

WEBER PATHWAYS' POLICY:
POTENTIAL LOSS OF PUBLICLY-OWNED GREEN/OPEN SPACE

The board of trustees of Weber Pathways is grateful to Weber County, Ogden City and all communities for their progress in developing trails. As more cities and landowners recognize the value of trails, our property values are improving, our community is attracting business, and we are enhancing the quality of life for our residents. Above all, public trails improve the overall character and pride of our community.

Weber Pathways' mission is to promote, plan and preserve a network of non-motorized public pathways and related open spaces in Weber County. As a board serving to further this mission, Weber Pathways views with concern any development that threatens the integrity, natural beauty, or accessibility of existing publicly-owned trails and publicly-owned green/open space as it relates to those trails. The board believes the current proposal involving the sale and development of city-owned Mt. Ogden Golf Course and adjoining publicly-owned open land poses just such a threat.

The marvelous trail system already in place on Ogden's East Bench is the premier link in Weber County's growing network of pathways. Ogden City has earned national recognition because few, if any, American cities offer such direct and user-friendly access to the beauty and solitude of nearby canyons and mountain slopes.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Weber Pathways supports:

- the rights of private property owners to develop their land within existing ordinances.
- maintaining the existing East Bench trail system, the City-owned Mt. Ogden Golf Course, and adjacent publicly-owned open/green space.

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