

Welcome

Jordan River/Murdock Connector Trail

Environmental Study Open House
November 29, 2011



Why are we here tonight?

Utah County and Lehi City, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation, are conducting an environmental study (called a Categorical Exclusion) to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed **Jordan River/Murdock Connector Trail**.

This proposed project would construct a 10-foot wide multi-use trail along Club House Drive, Garden Drive, and Desert Forest Lane from Thanksgiving Way to the Jordan River Trail (approximately one mile in length). The bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad and the UTA Frontrunner tracks may need to be widened to accommodate the trail.

Trail Benefits

This section of trail has been identified as a priority by the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) in their 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. MAG is responsible for long-term transportation planning in Utah County.

The proposed trail would:

1. Connect two major trail systems: the Jordan River Parkway Trail on the west and the Murdock Canal Trail along Timpanogos Highway (SR-92) on the east.
2. Improve safety by providing a continuous route for non-motorized transportation (pedestrian or cyclist). This keeps people and bikes away from congested roadways and vehicles.

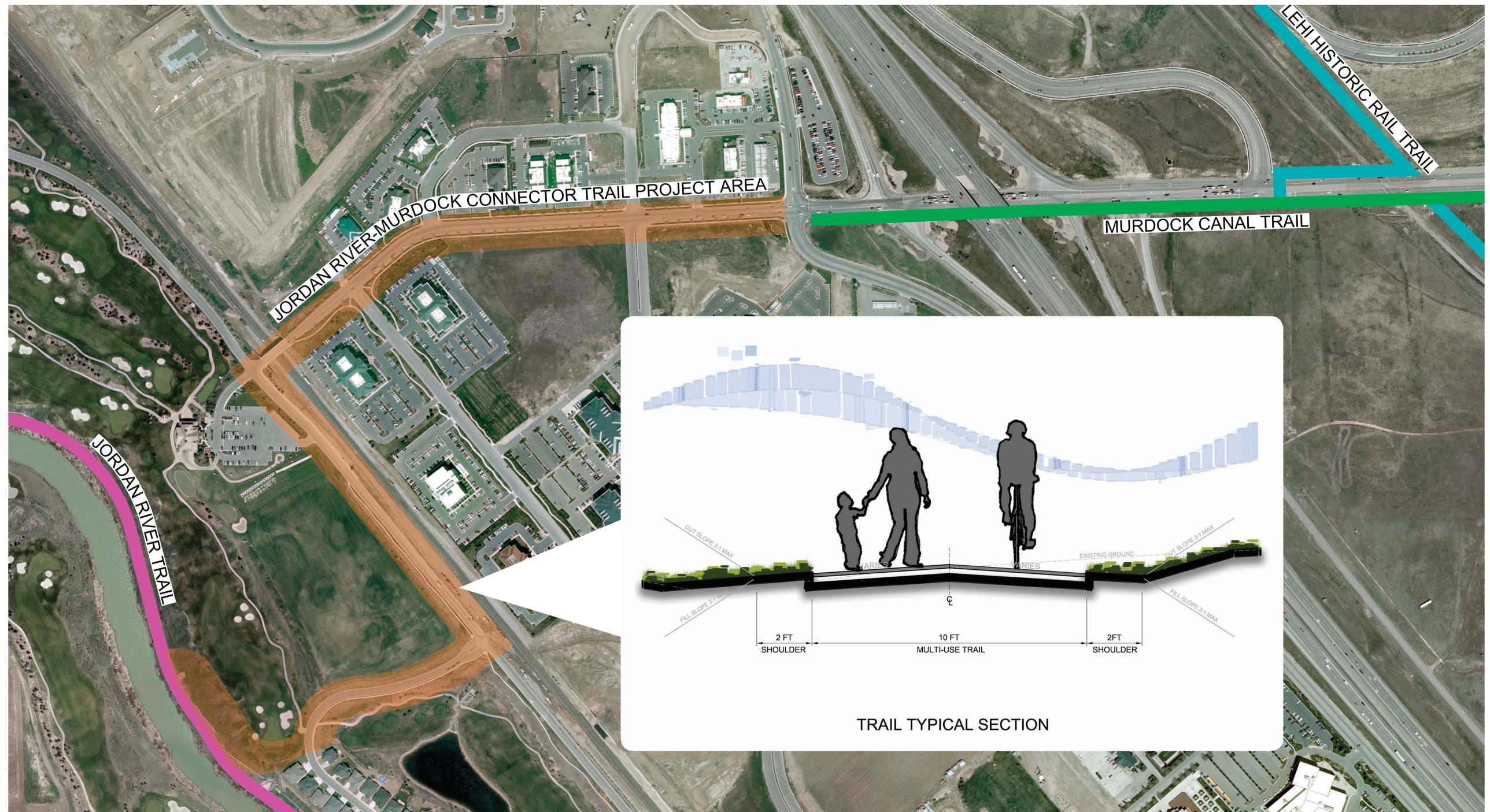
Environmental Process

The environmental process for this proposed trail is a **Categorical Exclusion (CE)**, which explores the potential impacts of a proposed project in a defined study area. A CE is prepared consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

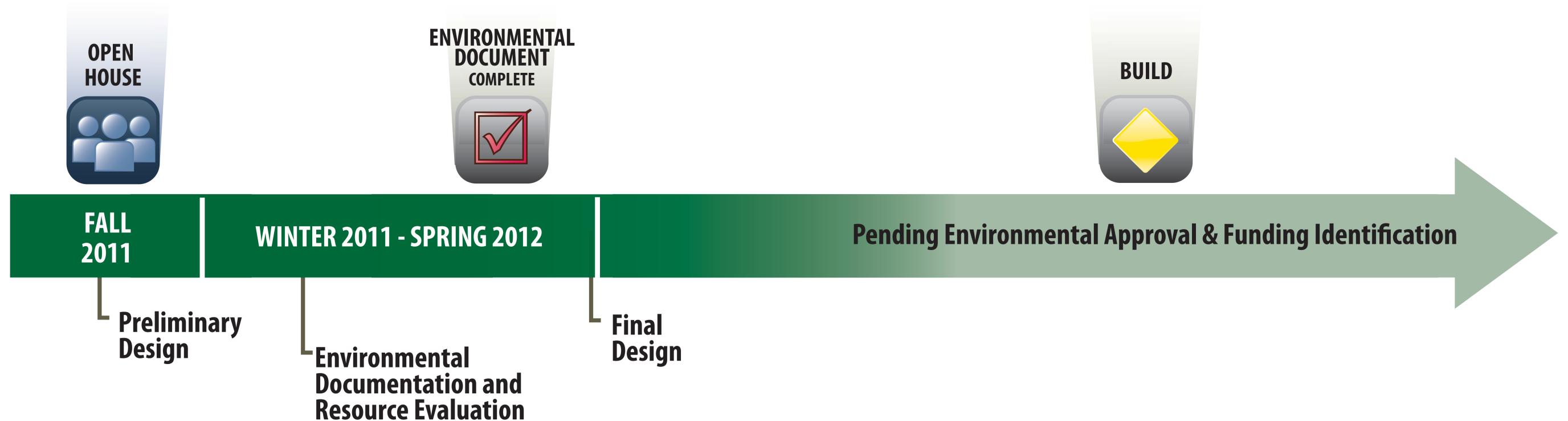
Four important things to know about this environmental process:

1. A CE is prepared for actions that do not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Because the Jordan River/Murdock Connector Trail is considered a CE, the study team can evaluate the best location for the trail with a single alternative.
3. The CE will evaluate transportation needs while considering community and environmental impacts. Public input is critical to understanding these issues.
4. Private property impacts will be determined during design. Property owners will be contacted directly if the project needs to purchase property.

Project Area & Trail Concept



Project Schedule



Tell Us What You Think

The Jordan River/Murdock Connector Trail Team is interested in your comments regarding the proposed trail. Please use one of the following methods to contact the project team and share your input.

1. Fill out a comment card and leave it in the box provided.
2. Take a comment card home and return it to the address indicated.
3. Take a comment card home for friends and family to complete.
4. Email your comment to the project team.

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