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2006 - Follow the Water by Matt Lindon



Photo 1 — <u>Parcel Q</u> north of Silver Springs Road. <u>2010 Parcel Q stream in winter</u> Dried up. Park is on the left. Lot 37 SSSF is on the right.



Photo 2 --North most section of Parcel V aka <u>Creek Easement Parcel</u> between Lots 36 and 173 South of Silver Springs Road has dried up.



Photo 3 — May 2012 Private pond and stream dried up.



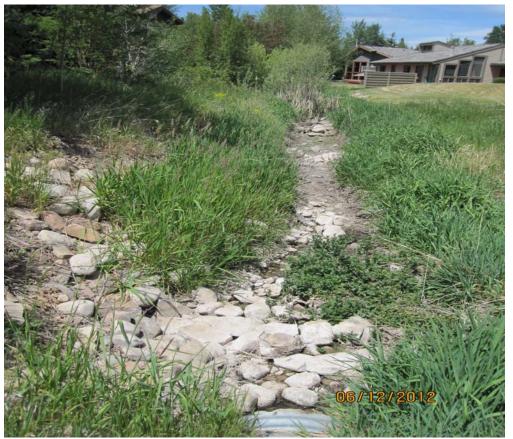


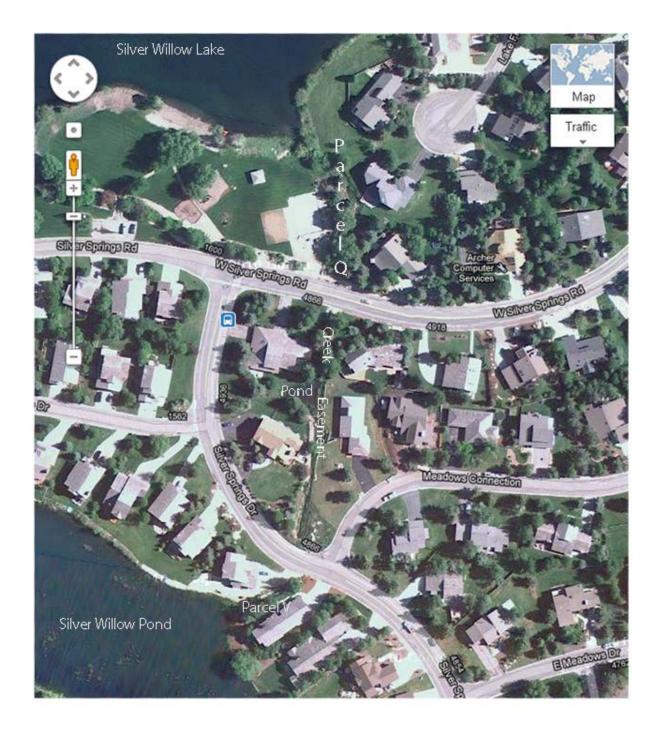
Photo 4 — <u>Creek Easement of Parcel V</u>, also dried up.



Photo 5 — 2012 <u>Parcel V</u> from Silver Springs Drive to the little lake/pond, was originally a fish ladder. New gate height built last summer hampers the flow of water from lake to <u>Parcel V</u> and down to <u>Parcel Q</u>.



Photo 6 — Small lake gate built too high to allow water to flow from little pond to <u>Parcel V</u> fish ladder, to the Creek Easement, to Lot 173 pond, to Parcel Q then into the large lake. Entire water path has dried up. **2011 gate:** <u>http://www.silverspringscommunity.com/wp-content/uploads/upperpond-gate-eastside2008-01a530px.jpg</u>



A stream (outlet from Silver Willow Pond marked as Parcel V) runs north through the **Creek Easement Parcel**, then under Silver Springs Road into Parcel Q, continuing north into the Silver Willow Lake aka Lower Pond. In 2012, after the new gate was installed in 2011 on the Silver Willow Pond end of Parcel V, all of the above parcels are now dry without any water flow. This stream was a good place to fish for trout for many years until recently. The 750 trout the Master Association released into the Silver Willow Lake will not be available unless you are on one of the two lake's perimeters. <u>Read December 6, 2011 SSSFHOA Board Minutes</u>: "750 trout were released into the big lake and there will be additional trout released into the little lake when it is filled next spring 2012."

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Could Smaller Trash Cans Boost Recycling? NO!



by Christina Caldwell 03/01/12 11 Comments

Summit County, Utah is hoping smaller trash bins will promote recycling. Photo: Michael Coté via Flickr March 1, 2012

It's a simple idea. The less space you have, the less space you have to store things. The county council in Utah's Summit County is hoping the same principle applies to trash. In an effort to get more people to recycle, the county wants to reduce the size of curbside trash bins and increase the size of recycling bins, a proposal that could benefit everyone. [However, the opposite is really what is being introduced. Prior to July 2, 2012 residents had a 65-gallon can to recycle weekly. After July 2, 2012 residents have a 95-gallon can for recycling every two weeks. Multiply 65 times 4= 260 gallons; multiply 95 times 2= 180 gallons, resulting in 70 less gallons of recyclable capacity per residence.] Recycling brings in money for the area, Summit County manager Bob Jasper told The Park *Record.* Plus, recycling has the added benefit of keeping Utah's pristine beauty intact for generations to come. Of course, with change comes opposition. Residents who have grown used to the larger trash bins can pay for a receptacle with more space, Jasper says. The request for proposal (RFP) would shrink trash bin sizes from 95 gallons to 65 gallons, which officials hope will show residents just how much trash they throw away in a given week. Recycling bins would increase to 95 gallons [to be picked up only twice a month], leaving plenty of room for the glass, cardboard, newspaper and other recyclables that could otherwise find their way to the trash.

The RFP also includes an expansion of recycling programs to rural areas of the county, including curbside pickup and *more drop-sites* for recyclables.

"We want everyone to have more access to recycling," Jasper told *The Park Record*. "We want to bring curbside recycling to the smaller cities and have large recycling drop-off areas for the rural areas. The potential carriers that have seen our RFP so far seem to like it." Comment 11 Posted:

Koleman Smith posted at <u>http://earth911.com/news/2012/03/01/utah-county-promotes-recycling-by-reducing-trash-bin-sizes/</u>

"Utah's Summit County, in an effort to get more people to recycle, wants to reduce the size of curbside trash bins to 65-gallons and increase the size of recycling bins to 95-gallons, a proposal that could benefit everyone." However, the opposite is really what is being introduced.

Prior to July 2, 2012 residents had a 65-gallon can to recycle weekly and a 95-gallon can for trash, also picked up weekly.

After July 2, 2012 residents have a 65-gallon trash can picked up weekly, and a 95-gallon can for recycling every two weeks.

Multiply 65 times 4= 260 gallons; multiply 95 times 2= 190 gallons, resulting in 70 less gallons of recyclable capacity per residence. Summit County Manager Bob Jasper, Waste Management's Cliff Blonquist and Recycle Utah's Insa Riepen were asked what could residents do with the overflow of recyclable materials now that curbside pickup is being reduced by 30%. They responded that residents could load them up in their personal vehicles then deliver them either to the Park City Recycle Center or to the Three Mile landfill in Wanship. What these managers are saying is that increased traffic by multiple residents is a better environmental solution. Many more vehicles emitting carbon and filling the roadways with increased County trips of average 15 miles each to deliver recyclable materials does not sound environmentally responsible or good service to residents. Someone did not think this through. The overwhelmed populace is more likely to place recyclable materials into their weekly 65-gallon trash can when the recycle can is full until the twice monthly recycle can is emptied at their curb. I predict that fewer materials will be recycled with this new program not more, as Jasper envisions.

SUPPLEMENT TO SSSFHOA JUNE 2012 NEWSLETTER-TRASH AND CURBSIDE RECYCLING = DIMINISHED SERVICE http://www.silverspringscommunity.com/utilities/trash-recycling/

All Silver Springs Community property owners should be made aware that the new Summit County contract with Allied/Republic Waste Disposal Company diminished by 30% the amount of trash and recycling the city and county residents can dispose of at their curbs. If residents want to recycle any of the large assortment of items listed on Allied's brochure then they will have to personally deliver these items to Recycle Utah at 1951 Woodbine Way in Park City. Otherwise these items may end up in the new smaller grey waste cart. It appears that the exchanged 95-gallon recycle cart will only be for unsorted paper, plastic, and broken down boxes. It is time to get serious about shredding. If taxpayers have large amounts of "green waste" such as tree/shrub trimmings, grass clippings, etc. then the taxpayer is asked to deliver these items to the Three Mile Landfill in Wanship. Or place them in the smaller 65-gallon waste cart. Good luck. In Silver Springs the <u>current contract</u> picks up roughly 380 gallons of waste and 260 gallons of recycling per month per household. The <u>new contract</u> to commence on July 2, 2012 picks up 260 gallons of waste and 190 gallons of recycling materials monthly. A 30% loss of capacity. <u>Right now</u> most houses have a 95-gallon waste cart (brown or blue) picked up once a week. The <u>new contract</u> exchanges the 95-gallon cart for a 65-gallon waste cart (grey). A loss of 120-gallons per month or 30% less capacity. <u>Right</u> <u>now</u> most houses have a 65-gallon green recycling cart picked up once a week. The <u>new contract</u> exchanges the 95-gallon waste cart (brown or blue) to be **picked up every other week**; a loss of 70-gallons per residence per month; a loss of almost 30% capacity.

Calculating the cut in service of the new Allied/Republic contract demonstrates that Summit County government is requiring the taxpayer to do more for themselves. This new contract includes an expectation that taxpayers place green waste in the diminished capacity 65-gallon waste cart, or else they must hire a truck or service to haul their tree/shrub trimmings, grass clippings, and other yard waste to the Three Mile Landfill in Wanship. The alternative is to compost the excess "green waste" on our property, backyards, see CCR's. This green waste compost can be a good practice to learn (though it may require a chipper/shredder) and incorporate as part of our yard maintenance.

I am interested to learn how the Allied/Republic contract saved tax revenues will be spent, reduced or redistributed. Will taxes be lowered to reflect the decreased service?

The SSSFHOA board could have proactively informed the property owners when this information was first announced beginning on April 24, 2012. Instruction on how to compost can be found at: <u>http://www.silverspringscommunity.com/growing-food-in-your-garden/gardening-tips/successful-composting/</u>

These are some of the newsworthy items I think should have been part of the June 2012 SSSFHOA Board newsletter that was sent out to the property owners/HOA members. ---- Lucy Archer