

# Memo



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**Date:** June 18, 2024  
**To:** Midway City Council  
**From:** City Planners  
**Re:** Request from Utah Open Lands that City Council execute a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) partnership commitment letter to include in its RCPP funding application.

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The City has received a request from Wendy Fisher, Utah Open Lands, that City Council execute a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) partnership commitment letter for the Lundin and Heart of Midway properties to use in its application for RCPP funding for these properties.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At the Midway Open Space Committee Meeting held June 5, 2024, Wendy Fisher provided an update on RCPP funding (1.5 billion authorized by Congress in past year). The North Fields has been designated as a “Grasslands of special significance”. Utah Open Lands is seeking to expand this designation to include the Lundin property and Heart of Midway properties off Center Street and apply for RCPP funding for these properties. Applications are due the end of June. Since Midway has committed bond money toward both projects, Utah Open Lands is seeking a partnership commitment letter from Midway to include with the RCPP application.

At the June 5, 2024, meeting, the Open Space Committee made the following motion and recommendation:

***Motion** by Woody Woodruff to recommend that City Council execute a RCPP partnership commitment letter (for Lundin and Heart of Midway properties) to be used by Utah Open Lands in its application for RCPP funding.*

***Seconded** by Steve Stevens. All present voted in favor of the motion.*

A copy of the proposed RCPP partnership commitment letter is included in the Council packet.

Midway City  
 75N 100W  
 Midway, UT 84049

**DATE**

Utah Open Lands  
 1488 Main Street  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84115

**RE: RCPP - #3413 – Northfields Protection Initiative and Beyond; A Hallmark of Heritage, Habitat, and H2O**

Dear Project Leader:

I am writing to document Midway City’s support of the Utah Open Lands’ proposal to the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), titled “Northfields Protection Initiative and Beyond; A Hallmark of Heritage, Habitat, and H2O”. Midway City is familiar with the proposal, understands general expectations, and supports the efforts to address the natural resource concerns identified in therein.

If this RCPP proposal is selected for funding, Midway City will provide contributions equal to the total amount of \$1.25 million to this project. Our expected contributions include:

Financial Assistance Summary Table

Contribution Activity Type	Subtotal Per FA Activity Type (\$)	FA Contribution Total (\$)
<b>Financial Assistance (FA)</b>		
Entity-Held Easements		\$1,250,000.00

Financial Assistance Contribution Table

FA Contribution Activity Type	FA Contribution Name	Cash vs In-Kind	Amount (\$)	Description (Including How the Contribution Amount was Calculated or Estimated)	Required Match*
<i>Entity-Held Easement</i>	<i>Match for EHE Parcel Contracts</i>	<i>Cash</i>	<i>\$1,250,000.00</i>	<i>Payments to landowners for acquisition of EHE parcels</i>	<i>Yes</i>

\*Match is only required for easements and watershed activities. See the latest NFO for specific match requirements.

Midway City recently passed a **\$5 million open space bond** for the purpose of preserving agricultural, scenic, recreational and other values of open space in our community. The City of Midway believes very strongly in seeing our agricultural lands preserved as a necessary part of preserving the rural character of our community. Since the bonds passage the City has been working through a process to evaluate lands that willing landowners are interested in preserving. We support the work that Utah Open Lands is doing

to find funding to leverage our bond funds so that we can protect as many of these preservation opportunities as possible.

Sincerely,

*Signature*

Title

Authorized Signatory for Midway City