

INTEGRATING WATER AND LAND USE PLANNING IN UTAH

STAKEHOLDER CHECKLIST

Integrating water and land use planning involves breaking down silos between water management and land use planning professionals to plan for a more resilient and sustainable future. This can be a daunting task, given the variety of stakeholders that could—and often *should*—be brought into the process. This checklist is intended to help a local government identify and prioritize stakeholders to bring into the water and land use integration process.

Two tables are included below: one for forming a core team for integrating water and land use planning, and one for stakeholders who should be engaged at different stages and to various degrees throughout the process.

The checklists refer to different types of stakeholders and qualify them according to applicability and priority. Because every jurisdiction is different and has different entities, organizations, and actors, use the applicability column to determine if a stakeholder exists within your community.

The priority column of the Stakeholders to Engage Throughout the Process checklist helps identify potential collaborators throughout the water and land use integration process—high priority stakeholders; those who may need periodic engagement—medium priority stakeholders; and those who should be tangentially involved or involved during public events—low priority stakeholders. These designations have been generalized for the sake of relevance across contexts, so they require customization as appropriate for your local context. Determining the priority of potential stakeholders is an appropriate activity for the core team.

The final lines of the checklists are available to add any stakeholders that may otherwise be missing, be it because they are specific to your local context or because they are highly interested and involved in the integration of water and land use planning.

More information about collaboration for integrating water and land use planning can be found in the video “[Strengthening Collaboration](#).”

Participants for the Core Team

Potential Participants	Applicability to Your Context (A - Applicable, N/A - Not Applicable)	Contact information
Long-Range Land Use Planners		
Development Review Land Use Planners		
Water Conservation Staff		
Water Utility Managers		
Retail Water Providers		
Wholesale Water Providers		
Elected Officials/ Board of Trustees		
Representative from Governing Body of Private Water Utility		
Representative from Planning and Zoning Commission/Board		
Wastewater Utilities		
Flood Control/ Stormwater Management Agencies		
Building Department Staff		
Economic Development Staff		
City/County Attorney		
<i>[additional relevant stakeholders]</i>		
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Stakeholders to Engage Throughout the Process

Stakeholder	Applicability to Your Context (A - Applicable, N/A - Not Applicable)	Priority - Low - Medium - High	Contact information
Developers and Home Builders		High	
Environmental, Watershed, Land, or Habitat Conservation/Groups		High	
Farmers and Ranchers		High	
Major Institutional, Commercial, or Industrial Water Users (e.g., schools, churches, data centers, manufacturing, golf courses, recreation areas)		High	
Other Local Governments in the Region		High	
Other Land Management or Resource Agencies Relevant for your Region or Watershed (USFS, BLM, BOR, State Lands, Div. of Wildlife, UDOT)		High	
Ski and Snow Park Owners/Managers		Medium	
Community Advocates and Grassroots Organizations		Medium	
Parks and Open Space Managers (including land trusts)		Medium	
Homeowners Associations		Medium	
Citizen Advisory Boards		Medium	
Regional Groups, Regional Associations, COGs, MPOs		Medium	
The Public/ Residents/ Ratepayers		Low	
Local Businesses and Chambers of Commerce		Low	
Land/Habitat Conservationists		Low	
Local Media		Low	
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