

**CWSRF ARRA Success Story:  
Recovery Act Funding Restores Jordan River Riparian Corridor**

The Jordan River riparian corridor is an urban refuge for wildlife and human residents alike in the center of Salt Lake City, Utah. Recent high river flows, however, had damaged the river's banks, increasing the water's sediment load and reducing the quality of wildlife habitat. The State of Utah and the City of Salt Lake City recently used Recovery Act Green Project Reserve funding supplied by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to restore this damaged riparian area. Without the loan of Recovery funding coupled to principal forgiveness, this successful project would have been impossible – as the area does not generate revenues, a traditional loan from the SRF base program could not have been paid back.

The Jordan River's eroding banks were stabilized using biodegradable matting that protects soil, suppresses weeds, and allows desirable vegetation to gain a foothold. The state also planted trees, controlled invasive weeds, and restored the river's natural meandering course. With the project only recently complete, sediment loads have been reduced by over 3000 cubic yards per year, improving water quality. Foxes, birds, and beavers have returned to the river, and its value and beauty as a recreation area has been substantially improved. Four other, similar projects are underway in other locations in Utah.