



PROVO RIVER DELTA

IMAGINE WHAT THE FUTURE CAN HOLD

RESTORATION PROJECT

Decades ago, the Provo River separated into a fan of tributaries that meandered through grassy wetlands before meeting Utah Lake. This dynamic system disappeared as the area was drained and cleared for farming, features like roads and the airport were built, and the river was tamed by upstream dams. This channeled and diked lower Provo River:

- **Didn't provide food and habitat**
- **Its stagnant water didn't allow larval fish to drift to the lake**
- **The majority of larval June sucker starved or got eaten by predators**

The Provo River Delta Restoration Project is a major undertaking to improve rearing habitat for young June sucker by recreating a delta in their most important spawning tributary, the lower Provo River. The project furthers recovery efforts for threatened June sucker, provides unique recreational space for a rapidly growing community, and helps assure continued water use and development for human needs along the Wasatch Front.



MEET THE JUNE SUCKER—A VERY IMPORTANT FISH
Utah Lake is the only place in the world where June sucker occur naturally. Adults grow to 24 inches but baby June sucker, called larvae, are so small they fit on a penny.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Provo River Delta Project diverted the majority of the original lower Provo River's flow north into a system of constructed waterways and wetland features. Utah Lake is able to expand eastward in this area, more closely approaching its historic shoreline.

A guaranteed minimum flow of water will continue running in the original river channel. A small dam is being constructed downstream, near Utah Lake, to maintain a relatively constant water elevation year-round, and an aeration system has been installed to protect water quality. The channel will be maintained as an urban fishery and for flat-water recreation.

Project construction began in 2020 and is scheduled to be complete in late 2024.

UTAH LAKE IS ONE OF OUR LARGEST NATURAL RESOURCES

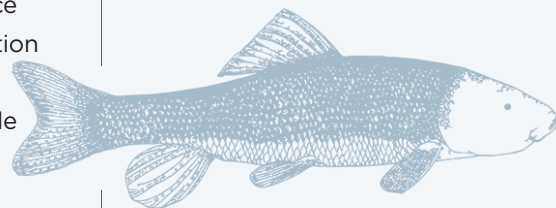
The project has turned back the clock and reunited Utah Lake with the lower Provo River as a dynamic delta ecosystem in a portion of historic Skipper Bay.



JUNE SUCKER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Once on the brink of extinction, the June sucker population has rebounded since the early 2000s thanks to the efforts of the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program (JSRIP). The JSRIP has implemented several recovery actions on Utah Lake, including carp removal, June sucker stocking, habitat restoration at Hobble Creek, and providing instream flows in both the Provo River and Hobble Creek.

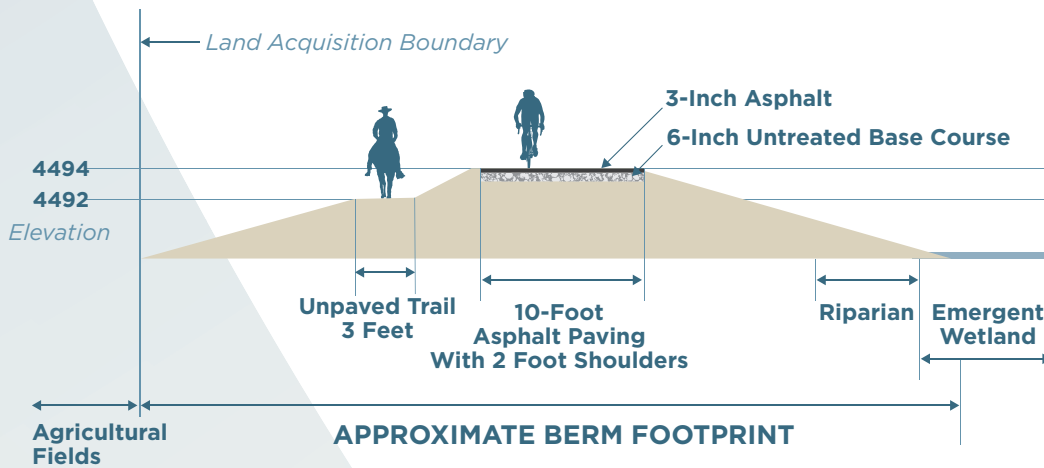
These efforts were recognized recently as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service downlisted the June sucker from endangered status to threatened. This progress towards recovery was accomplished without impacting water supplies and helping water development projects to proceed by supplying needed Endangered Species Act compliance. While achieving downlisting of the June sucker is a great accomplishment, the JSRIP continues to work towards full recovery of the species and eventual removal of the June sucker from the list of threatened and endangered species. For more information about the JSRIP, visit their website: www.junesuckerrecovery.org



JUNE SUCKER AT-A-GLANCE

- Status: Threatened
- Average Weight: 5 pounds
- Average Length: 17 to 24 inches
- Habitat: Utah Lake and lower reaches of its tributaries
- Spawning: In May or June

BERM FOOTPRINT & TRAILS



RECREATION FEATURES

- Access points to reach the river and delta on foot
- Non-motorized boat launching and portaging areas
- New fishing and boating opportunities
- Bird watching and wildlife spotting

RECREATION SUPPORT ELEMENTS

- Observation tower
- Benches
- Parking lots
- Bathrooms
- Informational signage

NEW & IMPROVED TRAILS

- The existing paved trail along the Provo River is being retained and enhanced.
- A new trail will allow people to traverse the delta boundary. A loop trail will connect the new trail with existing trails.
- Horse trailer parking will be provided and a new equestrian trail will be built alongside the new paved trail.

A RARE & SPECIAL PLACE

The delta area is rare and special place near a large urban center that will improve quality of life for fish and people. It will add recreational opportunities to those already at Utah Lake, and will connect and educate adults and children with and about their natural surroundings.



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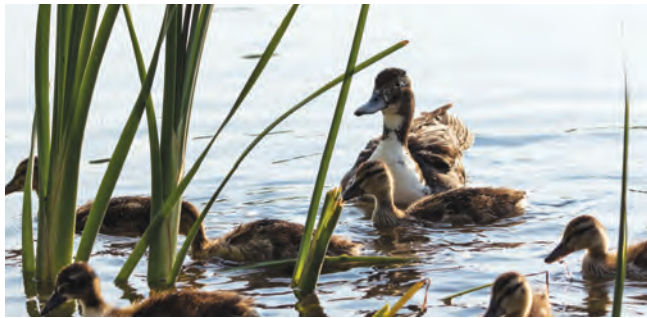


UTAH LAKE IS A GREAT INVESTMENT

It is up to us to make it a great legacy for our children, grandchildren, communities, and state.



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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We are committed to completing the Project in a responsible and collaborative manner, ensuring stakeholders and the public are involved.

WHO'S LEADING THE PROJECT?

The Project is one of the largest and most ambitious June sucker recovery efforts to-date. Agencies spearheading the project are the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior, Central Utah Water Conservancy District and June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program.



CONTACT

For more information about the project
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