



## GREEN, HEALTHY LANDSCAPES IN PROVO

Provo City has numerous areas in disadvantaged portions of the city that desperately need revitalization, including planting of trees and other vegetation, along with proper irrigation for them to thrive. Additionally, the city is concentrating on water conservation efforts. Using funds from an Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) grant, this project will allow the city to increase its efforts and provide examples for other communities for sustainably foresting disadvantaged communities.

### Flagship Transformation

While finalizing all the background documentation and selecting a suitable contractor to assist with the work, Provo City canvassed its disadvantaged areas and found 155 suitable spots to start planting in the fall of 2024.

One of the flagship transformations includes the Fresh Market project, which will transform a park strip directly in the heart of Provo, which has begged for revitalization for some time. This first project will be a showcase for all the project areas that follow it.

### Beautify and Conserve

Chaz Addis, Provo City's urban forester, is also working with residents, and businesses within disadvantaged areas, west of this location, to bring new life to the area and hopefully spark new interest in residential involvement within the community. They are advertising a message of hope by asking the residents to help the city plant new trees, drought-tolerant plants, and landscapes that will beautify the neighborhood around them and help conserve water throughout the city.

With the onset of cooler fall weather, they will steam ahead to install these new landscapes. The hope is that it will convey the message that Provo City residents can achieve a green, healthy landscape while conserving water and maintaining a drought-tolerant environment, without removing all vegetation and rocking the strip.



**Header and Above:** Parkstrip in need of trees. Photo: Chaz Addis