

Chapter 8 Public Facilities and Infrastructure Plan

Public Facilities

The task of obtaining information for this element in the General Plan was divided among members of the Education and Public Facilities Committee.¹ In addition to education and human services, Committee assignments focused on city and recreation facilities, church facilities, federal and state facilities, hospital and medical facilities, elementary, middle, and high school facilities, the Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center, The University Center and Utah State University's Extension Office located in the Sevier County Courthouse in Richfield.

Information on other specialized Sevier County facilities such as the Fairgrounds, Courthouse, Justice Complex, the South and North Unit Posse facilities, the Public Health Building, the Sevier County Ambulance Building, the Sevier County Landfill, the Sevier County Road Shed, the Sevier County Mosquito and Weed Abatement Building and the Sevier County Travel Council was provided by Sevier County Commissioners, the Sevier County Clerk and County administrative personnel responsible for each of the above facilities.

¹Sevier County Planning Commission: Education and Public Facilities Committee: Milo Medley, Chair; Members of the Committee included Russell Cowley, Kent Freeman, Jerry Hawley, Debbie Larsen, Jim Porter, LeRon Ware. Others contributing included Ruth Jackson, Director of the University Center at Richfield, Joyce Lancey, Special Projects Coordinator and Patrick Wilson, CPA, Sevier School District.

Capital Projects and Facilities

Capital projects, infrastructure and the operations of related County facilities are contained in the County's Operating and Capital Budgets (See Chapter 5). Additionally, the Six County A.O.G. assists Sevier County Communities and the School District annually in completing individual Consolidated Plans. Anticipated projects and improvements are listed in each Community Plan (See AOG update, January 1997; Figure 1)

<i>Entity</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>A. D. O. C.²</i>
Annabella	Culinary Water Improvement	1998
	Street Maintenance	1997-98
Aurora	Maintenance/Storage Building	1997
	Electricity Services at West Park	1997
Elsinore	Center Street improvements	1997
Glenwood	8" Water lateral/fire protection	1997
	Fire Station/Maintenance Building	1998
Joseph	Natural Gas System	1997
	Road Sealing of Town Streets	1997
Koosharem	Culinary Water System Upgrade	1998

²A.D.O.C. = Anticipated Date of Completion. Some communities did not complete and provide an A.O.G. Consolidated Plan Survey. Some dates were left out by individual cities or towns and are estimated

Monroe	Water System Improvements	1997
	City Hall Building Project	1998
Redmond	Culinary Water System Upgrade	1997
Richfield	Golf Course: Expand to 18 Holes	1998
	Tennis Court Upgrade	1997
	Park Shell / Stage	1998
	Waste Water Trunk line Extension	1998
Salina	Water System: Upgrade / Exten.	1998
	Fire Truck	1998
Sigurd	Backhoe / Maintenance Equip.	1997-98
	Waste Water System - Study	1998
Richf. Housing .Auth.	Property Acquisition	1998
Sev. Sch. District	North Sevier Middle School	1998
	Tennis Courts: SSHS/RHS	1997
	Parking Lot: North Sevier HS	1997

Figure 1.

Each of the communities in Sevier County also provided information for submission to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board. This listing of priority projects is included in the A.O.G.'s Consolidated Local Capital Improvements List for Calendar Year 1997.³ Improvements planned for recreational facilities in Sevier County Cities, Towns and the Sevier School District are included in Figure 2.

Entity	Project Description	A.O.D.C.
Elsinore	Cultural Hall	2000
Monroe	Improvements to City Park	1998
Richfield	Recreation Center	1999

³This listing is available in each City or Town Hall or may be obtained from the Six County A.O.G. Office at the Sevier County Courthouse in Richfield.

	City Park Improvements	1999
	Soccer Fields	2000
	Parkways/Bike Paths	2000
	Neighborhood Parks	2001
Sevier School Dist.	Upgrade Elementary Playgrounds	1999
	Upgrade Tennis Courts - SSMS	1998
Sevier County	Bike & Ped. Trail/Marysvate Cyn	1999

Figure 2.

The capital improvements above are a partial listing of the projects compiled annually to assist the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (PCIFB) in funding decisions for county and community projects. A complete listing of all anticipated projects is contained in the 1997 Consolidated Plan compiled by the Six County Association of Governments.

Emergency Response: Capability & Facilities

As specified in Chapter 6, the Sevier County Ambulance Service was established and is operated under authority of the Sevier County Commission.

Sevier County has 8 Ambulances. All are certified for Intermediate Level Services. Sevier County Ambulance Service Medical Control Physicians practice at the Sevier Valley Hospital (IHC) in Richfield.

The Sevier County Ambulance Building was constructed in 1990 with the basement being finished in 1996. The facility is located at 55 Westview Drive, just off Richfield's north Main Street where it is proximate to the hospital and emergency needs that may arise in any community, on Interstate 70, or in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Hospital and Medical Facilities

Hospital and Medical facilities currently available in Sevier County are:

- Intermountain Health Care (IHC) Hospital in Richfield
- Health Clinics in Monroe, Richfield and Salina
- Long -Term Care Center in Richfield
- Physical and Occupational Therapy Services in Richfield
- Human Services including Crisis Intervention, Family and Individual Counseling
- Indigent Health Care and Welfare Services Assistance

IHC has a ten year expansion plan that addresses the projected medical needs of Sevier County and the surrounding area. IHC administrators and community leaders view the current hospital as expanding into a major regional health care center over the next 10-20 years.

Services provided at each of the above dental, health and medical facilities are detailed in Chapter 6: Education, Health and Human Services Plan.

Federal and State Facilities

A number of federal and state agencies have headquarter facilities in Sevier County. These include:

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a number of facilities and services located in Sevier County. These include Animal Damage Control, Plant Protection & Quarantine, Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Fish Lake National Forest Supervisor's Office and Fire Dispatcher, Rural Economic and Community Development Office and Soil Conservation Service Office;

- The U.S. Department of Interior maintains a District Office for the Bureau of Land Management and Fire Dispatcher.
- A new Interagency Fire Protection Facility located near the Richfield Municipal Airport was completed in 1997. It houses personnel and provides a facility for equipment, including a helicopter landing pad. Sevier County has a Cooperative Wildland Fire Protection Agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. The purpose of this Agreement is to "discharge the responsibilities of the county and state for protecting state, private, and county forest, range, and watershed lands from fire as provided by U.C.A. 65A-8-5 & 6."
- The **State of Utah** has an Adult Probation & Parole Division in Richfield; an Attorney General's Office; a Central Utah District Public Health Office; a Central Utah Youth Home; and a Sixth District Courthouse and Justice Center. District Engineers for the Department of Environmental Quality and Division of Water Rights are located in Richfield.
- Other **Utah State** agencies include the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands; Division of Child and Family Services; Department of Human Services; Bureau of Child Support Services; Division of Investigations; Youth Corrections; Workforce Services; Department of Public Safety (Highway Patrol Field Office); Division of Parks and Recreation Visitors Center at Fremont Indian State Park; and a District Office of the Utah Department of Transportation.

Religious Facilities

The Committee prepared and mailed a request for information to all denominations represented in Sevier County. These denominations include (in alphabetical order):

- Assembly of God
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Faith Baptist Church (Independent)
- First Baptist Church (Southern)
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Richfield Bible Church
- Saint Elisabeth Catholic Church
- Valley Community Church

Most religious denominations in Sevier County have facilities adequate for their present needs, Officials from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints indicated they plan on building at least one new structure (a Stake Center) in the Richfield area within the next 10 years. The Pastor from the First Baptist Church said they would like to convert their present building on north Main Street into a Christian School that would serve grades K through 6. When this facility conversion occurs, the Church will build a new worship building.

School District Facilities (10-Year Master Plan)

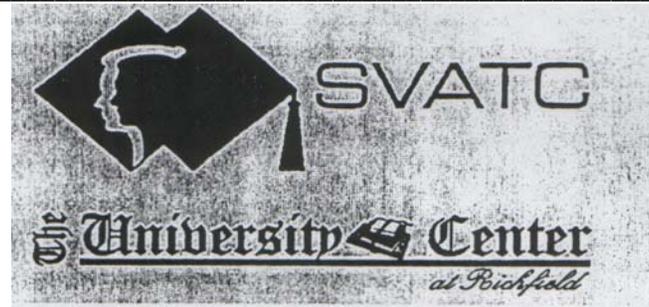
The Sevier School District has produced a comprehensive forecast of the District's needs and plans for the 10-year period 1997 - 2007. The District's Master Plan was presented as part of their preparation for a Bond Election held in November, 1996. The Bond was favorably approved by Sevier County voters.

Incorporated in the Plan are current and projected student populations, current use of and condition of school facilities, projected needs and the planning required to meet those needs. (See Chapter 6, Educational, Health, and Human Services Plan). Those having a particular interest in education should obtain a copy of the District's Master Plan which is available at the District Offices, 195 East, 500 North, Richfield. The Plan includes a listing of all District school buildings and related facilities as well as analysis of student populations and projected classroom and general facility needs over the next 10 years.

A member of the Utah State PTA Board and Region 14 Director served on the Committee and provided a copy of the 'grass roots' findings from meetings held in various communities in preparation for the Bond Election, Information from each of these meeting is also included in the District's 10-year Plan.

SVATC and University Center Facilities

The Sevier Valley Applied Technology Center and the University Center occupy joint campus facilities located in Richfield City. The Centers offer cooperative educational, multiple degree-seeking and technical training programs, through Snow College (2-Year) in Ephraim, Southern Utah University in Cedar City and all other Utah State Institutions of Technical / Vocational and Higher Learning.



Proposals to expand educational and employment opportunities and facilities for Sevier County citizens are on-going. The goal is to provide more coordinated and complete offerings, which enable people to obtain desired certificates and degrees locally with minimal costs and paperwork. Educational approaches through classroom and on-the-job training seek to maintain the missions for cooperating community colleges [or universities]. Complementary programs are envisioned that utilize existing buildings, faculty and staff and coordinate courses to enable students of all ages to earn Associate, Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees.

A multi-events center is planned for construction on the combined campus of the SVATC / University Center. Partial funding for this facility was approved as part of the 1996 Bond Election. The center is intended to serve the broader needs of Sevier County, communities, the school district, business and commercial requirements and citizen-sponsored events. The multi-events center will provide additional classroom areas and accommodate large public meetings, events, and theatrical productions.

For a detailed description of educational services in Sevier County, refer to Chapter 6 of this General Plan.

Sevier County Facilities

One of the oldest recreational and cultural facilities in Sevier County is the Fairgrounds complex. It was constructed during World War 1 (1917) with local funds and craftsmen. Several of the original buildings and the race track were built for the purpose of housing an annual agricultural fair and holding horse races. Horse racing continued a prominent sport and horsemen have provided much in the way of interest and volunteer services to care for the track through the years.

Originally, the track infield was a hay field. Through the years, grandstands were added and improvements were made at the track. The initial oval-shaped, half-mile track was expanded and a straight-a-way was added to provide a facility where quarter horses could race for 440 yards.

Original stalls were constructed of wood. When the WPA was created in the late 1930's and early 1940's, the stalls were constructed of cinder block. The Richfield Auction Company used the Fairgrounds for years until approximately 1955. New concession and exhibit buildings were constructed through work and monetary donations from various community clubs and organizations. The Elsinore Riding Club helped refurbish the Rodeo grounds approximately 15 years ago. With on-going maintenance, it has remained as a functional facility.

SEVIER COUNTY FAIR

The 14-member Sevier County Fairgrounds Association, formed in 1985 in cooperation with Sevier County, sponsored improvements at the Fairgrounds, which prevented suggested demolition of the facility. The Sevier County High School Rodeo Club still uses the Fairground and rodeo facilities.

In 1992 a park, landscaped open areas and restrooms were installed. A flag was purchased and a new flagpole was erected as an Eagle Scout project in 1995. New buildings were added around the park area in 1995 and 1996. Electrical renovation was a major project completed in 1996. That same year old bleachers were replaced with new metal bleachers.

New metal stalls were installed in 1997. Numerous improvements, including, flowers and grass were added to beautify the Fairgrounds and park area in 1997.

Principal use of the facility is for the annual Sevier County Fair. Major year-around uses of the Fairgrounds include daily horse training and weekly uses by riding clubs and 4-H groups and shows. The Sevier County high School Riding Association holds a Rodeo at the Fairgrounds annually in May.

Each year thoroughbred and quarter horse breeders hold a two-day horse racing meet during the first week of July. The Sevier Valley Indoor Archery Club meets weekly during winter months. ATV instructional classes and rodeos as well as parties and reunions are also major uses at the facility.

Sevier County Road Maintenance Facilities

For a number of years the Sevier County road and maintenance facilities were located at the Fairgrounds. Approximately 20 years ago, the County moved the road equipment and maintenance facility to another location on old U.S. 89 (1100 South in Richfield). The present Sevier County Road Department, shop, and maintenance building remains at this location. Smaller adjacent structures house offices and equipment for the Sevier County Noxious Weed and Mosquito Abatement Departments.

The building adjacent to the present Sevier County Courthouse was erected in 1975-76 for use as a County Jail. With construction of the new Justice Center in Richfield City in 1995, use of the jail was discontinued, At an appropriate future date, Sevier County intends to remodel the old jail to meet the expanding needs of Sevier County.

In approximately 1980, the North Sevier Search and Rescue Unit erected a building in Salina. The building is located on property owned by Salina City and is leased for \$1 per year. The Unit

provides public safety and search and rescue operations in northern Sevier County. A new addition to the building was completed in 1996. The South Search and Rescue Unit has a similar arrangement and provides public safety and search and rescue operations in the central and south Sevier County area.

Sevier County also has a mounted Posse Unit headquartered in Richfield City. This organization is utilized when public safety and search and rescue operations require horses.

Criminal Justice Complex

A new court complex, law enforcement and public safety center was constructed in Richfield in 1995. The facility serves multiple needs and requirements for the Utah State court system as well as public safety operations in Sevier County. Offices for the County Attorney and County Sheriff are located at the facility, as are Utah Sixth District and Juvenile Courtrooms. Highway Patrol squad rooms and inter-agency communications equipment are also housed at the Criminal Justice Complex.

Recreational Facilities in Sevier County

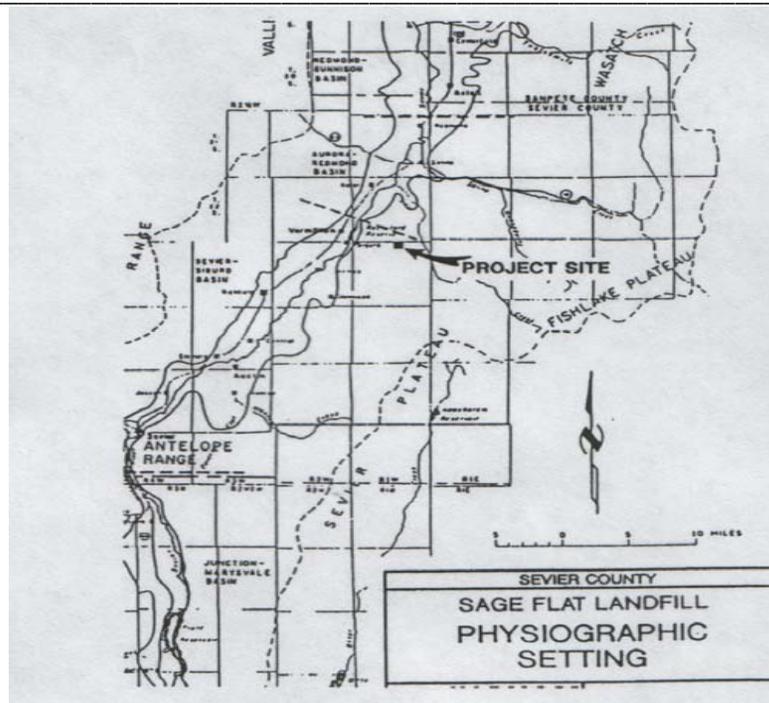
Recreational facilities (public and private) of county-wide importance in Sevier County include the Following:

- Big Rock Candy Mountain
- Castle Rock Campground
- Bowrey Haven Resort (Fish Lake)
- Fish Lake Lodge
- Fremont Indian State Park
- Gooseberry Campground
- Gooseberry Youth Camp
- Lakeside Lodge (Fish Lake)
- Monrovia Park (Monroe)
- Mystic Hot Springs (Monroe)

Sevier County Landfill

In 1993, after many years of study and environmental assessment by several State agencies, including the Utah Geographic Information Service (GIS) and Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Solid and Hazardous Wastes, Bingham Environmental assisted Sevier County in determining a suitable site for a regional landfill. The physiographic setting for the landfill is approximately 7 miles east of the Towns of Sigurd and Venice in central Sevier County.

The present site was selected from alternative locations and was favored because of its relative distance from the nearest communities. The distance of the site from any population virtually eliminates complaints from odors or from aesthetic issues related to landfill operations. The central waste management area occupies



approximately 13 acres on a total site area of approximately 640 acres.

Sage Flat Site

The site for the landfill received unanimous approval from state and federal regulators. The site is in a dry, gently sloping basin commonly referred to as Sage Flat. The larger area of the general site location is approximately two square miles in size and is surrounded by dry, sparsely vegetated hillsides. To the east Sage Flat is bounded by sloping outcrops of volcanic rock consisting of tuff, rhyolite and basaltic breccia of Miocene age. The volcanic rock reaches a thickness of 7,000 to 13,000 feet.

The Sage Flat site is bounded on the west by more gentle sloping mountains composed of Arapien Shale formations which reach an elevation of approximately 6,000 feet. The Arapien Shale is red and gray shale. The shale is interspersed with fine-grained sandstone containing salt and gypsum. Sage Flat soils are derived from alluvium and alluvial fans composed of clays, silts, sand and gravels with occasional boulders deposited by intermittent surface wash from eroding soils on nearby mountains.

The flat lying area at the Sage Flat site is partially closed in by alluvial fan deposits to the south, which has made it a natural bowl, ideal for the accumulation of the fine grain soils. Based on the geomorphic setting of the flat lying area, clay and silty clay deposits are estimated to exceed 40 feet in thickness.

The average annual precipitation at the site is 8.57 inches based on data collected from 1928 to the present (Utah Climate Center at Richfield). Monitoring wells and field investigations prior to approval of the site encountered a moist, dense silty sand layer at 85 feet and some wet layers at a depth of 92 feet. Additional technical data related to geotechnical conditions at the site are contained in the environmental assessment performed by

Bingham Environmental in 1994.⁴

Groundwater at the site was encountered at a depth of 165 feet below the ground surface in the area of the site. The aquifer below the site is not used for drinking water. The TDS (total dissolved solids) of the aquifer ranges from 590 to 1100 mg/l, which classifies the ground water as Class II.

Calculation of the water balance for the site was based on the average annual precipitation and surface water runoff. Water balance includes: evapotranspiration, runoff, percolation, and change in water storage of the subsurface soils. Average annual values for 20 years for evapotranspiration was 8.9 inches annually with a runoff of 0.01 inches per year. Percolation through the vadose zone below the landfill was 0.29 inches.

Landfill Cells - Design & Operation

A clay liner compacted to a depth of 2 feet was placed as a bottom liner of the first waste cell. No infiltration through this liner was calculated to occur. Sevier County proposed leachate monitoring to check the potential leachate from the landfill cells. One leachate collection pipe will be installed in the middle of each landfill trench. The first of 7 trenches is less than half full as of late summer, 1997 and shows no accumulation of free liquids.

A 2 percent slope of the bottom clay liner slopes toward the center of each trench to the location of the leachate collection pipe. The collection pipe was checked monthly for the first year.

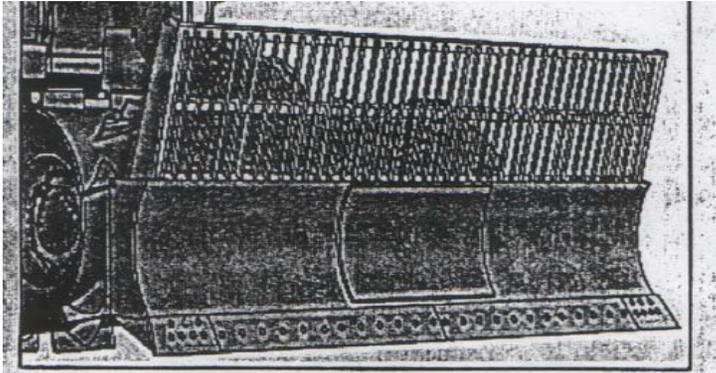
⁴The Class I and IV Solid Waste Landfill Permit Application was prepared by Bingham Environmental, Inc., 5160 Wiley Post Way, Salt Lake City, 84116 in April, 1994.

Based on the absence of free liquids, monitoring was changed to a quarterly basis as recommended by environmental engineers.

Established protocol calls for notification of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality should free liquids appear in the leachate collection pipe. Sampling of free liquids will follow established EPA sampling protocol and occur semi-annually unless free liquid is not present in the leachate standpipe. Purging, as required, of any accumulated volume of free liquids will be performed using a submersible pump inserted into the monitoring pipe.

Design of the trenching and liner systems at the Sevier Landfill is based on the depth and quality of the groundwater; the low annual precipitation at the site; and equivalent design requirements of State of Utah and EPA Rules. The landfill was approved to utilize a trench fill design. There are a total of seven trenches proposed at the site. The trenches range in length between 850 and 1500 feet.

The depth of each trench ranges between 25 and 40 feet below the natural ground surface. The proposed width of each trench is 150 feet. The side slopes are proposed to be 1 horizontal to 2 vertical feet and may be flattened at the discretion of landfill operations personnel to maintain stability of the slopes. Berms located adjacent to the top of the vertical slopes maintain safe distances for equipment and personnel. Berms are constructed of temporary stockpiled material excavated from the topsoil layer and the excavated trench and will be located an adequate distance away from the edge of the trench to avoid any stability problems.



Landfill blade uses multiple, box-section construction with heat-treated steel moldboard and DH-2 steel cutting edges and end bits. Complete bulldozer consists of blade, pusharms, reversible cutting edges, end bits and hydraulic lift cylinder.

Trenches are proposed to be constructed in an orderly sequence from north to south. The natural ground surface elevation of the northern most trench is approximately 5,842 feet. The final elevation of the maximum cover section of the trench will be approximately 2.25 feet greater than the existing ground surface elevation at the center of the trench. The final cover will be graded to a minimum of 3 percent slope extending from the center of the cell across the width of the cell.

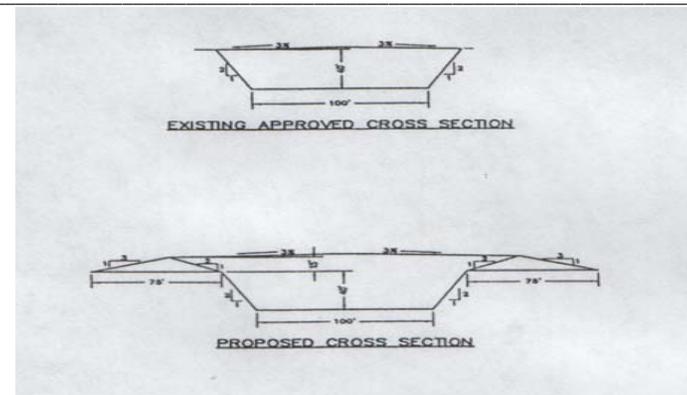
Cell Design Modification

A proposal to modify design and capacity of the seven landfill cells at the Sage Flat site was submitted in August, 1997. The proposal was to construct an embankment along both sides of each trench to increase the overall cell depth by 25 feet, for a total depth of approximately 65 feet (up from the original planned depth of 40 feet).

The embankment will be constructed after the trench has been filled with solid waste. Waste will then continue to be placed and compacted until reaching the top of the side embankments, after which an intermediate cover will be placed. The illustration below shows the proposed cell cross section in comparison with the existing approved cross section. Cell closure will occur, as required in accordance with the Permit Documents and the Construction Quality Assurance Plan.

“Additional costs due to the proposed cell modifications are felt to be minimal. Normal landfill operating costs will not be changed. Material costs are negligible. Material sources are present on landfill property, or adjacent BLM administered lands. Materials on BLM administered lands can be acquired through proper permitting, and a small fee.

“No costs will be incurred from contracting, personnel hires, or rental equipment. The landfill currently has the personnel and equipment to complete the work. Haul distance associated costs from equipment use and labor hours are recognized costs. Rather than being able to use material excavated from the trench alone, additional material will have to be brought to the cell location. This should not be a significant cost as haul distances are less than a mile from source to cell(s).



“The major benefit is a significantly increased life for the landfill facility. The original management plan prepared by Bingham Environmental defined the expected life of the overall facility as 20 years. By calculating additional storage volume, and assuming a 3% increase in solid waste received annually over the present fill rate, the possible life extension over the original projection is another 17 years.”⁵

Site Management Plan

The solid waste management plan suggests the landfill site will receive waste for a minimum of 20 years from all of Sevier County. The total population of the county in 1994 was 15,880 and was projected to increase to approximately 20,200 by the year 2011. Based on the 1997 Bureau of the Census estimate of 17,685 and an annual increase of 3%, the 1998 population of Sevier County is approximately 18,220.

Based on these population projections, a total of 276,224 tons of solid waste will be disposed at the site. Under the proposed design, the total volume of Class I solid waste that could be disposed at the Sage Flat site is approximately 1,500,000 cubic yards.

This projected volume of waste considerably exceeds the amount of waste materials that are anticipated to be generated over the next 20 years by the present population being served by the landfill. The extra capacity was planned as a buffer for any unexpected increases in waste disposal due to unforeseen increases in population, increases in disposal rate, or the addition of other areas that may use the site.

⁵Sevier County Sage Flat Landfill: Proposal to Modify Cell Design. Jones & DeMille Engineering, Richfield and St. George, Utah. August 1997. Six Pages and Appendix containing related Technical Analysis and Evaluation Protocol.

The Sevier County Landfill is well-managed and efficient. Various areas of the site are appropriately devoted to multiple types of generated wastes, i.e. trees and yard wastes, construction, demolition and asphalt wastes, dead animal waste, liquid effluent collected from septic tanks and recreational vehicle holding tanks, used tires, white goods (i.e. dryers, ranges, refrigerators, washers) and potentially-recyclable wastes such as aluminum, iron, scrap metal, steel and wire/cable wastes.

Business hours of operation at the Landfill are established for summer and winter months. The facility accommodates annual and semi-annual municipal clean-up and associated waste materials.⁶

Hazardous Wastes in Sevier County

The only hazardous waste generated in Sevier County is used motor oil. Multiple locations, including Dave’s Commercial Tire, M & W Service and White Sanitation located in Richfield, as well as Don’s Texaco and Intermountain Farmers Association, located in Salina, accept used motor oil for recycling. No hazardous wastes are accepted at the Sevier County Landfill.

Sevier County Landfill -Financial Plan

When it was opened in 1994, the facility was financed by \$1.5 Million Revenue Bond approved by Sevier County voters. The bonds were financed over a 20-year period at 2.5% interest.

⁶See Sevier County Landfill Regulations (Including Amendments) Adopted May 6, 1996, 4 Pages. The Regulations contain tonnage and unit costs for specific types of waste materials. Copies of the Regulations are available at the Sevier County Courthouse or at the Sage Flat Landfill Site

Balance sheets showing revenues and expenditures during 1995 and 1996 are shown on accompanying financial statements. Operational, equipment, capital outlay and debt service costs are itemized.⁷

“Sevier County is required by State and Federal laws and regulations to make annual contributions to a Trust Account that contains funds to finance closure and postclosure care [for the Sevier County Landfill] at Sage Flat. The County is in compliance with these requirements. In 1995 and 1996, investments of \$57,360 and \$60,500, respectively, are held for these purposes.

“The County expects that future inflation costs will be paid from interest earnings on these annual contributions. However, if interest earnings are inadequate or additional postclosure care requirements are determined (due to changes in technology or applicable laws or regulations, for example), these costs may need to be recovered by charges to future landfill users or from future tax revenue.”⁸

The Sage Flat site location and amenable geotechnical characteristics are well-suited to this specialized land use. The Permit Application followed an approved protocol that was acceptable to governmental officials at local, state, and federal levels. It fulfills all criterion for regional use by municipalities and other governmental entities in Sevier County.

⁷Audit and Financial Reports of Sevier County (and Sage Flat Landfill) were prepared by Cymbal & Roberts, P.C. Certified Public Accountants, Richfield, Utah, for the years 1995 and 1996 Copies are available at the Sevier County Courthouse,

⁸Audit Report, 1996, Page 25.

Because of its unique location, site characteristics and efficient management, the Sevier County Landfill has received recognition as a near-model-type facility. County officials want the facility to be operated in a manner such that it continues to merit this type of recognition.

Sevier County officials also want residents to be appropriately advised of steps that may be taken by individuals and families residing in Sevier County to assist in source-site-separation of discarded wastes and to look for every opportunity to appropriately recycle, reclaim, or reuse⁹ selected solid and hazardous waste materials.

Accordingly, the policies detailed in this General Plan are intended to support financial, managerial and operational criterion established by the Permit Application. Amendments, modifications, and annual financial statements will continue to evaluate operations in the interest of maintaining the exemplary status of the Sevier County Landfill.

Recycling in Sevier County

As in other areas throughout the nation, Sevier County leaders have a strong commitment to recycling. In April, 1995, the Sevier County Commission (Commissioners Mason, Okerlund, and Olsen) appointed the Sevier County Recycling Task Force.

⁹Recycling, Reclaiming, and Re-using are widely known in the solid and hazardous waste management industry as the “3-R’s” of contemporary waste management and disposal practices. These practices are encouraged at every level of government. Many communities and industry leaders throughout the U.S. and the world have adopted programs promoting related programs and practices.

Meetings of the Task Force have been held on a monthly basis since that time, "exploring ways in which Sevier County might participate in this environmental and resource management initiative."¹⁰

In February 1996, with the cooperation of most Sevier County Communities, Sevier County became a member of Southwest Public Recycling Association (SPRA). The mission of SPRA is to strengthen and improve access to recycling markets in the southwest region (Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and West Texas).

The Sevier County Recycling Task Force met numerous times with RPRRA representatives, both in Richfield and in Salt Lake City in an effort to enhance and implement a recycling program in Sevier County.

As of January 1998 there are several ongoing programs involving recycling with Sevier County. The County initiated a successful used tire collection where thousands of old tires were collected and disposed through commercial users in Utah. Several businesses in Monroe, Richfield and Salina continue to be involved in recycling aluminum, cardboard, metals and scrap iron, tires and used motor oil.

Several Community Clubs and Service Organizations also provide recycling collection and pickup of used newsprint. A number of

¹⁰Report by the Sevier County Recycling Task Force Chairman, Ralph Jones, dated 28 January 1997. A copy of this Report, all Minutes and information collected since the Task Force was formed are available at the Sevier County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse in Richfield,

families, individuals, business, and fraternal organizations sponsor debris clean-up and selective recycling of solid waste materials collected on highways and in neighborhoods in Sevier County.

Expanding local and national interest in the environment is pointing out the importance and value of efficient and cost-effective management of solid wastes. Sevier County officials support, and intend to promote, the activities and efforts of those who are working to keep and to make the County a beautiful and wholesome place to live.

Public Facilities - Policy Recommendations

1. Sevier County officials, community leaders and citizens acknowledge the **quality of facilities** that support city, county, educational, health care, state and federal personnel and appreciate each of their respective services. Sevier County officials intend to support **current operations and to appropriately expand agency and inter-agency facilities** to meet the needs of Sevier County residents;
2. Sevier County officials support the physical and service expansion plans of the **Sevier Valley Hospital** operated by Intermountain Health Care. County officials want the hospital to become a **major regional health care center**;
3. Sevier County officials acknowledge and appreciate the contribution of **builders, contractors, engineers, maintenance and support personnel** for their role in building and maintaining the County's numerous physical facilities;

4. Sevier County should appoint a **Solid Wastes, Landfill, and Recycling Advisory Board**. The purposes, duties, and authority of this Board will be established by provisions in the County's Zoning Ordinance;
5. The Planning Commission Landfill Committee for solid and hazardous wastes believes it would be **unwise for Sevier County to encourage use of the County's Landfill as a multi-county facility**. Volumes and types of waste materials, hauling distances, and geotechnical features of the Sage Flat site suggest it will **best be utilized only for the present and future requirements of Sevier County residents**;
6. Annual **review of landfill regulations**, charges, fees and operating procedures by the **Solid Wastes, Landfill, and Recycling Advisory Board, with appropriate recommendations**, should precede appropriate adjustments by the County Commission of "tipping fees" and other charges by those using the Sevier County Landfill;
7. Personnel at the Landfill shall be required to **monitor operations, collect established fees and enforce adopted policies**. They should not be required to mediate alternate viewpoints on waste materials brought to the landfill site, nor to resolve issues related to financing and managing the facility;
8. Landfill shall be provided with information that will **promote efficient and timely use and understanding of user fees and costs related to equitably operating the facility**;
9. **Equitable user fees and tipping charges should be established to cover operations and provide funds for future debt service, equipment, operations, personnel, and post-closure costs at the Sevier County Landfill**;
10. **Educational and instructional materials should be provided to encourage residents and visitors to Sevier County to appropriately discard, recycle, reclaim, or re-use selected waste materials. Recycling efforts should focus on such materials as aluminum, cardboard, metals and scrap iron, newsprint and used oil.**¹¹ Automobile salvaging activities should also be encouraged County-wide.
11. A major role of the Sevier County Landfill Advisory Board shall be to help **citizens appreciate the value of public facilities as major contributors to the quality of life in Sevier County**. County officials at all levels should continue working to expand, improve, maintain and upgrade public facilities and infrastructure throughout the County;
12. County elected and advisory officials shall continue to focus awareness on and promote safe use of public facilities. **Citizens should receive information on the importance of supporting County sheriff and law enforcement personnel and preventing, or precluding, damage and vandalism to private and public facilities**;

¹¹Drop off points of collection for used motor oils in Sevier County are found on page 11 of this Chapter.

13. **County, city and town officials shall continue to encourage appropriate clean up and beautification of Sevier County properties.** They should also work to prevent unauthorized disposal or discarding of solid and hazardous waste materials throughout Sevier County. These efforts will do much to help citizens and residents **make Sevier County an attractive place to live, or to visit;**

14. Cooperation **between Sevier County and municipal leaders and school district officials in scheduling and utilizing public facilities throughout the County will contribute substantially to the economy of Sevier County;**

15. At some appropriate future date, it may be advisable for Sevier County to require source-site-separation **and recycling of waste by commercial and residential users in the county. Such cooperation and support by citizens will assist in reducing the volume and managing wastes at the Sevier County Landfill. Such efforts will also significantly increase the life expectancy of the facility;**

16. It may be advisable for Sevier County Officials, working with media representatives, to **initiate a regular public communication and information program.** Through such a program, elected and appointed county and other public officials will be able to request the assistance of citizens in protecting, preserving, and promoting the safe and prudent use of Sevier County facilities.

Such a program could include an established monetary reward, or other appropriate measures, to **recognize individuals or groups who aid in beautifying** or in preventing littering, vandalism, or abuse of county roadways, signs, and facilities.