



# Ashley Valley Watershed Project

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**Comments** We are requesting that another alternative to the Ashley Valley Watershed Project, where it can save Kid's Canal. This is a very special location for many of us. My children and now grandchildren have enjoyed many fun times there and we hope someday great grand children can also. We enjoy a nice shaded walk along the canal with the water accompanying us. Please, we're sure if some of your employees can give more thought, you'll be able to save the Kid's Canal. Thank you, Thank you for your help.



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We would like to voice our desire to see "Kid's Canal" Ashley Central Canal left as a free flowing open canal. It is an asset to our community. It provides a peaceful walking path along a beautiful stream with many mature shade trees. It's like an oasis in the middle of a busy world. Please don't take that away from the community.

Thanks for listening.



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I have lived in Vernal since 2011. ~~My~~ My family enjoys the scenic beauty along the Ashley Central Canal from 500 N to 500 S. ~~we both jog regularly~~ My wife and I jog on the trail from 500 N to Main and also walk with our children. We regularly see birds in the trees and enjoy the shade as we jog/walk. An open canal through this area is essential to ~~maintain~~ maintaining this scenic beauty and wild life habitat. Please consider an alternative that will preserve this valuable resource.



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Honestly, I don't use the kids canal any more, but since my son just bought a place close, I hope to go for walks there with my grandkids. I did use the kids canal when I was a kid, before the awesome side walks were installed.

I understand why piping in the canals to save water is necessary, but would love to see the preservation of the kids canal. It's one of Vernal's best spots. And, in the summer, whenever I drive by, there are ALWAYS kids enjoying it.



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I can see the trail along Kid's Canal from my home, and I drive past the "Swimming hole" every day in the summer. I see how many people of all ages walk along the path. I see Moms sitting in the shade of Mature Trees as her busy kids play in the cool water. I watch a pair of Hawks that live along the Canal. I walk the path my self with my Grandkids, so with all of this I cannot stand by without doing what I can to ask that the stretch between 5<sup>th</sup> & Main remain as it is with running open access to water. Kid's Canal does impact our community. It has historic significance, wildlife & →

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**Ashley Valley Watershed Project Team**

c/o The Langdon Group

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birds will be impacted. Please consider A proposal  
that keeps the water in the canal with  
public access so the trees can continue  
to grow & provide shade & sanctuary for  
wild life & birds. Sincerely,



Tuesday Oct 25,  
2019

To: The Langdon Group:

I am opposed to piping Keds Canal because:

- 1) It is refreshing to see and hear running water - especially along the walk way;
- 2) It is a fun safe place for kids to play in the water and fish - and no casualties have ever occurred with those activities;
- 3) It is a nice place for wild life to be and to be observed by people;
- 4) The big trees will probably die without the water feeding their roots and that would look bad;
- 5) It will cost lots of money to pipe and then build a road to hide the pipe; the beauty of nature will be lost;

Please keep it an open water-way.

Sincerely,

**Stakeholder Meeting #1**

**Date:** 8/17/2019

**Name:** Friends of the Kids Canal

**Summary:**

The Friends of the Kids Canal hosted a public information booth on the canal trail on August 17, 2019. The event was attended by representatives from the Ashley Central Irrigation Company and consultant engineering company. Approximately 15 residents attended the booth and visited with the representatives.



## **Stakeholder Meeting #2**

**Date:** 10/20/2019

**Name:** Friends of the Kids Canal

### **Summary:**

The Friends of the Kids Canal group requested a meeting with the project team to discuss the group's concerns. Andy Neff, Marti Hoge and Jon Frazier of JUB Engineers met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on Oct. 20, 2019. The J-U-B team provided explanations of the canal company's prescriptive easement and shareholder water rights, the NEPA environmental process, project funding and proposed design. Proposed design includes canal piping as a means to address flood and watershed protection, to reduce irrigation water evaporation/seepage and public safety liabilities associated with open water and to pressurize the system for increased efficiencies. No water feature will be maintained with the project and the canal does not qualify for a historical designation. Alternate funding sources may be pursued separately from the project to accomplish this purpose. Funding is included in the project to construct three miles of recreational trails for bike and pedestrian use. Dilsavers suggested trail enhancements such as bike racks and a trailhead parking area. This feedback was shared with the project team.

### **Stakeholder Meeting #3**

**Date:** 1/8/2020

**Name:** McNaughten Gulch Water Users

#### **Summary:**

Representatives from the Ashley Central Canal Company met with McNaughten Gulch Water Users on January 8, 2020 to discuss the impact on their water from the proposed piping of the Ashley Central Canal. Representatives from the Canal Company included Wayne Simper (President) and Shirley Slaugh (Office Manager). Representatives from JUB Engineers included Brian Deeter (Project Manager) and Jon Frazier (Project Engineer). Andrew Dutson from the Utah Division of Water Rights was also in attendance. There were ten (10) stakeholders in attendance representing McNaughten water users.

All water users in attendance were from the Esquire Estates subdivision where the water is used in a private pressurized irrigation system. Currently the water flows into the open Ashley Central Canal and the Esquire Estates water users divert their water directly out of the canal. Once the canal is piped and pressurized, there will be no way to introduce the McNaughten Gulch water into the pressurized pipe. The canal will remain open but will not carry any Ashley Central water shares. Without that water, it is unlikely that the small flows from the McNaughten Gulch would make it to Esquire Estates. The proposal that was discussed was to deliver the McNaughten Gulch water in a separate pipe to Ashley Canal water users on lateral 13 which is adjacent to the current location where the McNaughten Gulch flows into the canal. In exchange, the Esquire Estates water users would be allowed to take water out of the new pipe. The water would be metered from the McNaughten Gulch and also into Esquire Estates so a fair exchange of water could be made. The McNaughten Gulch water users would be required to pay their proportionate share of the cost of making the modifications to the way the McNaughten Gulch water will be used and how the Ashley Central water will be delivered to Esquire Estates. All who were in attendance seemed to be in agreement with that proposal. They agreed to contact others not in attendance and to arrange another meeting amongst themselves to gather the money required.

<Meeting Attendance Sign-in Sheet can be found on the next page.>

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