

Unique Neighborhoods

WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- That not everyone has access to the type of housing that meets their needs.
- Concerns about the rising cost of housing.
- Concerns about loss of neighborhood character.

What can we do?

How?

<p>1. Identify the elements of each neighborhood's unique character and develop strategies to protect them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and improve residential building compatibility standards. • Make sure the subdivision code (flag lots) matches the regulation's intent.
<p>2. Balance property owner and community desires to create a sense of place for neighborhoods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create design guidelines that address distinguishing characteristics such as scale, setbacks, and streetscapes. • Create neighborhood identity through signage and distinctive street furniture standards, street lighting, sidewalks, and landscaping.
<p>3. Consider adding new units to existing neighborhoods through accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and/or tiny homes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the City code to address the number, locations, configurations, and development standards for ADUs. • Conduct a pilot program for ADUs in select locations to determine compatibility.
<p>4. Create mixed-use residential and neighborhood- commercial districts in appropriate areas of the City that complement well established neighborhoods located nearby.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the City code to allow for neighborhood-scale mixed use districts. • Implement a 'retrofit strategy' to improve and better utilize existing buildings. • Pursue Community Development Block Grants or Tax Increment Financing for facade improvements. • Revise the City code and public works standards to make it easier to build compact, mixed-use developments with complete streets (streets that provide for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle transportation).
<p>5. Identify barriers and incentives to encourage a variety of living options (condos, row homes) for all income levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage mid-scale, mid-priced housing types in transition areas between single-family neighborhoods and higher-density target development areas. • Design and development incentives for the inclusion of affordable housing.

Enhanced Culture

WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- That Millcreek's diverse culture is an asset that should be celebrated.
- That community events are a contributing factor to Millcreek's quality-of-life.
- That arts and education are essential components of a complete community.

What can we do?

How?

<p>1. Attract cultural amenities such as museums, performance venues, galleries, interpretive trails, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the variables and decision-making of galleries and arts venues with regard to locations. • Explore potential incentives to locate in Millcreek. • Use existing venues to obtain traveling shows from SLC arts and music organizations.
<p>2. Support culture and heritage festivals, including Venture Out.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify venues for cultural and heritage festivals and events. • Incorporate event planning functions into City administration.
<p>3. Encourage an entertainment district within the City.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential locations for an entertainment district. • Develop regulations that allow for a variety of uses in a district, with emphasis on building scale and pedestrian connections to encourage street life.
<p>4. Enhance community pride through celebration of Millcreek's social events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate new ways to provide consistent messaging including apps, kiosks, and interactive art. • Equally distribute events throughout the City.
<p>5. Encourage a more equal distribution of schools, or additional charter schools in Millcreek.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with Granite School District and current and proposed private schools and preschools.
<p>6. Support after school programs, nutrition programs, and other initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Millcreek Promise Program.

Enhanced Connectivity: Walkability, Transit, & Roadway

WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- That residents want the City to be more bikeable and mass transit friendly.
- Residents would like greater walking accessibility throughout the City.
- That key corridors should be visually and functionally enhanced.

What can we do?

How?

<p>1. Actively plan for bus rapid transit, light rail, and/or a streetcar on key corridors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodate future transit expansion through adoption of street standards that can accommodate transit.
<p>2. Begin to implement complete streets (where appropriate), designed to equally prioritize walking, biking, and driving when updating the street network.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise street cross sections to achieve desired results. Consider regulating traffic flow with roundabouts at key intersections, and construct protected bus shelters to shield transit riders from the wind, rain, and snow. • Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to parts of the City that are separated by I-15 and I-215.
<p>3. Improve the visual image of the community by enhancing the look and feel of major corridors and protecting scenic viewsheds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify important corridors and viewsheds. • Explore the use of special taxing districts or CRAs to generate funding for corridor enhancements. • Evaluate current codes for opportunities to improve corridors and viewsheds.
<p>4. Connect currently segmented sidewalks in priority locations (to schools and activity centers) to create a seamless system of pedestrian paths.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize the 2015 Walk Millcreek Manual as a source for priority sidewalk connections. • Investigate Safe Routes to School as a potential funding source.
<p>5. Improve streetscape aesthetics on major roadways by incorporating decorative paving, street trees, landscaped medians, under-grounding utilities, pedestrian and vehicular lighting, and street furnishings infrastructure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Street Lighting Plan. • Streetscape Improvement Plan. • Street Tree Plan.

Enhanced Connectivity: Bikability

WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- Millcreek needs more bike lanes.
- Biking along major streets isn't safe.
- People would bike more if it were more accessible to do so.

What can we do?

How?

<p>1. Begin to implement complete streets (where appropriate), designed to equally prioritize walking, biking, and driving when updating the street network.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revise street cross sections to achieve desired results. Consider regulating traffic flow with roundabouts at key intersections, and construct protected bus shelters to shield transit riders from the wind, rain, and snow.• Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to parts of the City that are separated by I-15 and I-215.
<p>2. Increase bicycle and pedestrian access between parks and key destinations (town center, library, schools...).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build east-west bike routes connecting Wasatch Boulevard to the Jordan River Trail and north-south to the PRATT trail.• Create a bike route plan and map. Consider north-south bike routes that tie into the Salt Lake City, Holladay, Murray, and South Salt Lake bike routes.
<p>3. Consider alternative modes of transportation such as electric bikes, Uber, carpool lots, dedicated bike infrastructure, bike shares, or taxis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research the feasibility of a GREENbike system connecting activity centers to other destinations.• Ensure bike infrastructure is included and considered in new building.

Outdoor Lifestyle

WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- Access to parks and recreation features is not equitably distributed throughout the City.
- Active and healthy lifestyles are important to Millcreek residents.

What can we do?

How?

<p>1. Continue to encourage a culture of both active and passive recreation by increasing open space acreage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and map locations of potential access and impediments. • Look for available properties in fault study areas and along fault lines.
<p>2. Create a new park along the Jordan River Parkway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Jordan River Commission, Seven Canyons Trust, South Salt Lake City, and other partners.
<p>3. Optimize access to the foothill trails, Grandeur Peak, Mill Creek Canyon, and Neff's Canyon.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailhead parking improvements. • Active transportation access improvements. • Increase trail connections within and to the canyons. • Coordinate with Salt Lake County and the Forest Service to explore opportunities for expanding the foothill trail system.
<p>4. Encourage pocket parks (parks under 3 acres) in under-served areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review standards for proximity and service areas for pocket parks.
<p>5. Develop urban trails throughout the City.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify existing and potential future urban trails.
<p>6. Build a public swimming pool and/or splash pad.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tie to Town Center, Urban Center, or Villages Centers (as outlined in Vibrant Gathering Places section).
<p>7. Expand access to open spaces and recreation facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with Granite School District to facilitate public access to school open space and recreation amenities. Purchase the Millcreek Activity Center property from Granite School District to ensure that the land remains in recreational use.
<p>8. Expand access to Mill Creek and Big Cottonwood Creek.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities to expand access to Mill Creek and Big Cottonwood Creek through discussions with canal companies, landowners, and other stakeholders.

Health & Sustainability

WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- Several parts of the City do not have adequate access to healthy food.
- Conservation and health initiatives are important to the identity of Millcreek.

What can we do?

How?

<p>1. Promote community gardens and local food production to ensure access to nutritious, affordable, safe, and culturally-diverse food for an active, healthy life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with New Roots and other organizations to promote local food production. • Identify potential locations for community gardens. • Update zoning regulations. • Update amenities requirements for multifamily to include community gardens.
<p>2. Connect currently segmented sidewalks within close proximities to grocery stores to allow pedestrians easier food access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify walkability impediments. • Evaluate tools for funding such as Community Reinvestment Areas or special taxing districts to make sidewalk improvements.
<p>3. Protect local air quality by promoting EV car charging stations throughout the City.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential locations for car charging stations. Seek funding support from public agencies, vehicle vendors, non-profits, etc. or as a potential development incentive.
<p>4. Increase green space throughout the City to give more residents opportunities to enjoy nature.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire open spaces through bonding, conservation easements, tax districts, impact fees, etc.
<p>5. Create a dark sky lighting policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance amendment.
<p>6. Encourage new developments to include "green" building standards, such as green roofs and/or solar panels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance amendment.
<p>7. Promote and implement community emergency preparedness and safety plans and programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance amendment.
<p>8. Study areas for an additional fire station.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Unified Fire Department to determine potential sites.

Vibrant Gathering Places

WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- Focus on new public gathering areas and entertainment options.
- Create amenities in each area of the City.
- Focus on city-wide placemaking and branding.

What can we do?

How?

<p>1. Invest in a Town Center at The Wedge (Brickyard/City Hall area).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create zoning and incentives to assist developers in fulfilling the vision for town and neighborhood centers. Evaluate tools such as Community Reinvestment Areas, Redevelopment Areas, special districts, and others to support development.
<p>2. Invest in the Main Street/Meadowbrook area as an urban center.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create zoning and incentives to assist developers in fulfilling the vision for a town center. Evaluate tools such as Community Reinvestment Areas, Redevelopment Areas, special districts, and others to support development.
<p>3. Invest in the 3300 South/2300 East, Olympus Hills, and 4500 South/Murray-Holladay Road areas as village centers that provide amenities for residents and nearby neighborhoods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create zoning and incentives to assist developers in fulfilling the vision for each center. Evaluate tools such as Community Reinvestment Areas, Redevelopment Areas, special districts, and others to support development. • Implement a strip mall redevelopment strategy.
<p>4. Realign Wasatch Boulevard west of the former UDOT property and adjacent to I-215 to build upon and enhance the Olympus Hills Shopping Center and future village center.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Olympus Hills Village Center Plan and coordinate with UDOT, UTA, property owners, and stakeholders on feasibility of road realignment.
<p>5. Establish a place for food trucks to provide additional food options and entertainment for residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at adding food trucks to activity centers as part of a town/neighborhood center.
<p>6. Create design guidelines for development in gateways into Millcreek to encourage the preservation of local landmarks and scenic views; create higher quality gateway signage; and beautify key corridors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate existing sign code and design standards/guidelines. • Develop appropriate design guidelines for commercial development and each potential center.
<p>7. Encourage a commitment to the adaptive reuse of vacant buildings from a prior form of use to a new form (i.e. school to commercial area).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate current historic preservation standards.

Thriving Economy

WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- Support local and new businesses.
- Redevelop strip mall properties.
- Encourage employment types that foster creativity and encourage retention of talent.

What can we do?

How?

1. Adopt a clear and strategic economic development program that supports small businesses and connects jobs and training opportunities to where they are needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare an Economic Development Plan for Millcreek.
2. Promote infill development and the redevelopment of underutilized buildings and strip commercial that incorporates public spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize public funding tools, such as special districts, to fund and maintain redevelopment areas. • Check the zoning code for adequate buffers between land use intensities.
3. Consider impact fees to increase new public investments in streets, infrastructure, and public spaces in order to keep pace with new development and foster redevelopment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate areas within the City where development impact fees could support needed infrastructure.
4. Foster a culture of creativity and entrepreneurship with a variety of incubator space, live-work units, and shared workspaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate City codes for impediments to expansion and ongoing viability of existing businesses.
5. Promote new and retain existing local businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate City codes for impediments to expansion and ongoing viability of existing businesses. • Support curb appeal grants, creating a function with economic development to cater to small development, etc.
6. Consider city-provided fiber optic infrastructure to support economic development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Telecommunications Master Plan to address funding and implementation. Typical methods to finance capital infrastructure projects, such as a fiber optic network, are: general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and property tax funded utilities.