

Jordan River Commission chairman named

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SALT LAKE CITY — A West Valley City councilman has been named the first chairman of the commission tasked with preserving the Jordan River.

Corey Rushton was named to head the fledgling organization. The commission was formed last summer to shepherd development, planning efforts and property acquisition along the river that winds through three counties.

The goal is to transform the waterway into a scenic, recreational centerpiece with biking trails, boat launches and riverside attractions.

In a news release, Rushton says the commission will help municipalities develop the river to its full potential while preserving the urban resource.

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WEST VALLEY CITY — Cities and counties wanting to preserve and properly utilize the Jordan River are joining together to form the Jordan River Commission.

Commission co-chairman Corey Rushton, a West Valley City councilman, ceremoniously signed a resolution Tuesday as the first city to enter into the interlocal agreement establishing the commission.

"The Jordan River is such a unique amenity our community has and shares with people across the state," Rushton said. "This is the beginning of a better and brighter future."

The commission will focus on promoting the protection of the Jordan River and facilitate orderly planning and development while protecting the individual jurisdictions' ability to govern its own area.