

**Public meeting on the Park and Trails Bond:**

**Public Information Meeting: October 15 6:00 pm**

- 225 South 100 West

**To register to vote in Utah, you must:**

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Have resided in Utah at least 30 days immediately before the next election;
- Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election;
- First time voters must include a copy of a valid form of photo identification or proof of residence (or present it at the polls).
- Cannot currently be incarcerated for a felony.

**Voting information:**

The election will be held on November 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. Polling locations are yet to be determined, but will be posted on the Bountiful City Election site listed below. For more information on voting locations and times, call the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office at (801) 451-3589 or visit [www.daviscountyutah.gov/clerkauditor/elections](http://www.daviscountyutah.gov/clerkauditor/elections).

**For additional information:**

**Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website**

- [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov)

**Bountiful City Elections**

- [www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov)

**Arguments For and Against the Bond**

- [www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov)
- [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov)

*The Bountiful City Recorder (election officer) will post the location of each polling place and early voting location, including any changes, to the Bountiful City Elections page [www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov).*

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**Remember to Vote on Tuesday, November 3rd**

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# VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

## City of Bountiful Park and Trails Bond



**General Election  
 Tuesday,  
 November 3, 2020**

**Bountiful City Municipal Corporation**  
[www.BountifulUtah.gov](http://www.BountifulUtah.gov)

## BOND INFORMATION

On Tuesday, November 3, 2020, Bountiful City residents will have the opportunity to vote on a ballot proposition about a General Obligation Bond. The funds from this bond will be used to purchase the Washington Elementary site (340 S 650 W), improve and expand the recreation and sports fields there, and expand the City's recreational trail system.

### City of Bountiful Park and Trails Bond

Shall Bountiful City be authorized to issue General Obligation Bonds ("Bonds") in an amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) to purchase the former Washington Elementary School site and improve it as a City park that could include a variety of recreation fields and sports uses, and to expand the Bountiful Trail System?

### PROPERTY TAX COST OF BONDS:

If the Bonds are issued, a property tax increase would be necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds over a period of 20 years. The estimated property tax increase would be \$32.57 per year on a \$371,000 primary residence and \$59.22 per year on a business property having the same value.

The foregoing information is only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the City may be required to levy in order to pay debt service on the Bonds. The City is obligated to levy taxes to the extent provided by law in order to pay the Bonds.

**For the Issuance of Bonds**

**Against the Issuance of Bonds**

### What is the cost to Bountiful City taxpayers?

Over a 20 year period, the estimated property tax increase would be \$32.57 per year on a \$371,000 primary residence, **equaling about \$2-3 per month for the average household**. For a business property of the same value it amounts to about \$59.22 per year.

## FAQS

### Why is Bountiful City considering the purchase of the former Washington Elementary site?

Davis School District closed Washington Elementary (340 S 650 W) earlier this year, but gave Bountiful City the first opportunity to buy the land. The City must act soon before the land is made available for development.

Open space in the City is in high-demand, but is becoming harder to find and more important to retain. Securing this property will preserve valuable green space in lieu of more houses or apartments.

City officials frequently hear from residents that Bountiful needs more sports fields. Bountiful has very few flat playing areas that can accommodate sports such as football, soccer, or lacrosse, so families are required to travel to other cities. This 10-acre site has adequate space to accommodate a variety of field sports and other recreation uses.

### What will the funds from the Bond be used for?

\$3.5 million will be used to purchase the Washington Elementary site. \$2.5 million will be available to improve and expand the recreation uses and sports fields there. The remaining \$2 million will be used to improve and expand the City's trail system.

### How will the new park/fields be designed?

Resident input will be key. A public design process will be conducted to determine what improvements, besides playing fields, are made. These could include pickleball courts, walking trails, picnic areas, restrooms, and gazebos just to name a few.

### How will the City go about improving trails?

Last fall the Council adopted a Trails Master Plan. Plans include connections between canyons, more and improved bike and hike trails, and a new downhill-only path in Mueller Park to separate traffic on the popular trail. The Trails Advisory Committee will help determine plans and solicit community feedback.

## PROS & CONS

### ARGUMENTS FOR the Bond

- Open space is in high-demand, but is becoming harder to find and more important to retain. Once it is gone, it's gone.
- The timeframe for the City to purchase the Washington Elementary site is limited. If not purchased by the City, it will likely be developed as housing.
- With a AA- Bond rating, Bountiful City has a history of responsibly using funds and is currently debt-free.
- The City already owns Washington Park which adjoins the school property. The purchase of the school site would enable the City to improve and expand the space to include a variety of recreation fields and sports uses.
- Additional open space for recreation is an asset to the neighboring community and benefits property value.
- Adequate open space for recreation enhances the quality of life in Bountiful.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST the Bond

- If the land was purchased by another entity, new residential or commercial development could bring potential higher tax revenues.
- Increased property tax is a larger burden on those on fixed incomes and young families with large numbers of children.
- The new recreation space could bring increased traffic to neighboring properties.
- Additional recreation and sports fields and trails may not be of interest or used by some residents.
- New improvements and expanded recreation and sports fields will need to be maintained which could result in increased operating costs.
- Risk that the bond is focused primarily on serving the interests of those who recreate outdoors rather than the broader community.

For add'l. arguments, please visit [www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov)