

Since moving into the Jessie's Brook neighborhood our family has been amazed at the kindness, warmth, and inclusiveness of the people of this community, and everyone I've talked to here feels the same way. This area is a distinctive area that has much to share with Springville city.

We would like an opportunity to share what makes this community special with the rest of Springville by making this an area where anyone can come to experience peace, joy, and inclusivity, and we have a vision for the Dry Creek Trail as the core for this project.

There has never been a time when there has been greater need for hope. The rise of mental illness, fractured communities, and political conflict among other increased social and individual struggles means that places of peace are more needed than ever. We propose for the Dry Creek Trail to be one of these places in the following ways:

- The theme of the trail/park will be gratitude. Along the trail will be plaques on which are written quotes and ideas meant to inspire and help draw our community together. These quotes will be chosen to represent the diversity of perspectives and insights of the Springville citizenry. We would like to find ways to get Springvillians all over the city involved so that these quotes can celebrate the richness of our growth and diversity.
- We will use xeriscaping along the trail and in the park to create a beautiful environment that can be enjoyed for generations to come by using sustainable landscaping that celebrates and shows gratitude for our environment.
- In the park there will be sitting areas, some single benches, others with more seating for families or larger groups, so people can sit and enjoy the space and spend time together.
- In honor of Art City, there can be display cases where Springville citizens can display art that celebrates gratitude and inclusivity. Schools can be involved by doing art contests in which the winner's art will be displayed. Individuals and groups can also reserve times in which they can have their art displayed.
- The city can offer to have groups volunteer to help in creating the park. Youth groups especially can be encouraged and given opportunities to get involved.

These are some ideas to begin with for Jessie's Brook to be a unique and special contribution to the city of Springville. By incorporating Springville's love of beauty and art, as well as the diversity and goodness of its citizens, we can create something that is not only unique in our city, but in our state as well, demonstrating some of what makes Springville so special.