



# Ashley Valley Watershed Project

## Public Scoping Comment Card

### Comments

I think the canal needs to stay just as it is. It has served its purpose just as it is for years. The adds beauty and character as it runs down thru the community. Has a place in this area. Kids play & fish. Keeps them off the streets.

For my self I like it the natural way. I don't like ever thing in a pipe or covered with cement and pavement. So I say No. I like where I live the way it is. Been here for forty seven years.  
Thank you

I think there ought be open waters to go into the under ground for springs

**Comment #:** 12

**Date:** 5/28/2019

**Source:** Mailed In

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:** Vernal

**Comments:**

<Attachment [REDACTED]\_5.28.19\_MailedComment.pdf can be found on the next page.>



Comments I wish to express that I am against putting the kids canal that runs along T50 No Vernal into pipe. I as a shareholder of water do not think it will save much water but it will kill a lot of trees! I hope you seriously reconsider!

**Comment #:** 13

**Date:** 5/28/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:** Vernal

**Comments:**

Ashley Central Canal project

I am writing in concern of the Ashley Central Canal Project. In hearing of this proposal, I reached out to a relative who has worked for a canal irrigation company in Oregon for 30 plus years. Their County has piped over 43 miles of canals. My concerns to him included plant life dying off and the impact this will have on our ecosystem. In Oregon, they have had very good success with piping their canals, however they have a very wet climate with a lot of other water sources and plenty of ground water. This person did say any non native species of plants and trees will die, but it should not affect the native plant life. The biggest problem they have encountered and expect to see more of is maintaining the easements, cutting trees, weeds, grass, etc. Also people see new land where the canal was and they start putting buildings up on or too close to the pipeline easement without building permits or land use applications, etc. Owners also like to fence the new portion of their land that was a canal and now is buried pipe. They have to tear down fences for an emergency repair. If it's planned maintenance we try to get the owners to remove the fence or install gates, etc. Hopefully new fence posts don't puncture the pipe. Also if any inline pumps are needed, that cost is going to be handed down to the users. So back to high desert Vernal. The Ashley canal has been a way of life for many years to many people in this town. The "Kids Canal" has been a favorite place to splash around, walk dogs, Bike or to just take an evening stroll for more then 25 years. Birds abound in the trees and foliage that grow along the parkway. This open canal adds to the aesthetics of our town. If this project moves forward as presented, the beautiful overgrown Cottonwoods, in my opinion, would eventually die along with many other plants and trees. This will have a serious impact to our ecosystem. Is there a way to pipe above 1000 north and south of the highway and leave the rest of the canal open? Is there a way to put in guzzlers for animals that rely on this open water?. The canals south of town were piped going on two years now and we have seen a significant reduction in animal life and the foliage is starting to die. Are these areas, that have already been piped in our County, being monitored and studied for impacts and is that information being applied to this project. Remember we live in a high desert. What are the options for these animals that have migrated through here for more then 25 years? I do understand the conservation of energy and water and what that means to the farmers, but at what cost? 10 to 20 years down the road this is going to have a significant impact to what our County, it's ecosystem and what our community looks like.. There has to be some middle ground. Also, from what I understand, without inline pumps, the canal within the City is relatively flat and will not be pressurized and will still need pumped... if this is correct why are we disrupting this area? I am very concerned with this project and disagree with it in its current plan.

Respectfully  
[REDACTED]



**Comment #:** 14

**Date:** 5/30/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** Kathy Holder

**Location:**

**Comments:**

Ashley Valley Watershed Project

Good morning,

They need to make sure they get a floodplain development permit 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 communities 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 is a questions as to what is needed. Individuals can call or email my office. If you have questions feel free to contact me. My information is at the end of this email.

Thank you,

"Project Information

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance of Uintah County and Ashley Central Irrigation Company as the project sponsors, is proposing improvements within the Ashley Valley Watershed. Several improvements are being proposed:

1. The construction of two large debris/detention basins for the Coal Mine and Yellow Hills sub basins to provide storage for debris and stormwater during large storm and flash flood events protecting residents, homes, properties, roadways, buildings, and businesses.
2. Piping 9.6 miles of the Ashley Central Canal including the pressurization of 6.3 miles of the canal.
3. The construction of three miles of recreation trails for bike and pedestrian use, giving access to educational, recreational, and business facilities nearby.

Improvements under consideration will address flood protection, watershed protection, agricultural water management, and public recreation development. An evaluation of potential alternatives and associated environmental impacts is required and will be documented in the form of an Environmental Assessment. NRCS and Uintah County are holding a public meeting to provide information about the proposed project and to collect comments."

Kathy Holder, CFM, MBA  
State Floodplain Manager  
Division of Emergency Management

**Comment #:** 15

**Date:** 6/4/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:** Vernal

**Comments:**

Comments following Public Meeting

<Attachment [REDACTED]\_6.4.19\_ASHLEY VALLEY COMMENTS can be found on the next pages.>

SEE ATTACHED.

## ASHLEY VALLEY WATERSHED PROJECT COMMENTS

### Piping Canal

It appears the decision has already been made by the Central Canal Company to pursue piping of the full length of the canal. I strongly feel the pipeline should be placed in the prism of the existing canal. No additional encroachment is warranted on the land owners which too have property rights on their property! In general the company already has used from 25-40 feet of their prescriptive rights-of-ways. Doing this will have the least impact overall. Any extra cushion for or fill to cover the pipe that may be necessary should be imported. When completed the surface should be scarified, leveled and vegetated with an appropriate species of grass or other vegetation. As much as possible of the canal side vegetation including trees and shrubs, should be preserved. Future maintenance of the used or adjacent area will be needed. This has been lacking on the existing canal.

All existing private structures damaged or removed should be replaced by the project,

### Storm Water

Using the existing canal for storm water collection and distribution is not necessary. It appears to me this is just an excuse to keep the existing canal thus saving money by not properly utilizing it and rehabilitating it. Possibly federal funds are being pursued with storm water treatment being the justification. Having lived along the canal for 40 years I have seen this to not be a problem. Those that claim a need for dispersal of storm water from their private roads and driveways should take care of the need if it really exists. They should pay for the collection and movement if it is included in the project. This is a private property responsibility not a tax payers.

### Debris Basins

Having been involved in previous PL-566 (Small Watershed Projects) which included debris basins, treatment and to the extent reasonable, stabilization of the up-slope watershed was completed. Treatments such as contour furrowing, reseeding, grazing management, fencing, and road management should be investigated. Future maintenance of the basins should be determined and assigned.

### Other Comments

If Uintah County is truly a sponsor of the project you would think they would have had representatives at the public meeting,

We own approximately ¼ mile of property which the existing canal either crosses or is adjacent. The use and maintenance of structures on this portion of the canal is very important to us. We want to see encroachments or impacts to our property rights minimized. The proposed waste water transmission is not a use of the prescriptive easement of the Central Canal Company. The occupation and uses of private property should be excluded from our tax base thru a recorded easement as is the Stienaker canal. We will be looking to review the Issues and Alternatives that are required and identified for the Draft Environmental Assessment.

[REDACTED]

Vernal, Ut 84078

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Comment #:** 16

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Mailed In

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:** Vernal

**Comments:**

<Attachment [REDACTED]\_6.7.19\_MailedComment.pdf can be found on the next page.>

6/7/2019

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is [REDACTED] I live at [REDACTED] in Maeser.

I am sending you this letter to address some concerns I have about the pipe line project to be put in that runs the full length of my west side property.

My wife and I have some concerns as to what will happen to all the trees, We bought this place largely because of the trees out front that act as a sound barrier from the road, makes our place secluded, and provides a wind break and shade.

Also a dry canal bed will be full of trash and debris all the time, When the trees all die, it will create a fire hazard for the land owners.

Do you plan to meet with land owners personally and discuss our issues and solve problems?

Also I have a concern for the habitat that live along this canal, such as ducks, geese, turkey, and deer, all of which I have had on my place, where do they now drink?

We understand that this project is a good thing for all of us to make our water go farther, but please don't just put the line in and leave all of us land owners to deal with the trash, debris, and dead falling trees.

We understand that issues have been addressed for land owners down towards the end of the project, we all have concerns, and we are all tax payers, so please address our concerns also.

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

**Comment #:** 17

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:**

**Comments:**

Piping the Ashley Central Canal and Kid's Canal

I was recently made aware of the proposed piping of the Ashley canals, including the portion known as kid's canal. I have serious concerns regarding the potential negative impacts of such a project, and I feel that many people in the community would have similar concerns. Firstly, the open canal currently provides habitat for a community of water fowl and other animals. Piping the canal would result in significant habitat loss. Additionally, the loss of the canal would directly impact the people who live here. The trees and walking path along the canal, along with the wildlife the canal supports, enrich the quality of life of the local residents. Intact natural spaces are an increasingly endangered resource. Please consider the long term ramifications of this project before moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration,  
[REDACTED]

**Comment #:** 18

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:**

**Comments:**

Watershed: Kids Canal

<Attachment [REDACTED]\_6.7.19\_Ashley Valley Watershed.pdf can be found on the next pages.>

Hello,

Please see attached document.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]



I'm writing this letter because I have issues with and comments on the proposed improvements on the Ashley Valley Watershed Project in Uintah County, Utah. This is in response to a public notice for the proposed project in piping 9.6 miles of the Ashley Central Canal, specifically the portion known as "kid's canal".

My issues relate to:

1. The **significant** impact on cultural/historical values of the community in regards to the kid's canal portion and the greater Ashley Central Canal, i.e. the Vernal Youth Council beautification project, amongst other volunteer projects, and Uintah County's incredible work improving and landscaping the walking path along the canal banks.
2. Socio-economic impact on swimming, fishing, and other forms of recreation along the walking path portion of kid's canal. It is documented that green natural spaces improve communities and resident's general well-being. It also serves as an attraction for tourists and visitors. Anecdotally, each season when I take my dog to the canal I see dozens of photographers using the canal and tree line as a backdrop for wedding, graduation, and family photos. During the warm months of the year my students frequent tell me they are going to the canal to go swimming. There has been land provisionally allocated specifically for the walking path along the canal with the intent that it would be used for water recreation.
3. Environmental quality will be **significantly** impacted by piping the canals in the Ashley Valley and results from that analysis should be taken into consideration. It is a riparian area which provides habitat for waterfowl, and other animals. We would like to see the results of the study as to how piping will affect the environment, local water table, and aquifer.

Specifically, how does removing a historic open water source protect and enhance the environmental quality of the area?

What was the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process? Where can the supporting documents that address the significant impacts and specific methods used in the evaluation process be found?

If there are any questions relating to the significance of cultural/historical community values of the Ashley Central Canal please see Bureau of Reclamation's report 'Vernal Unit' by Adam R. Eastman <https://www.usbr.gov/projects/pdf.php?id=101> or in particular the value of kid's canal search within the archives of the local newspaper "The Vernal Express. "

Thank you,

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**Comment #:** 19

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Mailed In

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:** Vernal

**Comments:**

<Attachment [REDACTED]\_6.7.19\_MailedComment.pdf can be found on the next page.>

Ashley Valley Watershed Project - Public Scoping Notice Response June 2019

We are writing this letter because we have issues with and comments on the proposed improvements on the Ashley Valley Watershed Project in Uintah County, Utah. This is in response to a public notice dated May 2019, our concerns are focused on proposed improvement #2: Piping 9.6 miles of the Ashley Central Canal, specifically the portion known as "kid's canal".

Our issues relate to:

1. The **significant** impact on cultural/historical values of the community in regards to the kid's canal portion and the greater Ashley Central Canal, i.e. the Vernal Youth Council beautification project, amongst other volunteer projects, and Uintah County's incredible work improving and landscaping the walking path along the canal banks.
2. Socio-economic impact on swimming, fishing, and other forms of recreation along the walking path portion of kid's canal. It is documented that green natural spaces improve communities and resident's general well-being. It also serves as an attraction for tourists and visitors. Anecdotally, each season we see dozens of instances where photographers use the canal and tree line as a backdrop for wedding, graduation, and family photos. During the warm months of the year kids and families swim in the canal daily. There has been land provisionally allocated specifically for the walking path along the canal with the intent that it would be used for water recreation.
3. Environmental quality will be **significantly** impacted by piping the canals in the Ashley Valley and results from that analysis should be taken into consideration. It is a riparian area which provides habitat for waterfowl, and other animals. We would like to see the results of the study as to how piping will affect the environment, local water table, and aquifer.

We are very interested in this project's NEPA process and how its subsequent documents address the **significant** impacts and the specific methods used in evaluation.

Specifically how does removing a historic open water source protect and enhance the environmental quality of the area?

If during the NEPA process it is found that this project does not require an Environmental Impact Statement we will be curious as to why that is the case and what level of analysis was done into exploring alternative actions.

If there are any questions relating to the significance of cultural/historical community values of the Ashley Central Canal please see Bureau of Reclamation's report 'Vernal Unit' by Adam R. Eastman <https://www.usbr.gov/projects/pdf.php?id=101> or in particular the value of kid's canal search within the archives of the local newspaper "The Vernal Express. "

We recognize there are demands on our water systems caused by population growth and development but more information needs to be gathered before the decision is signed to pipe a historical and culturally significant canal that was built in 1879 which predates the organization of Uintah County.

Thank you,

6/7/2019

**Comment #:** 20

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:**

**Comments:**

Ashley Valley Watershed Information

Marcus,

I have read the document that you provided (the Open House Display Boards). I understand that this is somewhat a high level overview. The project area map – page 4 of the display boards, has a pointer indicating “Canal Piping Project”. Is this indicating that all of the canal will be piped or that the pointer is showing the beginning of the piping? If the pointer is showing the starting point-what is that specific start location? I guess my main questions concern how the proposed changes impact specifically the frontage of our residence at [REDACTED]. Please provide us with the details of the impact to our property and the surrounding “Kids Canal Project” that was constructed in 1992.  
Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Comment #:** 21

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:** Vernal

**Comments:**

Ashley Watershed Project, ATTN: Marcus Murdock - The Langdon Group

<Attachment [REDACTED]\_6.7.19\_Canal Project.pdf can be found on the next pages.>

Attached are my comments on the proposed Ashley Watershed Project.

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is [REDACTED]. I reside at [REDACTED] in Maeser. Your pipeline project runs along the west end of my property, from the bridge and Flour Mill monument to the south. I have the following concerns and comments.

1. Many land owners along the canal have made improvements along the canal, some for appearance, and some for canal integrity. In my case I have had to address the canal overflowing its banks three times and coming across my property 3 different times over 43 years. All were caused by debris jams. I addressed the repairs and clearing the debris jams with my own equipment . Consequently, I purchased \$2500.00 worth of large rock and lined parts of the east bank to protect against future overflows.

—My question, do you intend on meeting with the individual land owners to address issues like, (in my case) saving, or repositioning the rock after placing the pipeline? The rock not only reinforces the canal bank, but it provides a nice backdrop for the state registered Reynolds Flour Mill Monument.

2. On a close by Rock Point canal pipeline project, provisions were made to maintain the original channel, and release enough water to maintain the channel for wildlife habitat. It seems to me that this project should share the same concerns. The deer, ducks, and the once in a while moose share this same habitat.---Just a bit of history, this canal used to be a creek that flowed year round according to the old timers. Using this creek made it possible to build and run the flour mill that helped the original homesteaders to survive, so it flowed a fair amount. Although through the years the state taking control of the water rights, and selling shares, for many, many years before, it provided not only wildlife habitat, but community benefit.

Question; do you have any intention of addressing any habitat issues?

3. My primary concern is the termination of regular summer water flow, basically leaving a dry trash, and debris collecting gulch. Without water flow you have dead trees and brush that builds up, causing large problems when you do have high runoff or flood. This also makes maintaining the canal much harder. In all fairness the landowners I know do as much, if not much more to maintain the canal as the canal company has. (For verification you can contact fire marshal Jeremy Raymond to verify multiple burn notices of debris removed from in, and along the canal)

Question; do you plan to address the possibility of occasional water flow down the canal channel for wildlife habitat, keep the trees alive, and help keep the channel open and clear?

Finally, I would hope that you would consider these and other landowner concerns along with possible reparation options, such as:

1. Possible rocking the banks along visible areas making them easier to clean and burn
2. Possible large culvert in tight areas.
3. Possible fill to narrow ROW impact.


It has been my experience that addressing these types of issues up front is a whole lot better than trying to fix a wreck after the fact. Knowing some of the folks along this canal prefer not to be a

hindrance, and recognize the intention of this project. At the same time this project will affect property owners in many different ways.

I understand that efforts are being made to turn the dry canal over to the county for flood control. While this sounds like a good idea, it is my opinion that promises from the county are sometimes long on promise, and short on action. In the end, most of the dry gulch maintenance will fall to the land owner.

We are all taxpayers on these types of projects, and we understand the need to improve the flood control and agricultural water management. Hopefully along with financing recreational biking and pedestrian trails for educational and business facilities, we can also address landowner s concerns.

(Note); I will be sending some pictures

Thank You—





Vernal Utah 84078

**Comment #:** 22

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:** Salt Lake City

**Comments:**

Response to: Ashley Valley Watershed Project Announcement

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is in response to the proposed improvements to be undertaken by the Ashley Valley Watershed Project in Uintah County, Utah.

I am concerned and surprised by the proposed project to pipe underground 9.6 miles of the Ashley Central Canal. I am specifically saddened by the prospect of losing the portion known as "kid's canal".

I do not live in Vernal but I have spent many summers visiting my family in Vernal. We always look forward to spending time along the canal, whether walking along side it and enjoying the sound of the water or wading into it to cool off in the summer heat.

I have not heard the specific reasons for wanting to cover the canal. But I hope that whether the concerns be safety or sanitation or something else, that those concerns may be addressed in an alternate manner without requiring putting the creek underground.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]

Salt Lake City, Ut



**Comment #:** 23

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:** Vernal

**Comments:**

Public response on ashley valley water shed project

<Attachment [REDACTED]\_6.7.19\_Ashley Valley Watershed Project.pdf can be found on the next pages.>

Hello Marcus,

Here is my response for public comment on the Ashley Water Shed Project.

I look forward to hearing from you!

## Ashley Valley Watershed Project - Public Scoping Notice Response June 2019

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing this letter to state my issues and comments with the proposed improvements on the Ashley Valley Watershed Project in Uintah County, Utah. This is in response to a public notice dated May 2019. My concern is focused on proposed improvement #2: Piping 9.6 miles of the Ashley Central Canal, specifically the portion known as “kid’s canal”.

My issues are:

1. The **significant** impact on cultural/historical values of the kid’s canal portion and the greater Ashley Central Canal, i.e. the Vernal Youth Council beautification project, amongst other volunteer programs, and Uintah County’s incredible work improving and landscaping the walking path along the canal banks. The Ashley Central Canal was created by farmers that united to bring water into the valley. That was in 1879 and my great-great-grandfather Nelson Merkley Jr. was one of them.
2. Socio-economic impact on dog walking, exercising, and other forms of recreation along the walking path of kid’s canal. It is documented that green natural spaces improve communities and resident’s general well-being. Also, it serves as an attraction for people from out of town, the cool water can tame a hot day. On my daily drive to work I often see a jogger running down the canal path. In the evening on my way home, I see families walking their dogs down the path or their kids playing in the water. It has been a retreat from the hot summer months, and not just for me but dozens of people I have spoken to. I’ve noticed photographers during all season of the year aligning their shots to focus on the changing color of the leaves and painters with their easels painting water scenes.
3. The **significant** impact on the environment by displacing the flora and fauna. I see mourning doves along the kid’s canal in the tallest cottonwood trees, or owls nested in the dead sections of willows, and an occasional hawk in pursuit of a sparrow. Near 1500 W and Main street there is a family of Utah prairie dogs that come to the canal to drink. It is a riparian area which provides habitat for waterfowl, and other animals. What is the plan for these animals? Where are they supposed to go when the water source gets piped? I’ve spoken to people from around Utah about what is being proposed here in the Ashley Valley and many of them have mentioned that when their city piped the canals the trees died within a few years if they weren’t destroyed and killed in the construction. Certain sections of canals along the Wasatch front are piped then reopened, such as city creek, or red butte creek. Garden Park Ward features one of the most stunning views of the Salt Lake Valley because it is not piped.

I am one of a few in the basin that I know of who are very interested in how this project's NEPA process is handled and how its subsequent documents address the *significant* impacts and the specific methods used in evaluation.

Specifically, how does removing a historic open water source protect and enhance the environmental quality of the area?

If during the NEPA process it is found that this project does not require an Environmental Impact Statement I will be inquiring as to why that is the case and what level of analysis was done into exploring alternative actions.

Being that the arduous creation of the Ashley Central Canal predates the organizing of Uintah County I believe there is legitimate historical preservation concerns that would come from piping one of the first if not *the first* canal in the Ashley Valley. Because of its significance I will be coordinating with State Historic Preservation Office as to the effects a project like this may have on a potential historic site. As is the case with the High Line Canal citing the Historic American Engineering Record No. UT-30-F. Which suggested the High Line canal should be considered potentially eligible to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize the demands of population growth and development, but analysis needs to be made before we the tax-payers foot the bill to destroy a historically valued canal and replace it with a pipe.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**Comment #:** 24

**Date:** 6/7/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:**

**Comments:**

Ashley Valley Watershed Pipeline Project

<Attachment [REDACTED]\_6.7.19\_Ashley Valley Watershed Project.pdf can be found on the next page.>

Good evening Mr. Murdock,

I wanted to write a letter expressing my concerns about the proposed pipeline project. I have attached my letter in this email.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

I'm writing this letter because I have issues with and comments on the proposed improvements on the Ashley Valley Watershed Project in Uintah County, Utah. This is in response to a public notice for the proposed project in piping 9.6 miles of the Ashley Central Canal, specifically the portion known as "kid's canal".

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3. Environmental quality will be **significantly** impacted by piping the canals in the Ashley Valley and results from that analysis should be taken into consideration. It is a riparian area which provides habitat for waterfowl and other animals. I would like to see the results of the study as to how piping will affect the environment, local water table, and aquifer.

If there are any questions relating to the significance of cultural/historical community values of the Ashley Central Canal please see Bureau of Reclamation's report 'Vernal Unit' by Adam R. Eastman <https://www.usbr.gov/projects/pdf.php?id=101> or in particular the value of kid's canal search within the archives of the local newspaper "The Vernal Express. "

I recognize there are demands on our water systems caused by population growth and development, but more information needs to be gathered before the decision is signed to pipe a historical and culturally significant canal that was built in 1879, which predates the organization of Uintah County, and has served as a community center piece for many generations.

Thank you,



## **APPENDIX C**

### **POST-SCOPING COMMENTS and STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS**

Post-Scoping Comments  
Stakeholder Meeting Summaries

**Comment #:** 26

**Date:** 8/11/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:**

**Comments:**

As the director of Terra Academy, we utilize the Kids Canal regularly for our Outdoor and other science classes. By enclosing it, it would mean the lush, riparian ecosystem found at Kids Canal would probably not get enough water to survive. We would lose plants, birds, other animals, invertebrates, etc for our students to study.

In conjunction and agreement with this portion of the trails plan, our school is planning on creating a native plant area for those utilizing the walking path behind our school. In addition, we also plan on maintaining "clean up" for the area that borders our school as well as a local farm. We will be doing this as part of our service to the community. While we are building some areas of interest for the community, we hate to lose something we already have in place.

We would be very grateful if you would reconsider enclosing the canal in this area.

Respectfully,

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[REDACTED]

School Director  
Terra Academy  
LEARN-GROW-BE  
844-322-6562 Ext. 103  
[REDACTED]

**Comment #:** 27

**Date:** 10/28/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:**

**Comments:**

I am in support of leaving Kids Canal open and in it's current state. My children love to ride bikes along the shady path, and watch leaves float down the current. My oldest child named it 'birds canal', on account of the sparrows and other birds taking advantage of the water source. For curious children, birds, and others that need water.. please leave the canal open.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**Comment #:** 28

**Date:** 10/28/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:**

**Comments:**

Please don't pipe over kids canal. We love going there as a family in the spring, summer, and fall!!! It is such a fun place to spend time together. Please please please don't pipe it!!

[REDACTED]

Vernal

**Comment #: 29****Date:** 10/29/2019**Source:** Email**Name:** [REDACTED]**Location:****Comments:**

I live in Maeser on a hill that over looks our beautiful valley. I'm very worried about our valley as I have witnessed first hand the effects of piping of irrigation water. Below our home they tore thru the creek smashing trees and shrubs in order to pipe the creek of water that had been there for so many years, leaving in its wake rubble of trees and shrubs that looks like a beastly rip of distruction soon to be dead and dry bleak never to be reclaimed to its beauty and never to be cleared away either. At the cost of around a million dollars probably paid by grants and share holders in the name of saving water. At what cost to wildlife habitat? While the rest of the world yells GO GREEN and are trying to reclaim green areas we are letting our small groves of trees that meander this valley giving life purifying oxygen be destroyed.

Now they are telling us that they plan to also pipe the stretch of canal known to us as kids canal where children have played for so many year and allowed to be children as was the intention of the man who created it. For many children and elderly it is the only spot of nature that they are able to enjoy. Not everyone can go to the canyons and mountains and lake and for those this little stretch was a place of fun and peace not to mention the fowl and frogs and little fishes that will also be destroyed. Years ago our community pool was saved by the educational system is this little stretch of land any less educational than was the pool? Man has captured water and put it to good use and benefit for all my question will piping especially in consideration of the kids canal benefit all? I have a deep respect for our farmers and ranchers. They are and have been in my opinion the life force of our country. They feed America. I know they need water, all living things need water, wars have been fought for it men have died for it, but it is God Given and I don't understand how any group of people think that they should have control of it because they own shares- they also use their shares, all of our lives are effected by how it is used and mis-used. It breaks my heart that little by little we are loosing the small and unique parts of our town like the kids canal.

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**Comment #:** 30

**Date:** 10/18/2019

**Source:** Email

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Location:**

**Comments:**

Hi Andy,

As per our phone conversation from the other day, I have added info regarding support for saving Kid's Canal.

This is the commercial created by the local TV station:

[https://www.channelv6.com/news/local/piping-of-kid-s-canal-faces-opposition-and-an-uncertain/video\\_480652f6-c512-11e9-ac19-a3d30eb5b4d8.html](https://www.channelv6.com/news/local/piping-of-kid-s-canal-faces-opposition-and-an-uncertain/video_480652f6-c512-11e9-ac19-a3d30eb5b4d8.html)

[1983-Canals in Uintah Basin](#) has evidence of the historic value of the Ashley Central Canal.

I have attached comments from our petition and the MOU between the property owners, the canal company, the City and County.

Friends of Kid's Canal Facebook group continues to add comments as well.

I look forward to our visit on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

It is my sincere desire that we can find a working option that will preserve this beautiful, historic space in its current natural condition.

Sincerely,

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<Attachment petition\_comments.pdf and MOU.pdf can be found on the next pages.>

# Comments

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████████	US	2019-06-20	"Everyone has memories of playing in it why take that from our kids now"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-20	"Because this is an iconic area in our community. It provides a place where family's can spend the day next to the water that is close to town. Why do we find the need to remove all areas that could be used for recreation."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It's beautiful walk! And the kids love it!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I love the Kids Canal. Its a beautiful place for a walk."
██████████	Craig, CO	2019-06-21	██████████"
██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-21	"I grew up fishing, swimming, floating, and making great memories throughout this canal! It would be a tragedy to take out a piece of the history of vernal"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Kids canal is a landmark in vernal!"
██████████	Spanish Fork, UT	2019-06-21	"Don't change Vernal's uniqueness."
██████████	Roosevelt, US	2019-06-21	"Kids canal is a beatiful walk and a beautiful area of Vernal. Kids need a place to enjoy the outdoors and kids canal is close and easy to enjoy. Not everybody likes the rec center as a thing to do."
██████████	Roosevelt, US	2019-06-21	"We love this canal. It runs right through my mom and dad's yard.. It would be a shame to let it go to waste. That canal provides a safe place for kids to swim, play and fish!"
██████████	Pico Rivera, US	2019-06-21	"This is a great trail for kids and easy for kids in wheel chairs. Vernal is being ruined and it's sad"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It is a beautiful location for kids, families and all people! It has to be preserved!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Why do we need a pipeline there exactly? This city is just taking more and more things that make this town cool away from the town, why?! We're a tourist town in the summer, yet the city seems to be taking the things away the makes us a tourist town; why?!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I love this little spot. I hung out here as a kid and I watch children here all the time."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Because it's such a great hang out! Over been going there since I was a little kid! My kids and nieces and nephews are there at every family BBQ!"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"The public needs to be informed, since this project is not being called "Kids Canal", therefore our community has not been alerted to the threat this area is facing. The pipeline will prevent seepage,

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			saving water for irrigation, but it will kill the trees along the canal in the process. Preserving this small, shady section benefits our community while still conserving water for water shareholders."
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"We love the kids canal, it serves many purposes and is accessible to everyone."
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"It's been here for years my son and his friends have fished there leave it alone"
██████████████	US	2019-06-21	"Kids need this to play. Out of towners do not need to come in and change things that they know nothing about."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This is such a beautiful walk, a great place for the kids to play and fish. I'm always seeing kids over there. Please don't pipe it."
██████████████	Holden, US	2019-06-21	"I love this little canal!! It breaks my heart to think that it may be gone the next time we come to Vernal to visit family. This little canal makes Vernal charming and welcoming. My granddaughters and I love wading and dipping our toes in the water. The sound of the water is so peaceful. I'm always excited to show the canal to everyone we bring to Vernal with us. I pray they find other options and save the Kid's Canal. ##"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"It is beautiful, the reason I bought my property 19 years ago. Please save the canal."
██████████	Logan, UT	2019-06-21	"██████████"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Kids canal has been a wonderful outlet for the kids who can't get away from town. It a fun place to get cooled off on a hot summer day and a beautiful place to go for a walk. If anything it the walkway should be more maintained and lengthened."
██████████████	Draper, UT	2019-06-21	"██████████████"
██████████	US	2019-06-21	"The kids Canal is the most Iconic thing in Vernal! Everybody has great memories there..dont take it away.."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Seriously?! How dare they?"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This is a great place toWalk with your kids"
██████████████	Lehi, UT	2019-06-21	"I'm tired of certain people wanting to change the small things that make town's like Vernal so great!!"
██████████	Mount Pleasant, UT	2019-06-21	"I grew up playing here it's a part of my childhood."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Because we need to keep some things the way they are in vernal, it's a beautiful canal, and it can't be losing that much water. Stop letting money be your greed they bleed vernal residents dry take taxes, help with the other parts of Utah with oil and gas monies. Let this canal be!!"

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██████████	Tooele, UT	2019-06-21	"I grew up to the kids canal on my life and don't want to see it go."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It needs to stay open water"
██████████	US	2019-06-21	"Why, why ruin everything that makes Vernal special?"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"Because that canal has been there for years and that's a fun place for kids to play and fish and swim, and its a beautiful view, they take everything fun away from the kids in this town, please dont take this canal away!!"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"Sometimes removing trees, sagebrush, other greenery, and moving earth increases the quality of the land. I have never heard of anyone getting rid of a canal in order to increase value to the land. We cherish that running canal water and surrounding big beautiful trees.Come on people. This is just a political move. Don't let greedy and incompetent beaurocrats control our quality of living!"
██████████	US	2019-06-21	"I'm signing because Vernal cannot afford to lose another fine amenity like the Kid's Canal. Absolutely horrible to consider piping, in my opinion."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Kids canal is such apart of our community. Please reconsider piping this section of canal."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Keep kids canal!!!"
██████████	Browns Valley, MN	2019-06-21	"I was born and raised in this town. Keep the canal!!!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It's a great place to spend time with your children. Kids have played there for 40 years that I know off"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Progress is not always better. Leave this part of Vernal alone."
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"Let keep kids canal as it is"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"This is one of my favorite places to go for my photography. And my daughter when she was small loved to fish there I took her often I fished there when I was young also. So this saddens me . please don't pipe off at least 5th north to 5th south."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Leave it alone"
██████████	Roosevelt, US	2019-06-21	"Kids have played in the canal for years"
██████████	Price, UT	2019-06-21	"Brianna Sharp"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This was my all time favorite place to be when I was a kid with my brother, mom, and friends either fishing or swimming in it .. I hope it stays for generations to enjoy it like I did and still do and my kids did now I hope it's around for my grandkids to enjoy also .. clean it .. stock it with fish again and make it a kids place to be again ##"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Most of my childhood summers were spent in or on kids canal. My friends and I would all go fishing, swimming, or just hang out by the

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			water. We even built our own little hideout by the edge. This would be sad to see go."
	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"My husband and myself grew up in Vernal and want our children to enjoy the same happy memories we were able to create with our families and friends."
	Casper, WY	2019-06-21	"My kids love swimming there we go there all the time"
	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Some of my best memories as a child involve the kids canal!!! This would be heartbreaking and I would hate to lose out on my kids not being able to make the amazing memories I was able to as a kid."
	Arlington, TX	2019-06-21	"Growing up, I spent hours and hours each summer exploring the trail, fishing and swimming in Kids Canal. It's a very pretty area that holds fond memories for a large percentage of Vernal's population. It would be a real shame to cut the trees and pave it over."
	West Jordan, UT	2019-06-21	"Kids canal has been a memory to many people. It's a great place to go to for a walk or to walk your dog. For kids to fish in. It's a part of the basin and I don't believe it should be sealed up and piped."
	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"THIS IS MY CHILDHOOD DONT YOU DARE"
	Jensen, UT	2019-06-21	"I'm signing this because it give kids a safe place to cool off and swim with family!"
	Nampa, ID	2019-06-21	"It's a family friendly town."
	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"We have taken our kids there for years! I used to go there when I was little!! We take our dogs for walks there all the time! How heart breaking it would be to lose this place!!"
	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-21	"I love kids canal!!!! I played in it when I was a little girl!!!!"
	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"The people that live there don't want it"
	US	2019-06-21	"This has always been something and somewhere for our children to go and have fun. The loss of water in that short stretch of canal is not even worth the culvert let alone the the loss of a great place for children to play and have a good time."
	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It runs through my in laws yard"
	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"
	Roy, UT	2019-06-21	"Lots of memories with family and friends here.its close to town for thoughts who cant drive."
	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I miss the canals in vernal of my childhood on 1500 north. Most of my best memories of walking a tree-lined street and cooling off happened there. Keep the canals!!! ##"

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██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"It's bull they keep taking things away from our community ! There is so many memories there and still a beautiful place to go for a walk and take the grandkids where I played"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"██████████"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"██████████"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"Our family has so many memories of walking/biking along kids canal and also taking a picnic and fishing."
██████████	Payson, UT	2019-06-21	"██████████████████"
██████████	Stanley, ND	2019-06-21	"I grew up playing in the kids canal. When we go back to visit i want to be able to continue to take my kids there."
██████████████	Stevensville, MT	2019-06-21	"My kids and I loved going to kids canal for years."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This is one of the few places in town families can go to relax and have fun."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"██████████"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Swam there often when I was little and staying with my cousins. Occasionally splash around like a duck there now. Often see people enjoying the shade with their pets and children. Such a nice ammenity for this town. Would hate to see that go away."
██████████████	Hurricane, US	2019-06-21	"I loved fishing there as a kid"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"It's a beautiful area my kids love"
██████████	US	2019-06-21	"Our town needs this. It has always been here"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"When they pipe the canal they are placing the pipe next to the bank. They will be chopping down 100 year old trees. And replacing them with baby ones. This would be ridiculous. They also said they will not replace trash trees. Who decides what is a trash tree. In spring creek NV they piped the water to CA. Now my sisters water bill is \$600. The city is called spring creek and it's creek-less and dry. The engineering company that is pushing for this project is out of Layton UT. They will not care one bit if they leave us without trees and water. Well owners who payed money for well permits and money to dig a well. These well might not be deep enough to ensure that you will be able to use your well. Let's do everything we can to stop this project. This is our home. This project is going to cost as much per square foot as putting in a railroad."
██████████	Las Vegas, NV	2019-06-21	"We spent countless hours during the summers hanging out and swimming there."
██████████	Hurricane, UT	2019-06-21	"My kids and I love this canal!"
██████████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"Its historic."



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██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"I am in favor of preserving kids canal"
██████████	Ozona, TX	2019-06-21	"The Kids's need it. Many memories there."
██████████	Ozona, TX	2019-06-21	"I'm from Vernal."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Just another bull crap "project" to waste our tax dollars and ruin a community staple that has been part of our town for decades. I do not agree with this."
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"This canal is such a special place to many people. I had hoped they would restock it for my boy heard that in the past they had a he wanted to fish it. Why do we have to take away things can do without getting into trouble a d also the special places with memories for many many people?"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Kids canal is a beautiful part of our town that the kids love."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"We need to be responsible and respect the plant life and the beautiful water areas we have now. The hazard of all the dead trees it's not worth the loss."
██████████	Fruita, US	2019-06-21	"I was born and raised in vernal, spent alot of time at kids canal fishing and swimming, would really suck to know its gone."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This town doesn't have a lot of things for the kids to go without paying to do it. We need to think about that. If we do away with this we are only making our kids stay inside even more. We should keep our kids interested in being outside and active more than sitting at home and watching tv or playing video games."
██████████	Casper, WY	2019-06-21	"As a child some of best memories were swimming there"
██████████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This is a Vernal landmark! Leave this stretch of it alone!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It is the place we go every year to make memories with our children"
██████████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"It's the KIDS canal. Your always taking good things away from our community"
██████████████	Springville,, UT	2019-06-21	"2 sons and a Grandson, say these are the places that all should be remembered as one of my favorite ."
██████████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I believe it's a beautiful walking path,a waterway for for excessive rain on roadway,and a great kid and family activity!"
██████████	Goldsboro, NC	2019-06-21	"I'm from Vernal"
██████████████	Edmonton, Canada	2019-06-21	"Spent a lot of summers at the canal the way kids should. Some things should be left alone."
██████████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Because kids canal is an amazing part of vernal, and I dont believe this company from layton gives a shit about us!"

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████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"The kids canal is a Vernal landmark that generations of "kids" have fished. It has a nice shady path used by many to walk and provides a home for birds, as well as other animals. I understand that sometimes change is needed for growth, but alternative ways need to be researched. To take this area away from Vernal would be a shame, it is part of our history and small town charm."
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I agree. This portion of the canal at least needs to stay! Otherwise what was the purpose of cleaning it up, adding benches, paved walking path only to tear it down a few years later. What a waste of taxpayers money."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This is a special place for most of Vernal kids that grew up here.. I take my dog there now to swim.. beautiful little place!!"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"██████████"
████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"The canal being discussed is The Central Canal. There are no plans at this time to pipe it. The canals they are going to pipe are the Upper Canal that crosses the Maeser Hwy at 3500 West and eventually crosses Hyw 40 near 1650 South and the Highline Canal that crosses Maeser Hwy at about 3700 West runs West of the Maeser Cemetary and crosses Hyw 40 out by the Senic Outlook. These 2 canals will not disturb the Kids Canal in any way. No worries !!"
████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"Always played here as a child. 90% of my childhood memories were made at the canal."
████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"They have no intentions to pipe the Central Canal also called Kids Canal. They are piping the Upper Canal and the Highline Cana which are both quite a ways West of the area you are concerned about. No worries !! Just trying to save a lot of controversy..."
██████████	Taylorsville, UT	2019-06-21	"I loved Kids Canal growing up. Don't take it away!"
████████	US	2019-06-21	"It would be a terrible decision if it is pipe not only to the people but to the wildlife and our trees."
████████	vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It's beautiful, adds character to Vernal"
████████	Sidney, MT	2019-06-21	"My family spent many afternoons and evenings walking this path! We have great memories!"
██████████	Renton, WA	2019-06-21	"This was a part of my childhood and the first place I used a rope swing, the first place I tried to fish, and countless hours on hot summer days that we would wade in the water to cool off."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I have many fond memories playing there and would be sad to see it destroyed."
██████████	Altamont, UT	2019-06-21	"I think kids need a place to be outdoors. This canal is an important part of many people's childhood. Our kids need something to make them be outside"

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████████	Colorado	2019-06-21	"Who hasn't fished kids Canal? Or played in it when it was hot?! I think every kid that grew up in Vernal has. I say keep it."
████████	Colorado	2019-06-21	"Because it's a perfect place for kids and families to have fun!!!!!"
██████████	Piedmont, US	2019-06-21	"Keep Kids Canal as it is. The people are speaking. It is a positive for the community and environment."
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"I played in this canal when I was young. When I dive past it it brings back great memories. Keep it as it is."
██████████	vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"its home to me i rember tubing down it and fishing there as a kid"
██████████	US	2019-06-21	"We grew up playing in the canal and loved it!"
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It because it help kid learn to fish and catch frogs."
██████████	Lehi, UT	2019-06-21	"Childhood memories"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It been there as long as I remember I played there when I was a kid and I don't think it's right to cut it all down and put pipe in kids and family love this place"
██████████	Elizabeth, CO	2019-06-21	"This is an amazing area for the community to go!! Leave it alone!!!"
██████████	Payson, UT	2019-06-21	"I have very fond memories of Kid's Canal growing up. From fishing to walks along the canal. We should destroy this gem for kids today!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This a beautiful area for family and animals to just hang out and chill. It's close to town so it's easy to get to for the ones who can't travel to a lake. Its peaceful quiet and well shaded. I love taking my dogs and grandkids to kids canal to swim and have a picnic and enjoy the day."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I don't want to see it go"
██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-21	"Kids and families need kids canal! We do t have very many fun outing options in vernal!"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-21	"████████"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"We need kids canal! It's an icon of vernal!!!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It's a fun place for the kids to play"
██████████	Las Vegas, NV	2019-06-21	"Kids canal is awesome. Been going there since I was a kid. Some of the best memories. It's like. A landmark in vernal. A right of passage."
██████████	US	2019-06-21	"Kids canal is a big part of many childhoods. Don't take it from our future children"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This is ludicrous"

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████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It's the best,loved on the trailer park right by it,lots of good memories"
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"This canal is part of our history!"
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"For some this is about the only time they fish, I like walking on those trails under the big trees. Sounds like it's just another ploy to keep employees busy"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"It's been a part of something we do with our kids and dog and I've Been going there since I was about 11"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I love kids canal"
████████	Grand junction, US	2019-06-21	"Because it's to get the kids outdoors"
██████████	Lapoint, UT	2019-06-21	"Don't take this away from out community!"
██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-21	"It's crap!!! Stop selling our natural resources!!! We don't have enough water as it is. "
██████████	US	2019-06-21	"My husband grew up fishing this canal with his grandpa. Please don't let this happen!"
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I grew up by this canal and it is great entertainment for kids that live in the area."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I live / have lived the almost my life and to many kids like to play and fish there"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"Kids Canal as much a part of Vernal as the Cobble Rock Park, Western Park, and DUP Museum or Dinosaur Museum!!! Let it be!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"The piping of the canal will be done in my front yard, I don't trust their reclamation efforts when it's done, all the funding wasn't in place at the last meeting"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I walk that trail all the time it's one of my favorite trails in Vernal."
██████████	Beaver, UT	2019-06-21	"It's been there so long to take it away from the people who love and appreciate its beauty.0"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-21	"I believe in preserving green space and a great place to walk and relax!"
██████████	Cushing, OK	2019-06-22	"So very disappointing. I'm from Oklahoma when moving up there 13 years ago this was one of the beautiful things that they had in town to offer. My daughter grew up the first 9 years of her life there and this is a place that her dad would take her fishing. Do to it was local was easy access and great for kids. Why would you take such a good thing away from children? often times in communities children are struggling to find things to do. why not make it better instead of taking away?"

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██████████	La Verkin, UT	2019-06-22	"Don't pipe the canal. It makes for a beautiful place to walk and watch the water. And yes fish"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"Why destroy something that is important to the neighborhood, to "improve" it, leave it alone, why must cities always ruin things in the name of improvement."
██████████	Lumberton, TX	2019-06-22	"Great place for kids. Many precious Memories made here with my family."
██████████	Elko, NV	2019-06-22	"It is a land mark of Vernal"
██████████	Wellsville, UT	2019-06-22	"I am signing too keep this canal for children, ducks, and all nature that has needed and depended on this canal for many years. How about we stop destroying what is left of good. Let's keep it instead!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"This has been a staple of this community!! Do not do this!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"Why destroy a neat part of what makes Vernal appealing open running water? So they can save it for farther down the line evaporation? Well I don't like it keep it open and shaded I don't want the valley to turn into a dust bowl because it is all piped. Where is the study on that?"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-22	"This breaks my heart! I have memories of floating down the canal on a tube as a kid. This can't happen!"
██████████	Temple, US	2019-06-22	"It's a great place for kids to play, fish, and to stay outta trouble"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-22	"I loved fishing there as a kid and would hate for any other future generations of kids to miss out on that !"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"This needs ti stay the way it has always been, for our children"
██████████	Evanston, WY	2019-06-22	"My kids played and fished the canal. Now my Grandkids. It's a tradition that needs to be protected."
██████████	West Des Moines, IA	2019-06-22	"My granddaughter won't have the opportunity to use this feature. Please find another option."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"The name says it all....KID'S CANAL!!! Leave it be people...let kids have their Canal and adults have the beauty!!"
██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-22	"It's sad to see these fun little places destroyed."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"They need to leave it alone! It's been here ever since I can remember...."
██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-22	"Lots of memories fishing with my grandpa swimming in the summer just been a iconic place in vernal for many years"
██████████	US	2019-06-22	"I fished this place 40 years ago with Shaun and his brother Justin. Many kids still do. Please don't take that away."

Name	Location	Date	Comment
██████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"Kids canal matters. This is the most ridiculous idea I've ever heard of!"
██████	Fort Drum, NY	2019-06-22	"A lot of memories are tied into that canal for just about everyone that grew up in Vernal."
██████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"The people of Vernal will not want this piped. Whose right idea was this?"
██████	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-06-22	"Hanging out in or along the Kid's Canal was a highlight of my childhood. Please don't take it away!!"
██████████	Pleasanton, CA	2019-06-22	"I used to walk down the canal trail e everytime I walked from the highschool to the middle school to meet my mom. @ her work."
██████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"My grandkids love going here u leave it alone"
██████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-22	"It's a neat lil place makes that whole Rhoad look nice"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"I've lived here for only 10 yrs. In this time, kids canal has been highly talked about by people of all ages. There seems to be a lot of history and memories about this canal. Im just hoping that a different solution other than piping can be arranged. A concrete ditch can be helpful in preserving valuable water, and still offer user friendly options for people of all ages. Just a thought."
██████████	US	2019-06-22	"John Carpenter- you can't play in a pipe, fool."
██████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"I love kids canal"
██████	Vernal, US	2019-06-22	"Save it for the kids!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-22	"I live right next to it and every year there is a group of ducks that make it home. I love watching the little duck families. And when my neices and nephews come over they love the ability to go play in the water and have fun."
██████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"It's part of the town and it's for the kids"
██████████	Lapoint, UT	2019-06-23	"Kids canal is for the community ..."
██████	US	2019-06-23	"I played at kids canal. It is beautiful and wonderful for parents who can't always afford the drive and price of other places. Please don't pipe it."
██████	Lapoint, UT	2019-06-23	"I want to save it"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"I lived here my hole life... have a lot of memories in this town the kids canales is some of them .."
██████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"Kids canal is important to the community and maintaining outdoor activities in the vernal area"

Name	Location	Date	Comment
██████████	Lapoint, US	2019-06-23	"Kids canal has more happy memories then any other part of vernal. You strip the skating ring then the mini golf course. Why don't you strip that new city hall. We sure didn't need it."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"I love this canal. I used to live by it and play in it all the time!"
██████████	Glen allen, US	2019-06-23	"I don't live in vernal anymore but all my extended family does and kids canal is a staple of vernal where a lot of families can go to experience nature without having to leave town."
██████████	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-06-23	"██████████ is my friend"
██████████	Farmington, NM	2019-06-23	"The kids need this. Kids need to be outdoors and enjoying it. Don't rake this from the youth."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"I grew up with it running behind our house to many memories to let anything change that"
██████████	Dinosaur, CO	2019-06-23	"Oh no! This can not be lost! My kids used to fish and swim here. So many child hood memories here for them!"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-23	"The best memories of my childhood were here! Please dont take that away from us. we practically lived there in the summers... this is horrible!"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-23	"I loved spending my summers in the canal. I miss my kids getting to enjoy the pleasure or squishing the mud between their toes as the walk in the canal or on it's banks. We live too far away for them the play in the canal as I did. Not only is it a great place for kids to have a childhood filled with adventure & joy, but it is beautiful & peaceful to walk, sit, or even drive next to its natural beauty. Too many places of beauty have been torn up & cemented!!!!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"It's a kids favorite hot spot don't ruin the last things kids have since y'all took everything else"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"██████████"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"I took my girls fishing there when they were little, and they take their boys there now to play and fish."
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-23	"If vernal city is itching to spend money. Clean up the canal and plant fish in it. Give kids the opportunity to interact with nature. People already have a difficult time disengaging from their technology. Don't remove that opportunity and make it even harder."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"██████████"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-23	"My kids play here. This is like loosing a very special city park. Piping canals is usually good, but I agree, leave the section from 5th North to 5th South alone."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-23	"I believe in leaving kids canal open."

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██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-23	"██████████"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-24	"It's a part of the community"
██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-24	"This is a landmark in vernal and it would be really stupid to take that away from future generations."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-24	"██████████"
██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-24	"Your taking away history and history for kids that will be made there."
██████████	US	2019-06-24	"What a shame!. I have fond memories of fishing here growing up. Dont let this happen, sign the petition!!."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-24	"Raised in vernal spent over half my life there and so many memories and good times around kids canal. Take that piping and shove it"
██████████	Castle Dale, US	2019-06-24	"I visit my Brother and Sister in Law and I love this little canal. They have spent a small fortune on their bridge and asphalt. It would truly be a shame to cover this up"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-24	"I am against pipelining kids canal"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-24	"My kids love going here to swim and spend hot summer days here"
██████████	La Loma, NM	2019-06-24	"Don't Take This Away from Vernal's Children ~"
██████████	US	2019-06-24	"██████████"
██████████	Denver, US	2019-06-24	"I was told to "
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-24	"██████████"
██████████	Garden Grove, CA	2019-06-24	"My cousins cherish the memories they have made there !"
██████████	██████████, UT	2019-06-24	"My family loves the kids canal. It shouldn't be piped. Why cut down trees hundreds of years old, take away a piece of what makes Vernal special, and pipe it?"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-25	"Grew up with kids canal and want my kids to do the same"
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-25	"We don't have enough recreational places for the children of vernal to have some fun and fishing this canal has been history of vernal Ut."
██████████	US	2019-06-25	"WTF? That's a landmark. Don't take away the few Vernal had left. Fill the damn reservoir if your concerned about water. It'll kill the vegetation. Absurdly wrong. Come correct."
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-25	"Our kids need it and i like the water!!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-25	"It tos a beautiful and fun place to walk and play."



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████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-25	"It's a land mark"
██████████	Malad City, US	2019-06-26	"I grew up next to a canal and it gave me some of my best growing up memories."
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-06-26	"Kids canal has been a part of my entire life. I've enjoyed fishing there as a kid"
████████	Herriman, UT	2019-06-26	"I'm signing because we lived in Vernal for 40 years; just recently moved to the Wasatch Front to be closer to family. We lived just a few blocks from Kids Canal, and all my children have fond memories of time spent there. If I were still living in Vernal, I would take my grandchildren there. It is a shame that steps are being taken that will have a negative effect on trees, animal life, and everything else that depends on Kids Canal water. I'm saddened by this and grateful I won't have to watch it happen."
████████	Pico Rivera, US	2019-06-26	"I grew up playing on this cannel I as well as most my sibling caught there first fish wish my son could do the same"
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-26	"No no no it's the perfect place for kids play in the water and fish! The walking trail and water needs to stay"
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-06-27	"This is bullshit!"
██████████	Roosevelt, UT	2019-06-27	"It needs to stay. They've piped even else... Leave this alone!!"
████████	Williston, ND	2019-07-01	"This is part of my child hood and my taxes dont go to stupid funding keep it simple"
████████	Salt Lake City, UT	2019-07-07	"I have four acres along the canal and my family has decades of history there. I can't imagine what it will do to my property—and quality of life—to see all the greenery bulldozed and the water gone. I go for runs and walks along the canal every week."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-07-08	"Children and families frequent this area. They don't have the means to travel to other places for leisure activities. There is an established trail and why would anyone use it to see a pipe? Sometimes you need to think about all people involved and find a solution that is fair to everyone."
██████████	Vernal, U.S. Outlying Islands	2019-07-12	"██████████"
████████	Vernal, UT	2019-07-13	"I support small town free family sustaining fun!"
████████	Vernal, US	2019-07-29	"The canal provides access to nature for kids and adults alike, without leaving town. This is a free resource that cannot be replaced and will be sorely missed if lost. It's rare to drive past the canal on a summer day without seeing people enjoying what it has to offer. The same cannot be said for expensive public facilities whose price of admission puts them out of reach for many families. In my opinion, the seepage from the canal is a small price to pay for the riparian corridor and wildlife communities along the banks. Once that is lost, all that's left is a barren strip of land for weeds to thrive."

Name	Location	Date	Comment
██████████	Vernal, US	2019-08-01	"I want to save this special place. It holds a lot of sentimental value. But it is also one of the only free centrally located areas for all kinds of people to enjoy. From the elderly to little kids. It is easily accessible for a quick walk or you could spend the whole day there. Why is Vernal bent on destroying what little charm is left? I understand the project. But is 500 feet of open stream for our community to enjoy not a priority..."
██████████	Johnstown, CO	2019-08-02	"I grew up in Vernal and at one time I lived by the canal. Spent alot of time there and enjoyed it all. Everyone should have great memories of the canal. Let alone be able to enjoy the beauty of it."
██████████	Utah	2019-08-05	"I fished here as a kid and I want my kids to grow up with the same opportunity."
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-08-06	"Kids canal has been a fun adventure for kids and families for years . If you pipe kids canal there will be nothing fun to do in Vernal"
██████████	La Habra, US	2019-08-14	"We walk this everyday. This place has so many memories with friends and family."
██████████	Temecula, CA	2019-08-17	"The memories I have of kids canal with my cousin are priceless and I intend to move home some day and it would break my heart not to be able to let my son go fish in that canal the same as I did growing up. Some things should just stay the way they are!"
██████████	Vernal, UT	2019-08-30	"I want to keep this canal free for everyone to use!"

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UTAH COUNTY PLANNING

KID'S CANAL PARKWAY EASEMENT

Rec By: BRENDA McDONALD 195  
DEPUTY

THIS EASEMENT, given this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1992, by and between BURNES B. TEBBS, AMBER A. TEBBS, TREVOR D. TEBBS and JENNIFER T. PETERSON of St. George, Washington County, Utah; MICHAEL T. ROBINSON, JR. and JODY L. ROBINSON of Vernal, Uintah County, Utah; VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING, Trustee of the VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING TRUST also known as the VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING FAMILY TRUST; VIRGINIA M. HACKING, General Partner of the HACKING FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Utah Limited Partnership; VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING GILES of Vernal, Uintah County, Utah; DOUGLAS L. MERKLEY and RHEA H. MERKLEY of Heber, County of Wasatch, Utah; and KATHLEEN M. AHRNSBRACK also known as KATHLEEN MC OMBER of Vernal, Uintah County, Utah, hereinafter collectively called the Grantors, and UINTAH COUNTY, a body corporate and politic, organized under the laws of the State of Utah, hereinafter called the Grantee,

WHEREAS, the Grantors are owners in fee of the real property hereinafter described, situated in Uintah County, State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee is desirous of constructing the Kid's Canal Parkway, a community recreational site,

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the Grantors do hereby grant, bargain and convey unto the Grantee, the said Uintah County, and its assigns, a perpetual easement and the right to construct, operate and maintain a recreational site on, over and across the following described land which the Grantors own, to wit:

Being parts of Serial Nos. 05:006:0001, 05:006:0003, 05:006:0005, 05:007:0001 and 05:007:0002,

Beginning at the Northwest corner, Section 22, T4S, R21E, SLM, and running thence N 87°55'20" E along the North line of said Section - 55 feet; thence S 2°12'03" E - 720 feet; thence N 87°55'20" E - 11 feet; thence S 2°12'03" E - 248.98 feet; thence S 87°55'20" W - 33 feet; thence S 2°12'03" E - 234.38 feet; thence N 87°55'20" E - 33 feet; thence S 2°12'03" E - 124.73 feet; thence S 87°55'20" W - 33 feet; thence S 2°12'03" E - 185.68 feet; thence N 87°55'41" E - 33 feet; thence S 2°12'03" E - 1141.70 feet to the South line of said Section; thence S 87°57'39" W along said South line - 66 feet to the West 1/4 corner said Section 22; thence N 2°12'03" W - 2655.37 feet along the West line said Section 22 to the point of beginning.

situate in UINTAH COUNTY, State of Utah, TOGETHER with the right of ingress and egress, the right to clear and keep cleared all

trees and other obstructions as may be necessary and to construct such improvements in keeping with intent and nature of the recreational site.

REFERENCE is also hereby made to the attached Exhibit A, a preliminary drawing of the Kid's Canal Parkway.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have set their hands and seals this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 1992.

BURNES B. TEBBS

AMBER A. TEBBS

TREVOR D. TEBBS

JENNIFER T. PETERSON

MICHAEL T. ROBINSON, JR.

JODY L. ROBINSON

VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING, Trustee  
VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING TRUST aka  
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TRUST

VIRGINIA M. HACKING, General  
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*Douglas S. Merkley*  
DOUGLAS L. MERKLEY

*Rhea H. Merkley*  
RHEA H. MERKLEY

KATHLEEN M. AHRNSBRAK

KATHLEEN MC OMBER

STATE OF UTAH           )  
                                  ) ss  
COUNTY OF               )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 1992, personally appeared before me BURNES B. TEBBS and AMBER A. TEBBS, the signers of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Notary Public

Commission expires:

Residing in:

STATE OF UTAH

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COUNTY OF

On this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 1992, personally appeared before me TREVOR D. TEEBS, the signer of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

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Notary Public

Commission expires:

Residing in:

STATE OF UTAH

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COUNTY OF

On this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 1992, personally appeared before me JENNIFER T. PETERSON, the signer of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

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Notary Public

Commission expires:

Residing in:

STATE OF UTAH

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COUNTY OF UTAH

On this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 1992, personally appeared before me MICHAEL T. ROBINSON, JR. and JODY L. ROBINSON, the signers of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same

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Notary Public

Commission expires:

Residing in:

STATE OF UTAH

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COUNTY OF UTAH

On this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 1992, personally appeared before me VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING GILES also known as VIRGINIA M. HACKING, General Partner of the HACKING FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, also known as VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING, Trustee of the VIRGINIA

MERKLEY HACKING TRUST also known as the VIRGINIA MERKLEY HACKING FAMILY TRUST, the signer of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

Notary Public

Commission expires:

Residing in:

STATE OF UTAH )  
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COUNTY OF )

X On this 30 day of March, 1992, personally appeared before me DOUGLAS L. MERKLEY and RHEA H. MERKLEY, the signers of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

*John Robert Hicks*  
Notary Public  
Residing in: *Helix Utah*

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL  
JOHN ROBERT HICKS  
Notary Public  
STATE OF UTAH  
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On this \_\_\_ day of March, 1992, personally appeared before me KATHLEEN M. AHRNSBRACK also known as KATHLEEN MC OMBER, the signer of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

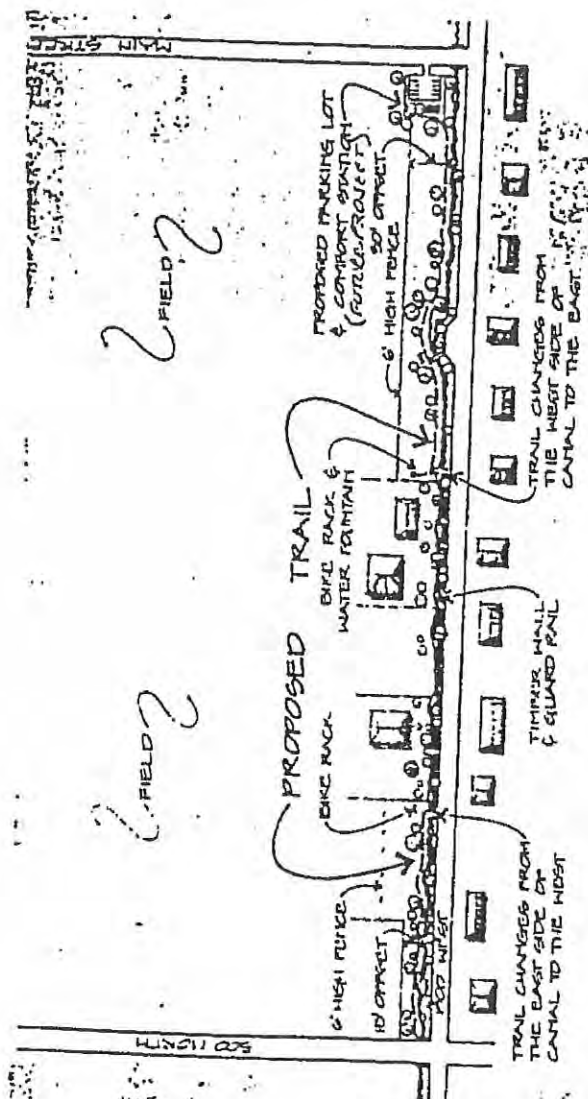
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# EXHIBIT "A"

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## Ashley Valley Watershed Project

Public Scoping Comment Card

Natural  
Resources  
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Service

[nrc.usda.gov/](http://nrc.usda.gov/)

**Comments** This is one of the most beautiful and loved parks with significant historical importance to my community.

PLEASE consider the impact that taking the beauty of the flowing water would have by removing this from the trees and our community. It is unique and really does have significant familial and historical ties here.





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### Comments

a wonderful place for walking, jogging  
preserving native plant species & swimming  
my children have enjoyed coming here every  
summer to swim & enjoy fishing the creek.



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## Comments

There are always members of our community enjoying the water and shady walkway here. Please preserve this beautiful walkway by leaving open water for the trees and plants thriving on Kids Canal. There are so few shady places left within Vernal City limits. We love this area!



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## Comments

Please keep the canal open! It adds to the beautiful walking area.



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### Comments

Definitely this area should be conserved - I have lived here over 40 years. Kids Canal was my & sons favorite place and we were going to move but Kids Canal sold us and we are still here - Our grandkids love to be here now. I think we need more places to walk enjoy nature - If we don't teach kids the value of historic - nature places the next generations won't preserve these places & large parts of our history will be lost -



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Conservation  
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**Comments** Kids Canal is a community treasure. It must be preserved for future generations. No where else in our valley is there a place like it. It is a perfect example of recreation & irrigation existing in a beautiful downtown area. It add a unique spot for people of all ages to connect back with nature. Please help us save it.