agricultural water management; **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Cindy

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Gentlemen, I OBJECT to diverting water from the Logan River just below First Dam near Crockett Avenue and converting open canals into buried irrigation pressurized pipelines, starting at Crockett Avenue in Logan, UT. This is a terrible idea. I realize that when you object to a proposal you should have an alternate plan to recommend. My recommendation is to NOT COVER the open canals and leave them in their natural flowing state. The streams of water flowing thru the neighborhoods of Merlin Olsen Central Park, Jens Johansen Park, Denzil Stewart Nature Park, and Willow Park is what makes Logan so unique. Many families go to these well known water areas to play at, use the banks for picnicking, have their dream wedding photo shoots at, use the gentle streams for "duck" races, not to mention the opportunity to take your shoes and socks off, roll up your pants legs, and relish the cool water on your legs. Yes, this is what makes Logan and these open waterways special. Please do not make Logan a concrete city as other areas have become. Already too many forward thinking projects have been permitted in Logan which do not fit into the overall experience of Logan. What drew up to this area in 1992 was seeing cascading water in streams throughout the "Island" area, water flowing in the gutters, families tending their flowerbeds, and realizing we were in "Mayberry". Awestruck with the beauty of Logan is an understatement. Trees, open waterways, and parks convinced us to move here. In closing, we need to keep the waterways open so that our community can enjoy the beauty and serenity that these streams offer. I don't know about you, but the minute I see a stream, a smile comes upon my face and my spirit is lifted. You certainly cannot say the same for a concrete enclosure. Respectfully, /s/ Signature on attached email Cindy Schaub 575 East 100 North Logan, Utah 84321 435-881-6600

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**RE:** project purpose; plan

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; plan procedss; stakeholders and beneficiaries;

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi, this is Colleen, I was calling concerning your water project. that youre doing here in Logan, And um, this is a very interesting situation because, even anything that was told to us, we just had friends knock on the door. This is a project that really has been pushed through and I have a letter written. And I have your address, after I call the city offices here in logan, because the newspaper, i dont have email, and so, um, this is a letter I am writing to you and getting it off. And, I am the oldest one in the family. I am - Merlin Olten-Park. This is my brother. I am the oldest and I live right next door to where my mothers home was, and dads, and I grew up there. And concerning the park, I believe that these projects are very extended for the usefullness for a lot of people from out of town, because, we dont get to hear about things until they are almost done. And I want you to know that. And I think you should open it up, and have some further conversations. And some further calculations done. Because its worth it to be saving the cultural projects, but um, we see better into this. This is for your own, and a lot of business associates that dont even live here. So we want some input to protect the inner part of our city. Im just giving you this as a clue. And my number is 435 799 7198 And um this is really taking from the heart of our city because the river flowing through is what has been there for hundreds of yeaqr. the willow park, that they turned into central park, and then my brothers Merlin park, its been about 30 years since they did that. Im just teling you this. this is tkaing something that is nostalgiv and very loved by 100s of people. And those coming back into town, if you cover that with a piep and dont let the kids swim youre goign to be sorry, and theyre going to be saying what is this city coming to. its sending all of its beauty out of town. Ok, thanks, bye.

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**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Colleen)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Hi I tried to call you back quite a few times, anyway, my number is 435 799 7198 anyway, maybe you will catch me, i am in and out. I was interested in a lot of good- you were supposed to be a hotline - with good information. We were seeking good information. But your line has been loaded up. So everyone must be seeking what you have, k, uh you can call me, and apparently theres a lot of questions about your situation and how its being done, because things always extend and to get bigger than it says. and that has been the whole way many projects go. Ok, and we know that, and you probably know that too. but um, we just want to talk to you for more clarification for your plans for the different pipes that will be put through the parks and ecetera. Anyways, thank you and good bye.

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**RE:** project purpose. agricultural

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose. agricultural water management (oc:Colleen)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

public comment mailed in and saved in database under Colleen Olsen Davis public comment 03.16.21 TEXT OF ATTACHEMENT

"To all those in the city and out of the city. This letter is in response to the project to divert an unspecified amount of water from the Logan River. This plan is framed as protecting water for agricultural use when really it's going to areas that will be built in new home projects. Please be truthful . When I was a little girl growing up in Logan the central park (now Merlin Olsen Park) named after my brother was our source of entertainment. We would play in the water framed b the old willow trees, look at the rocks and the fish swimming by. It was free for everyone to enjoy. Those beautiful "old" old willow trees have been tended with loving care and that Logan River and park have been the place I brought my children and grandchildren. I have many pictures showing the beautiful reflections of that flowing water in spring, summer and fall. Tell me how you can replace that calm beauty with pipe and dirt. The ducks will be gone, children playing in the water will be gone and a lot of the charm of Merlin's park will be gone forever.

PS That river flowing is like the heart flowing through the middle of Logan.

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**RE:** project purpose; agricultural

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; agricultural water management. (oc:Coy Weber)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am a logan city resident and i too am writing to express my wish that the little logan river does not become a pressurized water pipe. Merlin Olsen Park would loose an important feature if the river would be replaced by a pressurized pipe. I have many memories of taking my little children to that park to expressly play in the water of the stream. without that small river that park would become nearly worthless.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Curt and Becky Canning)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Our family benefits every single day from the Logan River and its tributaries. Daily exercise during this pandemic year - and many years before this strange 2020 - has enhanced our health as well as our quality of life! We are very grateful for the trail system and adjacent parks, e.g. Stewart Nature, Merlin Olsen Park, Rendezvous Park, Trapper Park. Having watched multiple interventions/improvements over the last several years, such as changes of the river's course, removal and improvement of trees and riparian greenery, we can see clearly the benefits to recreation, fishing, wildlife and even grazing animals. So we are puzzled by recently publicized suggestions for major diversion and piping changes suggested by a Salt Lake City engineering firm. Where is the need? Flood control/mitigation was the purpose of several of the changes we have already witnessed. And reduction of open water flow cannot possibly benefit birds, fish and other wildlife and, of course, to trees that need the river as it is now, not to mention recreational benefits to humans like us. We are also puzzled by the "need" for expertise from outside Cache Valley when we have experts right here in Logan. Utah State University, as most of us older folks know, was for years the Utah Agricultural College ("the AC"). Finally, with the resources of the Utah Water Research Lab close at hand we find ourselves suspicious and doubtful about the motivations for, and long term consequences of, such changes. Curt & Becky Canning

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**RE:** project purpose

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**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We as a collection of long-time neighbors have lived along the North Logan Hyde Park Smithfield canal for approximately 20 to 30 years. Over so many years in our lovely neighborhood, we have had the opportunity to build a healthy rapport with the Cache Highline Water Association that operates and maintains the NLHPS canal behind our homes. I personally have interacted with the watermaster as well as some various board members; good people with the canal company have stood in our backyards and patiently addressed our questions and concerns over the years. When the last canal piping project was performed -- along the Logan Country Club, past Lundstrom Park, to a diversion at 1500 N -- we were assured that the canal company was invested in preserving the section of the canal beyond 1500 N. Indeed, representatives of the NLHPS Canal Company stood in my backyard, including the president of the canal company at the time, and fostered an esprit de corps about the importance of preserving a portion of the 100+-year-old canal for posterity. We felt blessed to see that commitment to the canal behind our homes. Accordingly, we all have taken seriously the responsibility of stewardship to maintain and protect the canal and all that it has to offer. As such, one can only imagine our disappointment to see yet another assault on the canals in the name of (insert here). Flood control seems to be the order of the day this time. Okay, most folks generally get this in principle. Maybe it is an issue downstream of the Island now that we've allowed homes to be built on flood plains. It hasn't always been, healthy rivers flood, but that's another story. But, be assured, there is no flooding issue along the upper canal and piping the canal to 1800 North as described in the public Zoom meeting (see HJnews article, where most of us first learned about this) will do nothing. Evaporation? Between 1500 and 1800 N? A three-block stretch? Maybe a little, but, please, someone come to measure it and make a real economic case given how expensive the work will be! Trees "stealing" water? Hmm, is it really stealing? Does anyone

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who says "the canal was here first" (and thus we can do what we want) consider that we also allowed -- and as a community enjoyed -- a mature riparian zone to grow and flourish complete with full-sized trees and generations of wildlife that consistently depend on it? Trees that protect backyards. Ducks that migrate back to this canal every year. Come to our homes and visit the 20+ ducks and their ducklings that roam our yards every year. They will be here soon and we are sure they would like a vote on this matter. The sadness in all of this is that it's hard to accept the word of anyone involved with city and county planning these days. Logan City promised to build a cemetery in the old Deer Pen property. That didn't happen. Come on up and look at the plastic houses there now instead. And now a power station is surely going in, I hear. Well, anyway, the bottom line: The canal company said in good faith that they wanted to preserve the historical significance of the canal in our neighborhood. And it was reasonable. After all, how could piping another mere three blocks be justified financially? Fast forward a couple years to today and here we are again: three blocks of piping at the expense of Cache Valley history that is cared for by members of a mature neighborhood invested in this town. One final note: As a trained watershed scientist with years of geomorphology fieldwork and water chemistry lab experience, I blanch to hear of a project without real data to justify it. I watched the video discussion made available to the public and I was bewildered to see that no one could specifically describe in any meaningful way how the project will affect the flow of the Logan River. The particular stakeholder in the project (from the engineering company) acknowledged the river's flow would be affected but couldn't quantify it at all. Who does resource management like this? It sounds like a classic case of "let's get the federal \$\$ first and figure it out later." Well, while that's getting figured out, I'll ponder ways I can help the ducks and the trees and the Cache Valley history that are about to be lost. And, for the record, maybe I'm just not connected enough, but I would hope to get some kind of notification as a resident along the canal to impending projects like this. No one on my block knew anything about this. The Lundstrom neighborhood on whole strives to be an anchor to the community and we as a collection of neighbors believe the canal is a significant component of the neighborhood. As such, we as a collection of neighbors along 1770 East oppose the proposal to pipe the NLHPS canal.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Danny Gill)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi, As a Cache Valley resident I am very disturbed by the fact that there is a plan to divert, pipe, and pressurize the river the Logan and Little Logan Rivers. Also, the fact that there has been little awareness about this spread amongst Cache Valley giving very few people knowing about this to put their comments forward. At a time when people are starting to prize and acknowledge the importance of natural waterways with dams coming down and the removal of pipes or concrete systems to restore the natural ecosystem the idea of a complete pressurized irrigation system is downright mean and nasty to not only the natural balance of Logan rivers but to its citizens who enjoy Merlin Olsen, Jens Johansen, Stewart Nature, and Willow parks. That is 4 parks that would be stripped of their natural beauty and enjoyment. Think about not only the humans that enjoy the waters, but the non-human creatures that depend upon the waters. I want to be able to continue to enjoy our natural rivers and have my kids enjoy them too for years to come. Logan is getting a bad reputation for ruining the nature we citizens enjoy. The Logan Nature Walk was stripped down to bare bones making the walk unsightly. And now the construction in South Logan where the antique and crepe shops used to be with the removal of trees for ugly buildings in an already crowded and heavily trafficked area now further worsened. Logan cannot afford to lose the rivers as they are a valuable cultural and recreational asset. Please do not do further damage to the natural beauty that so many of us enjoy in Logan. Sincerely, Danny Gill

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**RE:** alternatives; agricultural water **COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives; agricultural water management; plan purpose

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. 1) Is the flood control need of the project focused on stormwater conveyance? I am also interested in whether you are looking at floodplain restoration for the Logan River to manage spring runoff flood flows. In recent years there has been work done to channelize the river, which involved cutting down trees and adding rip rap to the banks. I think the Water District should look at natural flood control measures such as acquiring property to allow the river more space to convey flood waters. 2) I appreciate the effort to increase the efficiency of the irrigation system. I have always looked at water flowing down the street gutters in River Heights and the Island as a huge evaporative waste and an opportunity for river water to become thermally and chemically contaminated. I think this project should look at improving efficiencies in the secondary water conveyance system. However, I do not think that piping and pressurizing the portion of the canal that flows through Merlin Olson Park should be considered. The canal stream channel that runs through the park is a huge recreational asset to the City as it adds beauty and recreational opportunities to the park. There are not many public shoreline areas along the Logan River and while this section of canal is not a natural river, it serves as a riverfront for visitors to the park. It would be a huge loss to lose this section of 'stream' in the park. 3) I really like the idea of expanding the trail network and I think alternate solutions to creating a trail connection from trails through the Island to trails in Logan Canyon. However, this should not be done at the expense of the canal 'stream channels' that currently provide recreational opportunities. I would like to see a connection between the River Trail off of the Logan City Golf Course and the trail network that connects to Logan Canyon (and the River Trail in Logan Canyon). I enjoy bringing my family to the River Trail on the west side (along the golf course) but I wish there were a way to get there from the Island by trail along the river instead of having to take city streets. I think this project should attempt to extend the River Trail so that it connects the River Trail in Logan Canyon to the River Trail along the golf course.

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**RE:** project purpose; alternatives **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:David Christian)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a 32-year Logan resident, I am very concerned about the current Logan River Plan. I live on the Little Logan River and have spent countless hours hiking, kayaking, fishing, swimming, and otherwise enjoying the Logan River with friends and family. Following are specific issues I would like to see addressed: 1. A minimum ecological flow in specified cfs units, should be maintained in both the Logan River and Little Logan Rivers. 2. The Little Logan River should be left open (unpiped) due to it being a natural watercourse and being a major water feature for our local zoo and Willow Park. 3. If canals are piped, reducing water loss, this should justify leaving MORE water in the Logan and Little Logan Rivers. 4. The current project should be consistent with the goals of previous restoration and flood mitigation projects on the Logan River. 5. Any water removed from Logan River should be removed at the lowest point possible to preserve the river's features within Logan City proper. 6. Water conservation (reducing total consumption) among residential and agricultural users should be a higher priority alternative than extracting more water from our limited sources. 7. Priority should be given to enhancing natural waterways, wetlands and associated floodplains given the ecological, social, psychological and economic benefits they offer. 8. Sustainability should be a governing principle in this process. Allowing unlimited growth with our limited resources is, by definition, unsustainable.

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**RE:** projection purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** projection purpose (oc:David Nichols)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The water is going away what are you crazy. That has been one of my life time favorite places because of the water. Why fill it in. It is safe fun and beautiful. My suggestion just dont do it.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:David Nichols)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I came up with another concern that Parks water sorce is what make up that park. Again please drop the plan!

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**RE:** project purpose; plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; plan process (oc:David Price)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

JUB Engineering's plan to divert water from the Logan river should be stopped. The plan provided no details on amounts of water diversion, impacts to river water flow, and the firm's intentions are suspect. Much work has already been done to address flooding issues. We should not allow this firm to have control over our water with no regard to environmental impacts. Again, the firm has not provided any impact studdies or data to support this effort. Please fight and stop this proposal!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:David Reynolds)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

just heard about plans of covering the water flowing through the l'll Island area of Logan. The water which flows around us is one of the best things we have. Friends that come from out of state remark how pretty and unique this site is. I hope you don't follow up on this plan,

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:David Smellie)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

To whom it may concern, Our primary residence is on the Logan river, just below the water lab. We also own a house on the Little Logan River, just behind Jens Johansen Park. As you can see, We're very concerned about the proposed Logan River Watershed project and my hope is that it doesn't go through. We think the best solution is "Do Nothing." Our main reasons for owning these houses are because of the open water that borders both properties. We love the sound of the water, the birds and wildlife it attracts, the cool summer temperature it provides, and the large trees and plant life it sustains. The Logan and Little Logan rivers make the "island" a gem of Cache Valley. Piping the canals will slowly decay the island it's the neighborhoods. Trees that rely on the rivers as a water source will slowly die and the removal costs will rest on the shoulders of the land owners. I see our property values going down, not up. We own 3 shares in the Logan Hollow Canal company. This doesn't appear to be within the Crockett system. Will we receive pressurized irrigation if this projects goes through? Can you explain how our property values will increase? Will they increase because we'll have a pipe in our backyard, with public two-lane gravel road placed on top? There's talk of added recreation as a result of the pipeline. First, it's not very difficult to add trails to the existing waterway if that's the intention. Please make more trails. Trails need to only be 5 feet wide and don't need concrete, asphalt, or gravel to function as a pathway. I'm sure landowners would be happy to give up a 5 foot right of way along the existing canal as opposed to burying the canal. Once established, the right of way could be cleared of growth and the dirt smoothed out. That's all we need to recreate. And it would be more enjoyable to walk along a canal. Logan City built a twenty foot wide, two lane gravel road on top of the other canal and calls it a trail. (It used to be a great trail that paralleled the canal but it's been ruined. The section by the golf course is better but that's only because a previous mayor and several lawyers lived close by.) They build 12 foot wide concrete sidewalks as "trails." They built another sidewalk at the mouth of the canyon and call it a trail. This is unacceptable. Logan has no real intention of building a quality trail system. They use "recreation" and "trails" as facades to get other projects done. I've heard that 70% of the water flowing in the river will be diverted into the pipeline. Is this true? That will leave the river in a very sad situation. I think this is a big mistake. Other countries, like Germany for example, have already done this and learned from their mistakes. They're trying to restore many of their rivers that have been straightened, piped, and altered. It's not only costly, but nearly impossible to restore a river once it has been piped. <https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/topics/water/rivers/river-restoration-start#undefined> What is the real motivation behind this project? Money? Spend it or lose it? It seems to me that if you pipe the water, you own the water and control the water. New development relies on access to water. The cities can't develop land without providing water. Can you assure us that the water that is taken from the river, stays in the canal companies and won't be used for other purposes? Or will it slowly be sold to the highest bidder at the cost of residents? Future growth can dealt with in many ways. Sprawl is not the best solution. We need to rethink zoning. Build downtown up instead of sprawling out. Currently, downtown Logan is a 4-lane highway that's two blocks wide and 20 miles long, bookended by box stores. It's disgusting. Rezone so small businesses can pop up in neighborhoods around the valley so that residents can walk and ride bikes for essentials instead of driving cars. Sorry this is turning into a rant... back to the main topic... "Do Nothing" is what Logan is best at. It's not really an option. We need to do a lot. We need to maintain and fix the canals but please don't pipe them. Keep the river in its natural state as much as possible. It's one of Logan's most important assets. Same with the canals. Improve recreation by building low cost trails along existing waterways (...keep them narrow and don't use concrete.)

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**RE:** lack of understanding; project **COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:David Stevens)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

In reading through the information provided on this proposed project, I'm struck by the lack of information being made available to the public, as well as the non-answers being provided to questions being asked. The public would be more informed and perhaps in favor of the proposal if questions are answered with facts rather than ineffectual comments. Statements such as ..... "The Logan River is a dynamic system with many variables and functions including flood control, water rights and recreation. Therefore, we are not able to determine how flows may be impacted by the project at this time" ..... do not provide confidence that sufficient work has been performed to assess the impacts of this project. Experts in the field of hydrology could easily address ways to determine how dynamic flows will be impacted by this project. A preliminary feasibility study should have been performed to address these questions, and the public should have access to the results. Before moving forward, as a minimum, answers to the following questions should be provided to the public:

- How much water is being lost and when is the water being lost?
- Who is affected by this loss?
- Where is flooding a problem and how often is it a problem?
- Who is affected by flooding?
- What is causing the flooding and can the causes be addressed without the wholesale change to the 150+ years of the river flowing through Logan?
- How will diversions from the Logan River affect North Logan and Hyde Park flood problems?
- When you say "water supply to .... residential users" do you mean culinary water or secondary water?
- Will the list of alternatives include a "do nothing" or "just fixed what's broken" option?
- What recreational opportunities will be enhanced or destroyed?
- How many valley residents may benefit? How many may be harmed?
- Why hasn't the irrigation district kept up with maintenance? Why should we expect that they'll change their behavior? What's happen to the user fees over the years? Are user fees being applied to this project? Depreciation is a well-known process and responsible businesses plan for maintenance. A project of this magnitude deserves more evaluation before moving forward. Please consider answering the questions that many are asking and develop a plan that will benefit all of the residents of Cache Valley. -- David K Stevens, P.E., Ph.D. Professor, Environmental Engineering Civil and Environmental Engineering Utah Water Research Laboratory 8200 Old Main Hill

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**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Destiny Spackman)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am very saddened to find out that we might lose our beautiful water areas in some of our parks. This is a very sad move because many of those parks are built around those waterways and it would cost a lot to redo them as well as it will take away from the beauty of the parks! Every summer we go to Willow Park and Merlin Olsen park and my kids enjoy playing in the gentle water and most of the time never even play on the playground equipment because it is too hot and they enjoy the water so much more. Building a splash pad will NOT solve this either, we have splash pads closer to us and we choose to drive to this park to play in the gentle water instead. My kids get bored of splash pads but can play for hours in the river. In fact Wellsville built a splash pad and then you will find the kids playing in the gutters instead because they are bored of splash pad quickly. It is so important ALL aspects are looked at and having nice parks is very important and rivers like this are unique. I moved away from cache valley years ago and we were always looking for ways to get back to cache valley because of the fun different things cache valley offered and locally owned restaurants, unique parks, and events. I feel so blessed to be able to be back. I feel like we are moving not in a great direction and what makes cache

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valley unique piece by piece is slipping away from us. I am one who embraces growth but also think careful consideration needs to be taking place to also preserve that things that make cache valley unique and great there is room for both. If these are piped I will not longer have a reason to utilize these parks because it will ultimately ruin the park because the water and beautiful trees are what makes this park great. The animals are fun at willow park but really it is the actual park that draws people to it. Years ago money was spent on making the bridge by Merlin Olsen and there is a water way that goes under it and just think of all the money that will have to be spent to make it a decent park after the piping has been done and will never have the draw like it had before. There is many points to be looked at just not the canal companies.

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; project purpose (oc:Dreena Barker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

You are inviting public comment regarding the plan to eliminate open water in areas south of first dam. Our direct concern is that cutting water off or piping the river in on what is called the Little Logan River will permanently damage the aesthetic qualities of this area and the ecosystem which is now dependent on this branch of the Logan River. Our home, located at 730 E. 100 N., was built to be next to the river. The water was in the river year-round then and there were fish in the river. Even now other wildlife such as seasonal ducks and geese and a resident deer herd depend on the open water. When they started shutting the river off in the winter months or it was shut down to a trickle in the fall the fish and other aquatic life could not survive. If the river is piped in all of the vegetation, such as raspberries, watercress, mint, fruit trees, birch and elm trees along its edges would die, the birds would disappear, the deer would no longer be there they would have to go. We see pheasants, raccoon, skunks, ducks, geese, snakes all of these would lose their habitat. The properties along the river would see their property value drop. Piping the open water in the Little Logan branch of the Logan River would create an ecological disaster, and an economic hardship on the residents. And the residents who buy water shares and pump water out of the river would no longer be able to have that irrigation from the canal company except from a pressurized spigot. They would be compelled to buy city water to maintain a garden. In other words cutting the water down to a trickle or piping the river in is a lose lose proposition and we are against this. The river water flows from a head gate, behind several homes, under a bridge crossing 100 N. at about 700 E., behind our home, down toward Center Street and onwards to Merlin Olson Central Park. It winds through historic neighborhoods and goes into Willow Park. Please do not destroy this river. The proposed plan is to expand recreation in the North of Cache County at the expense of the Little Logan River recreation that we have now. We object to this plan! My mother and father who are both 94 years old carefully selected the land on the river to build their home in 1961. My dad built it himself by hand. Careful thought was given to the exact positioning of the house, it being angled in such a direction as to best view the river. The thought of now losing the river has made them very sad. It is such a thoughtless action that now comes at the end of their lives. Shame. There must be other alternatives. Dreena Barker LaVere Barker Lunella Barker Don Skillman Collin Grover Richard Hemmert

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; plan process; wildlife and

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

External Email Good afternoon, We are writing to express concern about the plans to pressurize and pipe the Little Logan River as part of the Logan Watershed project. We are a new resident of Logan and recently bought a property on the Little Logan River (on 525 E on Center St). The river was part of the reason we purchased this property, and we are not sure how that plan will impact our property value or what happens to our water share (let alone the adverse aesthetic

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impact it will have on our property and the area in general.) Also, we have personally observed and documented that some of the wildlife (deer and wild ducks) living in the Merlin Olsen Central Park and the surrounding area use the water coming through the Little Logan River, and their lives depend on the river. We were only recently notified of this plan (today, March 16, to be exact), and are disappointed that there hasn't been better communication with residents who will be impacted by this project. We can't tell how much of the information going around among residents is accurate, but we urge you to listen to the community concerns and consider all aspects of the project (especially the role of the river as an intangible cultural heritage in the community) before taking any further action. Best, Ehsan Estiri & Afsaneh Rezaei  
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**RE:** lack of understanding; project **COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:Elaine and Kirk

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please let us know when you receive this letter. (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

Dear Langdon Group and all those who value the Logan River and its Watershed:

We appreciate the concern for the river and understand the need to address potential problems such as flooding and water conservation, preserving water for today and for future generations. We would also appreciate knowing what information the proposed project is based on and what are the potential short and long-term effects of the project. The following are some of our concerns:

1. What are your proposed flow reductions? What will the potential effects on fish, wildlife species, and habitat downstream be especially, on the cutthroat trout and the Utah Bobolink. How will this be studied and addressed? Only with this information can we know in advance if an EIS is required. How much would this EIS study cost us? We already spend millions every year trying to protect the cutthroat trout.
2. The only number you mentioned was 100 CFS, (from the Q&A section of the presentation) which is apparently how much is currently diverted. Everything upstream from the point to first dam would be most affected. Note that it is unclear how water would be diverted upstream from the mainline of the pressurized system. How will your alternative diversions address this? (Putting this in context requires the project to look at the geometric mean on the Logan River at Main Street, which overall averages 71 CFS. The low flow is 14 CFS (0.4 cubic meters per second in Sept 2016.) Who owns the water shares that allows any additional CFS number to be taken from the river? Also, how will flow be changed in the Logan River and North Fork of the Logan River for all proposed alternatives.
3. Every plan proposed should calculate the effect of reduced flow on all streams, secondary canals, and tributaries especially during the key summer months when the habitats are most affected. When in this process do you plan on providing us this information?
4. How many millions of dollars has Logan already spent restoring the River, addressing flood mitigation, and upgrading recreational use? According to the Logan River Task Force, two million dollars was spent in the past four years on restoring the Logan River. This will be wasted if the proposed project materializes.
5. In your study/process, what alternatives will you consider? Through the process of consulting with experts in engineering and irrigation, we hope you look at putting the diversion as far downstream as possible. Preferably, start at Cutler dam and work upstream to compare both environmental and recreational impacts as you go. Two of your stated project goals include "Maintain and enhance environmental conditions" and "Provide recreational opportunities." The real question is how will the project affect both these goals? We also should know associated monetary and environmental impact costs with each diversion alternative. The Logan City council voted to approve the Logan River Action Plan and the Blue Trail plan. Consider the goals established by the Logan River Conservation Action Plan: "Make the Logan River system a showcase of ecologically viable, socially beneficial river restoration." How will enclosing the water in pipes be consistent with the already approved goals?
6. Have you estimated the impact on home values? What water rights would be lost? (The system probably does need to be modernized. But how can you assure the homeowners on the secondary canals and the tributaries that they will continue to have their water?) This includes the main stream of the Logan River and the North Fork of the Logan River. How do you justify the loss of property values and destroying the ecosystem of the rivers, which in turn eliminates habitats for all

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wildlife along the Logan River corridor?

7. Logan's only storage is first, second, and third dam, which is not much storage. If you are over-allocated with water rights, how will you handle this with respect to diversions? Who owns the river that runs through our city?
8. How do you reconcile the effects of this project downstream from the Logan River and the North Fork of the Logan River during the low flow conditions? Low flow and the warmer water temperatures increase pathogen growth, which causes harmful algae blooms. These blooms are known to produce cyano-bacteria and neuro and liver toxins. Children, pets, wildlife, and stock use the waterways throughout the city. Water quality affects both aquatic life and recreation.
9. In contrast with the plan to deal with flooding by building overflow structures, how will this project address a problem such as flooding? Is flooding an issue here? The main canals going north and south flow into a wetland, that can be used later and at the same time, addresses the problem of flood control. This prevents a problem. Note that the early pioneers did not build in the wetland areas for a good reason: flooding. Why would you allow a developer to build homes in a wetland/flood zone and then expect the city to mitigate the flooding at everyone else's expense? The city has already experienced this lesson; look at Country Manor.

All of us have an obligation to protect this valuable resource for the benefit of everyone and for future generations. Thank you for allowing us to comment and for addressing our questions. We appreciate your time and consideration of this important issues and the legacy we will all leave together for future generations.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Elizabeth Gill)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi, As a Cache Valley resident I am very disturbed by the fact that there is a plan to divert, pipe, and pressurize the river the Logan and Little Logan Rivers. Also, the fact that there has been little awareness about this spread amongst Cache Valley giving very few people knowing about this to put their comments forward. At a time when people are starting to prize and acknowledge the importance of natural waterways with dams coming down and the removal of pipes or concrete systems to restore the natural ecosystem the idea of a complete pressurized irrigation system is downright mean and nasty to not only the natural balance of Logan rivers but to its citizens who enjoy Merlin Olsen, Jens Johansen, Stewart Nature, and Willow parks. That is 4 parks that would be stripped of their natural beauty and enjoyment. Think about not only the humans that enjoy the waters, but the non-human creatures that depend upon the waters. I want to be able to continue to enjoy our natural rivers and have my kids enjoy them too for years to come. Logan is getting a bad reputation for ruining the nature we citizens enjoy. The Logan Nature Walk was stripped down to bare bones making the walk unsightly. And now the construction in South Logan where the antique and crepe shops used to be with the removal of trees for ugly buildings in an already crowded and heavily trafficked area now further worsened. Logan cannot afford to lose the rivers as they are a valuable cultural and recreational asset. Please do not do further damage to the natural beauty that so many of us enjoy in Logan. Sincerely, Elizabeth Gill

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Elle Sevi)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, The Little Logan river is important to the families that live there and it is both beautiful and important to the ecosystem. The people who grew up there are attached to it and it would be unfair to pipe a river that means so much to people. It's a beautiful staple of Logan and it would be a detriment to pipe it. Please save the river! Thank you, Elle Sevi

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Erik Falor)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed pipeline project. I believe the project to be ill-conceived and detrimental to the delicate Logan River environment. The river is one of the best aspects of living in the city. Let's not ruin a good thing. Respectfully, -- Erik Falor

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**RE:** Project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project purpose (oc:Ernesto Lopez)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We as a collection of long-time neighbors have lived along the North Logan Hyde Park Smithfield canal for approximately 20 to 30 years. Over so many years in our lovely neighborhood, we have had the opportunity to build a healthy rapport with the Cache Highline Water Association that operates and maintains the NLHPS canal behind our homes. I personally have interacted with the watermaster as well as some various board members; good people with the canal company have stood in our backyards and patiently addressed our questions and concerns over the years. When the last canal piping project was performed -- along the Logan Country Club, past Lundstrom Park, to a diversion at 1500 N -- we were assured that the canal company was invested in preserving the section of the canal beyond 1500 N. Indeed, representatives of the NLHPS Canal Company stood in my backyard, including the president of the canal company at the time, and fostered an esprit de corps about the importance of preserving a portion of the 100+-year-old canal for posterity. We felt blessed to see that commitment to the canal behind our homes. Accordingly, we all have taken seriously the responsibility of stewardship to maintain and protect the canal and all that it has to offer. As such, one can only imagine our disappointment to see yet another assault on the canals in the name of (insert here). Flood control seems to be the order of the day this time. Okay, most folks generally get this in principle. Maybe it is an issue downstream of the Island now that we've allowed homes to be built on flood plains. It hasn't always been, healthy rivers flood, but that's another story. But, be assured, there is no flooding issue along the upper canal and piping the canal to 1800 North as described in the

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public Zoom meeting (see HJnews article, where most of us first learned about this) will do nothing. Evaporation? Between 1500 and 1800 N? A three-block stretch? Maybe a little, but, please, someone come to measure it and make a real economic case given how expensive the work will be! Trees "stealing" water? Hmm, is it really stealing? Does anyone who says "the canal was here first" (and thus we can do what we want) consider that we also allowed -- and as a community enjoyed -- a mature riparian zone to grow and flourish complete with full-sized trees and generations of wildlife that consistently depend on it? Trees that protect backyards. Ducks that migrate back to this canal every year. Come to our homes and visit the 20+ ducks and their ducklings that roam our yards every year. They will be here soon and we are sure they would like a vote on this matter. The sadness in all of this is that it's hard to accept the word of anyone involved with city and county planning these days. Logan City promised to build a cemetery in the old Deer Pen property. That didn't happen. Come on up and look at the plastic houses there now instead. And now a power station is surely going in, I hear. Well, anyway, the bottom line: The canal company said in good faith that they wanted to preserve the historical significance of the canal in our neighborhood. And it was reasonable. After all, how could piping another mere three blocks be justified financially? Fast forward a couple years to today and here we are again: three blocks of piping at the expense of Cache Valley history that is cared for by members of a mature neighborhood invested in this town. One final note: As a trained watershed scientist with years of geomorphology fieldwork and water chemistry lab experience, I blanch to hear of a project without real data to justify it. I watched the video discussion made available to the public and I was bewildered to see that no one could specifically describe in any meaningful way how the project will affect the flow of the Logan River. The particular stakeholder in the project (from the engineering company) acknowledged the river's flow would be affected but couldn't quantify it at all. Who does resource management like this? It sounds like a classic case of "let's get the federal \$\$ first and figure it out later." Well, while that's getting figured out, I'll ponder ways I can help the ducks and the trees and the Cache Valley history that are about to be lost. And, for the record, maybe I'm just not connected enough, but I would hope to get some kind of notification as a resident along the canal to impending projects like this. No one on my block knew anything about this. The Lundstrom neighborhood on whole strives to be an anchor to the community and we as a collection of neighbors believe the canal is a significant component of the neighborhood. As such, we as a collection of neighbors along 1770 East oppose the proposal to pipe the NLHPS canal.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Farley and Helen Anderson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We have spent countless hours at the Merlin Olsen Park enjoying the river that runs through it. We talked about nature, and the kids have been able to develop a love for the world of nature. Please preserve this.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Frank and Nancy Stewart)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

These waters are not just for the use of those downstream- and that's what your proposal becomes- just an asset for users downstream. But Logan City tax payers want beauty and solace in their parks; we want recreational use, especially for those who may not be able to afford anything else; and we deserve the tranquil benefit of "water running through it"! COVID has taken many things away from us- but these outdoor opportunities have given us all a sense of our world outside, the critical part. Add to that the evidence left behind where other canals have been left vacant and waterless (below 600 east 10th no t0 14th no-), see the garbage that people are leaving behind in stagnant water, and you should

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already have most of your answers about whether just a pipe is a good idea- NOT! Not a good idea for the well being of our community, whether you are there in the parks daily or doing a drive by. The beauty and serenity are evident to all who live and commune nearby. Another unfortunate part of these situations, is that the low socioeconomic members of these communities don't typically have a chance or knowhow to reply in these situations. It does seem like Mr. Tate is a great representation of this populace and high users. Please reconsider and do not allow this to happen in this fashion. Frank and Nancy Stewart \*65 year Logan Resident and currently living near one of those neglected canals. But grew up on these other live canals from Adams down to the high school- a sort of lifeblood of the community wherever there is running water. Just look at the Design West adjustments they made to save their water way and Mill, and you see the benefits of living water to our wellness and health! Please don't take away the live water opportunities of Logan City anymore.

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## COMMENT / QUESTION:

attached is a short letter I wrote as a summary of a lifetime of experience with an open canal. I hope that it will help in your decision making. Gaia (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:

Splashing my toes into the icy cold water, wiggling all ten in an arc. A mimic of the vibrant red tree roots, waving happily and brightly underneath the water next to me. I look up at the old ash, my five-year-old brain wondering how something could ever grow up to be that tall.

Floating on an old tire tube, its black rubber almost too hot for my bare legs. My tiny eight-year-old arm reaches as far as it will go, trying to pluck a raspberry to eat as I rush by on the current. This is the tenth time I've run the river today, and my hands, wrinkled and blue, would be sticky red if not for their constant grip on the tube, water splashing all around.

Whooping, smiling so much my twelve-year-old cheeks get sore. The canal has finally been let back in for the season. I run outside and splash in, full body aching from the cold. Nothing helps me love the sunny grass on the other side so much as wading through the icy water.

On a blanket, stretched out in the grass of the park. A whisper of cool breeze off the top of the water ruffles my hair, caresses my eighteen-year-old cheek like an old friend. As I glance up from my Chemistry textbook I see a crooked line of bobbing heads. A mother and her six ducklings make their way upstream, building muscle, finding food. I can feel the tension and anxiety of tomorrow's test slowly uncoil itself from my shoulders and wind it's way down the river after them.

Peering through my polarized lenses I see one! Moving quickly I cut the water with my net. I gently tuck and weave the net through the water to subvert any escape attempts by the fat brown trout I've captured. As I place it in the bucket with the others it splashes fishy water across my twenty-year-old face, disgusting. Loving and annoyed I dump the fishes into the water on the other side of the waterway. They'll be safe there when the water is turned off for the season. For some reason the trout are never grateful.

The mass of sticks and leaves slips out of my twenty-nine-year-old hand. It plunges into the fast trickling stream, other "boats" racing beside it. I glance at my three-year-old nephew. His round cheeks red, eyes bright and shining as he follows their progress. No matter which boat wins, its inevitable; they will be snatched out of the current to be raced again.

This water body is important to the community. It's important to the citizens who love it, and to the animals and plants it sustains. Logan city is made unique and beautiful by it's residents, but also the splendor of its environment. Prospective home-buyers, college students, and businesses will find Logan city much harder to love if the canal is piped. What I wrote above are just a small few of my lifetime of memories of the canal. I know it isn't unique to me to love it. While other cities beautify and maintain their environment for their happiness and prosperity, Logan City seems to be stuck in some backwards slide into the kind of development that breeds depression, crime, and unrest. I write this letter hoping that everyone will deeply and truly consider what is important to the well being and happiness of all residents of Logan City. Please don't pipe and pressurize the Logan and Little Logan rivers.

God bless you,

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Gail Hanson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I grew up in mid-century Kanab. After I moved away they piped the irrigation system and the town turned from an oasis back into a desert. I have travelled a little bit, and it seems to me that there are cities that end up spending lots of money to make a place more livable, and they spend some of it on bringing piped water back to the surface. I've heard that there is an effort in Salt Lake City to do just that. I think we should skip a couple of steps. Instead of piping the rivers and other surface water within Logan City, and then resurfacing them, let's leave most of that water as surface water. If there are safety concerns, they should be addressed. If there are irrigation water loss concerns, we could use the money to compensate those share-holders, maybe buy some irrigation shares?

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Gail Yost)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Whatever reasons you can give for piping our wonderful water features are extremely short-sighted. This flowing water is needed for more purposes than merely edible vegetation, building development or selling off to another government entity. Some might even say our Little Logan River is Logan's main artery giving us its life-blood. From a human standpoint, the feel of clean running water is simultaneously refreshing, exciting and calming. As an evolved species, our very roots of existence are centered around water. We began through water, we give birth with water, we sustain life by water. We as a species, because we evolved around water, have a genetic and psychological link to water. Humans respond automatically, emotionally to water. The need to have green vegetation around us to give us security and serenity ensues from this predisposition toward water. Call these traits genetic memory, if you will. Seeing water and the plant life around water, even inedible or noxious, are required for human emotional well-being. The idea of closing off our God-given free water is anathema to the basis for Logan City. We here are not desperate for water, nor for any remuneration of selling our water. Our Little Logan River is intrinsic to our charm and attraction to both residents and visitors. Closing the channels, piping them, then covering them would be like killing the goose that laid the golden egg, essentially ending our city's charismatic ambiance. Handling the issue of our water with themes around logic is poor future projection. Our water needs are as emotional as they are physical. Usurping our water features for logical reasons cannot be excused by the people of Logan. We are not motivated by logic, but by our psychological attachments to basic life needs. Change your course of action, or the public outcry will deafen your poor thinking.

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**RE:** project purpose; plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; plan process (oc:Glenden and Becky Bytheway)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I found out yesterday evening 3/15/2021 that there have been meetings and public comment period for a proposed canal project. As a canal share owner, an owner of property consisting of canal easement, and simply as a resident of the watershed I am concerned about the fact that no effort to communicate this process made it to me except by chance conversation yesterday evening. If I have received no notices I am sure many of my neighbors and fellow residents are also unaware of the proposed project and the timeframe for public opinion. One of the primary assets that led us to purchase this property is the open channel canal. It is our most highly valued visual resource from our property and in our immediate neighborhood. and know that we are not alone in this due to the many visitors we get each year to walk along the canal and see the ducks and ducklings. These migratory birds come back each year and nest in my property adjacent to the canal. They then raise their young here sleeping their nights in my yard. Residents from a much broader community come to enjoy this beautiful display of nature in our community. NCRS code suggests that it will "development systems that preserve scenic beauty or improve the visual resource" CFR 7 650.24 I did not see this as a priority anywhere in the public meeting presentation. How does the design team plan to preserve or improve this visual resource? To us the water itself and the ecosystem it supports is a visual resource and we would like to know how "emphasis will be given to measures that preserve natural beauty or contribute to the quality of the visual resource" The canal is also a historic and cultural item of importance to us. We live in Logan's Historic District and place a high value on preserving the historic nature of our neighborhood. NCRS code states that "NRCS will take reasonable precautions to avoid damaging any significant historic, cultural, or natural aspects of our national heritage and will work with the National Park Service (NPS) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) in identifying and seeking to avoid or mitigate adverse effects of NRCS-assisted projects on the Nation's significant cultural resources"CFR 7 656.3 This neighborhood is identified for historic preservation on the national registry administered by the National Park Service and in its assessments and design guidelines the "exposed canals" are identified as a defining characteristic and "A loss or significant modification of these character builders results in a degradation of the community's quality and uniqueness" Historic Preservation page 8 and Historic/Reconnaissance page 33. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

**NAME:** [Hayley Bowen](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Hayley Bowen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to you regarding the Crockett diversion pressurized irrigation project presently being considered. I am concerned with the negative effects that covering our canals and piping the water from First Dam will have on our neighborhoods, our beautiful city, and the environment. How will wildlife and other species living among the river and canals be affected? Where will the ducks go? How does this improve the quality and wellbeing of citizens lives? How do you plan on compensating those whose property values will be negatively affected by this action? Please explore ethical and responsible alternative options to address flooding concerns. If you care about any of these things, please explain how this plan aligns with these concerns. Thank you for your time. (PDF document attached duplicate comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Heather Bird)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing in regards to the proposed Logan canal project that suggest pressurizing and governing the canal that runs through Logan especially the parks. Willow Park and the fairgrounds are unique to our area. There aren't another fairgrounds and parks with canals running through them like ours. These canals have personally provided my family recreation throughout the last 45 years. Our children have spent many hours of their child hood as have I playing, meditating, recreating in these areas. They provide a unique and safe experience to our city and valley. I highly oppose pressurizing the canal. Please make the right decision to keep the canal open for generations to come. Heather Bird

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Heather Dye)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is a priceless cooling off and making memories in the summer for my family, and I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River. Little Logan River is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off for adults and children, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please reconsider the implications of losing this priceless resource for our community. My family and I bought our first home in the Island Neighborhood this past summer. One of the biggest reasons we fell in love with the area was the beautiful parks within walking distance of our home. We have two young children and a dog that love to explore and play in the Little Logan River in Merlin Olsen Park. We visited this park 3-4 times a week in the summer and our children have been looking forward to hopefully doing it again this upcoming summer. I can't believe that I might have to break it to them that this could no longer be a memory that they cherish in this neighborhood that we have fallen in love with so quickly. Please reconsider this decision and think of the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, Heather Dye Cache Valley/Logan Resident

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**RE:** agricultural water manage

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water manage (oc:Heidi Wells)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to let you know that the complete pressurized irrigation system being proposed for the Little Logan River is unacceptable. We purchased our home specifically for the beautiful little river that runs behind our house. Beyond that it

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is well known that human appropriation of water resources may include water stress in freshwater ecosystems when the needs of that ecosystem are not met. It induces stress on nutrients, microcontaminants, biological communities including invertebrates and fish and ecosystem functions. This doesn't even begin to describe the impact it will have on the ducks, geese and other birds relying on this ecosystem for reproduction and survival. The implications for appropriating this river for profit is just not acceptable.

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**RE:** recreation; plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation; plan purpose (oc:Heloisa Rutigliano)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The Logan River is the jewel of Cache Valley. It provides the Cache Valley residents so many opportunities for recreation. Please DO NOT pipe our river!!!

**NAME:** [Hilary Shughart](#)

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**RE:** plan process; project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process; project purpose (oc:Hilary Shughart)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please know that more than a few people were unable to submit their email comments because an incorrect address was provided by Cache Valley Daily and then shared widely. I hope you will consider extending the deadline. The recent news coverage is the first for many to learn about the project. Thanks. Hilary Shughart I agree with the Logan River Taskforce Comments: if it's going to be piped, do it west of Logan.

**NAME:** [Holly Lewis](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Holly Lewis)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

It is to my understanding that after spending taxpayers money to clean up the Little Logan River that adds so much beauty to our valley that you are wanting to pipe it up, pressurize an irrigation system, and cover up all the beauty it adds to our valley. Essentially you would be robbing us, our children, and our pets a natural place to play in and cool off. This is also a drinking source for our dogs during the hot months of the summer and then forcing us to pay for it with increased taxes. I guess if we want to destroy our valley to emulate SLC then this would be the right direction. However, even SLC realized they screwed up and uncovered rivers that they previously did the same thing to rivers in their valley. Can we at least not learn from them before wasting taxpayer's money. It seems like we are just spending money to spend it. In addition, our country is battling a "pandemic", regardless what it is it is costing us, our children, our grandchildren, and their children trillions. So, let's add some more wasteful spending and get on the bandwagon to finish off our country by going into further debt! As a long time Cache Valley resident, I think this would be a huge mistake! We have already invested our taxpayer dollars into cleaning it up and beautifying the surrounding areas which as residents, we take

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advantage of. Let us please do what we can to preserve free-flowing waterways through our town. I have enjoyed going to the Merlin Olsen park for over 45 years for family reunions, weekly picnics, and daily walks to enjoy the beautiful scenery. I can't imagine being robbed of this and having to pay for it in return. The last place I want this valley to look like is a bigger city like Kaysville, Ogden. Or even SLC. But then again this seems to be the big agenda of our currently elected mayor!

**NAME:** [Ilene and Max Barker](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Ilene and Max Barker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

It is fast becoming a time when concrete replaces grass and fields and waterways are covered in public areas. What are we doing to our future generations? What are we doing to the animals and all the other creatures that depend on these for their very survival? If the waterways are covered, our future generations will need to depend on the memories and stories of those of us that used and loved them and the pleasant times we had with them in our lives. The animals will move to places they can survive and the quality and appearance of the parks will be greatly deminished. It saddens me deeply when this occurs both for myself, future generation and nature itself. We can improve things we need to without destroying its very nature, we just need to want to and then figure out ways to accomplish it. We need to quit giving up our liberties, freedoms and lands to the few that want these changes which are many times due to their own personal desires, power and money. We must put those things aside and do what's best for the majority; and hopefully the majority is righteous and not personally motivated. We are losing our farms, ranches and wild places to concrete and buildings. People in the city think their food comes from the store and don't have a thought about where it actually comes from and what will happen when those areas are gone. Who will raise our food if we are pushed out of the land and agriculture businesses? Both plants and animals. There are those who want to tax each head of cattle which is above the value of the animal itself with the intent to outsource beef to another country. It's this where we want to end up? Driving out dairies because they stink and make their new subdivisions smell like cow poop? Making it so hard and costly for farmers and ranchers that they and their children get out of the business? This proposal of covering the open water within the parks and city is a good start at doing just this. And it isn't good! Put a stop to this and give our parks, future generations and wildlife the chance to enjoy it as we have. Max and Ilene Barker Both of us were born and raised in Cache Valley and Max's family still live on 'The Island' and would be directly impacted by this proposal.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Irene Eastmond)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Sirs: We have had the opportunity to live in developing countries where the governments provide few services to the people. One of the things I noticed living in cities in these countries is that there were no beautiful places in the city to relax and play. Coming back to Logan each time, I have marveled at the beautiful parks and trails within the city itself that we have access to. And the water! We often go walking through Merlin Olsen Park or Stewart Nature Park, or stand on the bridge that joins the tiny Sumac Park and River Park and watch the river as it crashes over the rocks or flows gently through. What a pleasure to watch the dipper bird as it dives under the water looking for rock rollers. Please, there must be a way to balance the economic and conservation needs with our real and even higher need for beauty in our lives. We live on Canyon Road. We understand completely why after the canal break, the canal had to be closed and

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half of it covered (so far). But we are also watching the effects of that waterway being closed. Many, many trees have died and are dying. It is now quite a fire hazard as there are dead trees everywhere. I have been proud to live in a community where decisions have been made that value quality of life as well as cost effectiveness. Please come up with solutions which protect our water for future generations, but also allow our future children to grow up with beauty at their doorstep. Leave as much water as possible in the river as far downstream as possible. I for one will be in mourning if we lose the beauty of running water in our city. Sincerely, Irene S. Eastmond

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jack Felici)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I disagree with the plan to pipe the Little Logan river (canal) above the fairgrounds. I recently watched the Logan River Watershed Public Scoping presentation from 28 Jan 21 and am concerned about what the proposal to pipe the canal would do to the community. The negative effect it would have on the areas next to the project would vastly outweigh the potential benefits. The open canal provides recreation and leisure to all those who border its shores. I can't imagine how the home owners who live next to it would feel if the canal was covered up and they couldn't enjoy the view. There are several large trees that border the canal. They provide much needed shade, cool things down, and help beautify our wonderful town. Most of the trees would probably need to be removed or would die without the canal. The canal is a focal point for the parks that enjoy its presence. The canal is an integral part of these parks and is needed to ensure the future longevity of these recreational assets. I encourage you to continue to explore alternatives to piping the canal above the fairgrounds. I imagine it's difficult to balance the water demands of this growing city. I hope you will find a solution that will preserve the beauty of this valley while helping it to meet its water needs.

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**RE:** project purpose; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Jackie Litizzette)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Please see the attached letter. Thank you for your consideration, (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that a lot of ideas, plans, and interested parties are involved in looking at how to manage the little Logan River below first dam. I know about the Logan River Task Force and the restoration work they have been doing. However, even though I am normally a well-informed person, I first heard about these additional ideas earlier this month. Therefore, I do not know all of the options on the table and why they are being brought up. I am learning about this quickly, however, as many interested parties in town, at the university, among groups like the Audubon Society, as well as friends and neighbors talking to each other, are bringing this to the attention of Logan's citizens.

It seems like several things that are related to water are coming up at the same time. My guess is that they are intertwined somewhere along the way, even though it might not be obvious to everyone.

I will speak to a few items that I feel passionate about.

1 The open waterways that the public can enjoy in town are crucial to our health and happiness. I walk to Stewart Nature park or Merlin Olson Park nearly every day. Lots of people do this. It is a way to find solace and beauty right in town. It is available to anyone. I have seen geese ducks, pheasants, songbirds, and deer all in one day. On a few rare occasions I have seen owls and eagles. My late husband and son have fished the river behind homes in the Island area as far towards first dam as they can go for years. Spring through fall I see people rafting, kayaking, canoeing, and swimming in the river.

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2. This river cannot afford to have any more water taken than is already removed from it. It will become too shallow.
  3. If we are talking about evaporation, I believe that there are other ways to preserve water that would have a bigger impact. People need to use less water in their daily lives. Too much water is wasted here. Lawns are overwatered and too big, showers are too long, etc. People can be educated, just like they are when it comes to recycling and green waste.
  4. The canals many homeowners have water rights to can certainly be better managed. I have lived here long enough to remember when that happened-people were billed regularly and there was a water master than watched over things. This needs to be fixed, and surely can be. Existing canals need to be maintained and not left to rot away. The flooding I see comes from people neglecting to open and close their gates at the right times and having the main gate that comes from the river being left open. This is completely solvable. Again, education is the key along with good management.
  5. I assume the water going west is also at risk (Willow Park, Logan Golf Course, etc.) These areas are also important. The course of the water all the way to the wetlands out west is crucial.
  6. Logan is growing, as anyone can see if they drive around town. This makes the river even more priceless. We don't want to be a concrete jungle like so many other towns are. Logan is unique in many ways, and the open river is one of the reasons why.
  7. I have heard flooding mentioned as an issue. I believe most of that is manmade-homes built too near wetlands or where flooding has naturally occurred. Let's avoid making it worse by creating more developments in sketchy areas.
- I hope we get more time to get involved in these discussions and learn about what the thought processes are going forward. Every citizen should have a voice. This is too important, now and for the future of the area. It feels like once things are messed with, piped up, etc. we will never be able to recover or go back to where we are now.
- No more covert river shenanigans, please. Let our voices be heard.

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**RE:** plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose (oc:Jan Nyman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have just learned of the water project to divert and pipe waters underground in several parks in Logan. I would ask that you seriously listen to the citizens who are opposing this senseless project. These waters are what keep these parks

alive. They are beautiful and calming. Without them, these parks will never be the same. In learning of this project it seems that there is money to spend. Don't ruin something so vital to our town just to use some government funds. There are canals that need to be cleaned up. Use your funds there. If you have taken the time to walk along the canal paths you will see they are stagnant and full of garbage. They used to be a place that brought life to a neighborhood. You will lose families moving to Logan. These parks with water are a draw to these neighborhoods. Without the water, it's not the same. Spend your money on something that is broken not something that doesn't need fixing. Jan Nyman

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Janeal

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I love Logan and the Logan River is a huge part of that. My family has spent time enjoying the canal in Merlin Olsen and Willow Park. We enjoy the sound of the river at night by our house, but we also enjoy going to other places to spend time playing in or by the water. The canal also brings a fun look at wildlife. Once, we even saw a beaver in it and often see ducks using it. It was such a neat experience. Beyond the experience for us, the animals that utilize the rivers and canals would be much affected by the plans in works. The water should be persevered and protected, especially in the areas they are already in. Moving away from the enjoyment and life around these waterways would be a big mistake, and I ask that you reconsider. The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. Please

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make the changes needed to protect the value we enjoy from the Little Logan River.

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**RE:** project purpose; agricultural

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; agricultural water management (oc:Janet Naylor)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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To Whom It May Concern:

Upon hearing about our Logan and Little Logan River that run through our neighborhood and parks are at risk of being diverted and completely piped and pressurized breaks my heart.

Our families have loved and lived with the beauty of enjoying these rivers forever, it would be devastating to lose this.

A complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is just not acceptable. These rivers are part of the joy of living in Logan. Why would anyone want to change that.

My husband and I left Logan for a period of time for work, but returned to enjoy the beauty of all of this for our family, and I know so many families that have returned for the same reasons.

Seeing these memories running through our parks and neighborhoods is so peaceful and enjoyable.

Please listen to the voice of all of that care.

The many memories of picnics in the parks and sitting by the rivers and listening to the trickles. Please listen to our pleas and urge them to leave as much water as possible as far downstream as possible for the free flowing waterways through our town.

There are many cities around the world that would love to have their rivers open to enjoy!

Our quality of life and our unique heritage depend on it.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jasmine Harris)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My family has loved spending time playing in the river/ canal that travels through the city at several parks. If it were to become a pipe instead it would take away many family memories that we could still make. It has been away for my kids to make new friends, observe nature, and cool off on hot summer days. This is a resource and opportunity we need to leave open for future children and generations. Many cities and counties that have proceeded with this type of irrigation have regretted it and have started the expensive process to reverse it. Please reconsider this project.

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**RE:** alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives (oc:Jason Stanger)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

If there is a way to keep open streams in city/county parks while canalizing the Crocket Avenue canal (i.e. using pumps to move water out of and into the piped segment to allow for streams in parks) that would be a preferred design.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a citizen of south west Logan and am concerned about the Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project. If what I understand is correct, this project has the potential of negatively impacting the Logan River and Little Logan River waterways in our community by reducing their channel flow or even burying it. Please preserve the waterways in the Merlin Olsen and Willow Park areas and other affected parks and neighborhoods in our community. The waterways are special to the people in these areas and are a big part of why we choose to make our homes here. The open natural waterways are necessary for the wildlife that live in our area. We love watching the wild ducks, looking for fish, spotting deer, and hearing the birds sing. I fear that any change to the waters current flow will negatively impact our wildlife forcing them to refuge elsewhere. The south west area of Logan is experiencing huge growth which already limits where wildlife can live. The southwest area growth also brings with it increased traffic and lots of noise. The sound of our rivers and the song of the birds are about the only respite we receive while outdoors, even in our own back yards. Our park rivers provide a place to cool and connect with other human beings in ways that grassy areas and cement pads cannot. Think of children playing, parents watching and visiting. We are a people in desperate need of nature and calm and places to freely and comfortably gather -- please don't take this away! Please, please, please do not bury our rivers or reduce their flow!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jeanette Willis)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I would like to say I am not in favor of the proposed canal project, and I think it is unacceptable to cover the exiting river canals. I enjoy the beautiful waterways and I believe they are an important part for the community to enjoy. They are a precious and priceless resource for folks to enjoy and use for recreation. thanks, Jeanette Willis

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; property impacts (oc:Jeff King)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am opposed to: a) piping of water from 1st Dam to feed a pressurized Crockett canal system, reducing open flow volume through the Logan River from 1st Dam to the Crockett canal diversion. This could also impact flow through USU Water Research Laboratory which I also oppose. b) piping/pressurization of water beginning at the Crockett Diversion if this would reduce or eliminate existing open flow volume of water through other downstream urban waterways through places in Logan such as Merlin Olsen Park, Willow Park, Stewart Nature Park, Jens Johansen Park, etc. I am a property owner near the Logan River. This impacts me and my neighbors who value the existing open waterways and the existing open volumes that flow through them. I have listened to the proposals and arguments for the proposed project. I appreciate the public Zoom meetings that have been held but these in my opinion need time for open comments not just moderated written questions/comments selected and read by a moderator. There should be "open mic" discussions where citizens have opportunity to speak and ask questions. This has been lacking and could still be done despite pandemic conditions. Let me know if you have any questions.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; alternatives (oc:Jeff Ostermiller)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have attached comments on several considerations that I would like to see addressed in the EA alternatives analysis. I have intentionally not included the following contact information on the letter in the event that it becomes publicly available (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF

**ATTACHMENT**

I recently became aware of this project. I commend the group on trying to address issues of flood control and inefficiencies in current irrigation practices. However, in discussions with others in the community, several concerns have been raised that should probably be directly addressed in the alternative evaluated as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA).

**Flood Control Alternatives**

I applaud the idea of capturing flood waters from the main canal so that it can be repurposed downstream. Details were necessarily vague in the introductory presentation, but it was mentioned that the objective is to send the water to an area where it can be "cleaned" downstream. I assume that this means channeling the flood waters to a downstream wetland? If this is the case, there are potentially opportunities to enhance the recreational objectives of the project.

If the downstream receiving water is an existing wetland, consideration should be given on how the water could be used to enhance existing wetland conditions. Alternatives should consider whether public will have access to this wetland and what could be done to enhance recreational opportunities at the location. Bird watching, paddle boating and even duck hunting are potential recreational opportunities.

If the project involves enhancement to an existing wetland, it may be possible for the US Army Corp to use this as a wetland mitigation bank, potentially providing additional funding for wetland enhancements such as establishing beneficial vegetation. Such enhancements could also help with water quality improvements, meeting another project objective.

**Pressurized Irrigation System**

Many people in the community have concerns about changes in the hydrology of the Logan River and North Fork of the Logan River downstream of River Hollow Park. At the meeting it was noted that about 100 CFS is currently diverted. Considering that the geometric mean of the Logan River at Main Street is ~70 CFS and low flow conditions in September is about ~14 CFS, the

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quantity of water diverted and location of the diversion will have considerable impacts on the hydrology of the watershed. This presents unique threats, but also potential opportunities for this project. All alternatives evaluated must include a detailed description of how the anticipated impacts to flow on the Logan River and North Fork of the Logan River. Detailed hydrologic protections are needed to understand potential adverse effects to the Bonneville cutthroat trout and other downstream biota, which are considerations that must be integral to the ultimate decision about whether or not a complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed.

Logan City, through the Logan River Task Force, is putting considerable resources into improvements along the river. Whatever alternatives considered should be consistent with the vision of this work, as described in the Logan River Conservation Action Plan and Blue Trail Plan. The task force is well-represented by Logan residents and water experts and they should be consulted throughout project development. Also, impacts to all of the management objective outlined in the planning documents should be explicitly address in all of the alternatives that are evaluated. Otherwise, it will be impossible for the public to fairly evaluate different alternatives in the context of objectives formally adopted by elected officials.

From ecological and recreational perspectives, the diversion should occur as far downstream as possible. Several alternatives should be evaluated for different diversion points along the river. The project presentation suggest that efficiencies could increase flows in the Logan. Any such alternatives should be fully explored and described in the proposed alternatives. Some of these more broadly beneficial options will undoubtedly be more expensive than other alternatives, but this should not disqualify them from consideration. Additional funds could potentially be brought to this effort, if needed, to meet all of the management objectives established for the Logan River.

One of the biggest, long-term project benefits for most Logan residents would be infrastructure that would not require the use of culinary water for irrigation. Many other cities in Utah have made this transition, often finding that the economic savings exceeded infrastructure costs. This was mentioned as a "future" project enhancement, such vague plans for residential irrigation are not acceptable. There needs to be a plan in place for how this effort will be used to improve Logan's water infrastructure challenges. The public will need to better understand how this will work to properly evaluate the EA.

I do not think that diverting water down through our gutters is efficient or sustainable. It is also inconsistent with stormwater water quality objectives. However, many of my neighbors have put in place various ways to exercise existing water rights. If this project means that they will no longer be able to exercise their water rights, immediate and future water delivery plans needs to be clearly communicated in the evaluated alternatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If properly implemented, the project has the potential to benefit all Cache Valley decisions. Please include me on any future announcements as the project progresses.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jeffery Stalder)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

1st things FIRST ~ Leave the Little Logan River alone..! I lived here back in the '60s & have many great memories of Central Park (living on Center St.) when I was a kid. I came back here (still on Center St.) in 2012 to take care of my parents which have recently passed and having the park and river close by is one of the main reasons I am staying here permanently. Capping off the river would completely destroy the overall aesthetics and atmosphere of the park. Groups of local families come to enjoy the river (when it's running) for reunions, birthday parties, wedding photos and simply playing in the water. Deer, water birds, dogs, kids & adults are all attracted TO the river. It is not just running through ~ It is THE focal point in the park. You can find trees, grass & sidewalks anywhere, but the river makes this a truly special place. I'm sure this idea may have looked good on paper to some well meaning, tax-payer funded officials (in some other county), but it is an expensive project we here in Logan REALLY don't want. I walk my dog through here EVERY day and would love to see it remain as is for a few more years. I am sure Logan could make better use of our tax dollars elsewhere. And to those well meaning, tax-payer funded officials who thought this was a good idea ... and the money you spent on YOUR education ..... Well ... that's not my fault is it...?

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jeffrey Thomson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello I am writing to share my opinion on enclosing Logan canals. I was born in Logan and have lived here nearly all my life. So many of my childhood memories are filled with summer adventures to local city parks. We would ride our bikes with friends or family to a park and of course we'd end up near the water. We found treasures in those waters from simple pebbles to my very first tool: a rusted vice-grip wrench that I still have to this day. We would cool off in those waters, invent and imagine. All life is drawn to water. Plants grow nearby and insects follow. Birds are drawn in and deer and other animals join. I've spent so many hours observing and appreciating these creations near canals. I have such fond memories of being near them that as an adult I bought land because it had a canal on its boarder. Each year, our family benefits from hearing and seeing baby ducks learning to swim in it. We have lessons about how water moves and what is used for. Even the sound of running water is invigorating to us. I often take my children on bike rides to the fairgrounds and central park to walk along and explore those water areas. They often comment how much they enjoy that. I am saddened at the new trend to enclose these water ways. The now empty water ways of the east North Logan canal now lack charm and seem to collect all wind driven refuse. I implore you to think of the impact for good these canals do and not only at the logistics and numbers. You can't quantify my experiences with them, but to me they are priceless.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jennifer Pierre)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Jennifer Pierre. I am a fairly new resident of Logan Utah. I live in the neighborhood of "the island". We moved to Logan 5 years ago and love the beauty and small town feel of the valley. The little Logan River runs through our back yard and down our street before going under the road and flowing through Merlin Olsen park. Each Summer my kids and their friends look forward to a dip in the water, Dam building, rock and leaf collecting, Bird and animal watching and adventures in the creek. I am opposed to any kind of altering of the river. We need to save the natural beauty and wonder of of city. As more people move in to Cache Valley and Utah in general I have watched the natural beauty erode away. There is too much construction and "improvement" and yet large abandoned buildings sit on our landscape while more and more investors seek to gobble up any kind of land they can. Keep the river free flowing and leave it open for the kids and animals, The way God intended it to be. Thank you for your time, Sincerely, Jennifer Pierre

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**RE:** plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose (oc:Jennifer Wild)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Losing our beautiful water running through our parks and neighborhood is unacceptable. It has been and is the source of much enjoyment for our families and community for many years. It is part of why we choose to live in Logan. It is the



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**RE:** wildlife and habitat; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; project purpose (oc:Jim DeRito)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Please find attached my comments on the public scoping process for the Logan River Watershed Plan. Let me know if you have any questions on the comments. Thank you, Jim (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

RE: Trout Unlimited's scoping comments on the Logan River Watershed Plan  
Dear Watershed Plan group,

I would like to provide initial comments on the Logan River Watershed Plan process being undertaken by the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with the project sponsors being the Cache Water District (CWD), Crockett Avenue Irrigation, and the cities of Logan, North Logan and Hyde Park. This process is being partially funded through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act [Public Law (PL) 83-566]. I attended three online scoping meetings that were held by your planning group on January 8 and 28, and March 4, 2021. Some broad, conceptual alternative were noted during those meeting presentations. My comments are also based upon your answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs, dated March 1, 2021) posted on the NRCS's website for the plan.

Since 2004, Trout Unlimited (TU) has had a staff member working with water rights holders and landowners throughout the three-state Bear River Watershed to benefit agricultural producers, streams, and fish. Completed and ongoing work has focused on fish passage at over 50 irrigation diversions in the watershed. Work has included rebuilding instream diversion structures, replacing headgates, and installing pipes, measurement flumes, and fish screens in canals. TU has worked with water users on the consolidation of canals and the conversion from flood irrigation to sprinkler irrigation to improve crop production and instream flows. TU also has leased several water rights in the state of Utah, including in the Bear River Watershed, to provide for instream flows and to support water rights holders.

From 2015 to 2020, TU worked with the NRCS and over twenty partners on a Regional Conservation Partnership Program titled the "Upper Bear River Stream Restoration and Irrigation Efficiency Project" (Utah and Wyoming) that resulted in an investment of over \$2.2 million in projects. Three irrigation diversions were rebuilt on the mainstem Bear River and East Fork Bear River and the planning and design process is underway for six other canals to improve water management and delivery, fish passage, water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat.

Trout Unlimited has had a staff representative on the Logan River Task Force since its inception in 2014. As such, TU has invested a considerable amount of time and energy with the planning process to protect and restore the twenty miles of the Lower Logan River from First Dam to Cutler Reservoir. The Task Force's Conservation Action Plan (CAP) for the Lower Logan River, includes goals, objectives, and metrics to address water quantity, water quality, and fish and fishing, among many other items.

Based on the above, TU wrote a letter of support for the CWD's application to NRCS for the Logan River PL-566 funding and planning process. Specifically, we are supportive of aspects of the project that could benefit the Logan River, including: 1) increasing stream flows during the summer; 2) providing fish passage at irrigation diversions; 3) improving fish and wildlife habitat; and 4) improving the river for fishing and other recreational uses.

1) Increasing Logan River flows in the summer

Currently, water flows in the Logan River can be very low (< 10 cfs) during the summer from the Crocket Diversion to Cutler Reservoir. Low flows in the river are excessively warmed to higher water temperatures and have lower dissolved oxygen levels, adversely affecting fish and other aquatic organisms. These low river flows in the summer are likely the limiting factor (the primary controlling determinate for the distribution and abundance) for coldwater fishes like trout in this part of the Logan River. Increasing summer flows would be the most important factor to improving conditions for coldwater fishes.

The Logan River CAP contains a summer base flow target of at least 30 cfs to achieve good conditions and over 60 cfs to achieve very good conditions to fully support the coldwater fishery and connect aquatic habitats. In order to address this CAP goal, then I suggest that increasing summer base flows should be added to the list of goals for the Logan River Watershed Plan process. This goal would further define and make explicit what is probably the most valuable component of the identified goal to Maintain and enhance environmental conditions that is stated in the FAQs and would directly relate to the six other goals for water management, delivery, and irrigation system improvements.

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If less water is diverted from the river with the proposal to pipe and pressurize the Crockett Canal system, then more water should be made available for staying in the river below the canal. Conveyance loss from the open canal system is cited as being about 5,100 acre feet of water, which would be eliminated with a piped system. Also, water application rates are typically less with a piped and pressurized system versus flood irrigation when applied to the same area. However, it appears that the area to be irrigated would increase if secondary water is brought to homes that currently do not have water shares. I am concerned that the potential expansion of water use and irrigated area would offset any increased efficiency gains made with piping and pressurization.

One aspect of the Watershed Planning process that hasn't received much attention yet in the scoping meetings has been that of water use and demand management. Water conservation measures are arguably the most cost effective and efficient way to optimize the use of scarce water resources. What options and alternatives are being considered as part of the Watershed Plan process to decrease water demand within the Crockett Canal?

## 2) Providing fish passage at irrigation diversions

All three irrigation diversions below First Dam: Crockett, Providence-Logan, and Logan River Blacksmith Fork canals currently create fish passage problems. All three canals are downstream fish passage concerns because they result in the loss of fishes or entrainment into their canals that cause mortality of fishes. The magnitude of fish entrainment is dependent upon numerous variables including percentage of water flow diverted, diversion structure type and orientation, timing of water diversion, and abundance of fishes in the river, among others. Fish entrainment is commonly addressed with the use of fish screens. If the Crockett Canal is going to be piped and pressurized, then a screen will be required to keep debris out of the system. I recommend that fish passage criteria also be incorporated into a screen design.

Upstream fish passage is also a concern at the Crockett and Providence-Logan canals because of diversion dams that create barriers to the upstream movement and migration of fishes. The Crockett Diversion is likely a full fish passage barrier because the height of the dam appears to completely prevent the upstream movement of all species and sizes of fish at all river flows. If the Crockett Diversion were going to be rebuilt in about the same location, then I would encourage rebuild options to provide upstream fish passage. The best options for providing fish passage over a range of river flows typically include rock ramps, rock cross vanes, and other in-river options versus fishways such as fish ladders.

3) Improving fish and wildlife habitat As noted above, the most important component of riverine habitat is water flows, particularly during the summer. In addition, the Logan River Task Force has invested over \$2 million in river restoration projects that have addressed other aspects of fish and wildlife habitat. The Task Force has been working to reconnect the river to its floodplain to provide beneficial floodplain functions, e.g., the restoration projects at Stewart and Rendezvous parks. These projects have sought to reduce high flow velocities and erosion, as well as improve instream habitat over a range of river flows. Additional riverine habitat, floodplain, and riparian restoration work is needed throughout the lower Logan River to benefit fish and wildlife.

4) Improving the river for fishing and other recreational uses: The lower Logan River provides a popular recreational amenity for Cache Valley citizens. For example, over twenty-one hundred hours of angling effort were spent on a four-mile length of the Logan River from April through October in 2019. The angler survey was conducted by TU with funding from the Cache Anglers chapter of TU and Utah State University. Catch rates were generally good during 2019 when summer flows did not get as low as several other years in the past. Ninety-two percent of anglers were from Cache Valley. Most anglers were satisfied with their experience. The Logan River Task Force hopes to build upon these results, with a CAP goal to apply for Blue Ribbon Fishery status for the Lower Logan River. Blue Ribbon Fisheries are valuable economic contributors for areas that host them. Such status is dependent upon adequate water quantity and quality for its support. Other recreational opportunities are also dependent upon adequate water in the river. The Logan River Task Force is working with Cache County and Logan City on the development of a Blue Trail (on water recreation) along the Logan River from First Dam to Cutler Reservoir. Such use of the river is requires having sufficient water in the Logan River during the summer. TU is committed to work with the CWD and other project sponsors to develop the Watershed Plan and implement projects that benefit the Logan River and its coldwater aquatic resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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**RE:** project purpose; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Jim Vandygriff)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you for your time. Jim Vandygriff 435.760.4981 (PDF document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Logan for almost 50 years. I love this town but have been dismayed at times over the lack of vision in preserving this valley's natural assets while dealing with population growth. Now we see a huge threat to our urban waterways that provide numerous social, recreational ecological, and economic benefits to our city.

While many U.S. cities are spending fortunes to restore their urban waterways (<https://www.wired.com/2016/08/7-cities-transforming-rivers-blights-beauties/>), the JUB engineering firm is proposing to pipe and bury the Little Logan waterway, as well as divert and substantially reduce the flow of the Logan River that runs through town. How can this even be entertained? Cities like Idaho Falls, Reno, Boise, Eugene, and Missoula (to name only a few) have made their waterways central to enhancing their downtown planning and development. Los Angeles is spending a billion dollars in restoration efforts on the LA River. It seems that most cities have recognized the value in developing waterways into green belts, parks, and public spaces which attract people and businesses to their downtown areas. In fact, many of the most attractive cities in the west are "River Cities" (<https://www.fodors.com/news/trip-ideas/americas-10-best-river-towns>).

The JUB Engineering proposal for Logan urban waterways takes a completely different direction. Plans to divert 100 cfs flow (according to last scoping meeting) out of the Logan River will reduce it to a mere trickle for most of the year. Further plans to pipe and bury the Little Logan River (canal) will destroy a wonderful waterway which passes through three parks and downtown neighborhoods. This will devastate these wonderful resources. These plans are incompatible with the Logan River Conservation Action Plan and destroy an opportunity to further develop green space along these waterways. While it can be argued that the Little Logan River is now designated as a canal due to gated flow, rerouting, etc., it behaves and has the characteristics of a river through most of its route.

Instead of dewatering and burying these incredible resources which enhance Logan and offer future potential for more green space, JUB Engineering should be investigating how to utilize and restore these waterways to create more public access, green spaces, parks, and river trails (not trails over piped rivers).

If these proposals have any merit, they should consider alternatives which assist in the continued restoration of our waterways as well as accomplish goals of flood control and water utilization.

1) IF diversion of the Logan River is required, the diversion should occur as far downstream as possible (perhaps as far down as the Benson turn off from Valley View Highway or Cutler Reservoir). Alternatives need to be thoroughly investigated which reduce flooding while preserving the Logan River.

2) IF there is a need to provide a more dependable flow to water users from our aging canal systems:

a. Consider lining The Little Logan River to reduce water loss. Leaving an open waterway which still provides beauty and riparian resources, while reducing water loss could be assessed.

b. Bury a select few canals, leaving the Little Logan River to run free. It appears that most canal paths do not have the population of large trees that exist along the Little Logan River, and mitigation would be minimal.

Waterways can be engineered for function and beauty that enhance use for city residents, reduce flood damage and provide resources for water users. Please examine alternatives which will accomplish all of these goals, not just utilization of water.

These efforts will be applauded by future generations.

I appreciate you taking my comments and look forward to your response.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Jody

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am very against the pressurization of the little Logan River canal system. This canal system offers a unique amenity to the residents of Logan and surrounding communities. At this time, most communities are looking for ways to enrich the lives of their residents by providing amenities and community base, not taking away the things that make their communities unique and great. While there will be a benefit to the water dispersion system, that has worked fine for the last hundred years, by piping the canals, the price to the community as a whole seems too high. Please do not pipe the canals that run through the local parks.

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## COMMENT / QUESTION:

J-U-B/Langdon Group I am writing in regard to the Crockett Pressurized Irrigation Master Plan, which I have spent the last few days reviewing. While the need for an upgraded system seems obvious, it is unclear why Cache Valley taxpayers should underwrite Crockett Irrigation or the J-U-B Corporation, without any level of compensation, accountability, or environmental remediation. Most of us in Cache Valley have little to gain from this plan and a lot to lose. Overall, the pressurized irrigation option (#3) may be the best long term, based on the information presented in the Master Plan IF the irrigation consortium is willing to work with the people they expect to pay for their plan. At this point, they have done the exact opposite. Certainly the Irrigation consortium stands to gain. I have serious concerns about the impact on Logan and Cache Valley, however. These are: 1. Option #3 (the PI system) is only option where all of the costs are not born by the Irrigation consortium (Crockett Ave Irrigation and Distribution). The issue is who will pay for the \$80M cost of the upgrade.

The PI option will supposedly benefit Logan City and the other cities, resulting in those cities bearing the cost. My concern is that the Cities and taxpayers like me do not subsidize the capital costs of a private company. J-U-B has not made their case and this plan is not ready for consideration by the USDA, which the consortium and J-U-B (your parent company) expect to pay for the costly new system. I'm a taxpayer in Cache County and there is nothing in the J-U-B plan that suggests that these costs will be covered by Crockett Ave Irrigation and Distribution. Instead - Crockett Ave Irrigation and Distribution expects the Federal government and Cache Valley taxpayers to pay for their upgrades, while expecting to give nothing in return, including environmental remediation for the destruction they will cause to private landowners along the Little Logan River, to Logan City residents for the destruction along Canyon Boulevard, Merlin Olsen Park, and the historically underprivileged west side of Logan. Their approach to this has been, at best, callous. 2. Option #3 will also significantly impact USU's interest in First Dam and its reservoir, including fluctuations in storage (and water level), loss of power generation, and interruption of operations. USU is the largest employer in Cache Valley and these concerns are significant. It will also impact recreational use of the First Dam reservoir. The irrigation consortium (Crockett Ave Irrigation and Distribution) and their customers need to bear the costs of these impacts, and not pass them along to Logan City. 3. The new PI system, under the current plan, will destroy the Little Logan River. This waterway has long been part of Logan's cityscape and provides both habitat and beauty to the areas it runs through. Water flow to the Little Logan River must be maintained. It has been central to this valley for over 100 years. Crockett or J-U-B do not include any steps to maintain water flow to the Little Logan River, to compensate landowners, to compensate the city of Logan or for any degree of environmental remediation in their plan. None. In fact, in meetings, this issue was met with contempt. 4. There are passages in the master plan that suggest that Option #3 was a foregone conclusion, and that Options #1 and #2 were just straw men to support this conclusion. While its clear that "Nothing" is not really an option, I wonder if

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Option #2 (upgrade existing system) might not have more merit than the plan implies. It would certainly cost less and have minimal impact on Logan City. The irrigation corporation and the J-U-B corporation cannot expect taxpayers, the Federal government, and landowners to pay for an \$80M project for the benefit of a few landowners. The Crockett group needs to make a decision: pay for the upgrades themselves with their own profits or work with the people who live in and love this valley and include provisions to maintain the beauty and character of this valley in their plan. At this point, the Crockett group has a long way to go before the "funding process," when you ask for money from the Federal government for your private project. At this point, you (J-U-B/ Langdon) have not made your case. When you include the beauty, the character and the history of this valley in your plan, along with precise steps for environmental remediation, you will have a starting point. John Shervais \*\*\*\*\* John W. Shervais

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:John Wheeler)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not pipe the little Logan canal. It is a place full of memories and wildlife, and there is a lot to be lost if the canal is piped. Consider the pleas of those who live close to the canal and have grown to love it.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:John Wylie)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to express concern over the reports that there is a proposal to take the canals and river flows of the little Logan and Logan rivers through the town into pipelines. The canals, the riverwalk, the estuary, the recreation, and the natural wildlife support this water system provides to the well being of the valley is extremely important. I've frequented Merlin Olsen and watched the joys of youth wading, tubing, rafting in those waters. The dogs that enjoy a cooling off in summer. Kids laughing in joy as they splash each other from inner tubes. Along the Riverwalk around and through the golf course not only provides a peaceful mental reprieve for so many that walk these trails, but the anglers that enjoy pitching a line. But beyond that the support of natural wildlife they nest, feed, rely on this water access. There has been so much work done recently to revamp and cleanup the growth in this area. Piping the water would undo ALL of that effort and expense. There is a vibrant system for trout, suckers, and many other fish that rely on this water source. Fish go "up stream" to breed and multiply. I've caught suckers that were bursting with life, literally! Just off 6th W by the Rendezvous park. I watch SO many people wade, float, toss balls for their dogs, and enjoy some simple close at home recreation all based around access to an open water source. It would be a crime to pipe this water, dry up the land, the wildlife access to beavers, raccoons, and so many others, like many varieties of birds - ducks, geese, cranes, and many smaller birds. The thought of this all being robbed from the community and the environment, for what? The profits of a water company? Please do the studies, follow the research, realize what a thievery this would be from the community, the environment, and the future. I truly hope you can see fit to see the big picture, and support the good of the township.

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**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have watched the Public Scoping Meeting for the Cache Watershed plan. I know it is in early stages, but I am still confused after watching and trying to research it. The links that were given basically go back to each other and it is all the same. I have looked on the Crockett Irrigation and distribution map. According to it my home is along the Little Logan River (Logan Southwest Field area). The Little Logan River runs between my property and Willow West Park. I have a few concerns: 1- If this area was piped in and covered, we lose the beautiful river/creek and our natural boundary line. People will come into our backyard from the park. 2-Also, one of the main reasons we stay in our home instead of moving is because of the beautiful aesthetics the river adds. We love it! If that is taken away, we will move. 3-This part of the river also goes through Zootah at Willow Park. If it is gone, the zoo loses much of its beauty also. 4- We live near the Logan Riverwalk which runs along the Logan River... I still do not understand that possible plan there. For one thing, I know the Logan City Council has told us that they are making a Blue Trail along it also for recreation use so people can tube along it. 5- I also know trails along the river are planned to connect from the Riverwoods Conference area. So the Logan River needs to be exposed, not piped. 6- I need things clarified in laymen's terms. As I watched the scoping meeting I was confused with the broad map and the terms used. It was not as helpful as I hoped. My questions are: 1- Can you be more precise in the actual areas you think will benefit for piping? Can a more precise map be broken down so we may more fully understand possible plans? 2- Let us know what areas will not be affected. 3- Use laymen's terms for us regular citizens that are concerned. 4- As planning continues make it more accessible. I had no idea about all this until this week. Do you work with Logan City Council at all? I have watched some of their meetings and I am on the Woodruff neighborhood steering committee and I didn't know about this. Thank you for your time! I am sure I have more questions and concerns, but these are all I can think of at this time.

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**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a long time resident of Logan, one of the reasons we selected our house was its proximity to parks and recreation, including especially Merlin Olsen Park and Denzil Stewart Park. Even seasonal dewatering of the Logan River would have a huge negative impact on the communities through which the river flows. The public interest is best served by leaving water in the Logan and Little Logan Rivers as far downstream as possible.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jon Mock)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

While there may be a logical sounding argument for why a given stretch of the Logan river should be piped, the costs need to be measured in more than just dollars and cents. What was the purpose of the extensive river restoration projects that were undertaken just a few short years ago to improve the flows through the city of Logan and improve the quality of life for ALL valley residents and visitors. It sounds to me like this piping boondoggle will benefit a small segment of valley residents at the expense of the majority. I suggest that you take time to assign a cost benefit to preserving and enhancing a green belt along all major waterways throughout our beautiful valley. This is just one more project that will Trash our Cache. I urge you to reconsider this unwarranted project, it sounds like this is a solution looking for a problem.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jordy Guth)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I do not support the plans for the pressurized irrigation system involving the little Logan river. Please do not cut off access to rivers/canals etc for the community to enjoy in parks and elsewhere. We love visiting the little canal in Merlin Olsen park, please keep this in our activity options for our future. I am writing with questions and concerns regarding the proposed Logan River Watershed Plan. I have been a resident of Logan City for about 20 years, and I live in a neighborhood near the Logan River near Crockett Avenue. I am also a professional architect and planner. I question the purpose and need for this project, which is not clearly defined or quantified. The project concept, as presently defined, is extremely expensive (I have heard upwards of \$90 M.), and it does not appear that there is a pressing need for a project of this scale to address flooding and irrigation. I would like for my Federal infrastructure taxpayer dollars to be used prudently and for the most pressing priorities. I am not opposed to making some improvements for flood control and irrigation, if they are right sized and balanced with the other needs of the community. My impression is that the present concept is unbalanced in its approach to maximizing irrigation water output at the expense of quality of life for residents, river ecology, recreation, and local renewable energy. For flooding, please describe and quantify where the major risks are to the community, and the causes of those risks. Recent projects have addressed flooding mitigation effectively on the Logan River within specific reaches. If some neighborhoods are still at risk, would it be more cost effective to provide localized structures as needed? Additionally, cities and counties should prohibit further development within the flood plain to reduce risks and costs to the public. The need for additional irrigation water needs to be defined and quantified. The project should be designed to create the most effective, right sized solution for the best economy to the public. It should be clear that this project is not being funded by the taxpayers to benefit a small subset of land owners who have significant interests in irrigation water. How will water quality be impacted by this project? If the Logan River is de-watered significantly in the summer, it is likely to result in lower water quality and higher temperatures. This could be detrimental to fish, wildlife, and vegetation. How will recreational opportunities be impacted? If the canal is piped, there will be a loss of the beloved water features which run through multiple parks in the city. If the project causes fluxuations in First Dam levels, the fishing and boating activities will be heavily impacted. First Dam is very shallow, and even minimal drawdowns will expose large areas of unsightly shallow lake bed. The summary indicates that new trails will be provided. How will those be funded? From previous experience with NRCS projects in reclaiming canals in our neighborhood, the Federal funds were not allowed or not adequate to improve trails, and we now have a blighted area that has not been restored adequately along portions of the old Logan and Northern Canal. Also, trails in canal easements should be explored with or without the pipeline. If the project causes impacts to the hydroelectric power generated at First Dam, these costs

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cannot simply be offset by buying RECs. The Dam was created for hydropower, and is owned by the University. There are significant and continuous costs for owning and operating the Dam. What are the impacts to neighborhoods? Pumping stations can be noisy and disruptive to established neighborhoods. Will the piping pathways cause major disruptions? Will the future maintenance of this infrastructure create the need for roads or unsightly structures? In closing, I would like to suggest that this project carefully quantify and describe the needs for flood mitigation and additional irrigation water and design the project accordingly. Other alternatives need to be developed and explored to minimize the impacts to the community. The project needs to provide a prudent, right sized solution that balances all the needs of the community while seeking to minimize the burden to local and Federal taxpayers.

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## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Julie Rivet)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to Express my horror regarding this project. And for "Those" who cannot speak. The definition of insanity..."doing the same things over and over expecting different results". How many times must we destroy the natural gifts that we were entrusted with as a species, as all powerful humans? We inherited the gift of caring for all things on Earth. Protecting "Them", speaking for "Them"....the things that cannot speak words or cry out. Hardly a word spoken out loud about this until the last day. Too much like the desecration of the trees, a hundred years old or more. Habitat to Eagles nesting, Hummingbirds that travel a thousand miles or more to return yearly to the walnut sized nest made with such anticipation of next years return....and if gone she does not survive another. Removed in the blink of an eye....for the Marriot. Developers....that shifty bunch, .....always hiding someplace, along these events. Like thieves hunkered down at their strategic outposts, sit in waiting for the kill.... I still shed a tear every time I cross over the bridge on South Main into "La La Land". That place...that point...where our town no longer looks like our town, but just almost exactly like a thousand other towns. Take a look around you friends and take a deep breath, close your eyes and remember. Just a short while ago, ten years even ....What did it look like? What did it smell like? I dont believe we can afford to lose one more tiny bit of it! Here here, say the Deer and the Trees and the Hummingbirds and the Fish and a thousand Creatures big and small. That wake up every day, every single day, expecting it to be there still. Expecting us to speak when "They" cannot. Expecting us to not take lightly, or with lack of concern or wisdom the job that we inherited. A job of grave importance. Some of you have forgotten your duty? From, Julie Rivet on "The Island".

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**RE:** plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose (oc:Julie Willis)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing in regard to the proposed Logan River Watershed Plan and urge you to consider preserving the Logan and Little Logan river urban waterways as they are now. Growing up in Logan on the island area, I played and explored those waterways running through the neighborhoods. The streams are an important addition to neighborhood parks and recreation areas. The streams provide water and habitat for many wildlife and fish. I have enjoyed watching the wildlife throughout the years as they enjoy their natural habitat. There is tremendous value in preserving these free-flowing waterways as they contribute to a quality of life that many throughout Logan appreciate; this is one of the best places in the Nation to live. There are better alternatives for flood control/protection as well as to increase efficiency in the current irrigation systems than the complete pressurized irrigation system proposed. It's important that we are smart about preserving our resources for all the citizens of Logan. I urge you to leave as much water as possible in the river as far downstream as possible allowing for the preservation of free-flowing waterways through town. This will continue to provide residents with recreation opportunities, wildlife habitat and enjoyment, and contribute to property values of riverfront properties.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Karen Olsen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please DO NOT pressurize the Little Logan River—AT ALL. Thank You Karen Olsen

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**RE:** project purpose; water flow;

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; water flow; wildlife and habitat (oc:Kate)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please see attached letter regarding the Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project. I look forward to your response. (PDF document and photo attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kate Stephens)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Clarification: When referring to the Little Logan River, that is the historic North Fork of the Logan River. It is managed by the canal company, but continues to behave as a natural stream in many places as it meanders through the city. Thank you, Kate

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kathy Bell)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

DO NOT TAKE OUR OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF OUR PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS THAT KEEP US ORIENTED TO OUR FAMILIES, GATHERINGS, SHARING, ENJOYMENTS, STRESS AND ANXIETY REDUCERS, AND PEACE AND CALM, ETC THAT WE ALL LOVE AND LIVE FOR TO MAKE LIFE AND LIVING SO MUCH HEALTHIER, SATISFYING, AND PLEASANT!!!! I grew up near Willow park, but we also had good times at Central Park and areas that trickling, flowing, streaming waters winding through, were some of the best and fun times as kids, along with our families, for entertainment and enjoyment. I resent continually we are TOLD - "STOP THE FLOW" - in which WE have to give up OUR natural sources just for those DOWNSTREAM to take away from us - for \$\$\$\$\$, DEVELOPERS, and the likes, leaving US holding the bag and decreasing our life's pleasures!!! I'm sick and tired of that diatribe when we are so fortunate to be 'AT THE SOURCE', of some of the greatest outdoor experiences - that \$\$\$\$\$ cannot buy! RETHINK YOUR CRAZY WAYS OF THINKING, and let us regular folks enjoy this pristine, and prime way of life, just for \$\$\$\$\$ and developers greed. We need these great natural resources left alone so we continue our enjoyment of life, and what is OURS, and not GIVE it away. Once it's gone, there is no going back and we statewide locals have to share the LOSSES.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kathy Jones)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't eliminate the open water that runs through several Logan parks. I am almost 60 years old, and have lifelong memories of utilizing the park waterways. As a child I floated in tubes, waded, and threw rocks. As a mother my children waded, fished, and had engagement photos taken in the canals. As a Cub Scout and Young Women leader my groups had zucchini boat races and picnics on the banks in the parks. As a grandmother I now take my grandchildren to wade and play in the water at the parks, and I find much stress relief in listening to and watching the open, running water. Don't take away something so precious to generations, past, present, and future, of the Cache Valley community. Just because you can, doesn't mean you should. Kathy Jones

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Katie Lee-Koven)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a Logan City resident and oppose the proposal for pressurizing the irrigation system. What you are considering devalues our city and has a negative impact on the people who live here and visit here for the benefit of development down stream. Please reconsider your proposal.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kayla)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan river is unacceptable.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Keith Wilson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I write this letter as a submission to the public scoping period of the Logan River Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. As a resident of the Logan community, the proposition of a “complete pressurized irrigation system” of the Little Logan River raises several concerns for me. First among them is that I was not more aware of the needs of the Cache Valley community in terms of water, especially for agriculture. I have taken great enjoyment in the existing irrigation systems around my home in suburban Logan (near Jens Johansen Park) since my family moved here 10 years ago. I have also taken them for granted, and not paid due thought to the water users farther downstream. The changes proposed in this plan are as fundamental as they are comprehensive—the goals of the project reflect this magnitude in the potential good of preventing flooding and better serving agricultural needs. However, a completely pressurized irrigation system of the Little Logan River would solve an ongoing problem for one part of the community while leaving others with a permanent one: loss of character. Granted, the canal beds, rivers, and streams of my neighborhood run low if not empty most of the year. That does not lessen the life they lend to our parks and backyards, literally and figuratively. Any given morning from late Spring to early Fall songbirds enliven the air above the rolling waters. Families from across town bring toddlers to dip toes in Merlin Olsen Park’s share of the surface water. I have enjoyed tubing down the canal to stave off August heat and enjoy the beauty of Logan in a way not seen from the road. I cannot overemphasize my faith in this community to accept due compromise. Infrastructure must be maintained and updated to the benefit of all affected. There must be options to explore outside of a “completely” pressurized irrigation system that allow a degree of surface water to continue defining the area around the Little Logan River for decades more to come while still addressing the dynamic needs of flood prevention, agricultural use, and a growing community. I will be researching such options as best I can, and I trust our community leaders to do more of the same on top of the obvious care and thought they have already invested in this project.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kelly Bradbury)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Attention Logan River Watershed Planners and The Langdon Group, Please do not pressurize the Crockett Avenue open ditch system. This canal system benefits so many within the community, including wildlife that depend on that water source since the rest of the community has become so overbuilt. Could we not look as a community on how to save more

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water in the ways that we irrigate??? We must waste quite a bit of water that gets sprayed into the air or on to lawns that are too big. We need a multi-faceted approach to saving water, including xeriscaping yards, planting trees for shade, and timing and rates of irrigation. Taking away that canal will take away from the value of that area. There are so few public places to go to allow children and dogs to play freely and safely in the water that are within the city limits. Dr. Bradbury -  
- Dr. Kelly K. Bradbury, Ph.D., P.G., RYT Professional Practice Assistant Professor, Graduate Program Coordinator, Yoga Teacher Utah State University, Logan, UT Professional Geologist [State of Utah License #5557409-2250]

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**RE:** wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat (oc:Kelly Larsen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please leave the open canals open. These canals add beauty and wildlife habitats for ducks, pheasants, song birds, deer all need these for water. We have a canal behind our house and there are a lot of wild animals that depend on the water going through the canal. There are millions of dragonflies that come out of the canal in summer and I'm sure they eat millions of mosquitoes every summer. The canals that run through the parks are enjoyed by many during the hot summer months to wade and cool off. Logan is a beautiful place, let's keep what little beauty these canals provide. We don't need a ugly concrete jungle in Logan. Sincerely, Kelly Larsen

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**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Kelvin

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Group, I oppose the proposed watershed plan that would pipe and pressurize the Little Logan River. This is an important habitat for wildlife, both the Little Logan River, and the Logan River whose water would be siphoned. I enjoy urban fly fishing during lunch breaks from work. It's a great way to enjoy nature without driving far. I've also enjoyed Merlin Olsen park throughout my life. Both rely on the Logan river and Little Logan river. It's also incredibly important for the city of Logan to not only protect its natural resources, but to recognize that the growth in Logan and the greater Cache Valley is due in large part to its natural beauty. It would be tragic and counter-productive to damage a big part of what makes Logan so uniquely beautiful and enjoyable. The importance of outdoor spaces is paramount, and more obvious than ever before. Why would we allow the destruction of our waterways now when so many have relied on outdoor spaces as a key feature of the community? Please ensure this plan is not allowed to move forward. Respectfully, Kelvin Findlay 25 Year Cache Valley Resident Employed in Logan Frequent Logan River Fisherman

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kent Hadfield)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'll admit that I am not entirely educated on the subject, but if your proposal means eliminating open water between Island Market and the fairgrounds, I think that would be a horrid idea that will receive public backlash for a full generation or two.

I realize there are issues to be addressed and I do not oppose upgrades. If they could talk, I'm sure the birds, plants, animals and trees would complain loudly. I didn't see anything that addressed the impact on wildlife in the proposal. How

many of those trees will die? Deer and other animals use the canals as walkways in the winter. Does this mean we get to see more roadkill downtown? I've already seen Logan development wipe out a colony of marmots, 3 or 4 gigantic trees that housed hundreds of birds and certainly many more I don't know of in the last couple of years. Just reconsider covering it up. We need to consider what kind of world we leave behind for there wildlife after humans eradicate each

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kerry Jordan)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing this letter as an Associate Professor of Psychology at Utah State University, where I direct our Brain and Cognition Ph.D. program. Much research shows the importance of natural environments such as parks in helping improve human psychological wellness and cognitive abilities; people experience reduced stress, enhanced attention, and increased happiness when exposed to green space (e.g., Thompson et al., 2012; Faber Taylor et al., 2001; Berto, 2005).

Physically, with exposure to natural environments, people show reduced hypertension, reduced recovery time following surgery, and even increased expression of anti-cancer antibodies (e.g., Twohig-Bennett and Jones, 2018). Exposure to natural environments has proven especially important during this pandemic--when green space has increased in use.

Recent research from my lab shows that visual exposure to natural environments such as parks and waterways, compared with exposure to built environments such as cities, increases self-control, helps us feel like we have more time, and even causes distinct brain responses related to better attentional abilities (e.g., Berry et al., 2014, 2015, 2020; Mahamane et al., 2020).

Water holds a special place in this research; viewing waterways may benefit mental health significantly more than viewing green spaces without water, lowering psychological distress to an even greater degree (e.g., Nutsford et al., 2016). I thus strongly urge you to consider leaving the waterways running openly through city parks. The impact they currently have on children's and adults' physical and psychological health is immense, especially as we emerge from a pandemic where green space has been a refuge for so many. Parks with the Little Logan River, such as Merlin Olsen and Willow Park, provide equitable, accessible spaces for waterways to diverse populations, via walking, biking, and free city buses. If this is removed, access to the physical and psychological benefits of waterways becomes limited to, for example, those who have the means to drive up the canyon themselves. I agree that finding additional ways to conserve water and mitigate flooding will be an important priority for the city, but exposing children early on to positive experiences with nature is also crucial for future conservation of these resources. Thank you for considering these comments in city planning that prioritizes mental health.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Kimberly Hageman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to express my concern about plans to divert the Logan River and Little Logan River to a pressurized irrigation or piped system. Humans and wildlife need open streams and rivers. I encourage an abandonment of the plan to divert and pressurize the Logan River.

**NAME:** [Krista and Daniel Quackenbush](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Krista and Daniel Quackenbush)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We love the rivers and canals that run through our area in Logan. They bring in ducks, birds, and other wild-life. They also provide eco-friendly cooling in the summer and help the valley breathe better. We don't have any form of air conditioning and the canals are our only source. Air-conditioning units use up so much electricity and pollute the air. The canals provide the citizens of Logan recreation and fun. It would be devastating to us if these waters were taken away. Please keep our current system in place. a

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kristi Leatham)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not take away this valuable waterway. It is such a big part of so many people's lives. It's a place for the ducks. It's a place for kids. It's a place for adults and it's a place for dogs. The property behind the Baugh Motel is an amazing place right in the middle of town to sit by and listen to the water.

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**RE:** plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose (oc:Kristine Downard)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I recently found out about the proposed burial of the canals in Logan city limits. While I am opposed to this, I would also like understand the reason for the proposal better. What are the goals of this proposal? Thank you, Kristine Downard

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Kristy Magelby)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I ask that you keep the Little Logan River flowing through our beautiful city. We live in a valley that has water running and taking that beauty away would not be authentic to the mountain valley. If safety is the concern, I 100% am for water safety and possibly looking into other precautions that could still leave our small town of Logan with the river to bring lush green and beauty. Please do not leave our city sparse and full of concrete with no way to water and keep the trees alive along the River beds and no way to keep the nature in this area. This is a stunning place to be and I hope that it can stay that way for generations with efforts to keep the beauty we live in as well as hopefully avoid vandalism and crime.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:LaDonna Connors)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Your plan to divert Logan citizen's water so that we can no longer enjoy the beauty of a river or stream running through our parks is unacceptable to those of us living here or coming to visit. Our family has enjoyed Merlin Olsen Park and Willow park for over 30 years. The kids can cool off in the summertime, adults can enjoy a relaxing picnic by the water. Humans need to have pastoral areas in order to relax and unwind from the harsh cement walks steel buildings taking over our city. Logan City has attracted biking and hiking enthusiasts for many years. They spend money in our community as does the senior citizens that come here to spend the summer. Are you looking to create a cement jungle? Water has been long known to have soothing cathartic properties. What about the Rendezvous water recreation area? Is that being sucked up as well? What about my four water shares on the Logan Island Irrigation canal I have had for 31 years. Are you planning on sucking that up as well? I have yet to see anyone that lives near these areas support this plan. It is my hope, along with many other residents, that you will consider our quality of life.

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**RE:** **COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:LaDonna Connors)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

External Email Thank you very much for the update and I will be there at the next meeting. As yet, I have seen little support for this project and really only think about the old adage "follow the money". It would be a transparent move on both the project administrators and the City of Logan to give those living in Logan and who will suffer most of the impact, just exactly who benefits from this transaction. From what I see, Logan City is again trying to capitalize on selling anything they can get their hands on from developers and now selling anything they can to developers and communities outside of Logan. Those who have water shares and irrigate their properties do have a lot to lose, not to mention to those who come and enjoy the atmosphere and charm of Logan City including Willow Park, Merlin Olsen and wetlands. LaDonna Connors Managing Director FiberCell Systems, Inc Email: lconnors@fibercellsystems.com cell# 435-512-8658 FX# 752-9495 Office# 755-5898 Skype: ladonna49

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**RE:** alternatives; plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives; plan purpose (oc:Lance Parker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I would like to place my vote against the plan to pipe the Logan river below First Dam. As a resident of Logan City, a resident of the Hidden Village neighborhood which borders the river just below First Dam, and as a real estate professional, I believe that diverting more water out of the river would be detrimental to the environment along the river, the animals which depend on the river and to the property values along the river - not only those properties which immediately border the river, but those within walking distance. Being able to walk a short distance to see, hear and enjoy the river is an added value to every property in our neighborhood. Because I am a realtor, I understand the priority of water rights/shares and I know that our farmers need water for their crops but I believe there are other things that could be addressed before piping more water from the river. For instance, I know that many canals have large numbers of illegal taps which steal water from the farmers. What about just piping the existing canals to eliminate the illegal taps and reduce evaporation? That could have a significant impact on the amount of water that reaches the legal users of the water, thus reducing the need for extra water to be diverted from the river and would greatly diminish the liability issues of having open canals. The managers of the canal/irrigation companies should be required to better manage the water in their canals. After all, we are in a desert and we need to manage our water usage carefully. We can't just keep diverting more water. I have a few questions which were not addressed in the Zoom mtg a couple weeks ago: 1- It was said that the pipe would help with flood control from snow-melt and storms but that it would not make any difference in the spring runoff in the river. Does that mean that the existing canals would be left in place to catch storm water? If so, who would be responsible for the maintenance and liability of those canals going forward? 2- From what I've seen in the past, when a canal is piped, the pipe is put in the canal and is then covered over. If that's the case, how would it help with storm runoff if the canals are filled with dirt? 3- Has any research been done as to the feasibility of pumping water from the middle of the valley up to the canals? If your having to put in a pipe system anyway, would it cost so much more to add pumps? Cutler dam has, over time, caused the water table to rise in the valley which has made thousands of acres of once productive farm ground into swampy, unusable ground. Pumping from the middle of the valley could help dry up a lot of swamp ground making it much more useable for farming and development, which we are going to need if our valley is expected to double in population in the next 20-30 years. One pipe on a straight shot up the 1400 North corridor could supply water to every canal in Logan. Just a few thoughts that could be considered.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Laura Saunders)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The plan for the future pressurized irrigation system is unacceptable. Please do not do this! This is such a special place for families to play! I just want to add my voice to the others that agree that this would be such a sad loss for our community. Laura Saunders Smithfield Utah

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Laura Urness)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have seen, much to my dismay, the results of piping the canal through the Lundstrom Park area. It turned a vibrant, beautiful habitat for birds and other wildlife into a barren ugly wasteland. The "compromise" that was supposed to leave a modest flow of open water through the canal is a cruel joke. It consists of a few stagnant puddles of stinking algae, good for nothing other than breeding mosquitoes. Do not allow the same thing to happen to the rest of our canals and waterways. The detrimental effects from this project would be exponentially worse.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Lauren Hawkes)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Your plan for a complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable. Our rivers are one of the best things about our community. My husband and I enjoy walking around with our kids, and letting throw pebbles in the rivers, as this is their favorite thing when we take our walks. Our children deserve to enjoy these rivers as does everyone who lives here. Please leave as much water as possible in the river as far downstream as possible to allow for the preservation of free flowing waterways throughout our wonderful town.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Lauren

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not convert any portion of the Little Logan River to a pressurized irrigation system. These historic riparian corridors offer many benefits to both the surrounding community as well as wildlife. I imagine most folks along or near to these waterways purchased their properties with this proximity in mind. It adds property value as well as immeasurable benefit. I will outline more specific concerns below: 1. Economical impact - Property value loss to directly adjacent and nearby properties due to loss of these high value water features. How do you plan to quantify the loss of value to property and mitigate for this loss? 2. Economic impact - Property value loss due to the loss of vegetation (older well established trees that will no longer benefit from the current canal structure are likely to be lost). Again, how do you plan to quantify the loss of value to property and mitigate for this loss? There have been established guidelines in other locales for quantifying the loss of an old growth tree. Will you be doing something similar and how do you plan to mitigate these losses? 3. Wildlife - How will you mitigate negative impacts to wildlife (migratory birds as well as others) as a direct result of the loss of a historic riparian corridor? 4. Noise impacts - The running water of these waterways provides a seasonal noise buffer to surrounding communities, minimizing normal road traffic noise from the neighborhood streets as well as HWY 89 immediately above the island to the North. How will this impact as a direct result of the project be mitigated? 5. Recreation - Further dewatering of the Logan River could impact a number of recreational opportunities including swimming, floating, boating, bird watching, and fishing. How will these losses to recreational opportunities be mitigated? 6. Notification of project scoping: Why weren't adjacent property owners very clearly made aware of this scoping meeting? A scoping notice should have been sent to all potentially affected property owners? Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Leonore Palermo)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Good afternoon from the great state of Ohio! It is with great sadness that I read about plans to cover in the canal in the Island neighborhood of the city of Logan. As a visitor to your city, I visit with family in that neighborhood. We take walks and enjoy the water. I have played with grandchildren at the edge of the water in Merlin Olsen Park. Your waters are a unique feature and a vital part of the ecosystem. I cannot imagine the negative impact on the quality of life and on the plants and animals that thrive on those waters should you move forward with this plan. I ask that you reconsider.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Levi Roberts)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to oppose the plan to pressurize the Little Logan River, taking daylighted water away from the parks and neighborhoods in and around the island area of Logan. My family and I love to visit Merlin Olsen Park and enjoy the waterway that runs through it. My children play in the water and have many memories walking to this park and cooling off in the summer. This canal is one of the attributes that makes Logan special. Please do not take this away from the community.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Lisa Aedo)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to express my concern about the plan to pipe the irrigation canals and ditches fed by the Logan River in the Crockett Dam area. At a time when we are beginning to realize the cumulative, large-scale damage our actions are having on the environment, I need to know what the real need for and motivation behind piping the system is? Whatever the need is, is piping the only and best solution? Will it truly increase the amount of flow in the river? By how much? If the concern is flooding along the irrigation canals, why not just improve the control systems at the diversions and have the farmers/users share in the maintenance of the canals and ditches? Can you guarantee that such a piped system will not replace one problem with another? Such a large network of piping is certain to break in points; isn't it easier to repair an open system than one that is buried? If the pioneer-age system is presenting challenges and we are increasingly aware of the waste and irresponsible use of our water resources, why not promote a change in our usage habits by only allowing residential secondary water to come from rainwater collection and graywater recycling? This would also help solve the problem of runoff caused by development. Also, why can't the agricultural needs be met by building a system of regenerative agriculture as opposed to the chemical-intensive monoculture that is currently being done? These actions require less water and resources, and would allow more water to be kept instream. This would help reverse our large-system problem of an evaporating Great Salt Lake. When agricultural land is sold and converted to developed land, the water rights are transferred to the municipality with jurisdiction over that land. What will prevent this water from being commodified and sold to the highest bidder? It doesn't seem to me that this water will make its way back into the streambed. Please answer these questions before spending \$90 million on a project that in the end could cause more problems than it solves.

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**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Lisa Flores)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing in to voice my, and my families, opinion of the proposed PI program. If I could cast an actual vote, my vote would be a solid definite NO. My family and I moved here 4 years ago. We bought our home in a neighborhood that was close to the canal, close to the fairgrounds and Willow Park specifically because of all the water that flows through these areas. With that water brings so much wildlife and fauna and beautiful thriving trees. We frequent the fairgrounds almost daily on our walks with our small children and our dogs. One of our most favorite activities in the summer is to pack a picnic and take the kids with their water tubes and floats and spend the afternoon enjoying the stream of water that flows through the fairgrounds. We have built so many memories and family traditions now over the last four years of living here. My 6 and 8 year old kids, our dogs, our friends that join us, and I am sure almost every one of our neighbors would be heartbroken if the canals and river were covered. Our open canals and river is what makes Logan so special. It is part of what makes all of our parks and our fairgrounds magical and what keeps the trees, wildlife, plants, humans and everything alive and green and just plain beautiful. Please, please, please do not take these memory making areas away from so many families and neighborhoods, and from the generations yet to come! Keep Logan magical and beautiful and green!

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Lori)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing this letter to say that the complete pressurized irrigation system for the Logan River is unacceptable. This river is and has been enjoyed by so many for many many years. The Logan River going throughout the city and in our parks is a major part of what makes Logan so beautiful. My family and I have loved going to Merlin Olsen park to play in the water or just watch the ducks that live there. My children have fond memories of youth group activities making boats and sailing them down the river at Merlin Olsen park. We also see so many children and pets enjoying this water at the Cache County Fairgrounds each summer. I remember the duck races held there during the fair. Such special memories. Not only is the open Logan River a huge connection for most of the residents here, it is also a home for ducks and other wildlife. I, as well as many others, would hate to lose this important waterway treasure and heritage. It brings so much value and beauty to Cache Valley and it's residents. It would feel like the equivalence of amputating someone's arm, to lose these open waterways. I vote for saving our open waterways. Lori Patten

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Lou Ann Exum Sakaki)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not mess with our watershed ecosystem! Those with need of our water can take it out after it leaves Logan City.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; plan purpose (oc:Malakhi)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I'm a local resident of Cache Valley and have served my community as a representative for my district. I'm writing to voice my opposition to the upcoming project. Closing and pressurizing the Little Logan River would be harmful for our community and environment. These canals are used and appreciated by so many. Growing up, I looked forward to coming here just for the canals. I have great memories of playing with my cousins. As we progress and evolve as a society, the temptation to modernize and control water is ever-present and dangerous. It goes directly against ecologists and what the people want. Sincerely, Malakhi Player

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; wildlife and habitat (oc:Malinda)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Malinda Smiley, and I live on the Island. The river runs through my backyard (408 E 300 S). I also enjoy going to Willow Park and Merlin Olson Park for the scenery and rivers. I'm against the plans for a "complete pressurized irrigation system" of the Little Logan River and Logan River because it would greatly impact the wildlife in the area. Every year, our backyard becomes a playground for wandering mule deer. Does bring their fawns to eat and relax. With each passing season, more deer travel through our yard. It has been a pleasure and an honor to provide a safe place for these young ones to eat and play. In the fall, they leave with their families, and we wait for their return in late spring. In addition to deer, there is a host of birds that nest near here, everything from hummingbirds to birds of prey. The river supplies fish and insects, which provides nutrition for these birds. In addition, the river provides water to all of the towering trees in the area. Without healthy trees, the birds would not nest here and the deer wouldn't have leaves to eat. In regards to flooding concerns, floods have only posed a minor problem during my time on the Island. I've lived here for seven years, and I have only needed to sandbag my backyard once. I would much rather sandbag my yard than see these wonderful animals forced elsewhere. Piping the Logan and Little Logan riverways would cause dire harm to the local wildlife. I strongly petition against the proposed irrigation system for the canals. Please consider alternative water sources to meet domestic needs. Sincerely, Malinda Smiley Ps. All pictures are from my backyard. Pictures were taken on an iphone. Photo attached and saved in appendix attached to this database.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Margaret Pettis)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a Cache County resident who takes great advantage of trails and parks in Logan as well as kayaks Spring Creek, the Logan River, Cutler Marina/ Marsh/Canyon, and the Bear River, I strongly oppose the proposal to pressurize the Little Logan River. The natural beauty of the free flowing stream through a multitude of parks creates a priceless presence of peace, pleasure and natural environment in many urban settings. Pressurization is something I have witnessed in various communities in Cache Valley; each represents the same regrettable loss of water flowing above ground that delighted local residents and park visitors alike. Surely everything natural doesn't have to be harnessed! While I cannot provide the measurements of loss of water that you could capture to provide in whatever 'improved delivery systems' you undoubtedly justify with a myriad reports, I can offer the personal joy this Cache Valley resident finds in the lovely stream running through Merlin Olsen Park, for one, and Willow Park, for another. These waterways have long contributed to the charm of the parks and are meaningful natural components to the urban outdoor experience, an increasingly valuable part of open space planning in future city developments. Of course, since this is part of the larger system to divert and capture the Logan River, there are so many questions unanswered regarding how water will be managed, by whom and for what primary purposes, that this entire process should be postponed until the public can be more broadly notified to participate in water plans that will affect our city parks, mushrooming subdivision growth, and open space/waterway-focused areas rich in natural values. It is not the right move to pressurize the Little Logan River.

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**SOURCE:** Email

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**RE:** plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan process (oc:Marie Shervais)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Why is a subsidiary of J-U-B handling public input for their parent company? This seems unethical at best.

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; water flow (oc:Marie Shervais)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

This is the 6th returned email we have received today. The email address was identical on all emails. Perhaps there is a problem with your server? Begin forwarded message: From: Marie Shervais<mshervais@comcast.net> Subject: Langdon Group/ J-U-B Date: March 16, 2021 at 7:21:51 PM MDT To: loganriver@utwatershed.com I am writing in regard to the Crockett Pressurized Irrigation Master Plan done by your parent company, J-U-B, which I have spent the last few days reviewing. While the need for an upgraded system seems obvious, it is unclear why Cache Valley taxpayers should underwrite Crockett Irrigation or the J-U-B Corporation, without any level of compensation, accountability, or environmental remediation. Most of us in Cache Valley have little to gain from this plan and a lot to lose, starting with the beauty and character of this valley. Overall, the pressurized irrigation option (#3) may be the best long term, based on the information presented in the Master Plan IF the irrigation consortium is willing to work with the people they expect to pay for their plan. At this point, they have done the exact opposite. Certainly the Irrigation consortium stands to gain. I have serious concerns about the impact on Logan and Cache Valley, however. These are: 1. Option #3 (the PI system) is

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only option where all of the costs are not born by the Irrigation consortium (Crockett Ave Irrigation and Distribution). The issue is who will pay for the \$80M cost of the upgrade. The PI option will supposedly benefit Logan City and the other cities, resulting in those cities bearing the cost. My concern is that the Cities and taxpayers like me do not subsidize the capital costs of a private company. J-U-B has not made their case and this plan is not ready for consideration by the USDA, which the consortium and J-U-B (your parent company) expect to pay for the costly new system. I'm a taxpayer in Cache County and there is nothing in the J-U-B plan that suggests that these costs will be covered by Crockett Ave Irrigation and Distribution. Instead - Crockett Ave Irrigation and Distribution expects the Federal government and Cache Valley taxpayers to pay for their upgrades, while expecting to give nothing in return, including environmental remediation for the destruction they will cause to private landowners along the Little Logan River, to Logan City residents for the destruction along Canyon Boulevard, Merlin Olsen Park, and the historically underprivileged west side of Logan. Their approach to this has been, at best, callous. 2. Option #3 will also significantly impact USU's interest in First Dam and its reservoir, including fluctuations in storage (and water level), loss of power generation, and interruption of operations. USU is the largest employer in Cache Valley and these concerns are significant. It will also impact recreational use of the First Dam reservoir. The irrigation consortium (Crockett Ave Irrigation and Distribution) and their customers need to bear the costs of these impacts, and not pass them along to Logan City. 3. The new PI system, under the current plan, will destroy the Little Logan River. This waterway has long been part of Logan's cityscape and provides both habitat and beauty to the areas it runs through. Water flow to the Little Logan River must be maintained. It has been central to this valley for over 100 years. Crockett or J-U-B do not include any steps to maintain water flow to the Little Logan River, to compensate landowners, to compensate the city of Logan or for any degree of environmental remediation in their plan. None. In fact, in meetings, this issue was met with contempt. 4. There are passages in the master plan that suggest that Option #3 was a foregone conclusion, and that Options #1 and #2 were just straw men to support this conclusion. While its clear that "Nothing" is not really an option, I wonder if Option #2 (upgrade existing system) might not have more merit than the plan implies. It would certainly cost less and have minimal impact on Logan City. The irrigation corporation and the J-U-B corporation cannot expect taxpayers, the Federal government, and landowners to pay for an \$80M project for the benefit of a few landowners. The Crockett group needs to make a decision: pay for the upgrades themselves with their own profits or work with the people who live in and love this valley and include provisions to maintain the beauty and character of this valley in their plan. At this point, the Crockett group has a long way to go before the "funding process," when you ask for money from the Federal government for your private project. At this point, you (J-U-B/ Langdon) have not made your case. When you include the beauty, the character and the history of this valley in your plan, along with precise steps for environmental remediation, you will have a starting point. Marie Shervais 379 Boulevard Logan Utah 84321 mshervais@comcast.net 435-770-8747 435-760-3394

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**RE:**

**COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:Marie Shervais)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Thank you. There were clearly IT issues on the Langdon Group site on March 16, 2021. I'm wondering how many other letters received a "blocked message" and how many Cache Valley citizens were unable to voice their opinion. It's unlikely that my husband and I were the only ones. Can you give me an update? Marie Shervais On Mar 17, 2021, at 10:13 AM, Utah Watershed - Logan River<loganriver@utwatershed.com> wrote: Hi Marie, We have received this message. We are double checking with IT for any other issues. We will be updating the FAQ on the project website next week.

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose (oc:Mark and Cleo Nafziger)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

To Whom It May Concern: It makes us sad and angry to have to write a letter like this. It's a shame that any group of people would seriously consider doing something like this to rivers that are and have been an important part of the lives many thousands of Loganites present, past, and hopefully future. When we bought the house that has become our home 28 years ago we said both jokingly and truthfully that we did so for the river that runs past the back of our property and the over one hundred year old willow tree on its bank (with many roots running out underneath the river). In the almost three decades we've lived here we've witnessed thousands of people every summer come daily to enjoy and play in the river from the other side at the back of Jens Johansen Park. It's also been an important part of our lives, and those of our children and now our grandchildren. We love the little river, including the coolness of the water and the shade of that huge willow tree. We love the little nature refuge it provides, with its ducks, herons, owls, and the occasional eagle. If whoever is behind this horrible idea succeeds in piping that river not only will the water that so many people enjoy be gone, but our tree (and others) will surely die either from lack of water over the next few years or more immediately from root damage resulting from installing the piping system. In addition, one of the few remaining areas providing homes for the birds and other wildlife will be gone along with it. That would be a sin and a crime committed against the quality of life of many people who live on or near the little river, for the benefit and profit of a few. No one who living on or near the Logan River or one of its branches would make such a decision. I am not anti-business, nor am I anti-government. But a decision to go ahead with a proposal like this would exemplify the worst of both. This kind of steam-rolling of the quality of regular people's neighborhood environments happens far too frequently in our nation. DO NOT DO THIS TO US! Do not put the interests and the profits of a few ahead of the quality of life and the psychological and spiritual well-being of many Logan community residents. If there is ANY need or justification for an action like this the people advocating it and those charged with approving it have made little effort to inform or communicate with those of us who live in near proximity to or on the Logan and its branches. It could be that they just don't care, or maybe they feel the fewer people who know of their plans, the better. In any event, it's shameful. My wife and I personally just heard about this project last Saturday, and I'm sure many more people haven't heard about it at all. Please listen to the voices of all those who's lives would be hurt by this project. Please don't put the interests and profits of a few people ahead of the well-being of the people who have made Logan our home, and for whom the Logan River has been an important and wonderful part of our lives. Please, please reconsider this awful idea. Sincerely, Mark A Nafziger Cleo J. Nafziger 808 E 200 N Logan, UT 84321 (Duplicate of comments in email sent as Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Mark Anderson)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

We as a collection of long-time neighbors have lived along the North Logan Hyde Park Smithfield canal for approximately 20 to 30 years. Over so many years in our lovely neighborhood, we have had the opportunity to build a healthy rapport with the Cache Highline Water Association that operates and maintains the NLHPS canal behind our homes. I personally have interacted with the watermaster as well as some various board members; good people with the canal company have stood in our backyards and patiently addressed our questions and concerns over the years. When the last canal piping project was performed -- along the Logan Country Club, past Lundstrom Park, to a diversion at 1500 N -- we were assured

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that the canal company was invested in preserving the section of the canal beyond 1500 N. Indeed, representatives of the NLHPS Canal Company stood in my backyard, including the president of the canal company at the time, and fostered an esprit de corps about the importance of preserving a portion of the 100+-year-old canal for posterity. We felt blessed to see that commitment to the canal behind our homes. Accordingly, we all have taken seriously the responsibility of stewardship to maintain and protect the canal and all that it has to offer. As such, one can only imagine our disappointment to see yet another assault on the canals in the name of (insert here). Flood control seems to be the order of the day this time. Okay, most folks generally get this in principle. Maybe it is an issue downstream of the Island now that we've allowed homes to be built on flood plains. It hasn't always been, healthy rivers flood, but that's another story. But, be assured, there is no flooding issue along the upper canal and piping the canal to 1800 North as described in the public Zoom meeting (see HJnews article, where most of us first learned about this) will do nothing. Evaporation? Between 1500 and 1800 N? A three-block stretch? Maybe a little, but, please, someone come to measure it and make a real economic case given how expensive the work will be! Trees "stealing" water? Hmm, is it really stealing? Does anyone who says "the canal was here first" (and thus we can do what we want) consider that we also allowed -- and as a community enjoyed -- a mature riparian zone to grow and flourish complete with full-sized trees and generations of wildlife that consistently depend on it? Trees that protect backyards. Ducks that migrate back to this canal every year. Come to our homes and visit the 20+ ducks and their ducklings that roam our yards every year. They will be here soon and we are sure they would like a vote on this matter. The sadness in all of this is that it's hard to accept the word of anyone involved with city and county planning these days. Logan City promised to build a cemetery in the old Deer Pen property. That didn't happen. Come on up and look at the plastic houses there now instead. And now a power station is surely going in, I hear. Well, anyway, the bottom line: The canal company said in good faith that they wanted to preserve the historical significance of the canal in our neighborhood. And it was reasonable. After all, how could piping another mere three blocks be justified financially? Fast forward a couple years to today and here we are again: three blocks of piping at the expense of Cache Valley history that is cared for by members of a mature neighborhood invested in this town. One final note: As a trained watershed scientist with years of geomorphology fieldwork and water chemistry lab experience, I blanch to hear of a project without real data to justify it. I watched the video discussion made available to the public and I was bewildered to see that no one could specifically describe in any meaningful way how the project will affect the flow of the Logan River. The particular stakeholder in the project (from the engineering company) acknowledged the river's flow would be affected but couldn't quantify it at all. Who does resource management like this? It sounds like a classic case of "let's get the federal \$\$ first and figure it out later." Well, while that's getting figured out, I'll ponder ways I can help the ducks and the trees and the Cache Valley history that are about to be lost. And, for the record, maybe I'm just not connected enough, but I would hope to get some kind of notification as a resident along the canal to impending projects like this. No one on my block knew anything about this. The Lundstrom neighborhood on whole strives to be an anchor to the community and we as a collection of neighbors believe the canal is a significant component of the neighborhood. As such, we as a collection of neighbors along 170 East oppose the proposal to pipe the NLHPS canal.

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**RE:** recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** recreation (oc:Mark Fels)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'd just like to make a few comments about the proposed diversion to the Logan river. I've been enjoying the Logan river in the town portion of Logan for over 25 years. During this time I've seen many people enjoying kayaking, swimming, tubing, fishing especially in the heat of the summer. Recreational use is increasing dramatically, and diverting the water will eliminate these opportunities. Rivers often bring communities together, are places of gathering and enjoying nature and are often key components to improving quality of life for residents. One only need look to neighboring communities that have invested in river corridors to see how this has impacted the city (Boise is a great example). The current improvements to the river corridor in Logan has definitely attracted people and business to the water. Dropping the flow more than current summer low's will essentially make the river un-usable and ruin what progress has been made enhancing the positive effects the river makes to the quality of life in Logan. Mark Fels 1481 Maple Drive Logan Utah

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Mark LeBeau)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I hope this message is not in vain. I hope that the plan to divert the river and the canals does not go through. I have spent a lot of time with my daughter at Merlin Olson park in the past summers and see many people these days still enjoying it and other recreation areas along the river. I have a love-hate relationship with Logan. I walk across town and cross Main street and with the highway through the middle of town and all the traffic-I hate it. During the winter inversion and the bad air quality I hate it. But when I have a chance to bike on the River Trail downtown or recreate in the mountains that hate dissolves. I've seen one step forward and two steps back for years in planning here. This decision will be hard to undo. I understand that it was a grant to put all the rocks lining the river in the Island portion of the river. That will be eventually undone because that was a bad decision. Los Angeles is preparing to restore its river system at the cost of billions. The cause of the future floods will be houses, roads, and parking lots in the way, and engineering the river will do little. I hope the best decision is made for the residents of Logan and the value in its recreation, and not just for the benefit of the water companies.

**NAME:** [Marlyn and Judith Poppleton](#)

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**RE:** project purpose; agricultural

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; agricultural water management (oc:Marlyn and

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I realize that sending this email will change little the already decided project of a pressurized pipe in which will be opposed by the vast majority of residence who live near or close to the Logan or Little Logan River and that this is just a formality on which is required but We want to express our displeasure of the forth coming decision on this effort. We purposely bought our home by the river even realizing the home itself was larger than we required because of our desire to live on a river and the environment it produced and even being willing to pay the extra cost of flood insurance. How saddened we are to realize that dream can be squashed by power hungry environmentalists. We've never had an issue with a chance of flooding and are already disappointed with the low flow of the river controlled. And just how much property value will we loose with this process is also a concern. If you want water to the west side of the valley then pull it from the Little Bear River. If you truly are concerned about the residences of Cache Valley you would abort any of these ideas. I feel as though this is a wasted effort on our part but we needed to have an input to the process.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Martha Jensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am deeply concerned about the impacts this project will have on our community. The economic benefits of this project should not outweigh the many beneficial attributes the river provides to the community. Countless children and adults enjoy the river as it flows through the many parks throughout Logan. It's a place to cool down on a hot summer day and a place to bring out of town visitors to show how beautiful our community is. The river instills a sense of community pride and also teaches our children to protect and enjoy the natural environment around them. Piping this river removes a benefit to the community and only provides a benefit to a select few. Many communities throughout the US are doing the OPPOSITE of this project and 'daylighting' rivers to foster a sense of community. Instead, Logan is proposing exactly the opposite, an archaic idea that doesn't benefit citizens at all. Please do not pipe the Little Logan! I am adamantly opposed to this idea.

**NAME:** [Mary Reynolds](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management ; project purpose (oc:Mary

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project would forever change my neighborhood. We love our city rivers and canals and wish them to remain intact in order to preserve some of the beautiful aspects of inner Logan, the beautiful big trees, the ducks and other wildlife, the fishing, walking, hiking, biking, tubing, rafting, and kayaking that are participated in regularly in my area of town. They are central to the charm of Logan and are a reason people love living here. We have loved taking our children on walks along the Little Logan River, playing and wading in the water, watching ducks and other wildlife, chasing waterskeeters. We also walked to Stewart Nature Park and enjoyed the Logan River rushing by, throwing rocks in it, trying to skip rocks and to watch the splash. We breathed in the musky smell of the riparian areas and experience the various reeds, bushes and trees that grow along the river. We also enjoy the river as it flows through Jens Johanssen Park and Merlin Olsen Central Park. Now that our children are grown, we take grandchildren on these adventures. None of them live anywhere that provides such an experience right in their neighborhoods. Our Logan rivers and canals are truly unique and must be preserved! It wasn't too long ago that the Little Logan River flowed freely right on our block, but it was put in a box and covered with dirt and a sidewalk. Now it's underground all the way from 525 East to the Island Market. This changed the ambiance of our neighborhood forever. No one asked us whether we wanted this to happen or what we thought of the idea! Now it can never be restored. The stated goals of the Crockett Project are to improve flood control and improve water delivery efficiency for irrigation. About flood control, I would argue that in the 35 years I have lived here there were only two years when flooding was a concern and sandbagging was required. The major flooding has historically been along the Blacksmith Fork River and into the heavy development that was permitted on its floodplain (unfortunately for those homes and businesses.) How can major spending be justified to manage flooding on the Logan River? We already have three dams for that. How can the loss of this city's waterways culture and the recreation it provides, be justified? I suspect that there are underlying reasons for this project that have more to do with water for more sprawling residential housing developments and the money to be made therein. These developments often provide walkways along newly made waterways. Why should existing waterways in older sections of Logan be sacrificed for new developments?

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Megan Gill)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi, As a Cache Valley resident I am very disturbed by the fact that there is a plan to divert, pipe, and pressurize the river the Logan and Little Logan Rivers. Also, the fact that there has been little awareness about this spread amongst Cache Valley giving very few people knowing about this to put their comments forward. At a time when people are starting to prize and acknowledge the importance of natural waterways with dams coming down and the removal of pipes or concrete systems to restore the natural ecosystem the idea of a complete pressurized irrigation system is downright mean and nasty to not only the natural balance of Logan rivers but to its citizens who enjoy Merlin Olsen, Jens Johansen, Stewart Nature, and Willow parks. That is 4 parks that would be stripped of their natural beauty and enjoyment. Think about not only the humans that enjoy the waters, but the non-human creatures that depend upon the waters. I want to be able to continue to enjoy our natural rivers and have my kids enjoy them too for years to come. Logan is getting a bad reputation for ruining the nature we citizens enjoy. The Logan Nature Walk was stripped down to bare bones making the walk unsightly. And now the construction in South Logan where the antique and crepe shops used to be with the removal of trees for ugly buildings in an already crowded and heavily trafficked area now further worsened. Logan cannot afford to lose the rivers as they are a valuable cultural and recreational asset. Please do not do further damage to the natural beauty that so many of us enjoy in Logan. Sincerely, Meagan Oltman

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Melinda G)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not pressurize the river in the parks. This is a great location for us to go and cool off in the summer, it's also so fun to go and explore and study with my kids. I beg you not to do it, as it's such a unique part of Logan's parks.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Michael Beno)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I concur with David Tate's opposition to transforming the subject canals into a pressurized irrigation system. These small rivers flowing through the community parks are visual amenities as well as recreational resources that should be preserved and enhanced rather than minimized or eliminated. The attached photograph exemplifies my point. Instead of using the subject water for irrigation, the focus should be on reducing the need for irrigation water by incentivising property

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owners to use less, such as through water-wise landscaping and water-conserving garden irrigation methods.

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**RE:** project purpose                      **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Michael Beno)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I should say that I am a retired landscape architect (from Illinois) who has taken various graduate level leisure study courses and worked on a number of park design projects and who speaks with a degree of professional knowledge of the subject of park aesthetics and recreational significance. Photo attached and saved in appendix attached to this database.

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**RE:** project purpose                      **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Michelle Gerencser)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi ANdy is Michelle Gorenzer i live in the Woodrup neighborhood of Logan. and i actually dont know wht you have to do with the covering of the canal issue. But I am calling to see what I can help us preserve the canal and stop it from being covered, which I do not want to happen. my cello number is 435 232 4086 and it receives texts or messages. Thank you so much. Buh-bye.

**DATE:** 3/16/2021                      **SOURCE:** Email                      **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water                      **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Michelle Gerencser)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi Andy Thanks for talking to me just now and for pointing me to your January presentation, which I found online. I do have a question/concern/confusion regarding the pressurized line from 1st dam. When we spoke briefly tonight (and thank you so much for calling me back as I didn't realize it was our last day to comment), you said that there will not be canal put into a pipe anywhere. The section of the presentation that talks about installing pressurized line from 1st dam going West sounds like it will take water out of the river/canal West of 1st dam and put it in a closed line. My question is, what effect will this have on the water level or width of the Logan River and canals West of 1st dam going across Logan from East to West? I would not want to diminish the water flowing through those neighborhoods as it really adds quality to the residential areas. That's my comment. The rest sounds great. Many thanks. Warmly, Michelle On behalf of Michelle Gerencser & Sherrie Mitchell 135 W 400 S Logan, UT 84321 435-232-4086 mgeren@q.com

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**RE:** project purpose                      **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Michelle Howell)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, my name is Michelle Howell. I am begging you to leave the gorgeous river that rubs throughout Logan alone! It is one of the most special things about our city. I have lived here 50 years and would be devastated to have it gone.

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**RE:** project purpose; agricultural

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; agricultural water management (oc:Miles

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Miles Roberts and I live in Logan at the corner of 100 south and 200 east. I was made aware of the city and water departments plans regarding the Logan River Watershed Plan yesterday. I wanted to email to provide public comment that I hope those in charge will take into careful consideration. As I watched the public forum that was hosted online back in January one of the individuals spoke about being careful that this project does not negatively impact low-income / minority populations rights. One of the main concerns that I have regarding this project is how it will impact public recreation around Logan. The logan river is currently accessible for free for all who wish to enjoy it. Not only the river itself, but flows from the river are accessible to the public at parks such as Merlin Olsen park above 200 East in between Center and 100 South. Denzil Stuart Nature park at 700 East and 100 South is another park that allows public access to an enjoyable waterway. My wife and I have also enjoyed Rendezvous park with our kids and walking along the river there. If this project specifically is supposed to make sure that it doesn't negatively affect people of low-income and minority, what are the individuals in charge doing to make sure that these parks are able to maintain the fun recreational activities and access to the waterway found there? Free public parks need access to water just as much as the agricultural district if not more. Look at sugarhouse park in Salt Lake City, or Liberty Park, or City Creek Shopping center! All these greatly visited public locations have water access for the public to enjoy for free! I understand the discussion about flood mitigation and protection from erosion. No community member would ever condone putting beauty over possible flood damage, however, the project planners need to consider the impact this water will have on recreational opportunities at public parks. There needs to be a way to allow this project to occur for the flood mitigation risk as well as allowing public access to this water in the city parks that currently use it. One of the reasons my wife and I moved into the house that we did is because of the close access to Merlin Olsen Park. You can imagine how sad we felt when we heard this discussion about pressurized underground pipes and the potential impact this could have on our favorite park. Regarding access to this water for agricultural use. My wife and I currently own shares from the Logan Island Irrigation company. We are able to water our garden using water that comes through the existing canal system as it currently stands. I worry that if this project pressurizes all the water that previously went through canal systems and moves this water west of logan or north of logan, that my water shares will become worthless. I don't want to sell me water shares to someone west of Logan, I want to use my water shares on my vegetables and fruits that I grow in my garden each year! There are many people who live within the "island" area of Logan where there are existing water canals for irrigation uses who may be negatively impacted by this project. If they fail to take into account those member-owners of the Logan Island Irrigation district this will be a disaster. One of the things I read about the project is the need to pressurize and put into pipes to account for evaporation loss in the canals. I have a hard time believing the necessity of this as I have lived in some of the hottest / driest places in the US such as Mesa, Arizona; Scottsdale, Arizona; Hilo, Hawaii; and Albuquerque, New Mexico where they all use large irrigation canals for watering as well as flood mitigation purposes and these canals seem to work just fine for them. This idea that they are completely useless or not working here does not mean we need to reinvent the wheel, in my opinion if the canals we currently have are not working efficiently enough we should be fixing/adjusting the canals rather than try something completely untested for this waterway with the pressurized pipes. I appreciate your time and hope you address mine and others concerns in a timely manner.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Nancy Cheal)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't pressurize the Logan River, please don't stop it from flowing through our parks! Nancy Cheal

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Nate Norman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I would like to comment on the proposed piping of the Little Logan River. I do understand that piping old canals helps to reduce the water loss and preserves water, which is a precious resource in dry environments. However, the amount of water saved through the piping of this canal, does not offset the impacts to all of the natural areas that have developed since this canal was created. There are many other ways of water conservation that do not require removing the central fetcher of our parks and neighborhoods. Another reason given for the piping of the canal is for flood control. This is an issue that has been brought about through poor planning in the past and allowing development in the floodplain and channelizing streams. I believe that using additional poor development and engineering to try to solve the problem is the wrong approach. To offset stream flooding we need to promote healthy streams with connected floodplains that can naturally store water during wet periods and release water during dry periods. We should also look to remove infrastructure from the floodplain so that there is not a critical need to try and "control" streams. By piping the canal, it might have a larger baseline ability to move water, but once it reaches capacity it will not be able to release more water than what can fit through the pipe. In contrast, an open canal will transport water less efficiently but also during high water events allow water to escape it's channel and seep into the ground. This reduces the downstream water level and helps to recharge the aquifer which can be used during dry periods. I realize that if your home is next to the canal that water might seep into the groundwater of your basement, but that is all the more reason to have parks and other common areas along our waterways so that flooding isn't such a problem. As a resident of Cache Valley, I believe that this project is extremely controversial and could have significant impacts to the quality of the human environment. This historical canal has been used publicly for years in parks throughout Logan and significantly increases the natural environment through a developing urban area. These natural areas are continually under attack from development and waterways and the riparian areas they support are the most important and diverse natural areas on the landscape. They therefore need the most protection and should be preserved wherever possible.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Nathan Hult)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Commissioners: We have lived in Logan for nearly 40 years, the first part of that time in the Island area. Our kids, in middle school when we first moved here, loved the Logan River flowing through Merlin Olsen Park. It is the most significant aesthetic feature of the park which we have greatly enjoyed over the years. It would be very poor judgment to place that river/canal into a pipe until it has made its way through Logan and comes out the far side of Willow Park. There may be arguments for keeping it free flowing beyond, but keep it open and free flowing at least until that point. Sincerely, Nathan and Christine Hult

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**RE:** Project Purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** Project Purpose (oc:Nathan Perry)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing today in strong opposition to the current plan to divert and alter waterflows from the Logan River. I do not see conservation or restoration being words the current plan should use. This would have a severe negative impact on the character and nature of our community. Wildlife and people. To 'dovetail' recreation on the plan, is disingenuous at best. The birds and wildlife are barely hanging on as it is and this would be the final death nail. The waterways are a critical social meeting place where everyone in the community gathers to enjoy. The proposed alternatives are comical "wakeboard lake". I gathered and mailed ten comment cards yesterday, if I had a hundred comment cards I could have easily gotten them filled out by locals and affected stakeholders in the community. There are local experts and ways to improve, please take nature, urban character into consideration more than lip service. This is not the right plan, not the right direction and generations to come will never know the difference. Do not do this. Preservation and restoration of the valley is the right path, pipelines and fences are not.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Nick Eastmond)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

During recent years, while we have lived in the area, we have seen two canals diverted and witnessed the consequences of these actions. The upper canal that runs through the golf course and past Lundstrom Park is one such canal (called the Logan, Hyde Park, and Smithfield canal, constructed in 1881, according to Joel Ricks, History of a Valley, 1956, p. 447). The other was the canal that ran behind our house and was diverted after the landslide in 2010 that killed three

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people (labeled the Logan Northern canal, with construction that began in 1864, (formerly Logan and Richmond canal), again according to Joel Ricks, shown on the map Major Irrigation Canals Constructed in Cache Valley, 1856-1956). Both have been effectively closed off through the Logan City area to activity such as tubing. In the case of the latter canal, many trees that formerly received their water through roots have died. My understanding of this issue is based in part on the Herald Journal editorial last weekend. I also received a flyer that was delivered at my door this morning. Today is the final day for comment, and that's a bit bothersome to me, as we received so little warning. Unless the proponents of the canal diversion and capping can come up with some impressive arguments, I am totally against the project for the following reasons:

- If implemented, the project would shut down the last place for tubing for young people in the Island area, other than the Logan River, which is really not suitable.
- The trees that line the canal would likely die in large numbers, from lack of water to their roots.
- The houses that line the canal would lose a beautiful feature in their backyards, and places like Johannsen Park and the Pioneer Park, next to Merlin Olsen Central Park would be diminished.
- The proposal treats evaporation of water from the canal as a disadvantage; I see it as one of the ways of cooling the Island Area. Without that cooling, our neighborhood will be hotter and less temperate during summer months.
- As pointed out in the Herald Journal article, the proposal intends to draw water from the Logan River in unspecified amounts. The river has been diminished in recent years and doesn't need to have still less volume.

• I suspect that the number of people who would benefit from the proposed waterway will be considerably fewer than the number who benefit from the recreational and climatic advantages we currently have. The agricultural users of the water, who were the original beneficiaries of the canal, have continued to use this water over more than a century and would still be able to do so. Thanks for hearing me out. During the COVID-19 pandemic there seems to be less communication in our neighborhoods, and the rapid response required to have opinions heard seems to be a way of stifling the expression of opinion. I would encourage more opportunity for local residents to voice their concerns, probably by extending the deadline for receiving input and holding additional public meetings.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Nicolee Olsen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to let you know that I cried when I learned that you might fill in the canal. Please please do not fill in the canal that runs through Merlin Olsen Park my kids floated the canal almost everyday this last summer. It was an activity I could take them to do that was free and fun for my younger and older kids. I used to play in the canal as a young child and have the best memories playing here and I want my kids to have the same memories. My kids will be devastated if they can not float the canal this summer and summers to come. We love Logan and this is hands down our favorite thing to do. We pack lunches and spend hours floating the canal. I cant beg you enough to take into consideration how much Logan families love the canal. Please do not take these memories away from our children!

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Oliver Hashimoto)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I strongly oppose any meddling with the Logan River or the Little Logan River. I believe a large majority of Cache Valley Citizens would agree with me. This is our valley, our river, and our neighborhoods. Please leave the river alone. I would like to know who is paying for this plan? My guess is there are nefarious real estate deals going on. I grew up playing in the water at Merlin Olsen and Lars Hansen Parks - I hope kids in the future will be able to enjoy the same! Oliver Hashimoto 1165 Fox Farm Rd. Logan, UT 84321

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**RE:** property impacts; wildlife and **COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; wildlife and habitat; project purpose

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am writing to express my deep concern and consternation with the proposed Logan River Watershed Plan. I purchased a riverfront building lot on Sumac Drive in 2015. My husband and I then designed and built our home with the river in mind throughout the process. We had to meet strict guidelines and submit detailed proposals on how we were going to protect the riverbank, the flora, fauna, aquatic life etc., to receive approval from The Army Corp of Engineers to build our home. In all of this, our plans did not involve compromising the river in any way. Yet, we risked being shut down before we even started meeting the demands set forth by them. This was just for putting up a structure several feet away from the edge of the riverbank. Maybe you can understand our dismay when we learned of a project to pipe all the canal water beginning at First Dam, thereby causing all sorts of negative environmental impact downstream. Also, the effect on homeowners whose property borders the river and canals. Of grave concern is how this project will negatively impact property values along the river corridor and secondary waterways, robbing homeowners and the community of the enjoyment they receive from these open waterways.

1) Are you required to receive approval for this project from The Army Corp of Engineers and, if so, please explain how you intend to get this project approved? When I google what The Army Corp of Engineers purpose is, this is the statement that came up: "The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is responsible for protecting many of the nation's aquatic environments including oceans, rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, and wetlands. These areas are referred to by the Corps as waters of the United States." In the online meeting held on March 4th, I posed several questions met with, "That's a really good question." followed by "We don't know that yet." In reading over the project's goals, one stated goal is to, "maintain and enhance environmental conditions". During the online meeting, it was alluded to that the flow of the river will be significantly diminished if they are successful in piping the water at First Dam and diverting the canal companies shares at that point rather than at varying points downstream. How could this possibly "enhance" let alone "maintain" the current environmental conditions? By diverting the CFS amounts discussed during the online meeting, the river would likely be reduced to barely a trickle or even run dry. This project would seem to have a devastating effect on the entire river's ecosystem.

2) Please explain in detail how the proposed watershed project will "enhance and maintain" environmental conditions. According to the Utah Bureau of Land Management website, there are 42 threatened/endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) which, includes 17 animals and 25 plant species and 166 sensitive species included on the BLM State Directors sensitive species list. Included on this list are 58 animal (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, insects, mammals) and 108 plant sensitive species. These species are not federally protected under the ESA but warrant special attention and management to keep them from becoming listed in the future. In some cases, the public lands offer the best hope for recovery of species threatened by encroaching urban or agricultural development. The endangered species list includes Bonneville cutthroat trout and specifically identifies for Cache County the following species. Western (boreal) toad, the Utah Bobolink, the Bald eagle, Burrowing and Short-eared owls, Ferruginous hawk, Columbian Sharp-tailed, and Greater sage-grouse, California floater, Townsend's big-eared bat, Western red bat.

3) What potential effects will this plan have on each of these species? Another stated purpose of the project is to "Provide recreational opportunities." I am having a hard time imagining what kind of recreational opportunities might be provided with the before-mentioned reduction in flow. Currently, from our backyard during the summer months, we observe nearly daily people walking upstream fly fishing, people kayaking, kids wading or tubing, even paddle boarders. The public also enjoys the secondary canals in the same way. Besides, the aesthetic benefits which the river and canals provide are priceless. We must protect this at all costs.

4) If this project is carried out, which recreational opportunities will still be available for residents to enjoy during the summer months? Do you have any new recreational opportunities in mind that involve water and the river? Logan City has already spent millions of dollars in restoring the river and addressing flood mitigation. I am not aware of any major flooding since these improvements were implemented.

5) Please explain in detail any major flooding incidents which have occurred after the inception of all these improvements. Please provide the rationalization for potential waste of tax-payer dollars already spent if we are now going to cancel out those improvements by covering up the canals and reducing the river's flow. How, after the improvements already implemented is flooding still an issue? Low flow and warmer water temperatures increase the

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growth of pathogens that cause harmful algae blooms. These blooms are known to produce cyano-bacteria along with liver and neurotoxins. Wildlife, pets, and humans could be at grave risk. 6) Please address justification for the detrimental effects this would have on the Logan river's water quality during low flow months and how that affects aquatic life, animals, and humans. Certain housing developments, approved by the city and implemented, later experienced extreme and repeated flooding requiring expensive mitigation paid with tax-payer monies to remedy. An example of this is the Country Manor subdivision on the south end of town. It would be irresponsible and immoral for the city to approve any further housing developments located on or next to these vulnerable locations along the river corridor. Planning to mitigate flooding issues in these areas before future development or after the fact, at the expense of everyone else, devaluing established homes' property values in the process, is entirely unacceptable and unjustifiable. We suggest that you look at putting the diversion as far downstream as possible. Preferably, start with your first diversion at Cutler Dam and work upstream to compare both the environmental and recreational impacts as you go. 7) Please explain the apparent disregard of the proposed project for established homes located along the canals and river and justify devaluing our quality of life and diminished property values when there are other options available. Thank you for the opportunity you have provided for citizens to voice their questions and concerns. We hope to have all concerns from everyone affected mindfully considered and addressed throughout this process.

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**RE:** project purpose      **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Pamela Riley)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We beg of you, please reconsider piping the beautiful stream that runs through Merlin Olsen Park. This is one of the prettiest spots in our city. My husband and I have been drawn to the park largely because of it. Whenever we have out of town guests we take them to the park to share how attractive Logan city is. It both shocks me and breaks my heart you would even think to suggest this. Please reject this idea.

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**RE:** agricultural water      **COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; water flow (oc:Pat Bohm Trostle)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am concerned about plans to reduce the free-flowing waters of the Little Logan and Logan rivers by enclosing and pressurizing them. The free flow of the Little Logan River through Merlin Olsen Park in the center of Logan is one of the gems of the city. Generations of children, including my own, have spent summer afternoons wading there, cooling off and exploring for insects. The recreational and aesthetic value of this small portion of river can hardly be overstated as the city of Logan grows. Flood danger is nearly non-existent in this portion of the river, and that is also true for all the sections of Logan River until it widens and slows far to the west of Logan. While living next to the Logan River for many years, I looked into the flood history. The riverbank is high enough throughout Logan to contain floodwaters higher than a hundred-year flood. In the arid Intermountain West, especially in Utah, the second most arid state in the nation, free-flowing water has an even higher value. Piping the river guarantees the death of riparian vegetation, and with it the shade and cooling the trees and shrubs provide. In addition, the many riverside trails designed, built and maintained by Logan city will lose much of their value for recreation, for an experience of nature within the city, and for cooling down our urban heat in the summer. To maintain long-term value for Logan residents and the surrounding areas, water planners should make sure that as much water as possible continues to flow through the Little Logan and Logan river channels. Free-flowing water in these channels will maintain the aesthetic, recreational, and property values that are desired by residents of Logan and the larger Cache Valley area.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Paul Rogers)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am strongly opposed to water diversions of the Logan River within the city limits. In particular, running water, such as the Little Logan River, within parks have a long history of aesthetic and recreational values to our citizens. Further, I am very concerned that the unspecified, or poorly specified uses of proposed piped river waters will expand sprawl on the outskirts of Logan to the west and north in surrounding municipalities. This is a bad idea befitting a few and not the

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Peter and Kristen Boretsky)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We have some concerns regarding the proposed watershed plan for the Logan River. We understand that two of the seven goals of the project are to maintain and enhance environmental conditions, and to provide recreational activities. Our concern is that the project may, in fact, degrade environmental conditions as well as recreational activities. Many families, including those with limited incomes, currently use our city parks to recreate with their children, especially in the summer months. The rivers and canals are the centerpieces of the parks, welcoming respites from the heat. Reducing or stopping the flow of water through city parks will create stagnant pools—perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes and the West Nile virus. We fear that the streams in city parks will be replaced with unsightly and malodorous trenches, as can be seen in the “urban watersheds” of California, or locally at Lundstrom Park. Our public spaces, including our parks, are the face of our city, not just to residents, but to tourists. And, a welcoming face is vital to continuing the economic resources that tourists provide. (In 2019, for example, Cache County’s leisure and hospitality sales generated \$192 million in taxable revenue.) Limiting the water that flows through our parks will change the face and character of the City. And, not for the better. While we appreciate the multitude of stakeholders involved in this project, we hope that the Langdon Group will consider modifications to the Plan that will maintain steady and sufficient water flows to our parks.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Peter)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I own a house adjacent to the Logan River on Island Drive. I’m writing to ask that you consider keeping as much stream

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flow in the river as possible in designing the Crockett PI project. The river provides critical ecosystem services and is an important visual and recreational amenity in our neighborhood, and any changes to stream flow should be mitigated if at all possible. One of the main reasons my family chose our house was it's proximity to the river as an amenity. We love spending time in our backyard and listening to the sounds of the river and the birds and other wildlife that live there. I am especially worried about the possibility of this project dewatering the river during summer low flows and the associated negative impacts on the local ecosystem and the river's value as an amenity that it would cause. I urge you to collaborate with the many skilled experts on the Logan River Task Force to mitigate potential negative impacts to the river and the watershed. In addition, I am concerned about the proposed route for the new 72" main pressurized water line from first dam along canyon road. This line would carry a large volume of water just feet from my home, and any accidental discharge (for example, due to an earthquake) would likely cause major flooding and earth movement to nearby homes. I urge you to consider and mitigate these risks in the design of the project.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Preston Parker)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am sharing my thoughts here on the proposed pressurized piping of the Little Logan River. Being a life-long admirer of the beauty of Cache Valley, and a current 20-year resident of Logan, as well as having grown up in a farming family who relied on flood irrigation for our crops, I appreciate the various sides of this discussion. I recall well 10 or so years ago, when the canals largely running through the City were piped, and how the public was not happy with losing the open waters then. The main fall back in those discussions was that at least the Little Logan River is still available, and runs through public parks. We can still appreciate and use those open waters. Why, there are countless family and friend memories which include the waters which pass through Merlin Olsen Park alone. It would be a great loss to run these waters through piping. Our City needs to retain the beauty these waters provide (who doesn't love 100-year-old large Willow Trees, for example?). These open waters are part of what makes our community special. I do not believe the water evaporation argument is sufficient enough of a pro to overrule the con of losing the waters. Feel free to reach out

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; lack of understanding (oc:Quaid

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

My name is Quaid Peterson I live at 346 West 200 North Logan, Utah 84321. As a resident of Logan for the last twenty years I am strongly opposed to the plan to pressurize the Logan River into pipes. This opposition comes mostly from confusion from a lack of information about the impacts this will have, who will be gaining financially from this, and it's overall necessity. I don't think this plan clearly shows how it will impact recreational opportunities from the Logan River. That is a big concern for me. I enjoy the river at Merlin Olson and Willow Park on a regular basis and I haven't seen anything to convince me that these will not be impacted by this plan. Along with what impacts this will have on wildlife. It is stated in their FAQ that they do not have an answer for how it will impact the flow of the Logan River. If they don't have that information I don't believe they should be given the green light to move forward until they can provide those answers. I don't want to risk a dry river bed in the middle of one of my favorite parks. I believe the recreational value is extremely high and shouldn't be sacrificed. Who is going to oversee the use of excess water? This is another question that needs answered before moving forward. It was said in the meeting on January 28th that "At this point in time, there are some ideas out there about potential people who might oversee a secondary system that would go to residential users, but those details are still in flux and part of discussion." Who are these potential people? Why not provide a shortlist of

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names for us to go over and see who will be determining use. This leads me to wonder who is really gaining from this and I don't think it is the people of Cache Valley rather outside interest that can financially benefit from taking our water. There is simply not enough information in this area to allow this project to move forward. Finally does this even need to happen? It is not clear on how much water will be used for agriculture and residential use. How much of flood mitigation has already been addressed through the restoration projects Logan has already invested in? Weren't these projects supposed to help mitigate the flood problem? If so, why do we need this one as well? I did agree with the point this project made about the issues with our canal structures. However if piping the canals will improve water efficiency why do we need to pipe the Logan River as well? The more I looked into this the more I found myself asking why do we need this? I think there are too many unanswered questions, concerns, and hazy descriptions of what this project is to allow it to move forward. If this really needs to happen they should be able to answer my questions and the questions of other concerned residents. I am sure this will benefit somebody. I am just not convinced it is the residents of Logan and Cache Valley that will be benefiting. Please do not allow this project to happen. Thank you for your time. -Q. Peterson

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**RE:** project purpose; alternatives **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Representative Casey Snider)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Thank you for taking the time to gauge public opinion on an important project for our community. I recognize the challenge that you face in balancing the multitude of needs on a finite resource. Representative Casey Snider Utah House District 5 I have received many phone calls and comments on this project. After weighing them, I would like to share what I believe to be a common thread among those who have contacted me. While I appreciate the difficult challenge and support many of the project's aspirations, I am concerned about the portions that would strip the public of what has been for generations a community treasure. While I recognize it is a secondary value, reduced in priority from the need to convey water, piping the open canals in our community, especially in the public parks and fairgrounds where they are enjoyed all summer long would be a significant loss to Cache County. Those other opportunities that are seeking to be strengthened through pressurized systems, are not worth the cost of a significant community gem. I am therefore opposed to those components of the plan, which would include alternatives 2 and 3. I also recognize alternative 1, the do nothing alternative, is also inadequate. Perhaps there is a fourth option that would preserve those main components as open, but also facilitate the other needs for irrigation, instream flow, or flood control.

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Robert Cheal)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

One of the great appeals of Logan as a city is some of the natural features that are in and around it. It almost seems disingenuous in the way these public input announcements show up. The public awareness always seems to be limited. And this project refers to flood safety as one of the primary issues when in reality it's seems like it's about controlling as much water as possible without people realizing what is about to happen to these waterways that travel through our neighborhoods and parks. We have a long history of wildlife also using the city as home and depend on this water and the trees that exist because it. Most people actually really appreciate and enjoy this It's one of the things that attracts them to these neighborhoods in Logan. It's not hard to imagine the future needs for water as our valley grows. But it would also be irresponsible to not address the long-standing water usage habits and to start vigorously promoting a more sustainable consumption of this precious resource. This should especially be true when considering the impacts of the Logan River. This waterway is intrinsically the heart and soul of our city and it would be a grave disservice to rob our

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neighborhoods and wildlife of this natural beauty and need. Does the need have to be so great that we have to pipe it out of town just so we can extend the years of the same continued wasteful water practices? Now is the time to incentivize better water habits and to maintain and continue those features and resources that contribute to the well being of our community. It's not hard to imagine that properly incorporated water usage could leave a surplus for other uses. Preserving the natural areas and beauty that still exists within a city like Logan should be an absolute priority. A dry river bed is not the only answer And some parties act like they should own and control every drop of water when they should not. It would be a shame to not try comprehensive conservation measures before deciding on a course that will ultimately kill off the habitat that sustains an environment which is crucial to the wildlife and people living within our city. Robert Cheal

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**RE:** project purpose; plan process **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; plan process (oc:Ronald Jonkers)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Re: Solicitation of Comments Re Watershed Plan To whom it may concern: This letter is to register strong objection to any proposal to divert water from the Logan River at First Dam and related "proposals" such as converting the river bed to some sort of public pathway. I am an owner of a house with Logan River frontage, so am especially concerned with the First Dam diversion proposal, but I am also concerned to the extent that diversion at First Dam will adversely impact the flow in this parks. The Logan River is a unique feature of Logan and for the Island residents that should be husbanded, not squandered. There is an alternate location for water diversion. The reason for even considering First Dam, avoiding the cost of pressurization, is not compelling. The First Dam proposal will adversely impact property values for river frontage properties. It will impact the micro-climate of the Island and certainly the micro-climates of the river frontage properties, to say nothing of the aesthetic loss. The other environmental impacts are yet to be fully understood, but whatever they, they will not be positive. The proposal to add a bike or hiking trail in the drained river bed promises other adverse impacts and, given that the project would not control the spring flooding, is likely also impractical. The problems with that idea include security issues, a loss of privacy, wholesale loss of existing vegetation, increase in dust and certain types of insects and reptiles, etc. The question is not just a problem of pressurization, which is a cost and benefit analysis that the two Zoom presentations thus far have not explored, but is also a question of the equitable allocation of burdens and costs. Diversion at First Dam may be an engineer's solution favored by Crockett and evidently also by the city's planners, but that should not be the controlling perspective. The second Zoom session highlights the problems with the process and the organizers. A very significant event is being pushed in a Covid climate (without explanation for the rush), with very little public awareness (on purpose?) and through a medium that disables interested parties and insulates project proponents from facing an audience demanding answers to difficult questions. The comment period is limited and the available information difficult to find. The audience raised concerns, all of them important, and all of which I have as well. The panel of proponents had nothing meaningful to say about any of them, and the panel never talked about the alternative diversion further to the west. The audience was required to text their questions, which allowed no follow-up. It was a press conference, not public engagement. The Langdon Group is an affiliate controlled by JEB Engineering and hardly an independent player. Langdon specializes in public relations to facilitate parent company projects (the significance of that was hardly clarified in the Zoom sessions or any materials associated with the events). There has been no disclosure of any possible conflicts of interest or the procurement process itself. Finally, there are interests promoting and benefitting from the First Dam proposal and persons and public interests that might be hurt, depending on the final choice. The organizing promoters have not made clear who is making that final decision, the weighting of factors, or how the review process will influence those decision-makers. If there is truly "no preferred alternative" as said in the last Zoom meeting, then who is exercising that preference? If the Logan River Task Force has an alternative diversion plan, why is that not already the preferred alternative? The bottomline is that the public interface lacks legitimacy or a sense that the public impact will in fact be taken into account by this engineering and public relations team. The process thus far looks to be the application of basic tools of delay and deception and information arbitrage to secure a predetermined goal. The process is daring the public to mobilize. I think the role of the NCRS needs to be more clear. The NCRS representative has made clear that NCRS wants to support the project and wants to make sure that boxes are ticked so that it happens. NCRS is parked in the US Department of Agriculture, not the EPA or other federal organization with a protection mandate. NCRS does not care about the Island or frontage owners. Its constituencies (agriculture), goals (sustainable agriculture) and internal rewards systems (funded projects) are not necessarily aligned with the residents of the Island or

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Logan. To his credit, the NCRS representative did say, in probably the clearest statement on the Zoom session, that public controversy is required even to trigger a NCRS request for a full EIR as opposed to the lower level assessment now underway. All interests, including rights holders, can be met by a diversion below the Island and the preservation of flow past the Island.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Roy Speth)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please leave the river that flows through Central Park alone. Childhood memories are precious to me. Grew up at 379 East Center and spent almost every day there. It was safe for us and we loved it. Do not change it!!!!

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**RE:** alternatives; agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** alternatives; agricultural water management (oc:Sam Goble)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I appreciate that the owner if the canal system can pressurize it if they wish. I also recognize the advantages of doing so and do not wish to deny that to the companies and their shareholders. But those advocating to keep the open water channels have a point regarding what it means to be a community and preserving quality of life within it. Please consider allocating/preserving a reasonable amount of surface water (10ccs?) along these channels for public enjoyment and aesthetics. Perhaps you can reabsorb it back into your system down the line. If our community us going to grow into something better, it will be necessary that everyone managing our resources balance progress with quality of life. Best wishes on your project.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Sandy Emile)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am concerned over the idea of piping the Logan River and hope that the letter written to the Langdon Group has been reviewed and the options and opportunities it made note of are being considered over the concept of burying the waterway.

Logan City and our entire valley is a beautiful area to live and recreate and grow a business. I spent many hours on community design comities and working to recruit and grow businesses in our area as a past president of the Cache Chamber of Commerce. Our natural resources and our water were as important to our quality of life to attract and retain businesses and indeed our young people, as was the importance of fiber. Years ago our community brought in a team of professionals from all around North America to give us suggestions on how to make use of our precious water and benefit

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the farm community as well as to maintain our lifestyle enhancements that the water offers. It was call the Sustainable Design Assessment Team recommendations that were made just for Logan and Cache Valley. While they were here they pointed out the benefits such a waterway has made in so many cities in both urban and rural communities and that while there were many challenges and sometimes additional costs to managing the problems, the benefits to the community outweighed the difficulties. The choice I would encourage is to take these challenges and turn them into opportunities to benefit all our community, both urban and rural for generations to come. It may not be the easiest path but surely the most rewarding.

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**RE:** lack of understanding; project **COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:Sarah Salzberg)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I do not believe that JUB Engineering's proposed Crockett project should be approved at this time. Critical questions about the proposed diversion and its benefit to the public have not been answered. Among these are: 1. How much water would be diverted from the Logan River at the Crockett diversion? What will be the impact on the flow? 2. Who determines how excess water from the project would be used? 3. The project proposes to address flood control. In light of the recently completed projects that addressed flood control (such as at the Stewart Nature Park and at the intersection of Logan Main Street and 100 E), why is this project necessary? 4. If piping the canals saves water, why is it necessary to divert the river? 5. What will be the impact on current outdoor recreational uses? Please include my comments in the record for the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

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**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Scott and Janet Voldness)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

We as a collection of long-time neighbors have lived along the North Logan Hyde Park Smithfield canal for approximately 20 to 30 years. Over so many years in our lovely neighborhood, we have had the opportunity to build a healthy rapport with the Cache Highline Water Association that operates and maintains the NLHPS canal behind our homes. I personally have interacted with the watermaster as well as some various board members; good people with the canal company have stood in our backyards and patiently addressed our questions and concerns over the years. When the last canal piping project was performed -- along the Logan Country Club, past Lundstrom Park, to a diversion at 1500 N -- we were assured that the canal company was invested in preserving the section of the canal beyond 1500 N. Indeed, representatives of the NLHPS Canal Company stood in my backyard, including the president of the canal company at the time, and fostered an esprit de corps about the importance of preserving a portion of the 100+-year-old canal for posterity. We felt blessed to see that commitment to the canal behind our homes. Accordingly, we all have taken seriously the responsibility of stewardship to maintain and protect the canal and all that it has to offer. As such, one can only imagine our disappointment to see yet another assault on the canals in the name of (insert here). Flood control seems to be the order of the day this time. Okay, most folks generally get this in principle. Maybe it is an issue downstream of the Island now that we've allowed homes to be built on flood plains. It hasn't always been, healthy rivers flood, but that's another story. But, be assured, there is no flooding issue along the upper canal and piping the canal to 1800 North as described in the public Zoom meeting (see HJnews article, where most of us first learned about this) will do nothing. Evaporation? Between 1500 and 1800 N? A three-block stretch? Maybe a little, but, please, someone come to measure it and make a real economic case given how expensive the work will be! Trees "stealing" water? Hmm, is it really stealing? Does anyone who says "the canal was here first" (and thus we can do what we want) consider that we also allowed -- and as a

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community enjoyed -- a mature riparian zone to grow and flourish complete with full-sized trees and generations of wildlife that consistently depend on it? Trees that protect backyards. Ducks that migrate back to this canal every year. Come to our homes and visit the 20+ ducks and their ducklings that roam our yards every year. They will be here soon and we are sure they would like a vote on this matter. The sadness in all of this is that it's hard to accept the word of anyone involved with city and county planning these days. Logan City promised to build a cemetery in the old Deer Pen property. That didn't happen. Come on up and look at the plastic houses there now instead. And now a power station is surely going in, I hear. Well, anyway, the bottom line: The canal company said in good faith that they wanted to preserve the historical significance of the canal in our neighborhood. And it was reasonable. After all, how could piping another mere three blocks be justified financially? Fast forward a couple years to today and here we are again: three blocks of piping at the expense of Cache Valley history that is cared for by members of a mature neighborhood invested in this town. One final note: As a trained watershed scientist with years of geomorphology fieldwork and water chemistry lab experience, I blanch to hear of a project without real data to justify it. I watched the video discussion made available to the public and I was bewildered to see that no one could specifically describe in any meaningful way how the project will affect the flow of the Logan River. The particular stakeholder in the project (from the engineering company) acknowledged the river's flow would be affected but couldn't quantify it at all. Who does resource management like this? It sounds like a classic case of "let's get the federal \$\$ first and figure it out later." Well, while that's getting figured out, I'll ponder ways I can help the ducks and the trees and the Cache Valley history that are about to be lost. And, for the record, maybe I'm just not connected enough, but I would hope to get some kind of notification as a resident along the canal to impending projects like this. No one on my block knew anything about this. The Lundstrom neighborhood on whole strives to be an anchor to the community and we as a collection of neighbors believe the canal is a significant component of the neighborhood. As such, we as a collection of neighbors along 1770 East oppose the proposal to pipe the NLHPS canal.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Scott Bushman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please accept this letter for public comment regarding the proposal to pipe the little Logan River. (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) TEXT OF ATTACHMENT: Dear Sir, I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposal to pressurize the existing Little Logan River through the Island Area of Logan. As a long-time resident of the area I believe the aesthetics of an open water way through exciting parkways and walkways adds a tremendous value to local neighborhoods. I lived on first south just east of Merlin Olson Park from 1978 to 1983. The Little Logan ran through my back yard. These were peak years for snow levels and flooding through Cache Valley. Though the Logan river ran at record highs 1982 /1983 the little Logan stayed in its channel. I feel the argument of "public safety and flood prevention" to be both contrived and convenient and does not reflect the historical past.

Finally, I feel that City and County planners have done a very poor job of maintaining our historical water assets. The decision to place open waterways into underground culverts and pipelines has greatly diminished the historical charm of our communities, negatively impacted shoreline vegetation and wildlife and taken away a common and shared resource that has been valued since settlement. I urge you to reconsider.

Respectably,  
Scott Bushman

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Scott Jardine)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have 6 small children, all boys. One of their favorite things to do each year is to head to one of Logan's parks and run, play, and splash in the water. They love to float little toys and roll up their pants. My family moved to Cache Valley as emigrants from Scotland in 1859, some of the first settlers to move here. We have a tradition of gathering together at these beautiful parks and at the epicenter is the beautiful sound of water and kids playing in it. We plead with you - please do not pressurize these waterways in these parks - please look for alternative solutions. Thousands of people spend time enjoying these places. Sincerely, Scott S. Jardine

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Shantel Stokes)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

We always look forward to visiting the parks where this river runs and we visit these parks mainly because we love the river so much. I have memories of playing in the water when I was young and now enjoying taking my 4 daughters there to play. I deeply value this river and all the parks it runs through. I truly believe it would be a mistake to pipe this river and I know the community would be very sad to lose it. It keeps our community beautiful and gives us joy. Please please do not pipe it.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Sharla Hart)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

As a life long residence of Logan I am opposed to permanently altering the Little Logan River and Logan River. These rivers are fundamental to our parks, trails, lifestyle, and quality of life in the valley. Businesses have already been built on the river in the last few years that blight the river and our city in general. Logan has a unique character and growth could be modeled on other successful small western towns, like Boulder. However, decisions concerning Logan's growth have made Logan look more like Orem than Boulder.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Shelly Wilson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing in response to the plan to pressurize the irrigation system for the Little Logan River. I have seen the result for pressurized irrigation throughout the City of Logan. As residents of the Island area of Logan City, this plan is unacceptable. It is also unacceptable that this plan has not been better publicized in our community. We received notice just yesterday of the plans for the surface water in our community, and today's deadline for response. A big part of the aesthetics of living in Logan are the surface waters. Many of us don't use them for irrigation, but they provide a great deal of recreation for the people who live here and those who come to visit. I have used the open water at Merlin Olsen Park

for my children, as the water is shallow and safe for them to enjoy. I also have used the waters there and elsewhere in Logan to teach Girl Scout and Boy Scouts life skills. The elementary school nearby has used the open water through the park for instruction of class field trips. I worked at another elementary school across town and we used the open canals to instruct kindergarten about birds, insects, tree life. What a delight it has been for all of us to enjoy wild ducklings. Pressurizing the canal downstream, ultimately will lead to removal of the canal that runs behind our home. The open water is important to wild birds, water fowl, deer and other animals that depend on it. Our children, even as adults as well as others have enjoyed floating and other recreation in the chilly water on hot summer days. Many native trees line the canals and provide shade and shelter to trails throughout the community. We recognize that neighboring communities downstream depend on the water for similar uses and irrigation. The water available to our community and to the west is important to all of us. I'm sure there is a solution that will reflect the needs of those who care about the water without leaving the dry bones of empty canal beds where the water begins to serve those who want it downstream.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Sierra Nelson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing this morning to let you know that I believe the complete pressurized irrigation system for the Little Logan River is completely unacceptable. One of the best things about living in Cache Valley is the open irrigation systems that run around town. College students utilize the Little Logan River for free dates, children conduct safe summertime water play in the river, and adults with dogs play and cool off in the water. Open water sources like this are quintessential Americana and it would be destructive to our cultural construct to lose the Little Logan River. I am a transplant to Cache Valley Circa 2003 and one of the things I find to be most appealing about the valley is the open waterway system. I love the reason the Island is named the Island. I love the beauty and the benefits to both civilization and wildlife that an open waterway system provides. When my husband and I were courting while we were students at Utah State University we would often engage in free date activities. Hiking, ice blocking, tubing down the canal through the golf course (which is now ruined because it is covered), and we would whittle little canoes out of sticks, or carve zucchini boats, and race them down the Little Logan River. We would spend time at Merlin Olsen park on a blanket by the stream reading to each other and having picnics enjoying the pleasant gurgle, scenery, and humidity that the Little Logan River offered. Now that we are married with kids we visit Merlin Olsen park at least twice a week in the summer with our young daughters to let them play in the warm shallow waters of the Little Logan River. They get to attempt to catch penny bugs, throw rocks in, race

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little stick boats, wade, laugh and splash-- ALL for free from the safety that the Little Logan River provides that the Bear River or the Logan River cannot. While the kids play the adults dip our feet in to cool off and lazily read to each other on a blanket near the shore as we have a picnic. If the canal is covered Merlin Olsen park would lose most of its charm and appeal and just be another park. Further, our family is dog lovers and frisbee golf lovers and we often spend time at the fair grounds and Willow Park with our children and dogs in tow. The dogs and the kids play in the water while we throw frisbees around. We would be very sad to lose the shallow warm slow moving waters of the Little Logan River. Please do not destroy our cultural construct. Please leave as much water as possible in the river as far downstream as possible allowing for the preservation of free flowing waterways through our town. Our quality of life and our unique river heritage depend on having access to free flowing waterways. If you have any questions or need any further details (or photos) please don't hesitate to contact me.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Simmonds)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Simon Hashimoto)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hello, I strongly oppose any meddling with the Logan River or the Little Logan River. I believe a large majority of Cache Valley Citizens would agree with me. This is our valley, our river, and our neighborhoods. Please leave the river alone. I would like to know who is paying for this plan? My guess is there are nefarious real estate deals going on. I grew up playing in the water at Merlin Olsen and Lars Hansen Parks - I hope kids in the future will be able to enjoy the same!  
Simon Hashimoto 1165 Fox Farm Rd. Logan, UT 84321

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**RE:** project purpose; plan process

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; plan process (oc:Solomon Anderson)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Good afternoon, I appreciate the opportunity to express my concern about the proposed piping project that would do away with the Little Logan River that flows through Merlin Olsen park. I'm no expert about water pressurization or flood plains. But I have been a Logan resident for over a decade and have enjoyed raising my young family here, and I know what's important to the people who live here. We've lived near Merlin Olsen park for years and have spent many happy days near the river, watching our son play in the water (photo attached). Merlin Olsen Park is the best park in Logan, largely because of that river. It's part of the fabric of our city and something that is difficult to find anywhere else in northern Utah. For the neighborhoods surrounding the park, it's a treasured part of our everyday lives in the summertime. If that section of the river was piped and covered, Logan would lose something that couldn't be replaced. I'm grateful to have heard about this proposal by chance two days ago, just in time to have my voice heard. Many local families are completely unaware of what's being planned, and it's difficult to overstate the disappointment, sadness, and even anger that would accompany the initiation of a project like this. The City of Logan has expressed its desire to make the downtown residential areas more appealing to young families, and this would unfortunately have the complete opposite effect. I plead with you to not destroy this part of our neighborhood and lives. Should the objectives of this proposed project be important enough to warrant further action, I earnestly hope that it will involve a much more transparent and public discussion, something of which everyone in the city is aware and adequately informed. Thank you for your time. If you'd like to discuss things further, please feel free to reply to this email or reach out to me at 435-760-0453.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Steffanie Everton)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern; I have lived in Cache Valley for most of my life and I grew up playing in the canal that flows through Merlin Olsen park. I loved going there in my youth and I still take my kids there in the summer to play. It will be very sad if the water at this park and many other parks around Logan city disappear. The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable! Thank you for taking the time to read this email. Sincerely,

**NAME:** [Stephanie Ramsey](#)

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Stephanie Ramsey)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am appalled to hear of the plans to take away a little treasure that Cache Valley has. The little canal that runs through town is something you can't find many places, if at all. I have lived several place in my life as I grew up in Oregon. Having a place like this growing up would have been amazing to keep the kids busy. But we didn't. When I moved to Logan n 2004, I was taken back by the beauty this little river brings to Logan. Not only that, but I can't even think of a time when I have gone to any of the parks that it flows through and there hasn't been kids playing in it(with the exception of winter months) it's always busy during the summer when it flows. Taking away a treasure like this is so wrong. This little canal isn't hurting anyone at all. All I see this is greed on the company that wants to pipe it and a waste of tax payer money to pipe it. I can think of far more things the city could do with the money to help beautify this great city even more. Please think of the children that use this. Please think of the parents that use this as a fun and cheap way to get the kids active. Please think of what this will do to beautiful city we live in. Please reconsider this pipeline and dont put money into a company that doesn't care about our city and just putting money into their pockets. I have attached pictures of my family, children ages 18 months to 16 years old enjoying the canal. The older children are my niece and nephews from Idaho who absolutely loved this canal. They played in it, watched leaves and fruit float down it, they tried floating in it. It was great entertainment for several hours. It gave them a place to have fun and explore in which they can't find in their town. And on this particular day the whole canal had people in it. It was hard to find an empty spot it play in. Please reconsider. Don't take away such a special and unique feature our city has!

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; property impacts (oc:Steve

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My family and I oppose the Logan River Watershed project which proposes pressurized or changing the open water river near Crocket. Our properties have value depending on the current river. We have memories and continue to build memories in this area. The city has already damaged the river course and wildlife with constant projects. Leave our river alone and stop trying to justify your jobs and endless useless project spending. Steve Anderson.

**NAME:** [Steven Cheal](#)

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Steven Cheal)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't pressurize The Little Logan River. I live on the island. I played in that river at Merlin Olsen Park when I was a kid. I have a three-year-old now, and I would like her to play in that river at that park as well. Thanks,

**NAME:** [Stevie Koller](#)

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**RE:** property impacts; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** property impacts; project purpose (oc:Stevie Koller)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I live on "The Island" in Logan, Utah. The neighborhood comprises just a few miles and blocks, yet it has lovingly been dubbed with it's own nickname and thus all the character and charm which could come with such a bestowed honor. To love a place so much that place attachment and identity become named, and that the name lasts through generations of families, colleges students and residents of this city, speaks to the quality of life and strong ties felt by those that live on, have lived on, or have enjoyed a season upon "The Island". The neighborhood is infamously known by its moniker; ask any USU Aggie alum or resident of Cache Valley if they know where it is and they will all be able to point you in the right direction, undoubtedly, with fond memories that are likely centered around their past visitations and experiences there. What is an island without water? It becomes something different, dare I say a desert. It can be compared to love removed from a home, a bird absent from it's traditional nesting site, or garden without any pollinators gracing the leaves of showy flowers. No, an island must have water or it in fact ceases to exist. Water is life, and there is plenty of that to be found on The Island, characterized by the laughter of neighbors and residents gathering on either side of Willow Park, Jens Johansen Park, or Merle Olsen Park. Life is found here not just in laughter and gathering, but in the lives of the non human, who are also dependent upon the water resources here for survival. Migrating deer, hundreds of species of birds, including threatened bird species and waterfowl, all rely on the water flowing from the Little Logan and Logan River in this neighborhood. These water sources are far reaching, flowing to frog ponds which lower mosquito populations and enrich

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fields for agriculture. To privatize and bury these water resources would be devastating to an entire web of life; from the human down to the nematode. The draw of homeowners, renters, and recreators upon The Island neighborhood has always been the source of water which flows through it. The rivers renew our spirit and allow us to believe in good left in the world on a particularly bad day, or through a trying period of life. They refresh our spirits, allowing us to give more back to the world, they provide the perfect backdrop for an entire family to come together and have a memorable event, they allow inspiration and hope for the future. I would hate to see all that good which is so loved and appreciated by so many go "down the drain". Please take this into consideration in your decision making and informative process. So many people love the rivers through The Island and what they represent, whether they are able to emote it or not, and the water resources are deeply entrenched in the place identity of this neighborhood and town. By keeping intact the water flowing through these parks and neighborhoods you are also keeping a rare, beautiful cultural experience which cultivates nature appreciation and stewardship alive.

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**RE:** Agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** Agricultural water management; alternative (oc:Stockton Slack)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Stockton, my wife and I have lived in Logan for a number of years now. We wanted to voice our thoughts and opinions on the Crockett Avenue Pressurized Irrigation Project. We have spent time reading and learning about the project and we can see the major benefits that could come from this project. We believe that this is a necessary project and we appreciate that those who are working on it have done so in a professional manner. Thank you for doing so. We are in favor of implementing the Complete Pressurized Irrigation (PI) System, and we believe that it is necessary for the community as it will continue to grow over the coming years. We do have one concern though. It would sadden us to see the Merlin Olsen Park be left with a dry river running through it. We understand that there is great need for water, but we would hope that the water running through Merlin Olsen Park could somehow be maintained/rerouted. It would be ideal if the Complete PI system could be integrated and at the same time the water running through Merlin Olsen Park could still be maintained, either through a pump system or by diverting the water from elsewhere. We appreciate you listening to our comments and thoughts.

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; plan purpose (oc:Susan Darby)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to express my and my family's fond feelings for the waterways going through several Logan Parks - most notably Merlin Olsen Central Park - and our desire to have the recreational benefits of those waterways taken into consideration in the planning for piping the Little Logan River for pressurized irrigation. We have spent countless hours enjoying the canal throughout the summer seasons at Central Park. It is a gathering place for the community and an irreplaceable asset to our city. To ignore the recreational and social benefits the Little Logan River provides would be a tragedy. Sincerely, Susan and Bryon Darby (and kids) 93 E 400 S Logan, UT 84321 (435) 213-0491

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; recreation (oc:Susan Jaggi)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am very concerned about the proposed pressurization project as it would impact my family's recreational opportunities. Every summer, on multiple occasions, my kids and grandkids and I go to Willow Park or Merlin Olsen Park to have lunch and spend a hot afternoon playing in the water. Taking away the open flowing water would greatly decrease the desirability of both of these parks. Recreation in Logan City must be considered as these decisions are made.

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**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Susan Taylor)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I express my horror about the potential piping of the Logan River through downtown Logan. What an amazing river we have, and the thought of losing some of the character of Logan due to a loss of the river is heartbreaking. My granddaughter played in the river during summers at Merlin Olsen Park, with many other kids and families alike. It seems to me that the economic benefit of the river and the immeasurable quality of life benefit would be stronger than the amount of water that is lost to evaporation; flood mitigation efforts need to be taken, of course, but there are other options besides piping. Many towns throughout the US are restoring their rivers to emphasize their assets for their communities, and are fostering a sense of community pride through their efforts. I hope that our decision-makers allow this beautiful gem of a river to continue to run through our city. Don't mess with this beautiful treasure!

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**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Suzie Simmons)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please don't pressurize the water system. Please allow the water running through the parks to stay so our kids can continue to have somewhere to splash around in the water and have boat races (24th of July tradition with extended family). Thank you. Suzie Simmons

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**RE:** plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose (oc:Tallie Geddes)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi my name is Tallie Geddes. I have lived in Cache Valley for over 30 years, during those years I have had many memories playing in the open canals at Merlin Olsen Park and at the fair grounds. My children have floated homemade boats down these water ways for scouts. We have floated down on tubes on hot summer days, our own free lazy river. We threw my daughters second birthday party at Merlin Olsen and the little kids raced rubber ducky's down the canal. It's these little moments and these little water ways that make Logan charming. If we fill them in, we take away all those unique activities that make Logan what it is - a charming little family town. I strongly disapprove of filling in those open water ways. Please don't take away these open water ways - we need them to keep that small town charm. Thanks for listening to my opinion and I hope you will do your best to keep those waters ways open. Sincerely, Tallie Geddes

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**RE:** project purpose; alternatives

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; alternatives (oc:Ted Nyman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please do not cover the waterways running through Merlin Olsen, Pioneer Parkway, Jen Johansen, and Willow Parks as well as the fairgrounds. There seems to be no logic in doing this other than to find some way to spend federal dollars. It ruins the scenic beauty of these places and takes away the pure enjoyment of listening to and watching running water flow through these areas. Birds and other animals are attracted to this water and for generations children and adults have enjoyed playing in and around these waterways. If you have to find a way to spend the 50 million dollars or whatever it is, why not finish the project on the middle canal from 400 North out to 1800 North. When they piped the canal through this area residents were told that once the canal was piped, they would fill in the old canal, landscape and make it look really nice. Well, they piped the canal, but they never filled in the old canal and just let it deteriorate. It collects stagnant water (making a perfect mosquito breeding ground), it is overgrown with weeds, and a lot of trash collects there. It could be a nice walking trail if it were filled in and cleaned up, but nothing has been done. Logan City said it was the canal company's job to fill it in and when we checked with the canal company they said they would have done it but the city didn't want them to because they used it for storm water runoff and it was too expensive to do something else. I hope the current waterways don't meet the same fate.

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**RE:** project purpose; wildlife and

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; wildlife and habitat (oc:Thomas Jennings)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

It is a completely unacceptable proposition to pipe the Logan river and the little logan river. My family and I moved to the island neighborhood because of the open waterways that run throughout our parks and backyards. It brings so much charm to our part of town and will keep the island area feeling small and slow even though the downtown area is starting to feel built up and busy. Not only is the little logan river enjoyed by people in their homes and backyards, it provides a safe thoroughfare for the abundant wildlife we are so lucky to have around. Deer drink from the open waterways in our neighborhood and travel with the water and not in the road where they become hazardous. Birds bathe and drink from the fresh running water. Ducks and geese are back and forth from park to park on their own super highway. Neighborhood dogs cool off in the water as it runs through the parks. I fear if it is covered and pressurized we will lose the frequent wildlife visits. We will lose neighbors who only live where they do because of the open water that runs past their property. I fear my family and I will have to find somewhere else to live as well. Somewhere people still appreciate the access to wildlife and free flowing water. Across the country and the world people are regretting piping the open waterways they used to have. Let's not do something we will regret because we are bored. You will see many angry people taking their money and going somewhere else.

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**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Thomas Jensen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

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**RE:** project purpose; recreation

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; recreation (oc:Tony Wegener)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I have watched the on-line Public Information Presentations related to this project. I wish to declare my total opposition to The Logan River Watershed Plan. (PLAN) I am adamantly opposed to any action which will negatively impact the flow of the Logan River. I am adamantly opposed to any action which will negatively impact the environmental and recreational benefits of Logan River and related irrigation canals. But I also have a personal interest. I own the property leased to "Design West" et al, at 300 West and 200 South in Logan. Two irrigation canals run through my property...and even under my building. It is my understanding that the PLAN will pipe those canals. I strenuously object. I own the land over which the canal companies run their irrigation water annually...on a cooperative...do no damage... basis. I pay taxes on my property... which includes the land underlying the canals...and have done for 21 years. The irrigation companies own nothing... but the right to run irrigation water, legally allocated to them, over my property. They have no right to either damage my property or diminish its aesthetic, environmental or commercial value. In the 2010 Highline Canal Restoration Project, the NRCS required that the County "own" or "purchase" the land underlying the Highline canal. A Title Company was engaged to determine ownership of the land underlying the canal. I am in possession of that Title Company report. County executives either lied to, or withheld the Title Company's report from, the County Council. The County was told that no-one owned the land underlying the canal...and their only recourse was to quit-claim the land along and underlying the canal to itself. The premise was false... but the quit claim was filed with the County Recorder. During subsequent court action related to the project, Judge Allen mocked the County attorneys in Court. He asked ..."Would someone please tell me...Under what color of law did the County presume to quit claim property to itself?" Judge Allen was astounded by the response...he refused to condone the County's action in the Court Record. My question is...Under what color of law do the proponents of the PLAN propose to deny or over-ride my property rights under the current PLAN? There are also Active and Passive Recreational benefits and prescriptive rights related to the canals on my property. Piping the canals will:

- Destroy the value-enhancing and environment-enhancing trees and vegetation on my property.
- Destroy wildlife habitat on my property...ducks raise families at Design West's front door every year.
- Destroy the opportunity for swimmers to enjoy the "pond" created in front of the existing Parshall Flume on my property. I also oppose the PLAN on the long-standing principle that seepage is NOT LOST WATER...but water belonging to someone else, or simply returning to the Logan River, or recharging the Aquifer. The elimination of seepage is THEFT of water

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belonging to someone else...no matter how smoothly and scientifically presented. The claim that the so-called Highline Canal Restoration Project saved 2.4 B gallons of water annually, was an admission of THEFT OF WATER on a massive scale. Such THEFT must never be repeated in Logan City or Cache County. Tony Wegener 435 232 1472 Photos

**NAME:** [Travis Oltman](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**EMAIL:** meagan.oltman@usu.edu

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Travis Oltman)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

Hi, As a Cache Valley resident I am very disturbed by the fact that there is a plan to divert, pipe, and pressurize the river the Logan and Little Logan Rivers. Also, the fact that there has been little awareness about this spread amongst Cache Valley giving very few people knowing about this to put their comments forward. At a time when people are starting to prize and acknowledge the importance of natural waterways with dams coming down and the removal of pipes or concrete systems to restore the natural ecosystem the idea of a complete pressurized irrigation system is downright mean and nasty to not only the natural balance of Logan rivers but to its citizens who enjoy Merlin Olsen, Jens Johansen, Stewart Nature, and Willow parks. That is 4 parks that would be stripped of their natural beauty and enjoyment. Think about not only the humans that enjoy the waters, but the non-human creatures that depend upon the waters. I want to be able to continue to enjoy our natural rivers and have my kids enjoy them too for years to come. Logan is getting a bad reputation for ruining the nature we citizens enjoy. The Logan Nature Walk was stripped down to bare bones making the walk unsightly. And now the construction in South Logan where the antique and crepe shops used to be with the removal of trees for ugly buildings in an already crowded and heavily trafficked area now further worsened. Logan cannot afford to lose the rivers as they are a valuable cultural and recreational asset. Please do not do further damage to the natural beauty that so many of us enjoy in Logan. Sincerely, Travis Oltman

**NAME:** [Twila Baysinger](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** tbaysinger@brheadstart.org

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** lack of understanding; project

**COMMENT TYPE:** lack of understanding; project purpose (oc:Twila Baysinger)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I have some concerns with the proposed diversion and piping of parts of Logan River. I have found that sometimes things are changed for a specific purpose, but that not all of those reasons are clear. I believe this proposal falls into that category. What is the real reason for piping and diverting the river. If it is truly for irrigation, that is one thing, if it for another purpose, that needs to be clear to the people making the decisions. The water is accessible for irrigation now and yet it is said that piping it will make it more accessible and will not waste as much water. That may be true, but what would be the side effects of piping and diverting the water? There was a stream running in front of our house when I was a little girl. We spent countless hours playing in and near the stream. We learned about science and math in a way that can not be learned in a classroom. When playing in and near the water, we experienced a feeling of peace and tranquility that was not found anywhere else. I wonder how many of those areas that are potentially going to be piped, would be like the stream in front of our house. How many children would lose opportunities to learn and discover by that water being removed from their access. My children and I have spent many days in and around the water that is fed by the Logan River. It is one of the things that makes Cache Valley so endearing. A family can go to a location and spend the day in free-flowing water. There is nothing like it. The mental health benefits are astounding. With all the things that are being taken from the next generation, things that have an unforeseen, unending impact, please let them keep the water!

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**NAME:** [Tyler Sorenson](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**EMAIL:** 2rtylers@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** plan purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** plan purpose (oc:Tyler Sorenson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am against this utilization of the Logan River. Please allow what is left of the natural river running through the city to be enjoyed by residents, wildlife, fishermen, river enthusiasts, and children. The city has developed parks, golf course, all of which are centered around this beautiful river. Taking the water out and leaving a small trickle is unfair and unneeded. Without the water you will see much less diversity, beauty, natural harmony, and solace we need to enjoy this wonderful city. The wildlife and fish depend a great deal on the water as well. What about all of the beautiful trees? Are they unneeded too? When someone imagines a beautiful river and the sights and sounds and the habitat it provides, they don't think of a pressurized pipe that pours water where the powers that be decide. It's not all about money, water rights, and an "easy" solution. Please rethink this and find another way. Tyler Sorenson Long time valley resident 1993 Graduate of Logan High School 1999 Graduate of USU

**NAME:** [Val and Sue Grant](#)

**ADDRESS:** 1019 Rose, Logan

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** c.val.grant@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Val and Sue Grant)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Please refer to the letter written by Kirk and Elaine Wilcox and answer their questions in a public forum. Val and Sue Grant, 1019 Rose, Logan, UT 84341

**NAME:** [Victoria Solarte](#)

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**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; plan process (oc:Victoria)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

My name is Victoria Solarte, I own my home at 275 S. 500 E. in Logan, down on the island. I would like to voice my opinion and ask you not to pressurize the irrigation water system. I myself own a water share and use this water for my garden and lawn. I am very thankful that we have this option as I know many people in other states and cities do not. All my neighbors in the surrounding area use the irrigation water as well, with little to no issues. We use the dog park across the bridge at Merlin Olsen Park almost every day, all four seasons of the year. In the summer this is the only park cool enough for us to play at during daylight as our dogs overheat very easily. My partner and I have made many friends in the community while chatting among the banks of the canal. I moved to Logan knowing no one and have made some great neighborhood connections in this park. The canal at this park makes it a beautiful place for people to picnic, walk, ride their bikes, and let their children and dogs play. Without this canal I fear the surrounding habitat and trees will be destroyed. Regardless of my opinion, before anything is done there needs to be an environmental impact report done to ensure no long-term damage will pursue. This is the most beautiful park that we have in Logan and I know many citizens, myself included, will be heartbroken to see it destroyed.

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**NAME:** [Violet Bateman](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Violet Bateman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Group, (or whoever will see this email) I am writing an email urging you not to cover up the rivers in cache valley.( Well the rivers in Logan.) If I am going to be honest I have rewritten this email over and over again, trying to think of a way to convince you not to do this. Here is what the main points of my emails were. Why are you doing this? You should do this. Please don't do this. So I will start with the question. Why are you covering up rivers that add charm to a city. Well I could see why you wouldn't care about charm , but we do. I love riding my bike in the summer and then going over to the river and stinking my feet in it to cool down. Kids all over logan play in the river( with parent supervision) and have wonderful adventures. You are taking away joyous memories from their childhood. I have lots of memories from playing in the river as a little girl. Now I know this sounds like I am in the movie Big Fish and always talking about the river ( if you haven't seen that movie look it up . It has Ewan Megregor in it and It is super good, but if you don't even know who Ewan Megregor is...you need to watch more movies.) :) but taking away this river is a really bad decision. My email might sound like it was written by a five year old but it comes from the heart. Please don't pressurize our rivers. Thank you.

**NAME:** [Von Adamson](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:** 801-898-1481

**EMAIL:** vonthecarver@hotmail.com

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Von Adamson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I have many fond memories of this great waterway and the many other waterways that it contributes to, but I am more concerned about the impact this decision will have on the flora and fauna in the valley. I have watched so many different species of animals in and around the entire system. Animals that will be displaced by hiding the waterways in pipes. I would like to know what environmental impact studies have been completed during the decision-making process. Can you please send me a copy or link?

**NAME:** [Whitney Milligan](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** whit.milligan@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/16/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Whitney Milligan)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am opposed to the proposed changes to the current watershed area - specifically the river boundary around the Island. It defines the whole area and gives it its own unique identity. Running water also adds quality to life in parks and residential areas. The sound of running water is soothing and provides a calming haven for rest and relaxation and recreation for children - and people of all ages. I understand the need for development and support of agriculture, but to provide it at the expense of something that provides so many other intangibles for the mental well-being of the neighborhoods who have built their lives around interacting with the water is, in my opinion, just wrong. Lower income residents live in this area at higher rates than higher income residents resulting in an inequitable impact on their quality of life. Merlin Olsen

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Park, for example, is frequented by so many BECAUSE of the water running through it. It doesn't make sense to take this jewel away from the people who find comfort in it and who learn from it as it provides its own, unique science lab for kids. Thank you for your time and consideration. Whitney Milligan

**NAME:** [Councilwoman Stephanie Allred](#) **ADDRESS:** Hyde Park  
**PHONE 1:**  
**EMAIL:** stephallred@icloud.com

**DATE:** 3/17/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Councilwoman Stephanie Allred)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear person, I am begging you to not pipe the canal portions that go through our parks and specifically Merlin Olsen Central Park and the fairgrounds. The canal/river is what makes these parks so great! My memories go back 50+ years to my own childhood and also to my children's. A fond memory is taking all the cub scouts to Central Park to have boat races with the boats they had made. They would run along the banks and cheer on their boats and get on the bridge to watch them go under. I remember my Daughter's birthday party at the park as we floated on tubes and then had treats under the grand old trees. Just 2 of many memories and that's just me. Do you realize how many people have memories just like me? Don't ruin future good times and memories. PLEASE, the canal can be left open as is through the parks. I appreciate your careful consideration for the valuable resource it is being open and enjoyed. Stephanie Allred City

**NAME:** [Dallin and Solana Malm](#) **ADDRESS:**  
**PHONE 1:**  
**EMAIL:** solanabanham@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/17/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Dallin and Solana Malm)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern: I've grown up all my life in Cache Valley. I am now married with a little one on the way. My husband and I love Cache Valley and look forward to raising our family here. The Little Logan River is an iconic part of every kid's childhood. It touches so many parks and homes that burying it would be criminal to the beauty of Cache Valley. I implore you to leave as much of the Little Logan River as possible where it belongs. I understand that the natural resources must be used to improve Cache Valley but I pray that you won't completely deplete us of enjoying the beauty and fun that the Little Logan River brings to kids and families all over the valley. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Dallin and Solana Malm

**NAME:** [Dunn](#) **ADDRESS:**  
**PHONE 1:**  
**EMAIL:** skdunn2006@yahoo.com

**DATE:** 3/17/2021 **SOURCE:** Email **RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE  
**RE:** project purpose **COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Dunn)  
**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Covering/piping our canals. PLEASE don't. Since I was a child I have enjoyed the little canal thru the fair grounds...the parks, etc. Leave them alone??????

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**NAME:** [Jared](#)

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**EMAIL:** jlescoe@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/17/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jared)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am a longtime resident of the Logan area, and even thinking about covering and piping the canal is an atrocity. This is part of Summer recreation for many of us, and to waste our tax dollars to destroy an asset to the community is not something that should happen. Jared

**NAME:** [Kori Broadhurst](#)

**ADDRESS:** 1061 Fox Farm Rd, Logan

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** broadhurstk@yahoo.com

**DATE:** 3/17/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat; property

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; property impacts (oc:Kori Broadhurst)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Langdon Group, I am a concerned home owner at 1061 Fox Farm Rd, Logan. 10 years ago I purchased this residence solely because the beautiful Logan river flowed through the property. For the past decade, our family has consistently tubed, kayaked and fished this river. It's brought diverse wildlife, beautiful greenery and has been a center of recreation for all in the valley. Drawing water from this river outside of high flow levels would be devastating for animal habitats, recreation, fishing, plants, water quality, the list goes on. The quiet beauty of Logan city is what drew us here many years ago. Potentially damaging one of its most scenic landmarks would be a tragedy for all its residents. Please do not consider this action. Respectfully, Kori Broadhurst

**NAME:** [Melissa Prosser](#)

**ADDRESS:**

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**DATE:** 3/17/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Melissa Prosser)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Consulting Group, I am writing out of concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. I urge you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River. It adds so much beauty to our area. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this beautiful resource for memories so many of us share. These are important areas for wildlife as well. When I moved here, I was thrilled to see a baby beaver swimming in the middle of town! They are protected in Utah. I also love seeing all the ducks, geese, and other birds. Please reconsider this decision as it will heavily impact people and animals across the county, especially those closest to these parks. Thank You, - Concerned Cache Valley Resident Melissa Prosser

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**NAME:** [Paden](#)

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**DATE:** 3/17/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Paden)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I do not want the river running through our park to be piped and diverted! It serves the community so much and it would be a shame to lose it.

**NAME:** [Piper Christian](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** laurenchristian@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/17/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose; lack of

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; lack of understanding (oc:Piper Christian)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Group, I apologize, I sent this email yesterday to the wrong address. I appreciate you reading my email after the March 16th deadline. I was born and raised in Logan and grew up in a house on the Logan River. The Logan River is one of the greatest assets to our community. It is used as an educational resource for our public schools and university, where students can learn about marine ecology. It is a convenient and accessible place to fish, walk, kayak, bird watch, and swim. I am deeply concerned about the potential repercussions of the proposed Logan River Watershed Plan. I have a number of questions that I feel should be addressed before this project moves forward. 1. The Logan River Task Force reported that \$2 million has already been spent on restoration projects along the Logan River in the past four years. If water flow is reduced in the river, riparian plants that were planted along the banks may die, and the newly developed walking trails along the river will lose scenic value. Has there been an estimate of the economic cost when past restoration work is undone by the Logan River Watershed Plan? Additionally, since past restoration projects were intended to reduce flooding, how much flood risk is still present that needs to be mitigated? Is more flood mitigation necessary? 2. How much will the water flow of the Logan River be reduced by this project? The reduction of flow will significantly impact the fish, wildlife, micro-organisms, and habitat along the river. Reducing the river's flow will warm the water, which may precipitate algae blooms and pathogen growth. How are these risks being evaluated? 3. How, specifically, will this water be allocated? It has not been made clear how much of the water will go to agricultural vs. residential use. How much additional water have our valley's farmer's requested? How much additional water has been requested by our residential developers? Will water piped for residential use be used for home and culinary purposes, or for the proposed residential lakes and waterskiing attractions in the valley? Given the numerous impacts of this project, I believe that an Environmental Impact Statement ought to be carried out before this project proceeds. Please answer the questions listed above and the concerns of other community members before carrying out the next steps of this project. I appreciate your consideration.

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**NAME:** [Rich Nichols](#)

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**EMAIL:** nichols.rich@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/17/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Rich Nichols)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

When I heard about the plan to remove the water from Merlin Olsen park, I realized that government is not working. Sometimes leaving things alone is better. I am with Mr. Tate on this one. The watershed plan is the dumbest idea I have heard in a long time. The city is the only one that wants to increase our property values so they can increase tax revenues. Just stop. Please leave this park alone. Consider our poor children and poor families to be able to have some fun that is still free.

**NAME:** [Vanessa Sigman](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** vanessasigman@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/17/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Vanessa Sigman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing out of genuine concern for the plans to pressurize the little Logan River. The Little Logan River is one of the literal only places for doggos to cool off in the summer for our pup. We URGE you to please not pressurize the Little Logan River... at all. It is the only source of water we have in the parks it runs through and therefore the only source of cooling off, drinking for dogs where allowed, and having fun in the hot summer months. I plead with you to please consider the implications in our community of losing this priceless resource for memories, and one of the only places in the entire county where little kids and dogs can safely cool off in the summer. Please reconsider this decision well considering the impact on families across the county, especially those closest to these parks... as it is near and dear to our hearts and our communities. Thank You, Vanessa Sigman

**NAME:** [Glen Nelson](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:** (435)752-6287

**EMAIL:**

**DATE:** 3/18/2021

**SOURCE:** Phone Call

**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** stakeholders and

**COMMENT TYPE:** stakeholders and beneficiaries; agricultural water management;

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Hi this is glen nelson. Im a citizen of Logan ut, and I built a border of the river, the logan river. I with you'd just leave the logan river alone, the way it is. You keep diverting the - the water lab and everybody keeps messing around with the river. JUB is a company that just looks for government hand outs to increase the profitability of their company. And theyve got engineers running around and dreaming up these ideas. First of all, your water pipe, uh, in those canals is not goign to redcue the uh, or is not going to increase the water to the farmers. Second, these farmers dont take care of their water anyways. You can see it right here for three days in cache valley, right out through the smith buidl in hyde park, and their water is running for the full amount of their term, and its just going to waste. Maple famrs is one of the worst ones. And these cash developers are all on and (rusikan?) budget is enough. its one of the biggest budgets that logan city has. And these trails and all of this that you're talking about, you're getting trails, but, you're also losing water for 375 homes along

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the logan canal and merlin olsan park. Logan Hyde, thats a beautiful campus with the river running through it, A canal, or the logan river running through it there. and everything is going to be dried up. And logan city has been known as the little bennet of the US. We're the second most popular state for our size. It just blows my mind what you engineers and so called people of the future are proposing. Leave logan river alone. Youve diverted it at 3rd dam, or 2nd dam. Youve ruined that that canal structure, the one thats in all of those peoples back yards and along the golf course. You are gonna do the same to logan city. Yo9ure going to dry it up. and these developers along the (garsh?) garden will benefit. But how many people are you going to affect? I say its all BS. Leave the logan river alone.

**NAME:** [Jim Laub](#)

**ADDRESS:** 1066 Canyon Road, Logan

**PHONE 1:** (801)908-4169

**EMAIL:**

**DATE:** 3/18/2021

**SOURCE:** Mailed In

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jim Laub)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

comment mailed in and saved in public comment database under Jim Laub unofficial public comment 03.18.21

### TEXT OF ATTACHMENT

I have been out of town, so I apologize for missing the March 16<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting comments on the proposed Watershed Plan for Logan River.

I live at 1066 Canyon Road and this piece of property has been in our family for over 100 years and three, almost four generations have called this home. I want to go on-record as being vehemently opposed to this governmental boondoggle. Most, if not all of my neighbors are opposed for a variety of reasons: recreational, financial, cultural, and many others I cannot begin to list.

The negative impact this would have on our neighborhood and the decrease in property values due to the proximity of Logan river would be significant. In a time when the environment is at the forefront of most conversations, I find it beyond my comprehension that this proposal would gain any traction. The recreational opportunities that this river provides kayakers, tubers, fisherman, would be lost forever.

I strongly urge you to table this proposal and I want to be crystal clear of my opposition to this ill-conceived plan.

**NAME:** [Jalayne Hatch](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** jalaynehatch@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/21/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Jalayne Hatch)

## COMMENT / QUESTION:

I am opposed to covering any of the open air canals in Logan City.

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**NAME:** [McKenna Stroud](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** mrs.stroud88@gmail.com

**DATE:** 3/31/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:McKenna Stroud)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am writing to let you know I am vehemently opposed to the plan regarding watersheding the Logan River. It is part of what makes Logan so beautiful and a great place to live. One of our favorite things to do in the summer is go out our feet in the river under the shade at Merlin Olsen Park. Please reject this plan that will only turn Logan more urban and chase the serene, small town feel away even faster

**NAME:** [Susan Douglass](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** spd6262@yahoo.com

**DATE:** 3/31/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Susan Douglass)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

To whom it may concern, Please leave the canal alone! I take my grand kids to Merlin Olsen park to play in the water multiple times every summer. It is so beautiful there, you will just ruin everything if you enclose it. Why would you even want to do this? Who does it benefit? Who's idea was this? Who is going to pay for it? Logan is becoming a total concrete city. There are very few public grassy areas to enjoy and Merlin Olsen park is the only place where kids can wade in the canal. This is the worst idea ever! Thank you for reading this and I hope you will leave the Logan canal alone.

**NAME:** [Gar Walton](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** ghwpilot79@gmail.com

**DATE:** 4/20/2021

**SOURCE:**

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:**

**COMMENT TYPE:** (oc:Gar Walton)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Forwarded email from LeAnn Walton with same attachment which is saved under LeAnn Walton 02.13.21 River Rebuttal  
TEXT OF ATTACHMENT: To Whom It May Concern:

We like many others purchased our building lots on the Logan River at a significant premium in price because the river contributes much to quality of life and creates beauty in the lives of those living here. We are sending you this email to let you know that we are very strongly opposed to the idea of diverting this water into a pipe (of all things!) The Logan River, as it flows from Logan Canyon through our beautiful city, is an extension of the most attractive scenic byway in our state. It would seem that those who own irrigation water rights do not have the right to desecrate the natural flow of one of God's beautiful creations. If needs be, we will spend significant funds and energy to preserve what rightly belongs to all the people of this great state. A cost benefit analysis would surely indicate that the additional water recovered by a pipe would require an inordinate amount of time to recover the cost of creating such pipeline. The concept you are proposing pales when compared

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to property investment and the value of the Logan River as a crowning jewel of our city. Those who propose moving ahead with this project must base their logic on greed and a willingness to unnecessarily waste valuable taxpayer money to the benefit of the selfish few. It is always surprising how many foolish people are willing to spend others' money for highly questionable projects.

**NAME:** [Wayne Wurtsbaugh](#)

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE 1:**

**EMAIL:** wayne.wurtsbaugh@usu.edu

**DATE:** 4/20/2021

**SOURCE:**

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat; recreation **COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat; recreation (oc:Wayne Wurtsbaugh)

## **COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Dear Langdon Group; Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on the Logan River Watershed Plan. Attached are the comments of the Bridgerland Audubon Society. We have also sent a hard copy to the address in Kaysville.

Sincerely, Wayne Wurtsbaugh Chair, Water Quality Committee (Word document attached with detailed comments, document saved in appendix attached to this database.) **TEXT OF ATTACHMENT:**

I am writing on behalf of the Bridgerland Audubon Society concerning the proposal to divert Logan River water below first dam and pipe it northward for irrigation uses. Our primary concern is that the project could greatly decrease flows in the Logan below the diversion point. This would create a host of environmental and recreation problems including: potential decreases in riparian vegetation which would impact birds; reduced opportunities for boating and fishing; warming of water that would impact aquatic organisms, and; decreased fish habitat including that of Bonneville cutthroat trout, a Species of Concern. Many of these uses of the river corridor are outlined in the Logan River Conservation Action Plan and the Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan which was adopted by the Logan Municipal Council. The Logan River is increasingly used by recreationists and is a tremendous asset for the community. Dewatering it during droughts and seasonal low flows would greatly diminish its value. Consequently, we urge planners to leave as much water in the river as possible and to incorporate the Action Plan and Blue Trail Plan into the development of Logan River Watershed Project. We recognize the need for irrigation water and this need could be met with minimal impacts to the environment if the diversion occurred as low as possible in the river. A low diversion might require pumping, but the environmental benefits would be great. The cost of the additional piping and ongoing costs of pumping could likely be found from environmental and recreation funding sources.

Development of the water conveyance in the valley also presents an opportunity to further develop the trail system in Logan and neighboring communities. Some trails exist along the Logan River and others along canals. Planners should consider purchasing right of ways and building trails along these corridors. The canals presently provide substantial riparian vegetation that benefit birds and hikers. Although we understand that one of the goals of piping is to reduce evapotranspiration losses, the environmental benefits of canal seepage need to be considered as well. Perhaps some sections of the conveyance could be left with open channels or drip irrigation could be installed to help maintain some of the vegetation.

Members of Bridgerland Audubon have a great deal of expertise in the area of conservation of birds and their habitat. We would be happy to work with the planners to help accomplish the multiple goals that could be met with the development of the piping system in Cache County. Please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can help develop a plan that will benefit all of the residents of Cache Valley.

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**SOURCE:**

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Seth

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Aloha from the Big Island of Hawaii, It is with a feeling of alarm and urgency that I now write to you to express my strong opposition to the idea of piping the Logan River and or any of it's branches or tributaries for a pressurized irrigation system. Though now a resident of Hawaii, I grew up in Logan, and remember the Logan River and it's tributaries as the very core and heart of the valley itself. I see the proposed changes as an attack on my childhood home. Logan will never be the same if these actions are carried out, and the negative ramifications will harm all of the valleys residents, be they human or animal. Please, hear and heed the voices of those who know and love Logan and Cache valley. We reject the pressurized irrigation system! Logan River and the ecosystem of our beloved Cache Valley must not be harmed!

**NAME:** [Clark Olsen](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management; project purpose (oc:Clark Olsen)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

This makes very little sense to me. This group decides they want to essentially dry up, or at least reduce the Logan and Little Logan Rivers to trickles. These rivers have been landmarks since early settlement days and have been a source of peace ,recreation and enjoyment to so many residents of this city. Essentially, I compare this plan to a group of persons getting together to plan how they are going to tear down a valuable monument because they will be able sell the metal for scrap metal. I always thought decisions of this nature should be made in accordance with the desire of the majority of city residents. If there has to be a decision on this, I believe it is a measure that should be decided by vote. The residents of Logan should be asked to decide if it is more important to have these landmark rivers continue to flow through this beautiful city and parks or if all this water should be diverted to irrigation water to satisfy the desires of a minority of citizens who want cheaper water to irrigate their lawns and gardens. This does not seem to be a sensible or reasonable plan. These rivers and adjacent ditch systems were really important to me personally as I was growing up in Logan. Fishing, wading, tubing, and just watching beautiful clear water flow though the town and city parks. always gave me, and so many others , a feeling of peace and tranquility.

**NAME:** [Evelyn Johnson](#)

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**SOURCE:**

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Evelyn Johnson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

The future complete pressurized irrigation system for the little Logan River is unacceptable! When my family was

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choosing where we wanted to live in Logan the open air of little Logan River running through Merlin Olsen Park was a deciding factor! My family spends most of our days at the park playing in that water. It is my daughters favorite place to go and is the best place to socialize and make new memories and local friends. If you take away the openness of the water then you take away the magic of the park. Also scientifically speaking, having open water is GOOD at preventing climate change. Evaporation is good for the environment. If I am remembering my basic science class correctly we were taught that evaporation causes clouds, cloud cover provides shade and RAIN! Do not cover any more of the Little Logan River. It is much more of a detriment to the valley than the benefit of covering it would ever be. We love nature here and all you are doing is taking away the nature that is simple for us to enjoy. Reconsider ruining the beauty and enjoyment if living in this valley. Photos attached (3) and saved in appendix attached to this database.

**NAME:** [Haley Pearce](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** wildlife and habitat

**COMMENT TYPE:** wildlife and habitat (oc:Haley Pearce)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

If you block the Little Logan River trees and plants will die due to the lack of water, making parks and other places ugly with decaying plants along with dead trees. These dead trees are weak enough to fall right over. It will cost more money to get workers to clean up the area. It would be much easier for you and the people and habitat of the island if you wouldn't block it. It is scientifically proven the river and streams help lower anxiety and stress and increase overall happiness to anyone near. So do the island a favor and leave the river...someone who cares about the island.

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**RECEIVED BY:** HANNAH

**RE:** project purpose; property

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose; property impacts; waterflows (oc:Parker)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Lay off the river. Utah has already screwed with it enough; we don't need you lot coming in and "diverting" (read stealing) water from us on top of it. Flood issues have already been dealt with in past projects and we have never had "large storm events" that caused the canals of all things to overflow. The only thing you're going to accomplish with your plan as-is, is curbing recreation and lowering property values along the river. Learn to leave well enough alone.

**NAME:** [Doris McGonagill](#)

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**DATE:** 5/22/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** agricultural water

**COMMENT TYPE:** agricultural water management (oc:Doris McGonagill)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email As a resident of the "Island" in Logan, any pressurized irrigation plan would severely impact the living quality of my neighborhood and my family. Residents affected by any change to the current system did not receive written notification inviting our comments. That's a bad start for Logan City and the Langdon Group, as it reveals their true priorities and methods of "facilitating dialog." If you are sincere in your desire to hear the voices of members of the

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community most severely affected by the types of changes you consider, please extend the period for public comments and inform the local residents in writing. Sincerely, Doris McGonagill 72 N 500 E Logan, UT 84321

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**DATE:** 6/4/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Matthew Christopherson)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

External Email Hello, I am writing as a local Logan citizen and taxpayer. I would like to express my deep concern for the Logan River Watershed Plan. As a local Island resident, I think of Little Logan River as my neighborhood's lifeblood. Not only does it play a crucial role in our local ecosystem, but it is also one of the many things that gives The Island its own unique character. Taking away our river would be like taking away The Island Market, The Denzil Stewart Nature Park, or Merlin Olson Park. I am unfamiliar with any locals who have asked for this plan, instead this feels imposed onto us. Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts. Matt Christopherson

**NAME:** [Megan George](#)

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**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Megan George)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I wish I had known about the proposals of this earlier because I would've started protesting this months ago. The Little Logan River has a huge part in my heart, the water feeds the local ducks and deer and runs right behind my home and every day I go out to watch the river. Please consider not running a pipe through the river, I am currently sharing this information with everyone I know in Cache Valley of these plans—

**NAME:** [Skyler Putman](#)

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project purpose

**COMMENT TYPE:** project purpose (oc:Skyler Putman)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I'm emailing you in protest of the pipe being placed in the Logan valley. I'm concerned with how this pipe will affect the nature and landscape of the valley, as well as it's beauty. I urge you to rethink putting in this pipe.

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**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** project process

**COMMENT TYPE:** project process (oc:Kip M)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

I am wondering if the plan is to wait for the environmental assesment before work begins and why people are already seeing work done before it has been released. It seems a little preemptive when the plan states 24 months to make a plan-ea but residents are already saying the city is piping some areas. Thank you Kip M

**DATE:** 8/13/2021

**SOURCE:** Email

**RECEIVED BY:** CWIESE

**RE:** Response

**COMMENT TYPE:** Response (oc:Kip M)

**COMMENT / QUESTION:**

Kip, Thank you for reaching out. Any work that is currently being done in the area of the Plan-EA is not associated with our current study for the NRCS funded project. You can contact Logan City to determine who is doing any work that you may see. Carla Wiese Public Facilitator/Community Planner J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc./The Langdon Group