

# **COSAC**

#### **CACHE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Cache Open Space Advisory Committee will a hold site visit at **3:30 p.m.**, **Monday**, **May 20**, **2024** at the parceled listed within this agenda

#### Leave the Cache County Historic Courthouse at 3:10

#### 1. Application-Site Visit and Discussion

 A site visit and discussion of an Open Space Application for Cooper Open Space, containing parcels 10-041-001, 10-016-0012, 10-055-003. Located between 200 E and US 89/91 and around 600 S Wellsville, and located about half mile west of the south end of 4000 W in unincorporated county. Applicant Clair Cooper.

#### **Notes**

### **Meeting Schedule**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024 at 3:30 pm.



# Cache Open Space Advisory Committee (COSAC) - Open Space Funding Application

For screening of projects requesting bond funding from Cache County.

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### **Section E: Supporting Documents** If your application is accepted, you will be asked to complete a final application with additional information which may include, but is not limited to, the following documents. Please do not send them at this time.

Current real estate appraisal Water rights Mineral rights Encumbrances Easements or right of ways Letters of support Legal description

Relevant planning documents

To the best of my knowledge I attest the information provided here is true and correct.

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Property Owner(s) Signature (Required)	Date
Authorized Agent Signature	 Date

To complete and send this form:

- 1. Save a copy on your computer as a PDF. Your draft can be attached to an email for editing and contribution by others.
- 2. Submit the final version via email to devservices@cachecounty.gov.

<sup>\*</sup>This form is subject to change as the Cache Open Space Advisory Committee sees fit.\*

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# **Cache County Development Services Staff Report** April 1, 2024

Project	Cooper	
Applicant Clair Cooper		
<b>Location</b> Wellsville and Mt Sterling		
Total Acres 180 (Wellsville 20.14 Acres, Mt. Sterling 160 Acres)		
Parcels 10-041-0001, 10-016-0012, 10-055-0003		
<b>Proposed Use</b>	Agriculture Conservation Easement	







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### Introduction

The property owner has applied for three parcels for conservation funds. Two parcels are located adjacent US 89/91 within Wellsville, then a large 160 acre parcel is located on bench near the old Sardine Canyon roadway. The property located within Wellsville is currently being farm while the property in Mt. Sterling is also being proposed as farmland and also contains forest areas.

Surrounding Uses (Wellsville)		
North	Farmland and single family development	
East	US-89/91 and farmland	
South	South US-89/91 and farmland	
West	Park and single family development	

Surrounding Uses (Mt. Sterling)				
North	Wilderness and Mountains			
East	Farmland and ag. protection areas			
South	Farmland, ag. protection areas, and wilderness			
West	Wilderness and farmland.			

### **Purpose of Proposed Conservation Easement**

The applicant has proposed to apply a conservation easement on listed properties. The properties within Wellsville are currently being farmed. The property in the Mt. Sterling area is also proposed for agricultural conservation, however, there are quite bit of steep slopes and wilderness area (see the attached map). There is a spring on the Mt. Sterling Property and water access and rights with Wellsville Property.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

The Cache Open Space Advisory Committee (COSAC) created a scoring sheet (attached) to help evaluate each application. The following are the main sections for review: Protect Scenic Vistas,



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Preserve Open Lands Near Valley Gateways, Maintains Agriculture, Maintains Waterways, Maintains Wildlife Habitat, Allows Public Access, and Distinguishing Factors. Staff has reviewed the properties and provided the following review for each item.

#### **Protect Scenic Vistas**

**Wellsville Property:** The 20 acres are located along the US 89/91 within Wellsville. There is an Average Annual Daily Traffic count around 20,000 vehicles a day. There is also a master plan UDOT trail along the highway.

**Mt. Sterling:** This property is located on the western bench of the valley, though it is not located near any major or minor roadways.

#### **Preserve Open Lands Near Valley Gateways**

**Wellsville Property:** These two properties are located within the Wellsville Canyon Gateway as reviewed by COSAC. These properties have .2 miles of frontage along US 89/91.



**Sterling Property:** This property does not fall within the gateway areas (Wellsville Canyon, Valley View Highway, SR-91 Idaho/Utah Border).

### Maintain Agriculture

**Wellsville Property:** These properties are currently being farmed for "Grazing, Hay, Grain, Pasture" according to the application. There is a canal and water access within this property. There is a type of conservation easement on it, but it identified as a "Trust Deed" with the Utah Department of Agriculture and the Utah Soil Conservation Commission that applies to both 10-041-0001 and 10-016-0012 (attached) and it may include the three parcels divided off of 10-041-0001. 10-041-001 is a remainder parcel that was further split without a subdivision amendments. This property is within Wellsville and their code would govern weather it could be further developed.



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Mt. Sterling Property: This property is also currently being farmed for "Grazing, Hay, Grain, Pasture" according to the application. However, a large section of the property is occupied by 20% and 30% < slope. This would limit its function as farm land. There is a spring on the property with Cooper Family holding the rights to the water of that spring. By County code, under current zoning it is likely that there could only be a seasonal cabin developed on the property with most of property being restricted from development due to the steep slopes.



### **Maintain Waterways**

**Wellsville Property:** There is no natural waterways on the property, but there the Hawbush Canal that goes through the property. No known wetlands are on the property (see attached map).

**Mt. Sterling Property:** There is a natural spring and relatively small wetland area around the spring (see attached map).

#### **Maintains Wildlife Habitat**

Wellsville Property: The applicant has not indicated any wildlife within this property.



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Mt. Sterling Property: The applicant has not indicated any wildlife, other than he does allow hunters to hunt on the property. This parcel is also contain within Wildland Urban Interface (see attached map). This area is defined as "the zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development. It is the line, area or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or gegetative fuels" (U.S. Fire Administration).

#### **Allows Public Access**

The applicant has indicated, "Possibly, we currently allow hunting by permission." Wellsville Property: A trail is planned along Highway 89/91. This proposed trail appears in the County's Trails and Active Transportation Plan, Wellsville's Trails and Active Transportation Plan, Tier 3 of the Utah Trail Network, and has been prioritized in the ongoing US-89/91 Corridor Study. At the time of this writing, staff doesn't know what side of the highway the trail is planned to be placed. Staff would want to know if there is any need for additional easements for the master plan trail before a recommendation is made and is looking into it.

Mt. Sterling Property: There are a couple of primitive planed trails within this property with the Wellsville Master Plan. Staff would recommend that if this application is approved, that it is conditioned on securing easements to access the master plan trails on the property.

#### **Distinguishing Factors**

**Wellsville Property:** Staff is currently unaware of additional factors for consideration.

Mt. Sterling Property: Staff is currently unaware of additional factors for consideration.

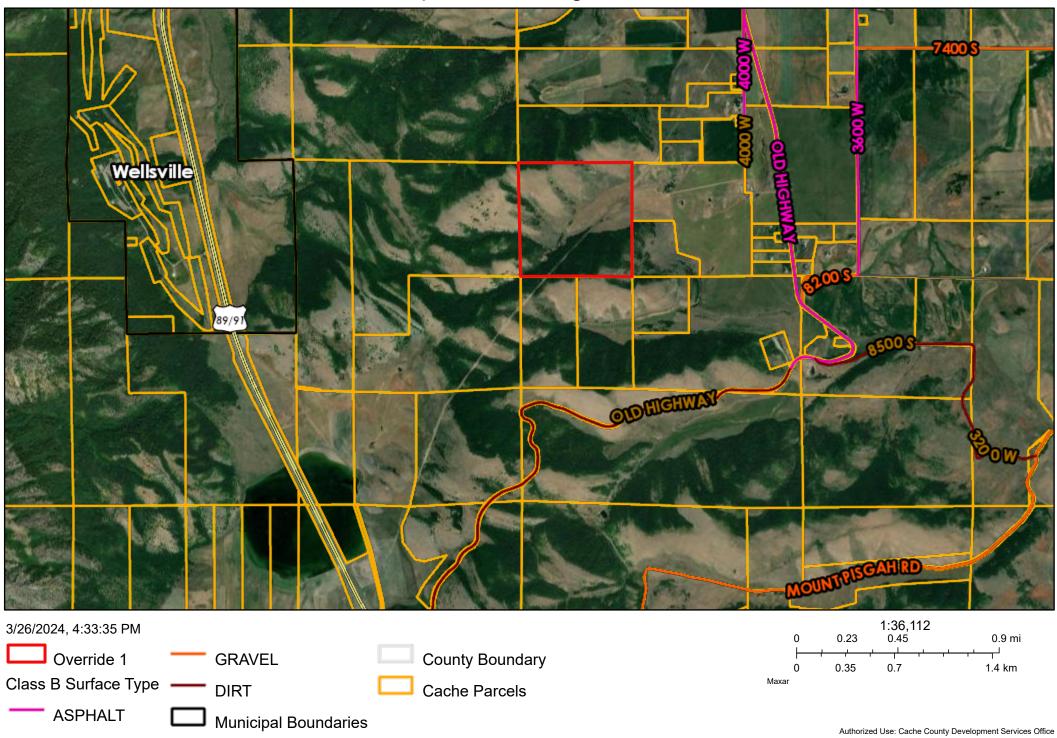
#### **Partnering Organizations**

As of the time of this report, there are no additional partnering organizations. Staff has sent the application to Wellsville for their review and feedback.

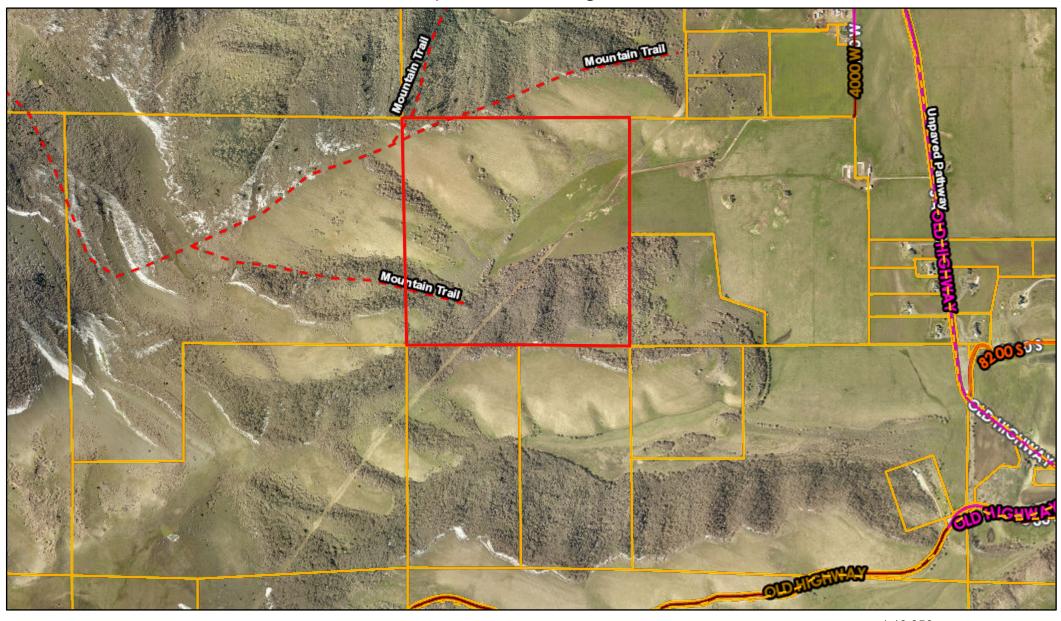
### **Next Steps**

COSAC is a recomendation body for the County Council. At this meeting, COSAC can recommend approval, approval with conditions, or denial of the open space application. This application will then be sent to the next County Council meeting. COSAC may also continue the item to the next meeting. However, since this is a first review of the application, staff would not recommend that COSAC make a recommendation durning this meeting until more time can be spent to review the application, including a site visit to the properties.

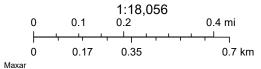
# Cooper Mt. Sterling Parcels



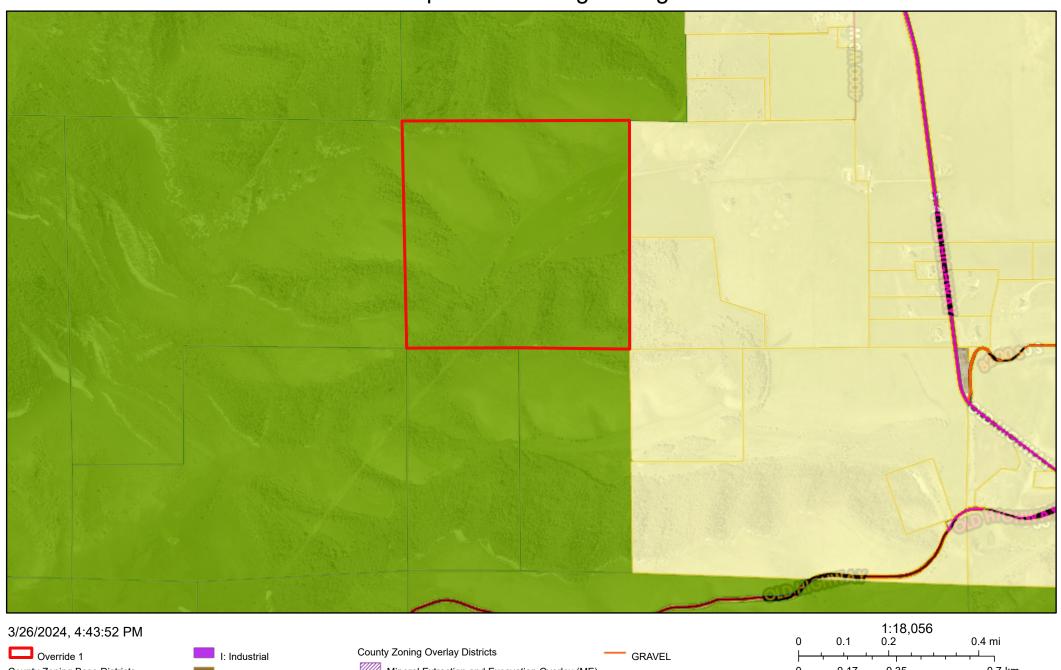
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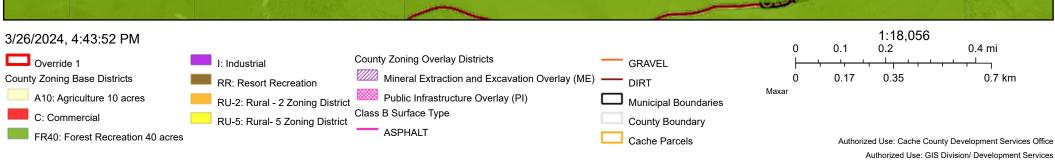




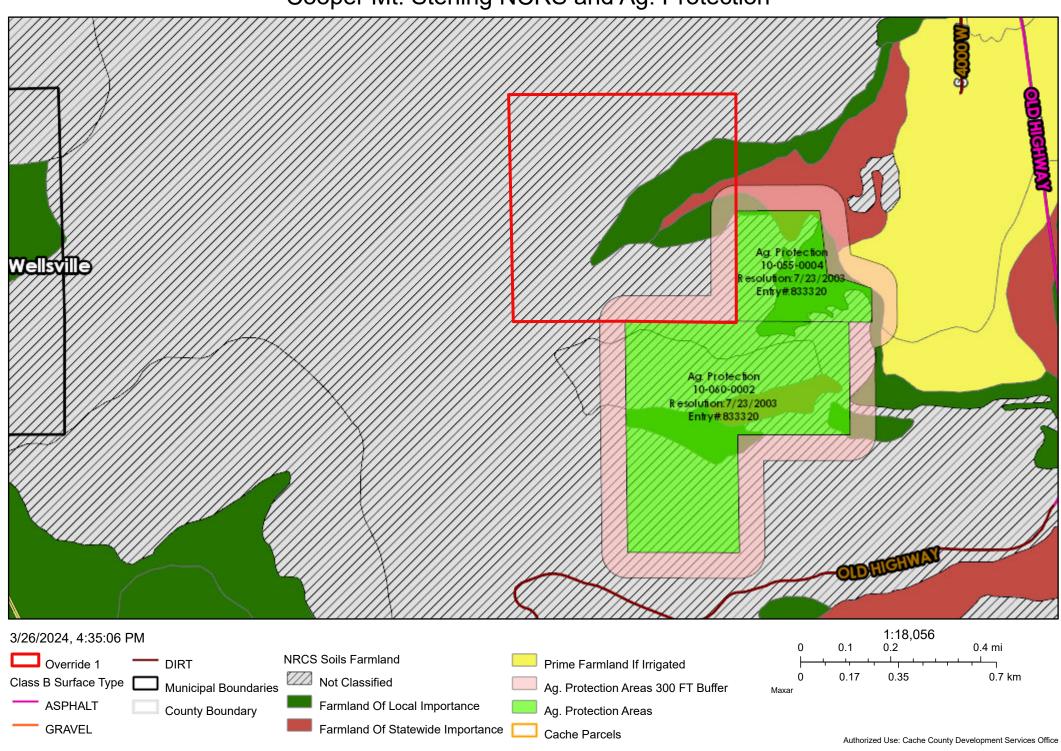


# Cooper Mt. Sterling Zoning

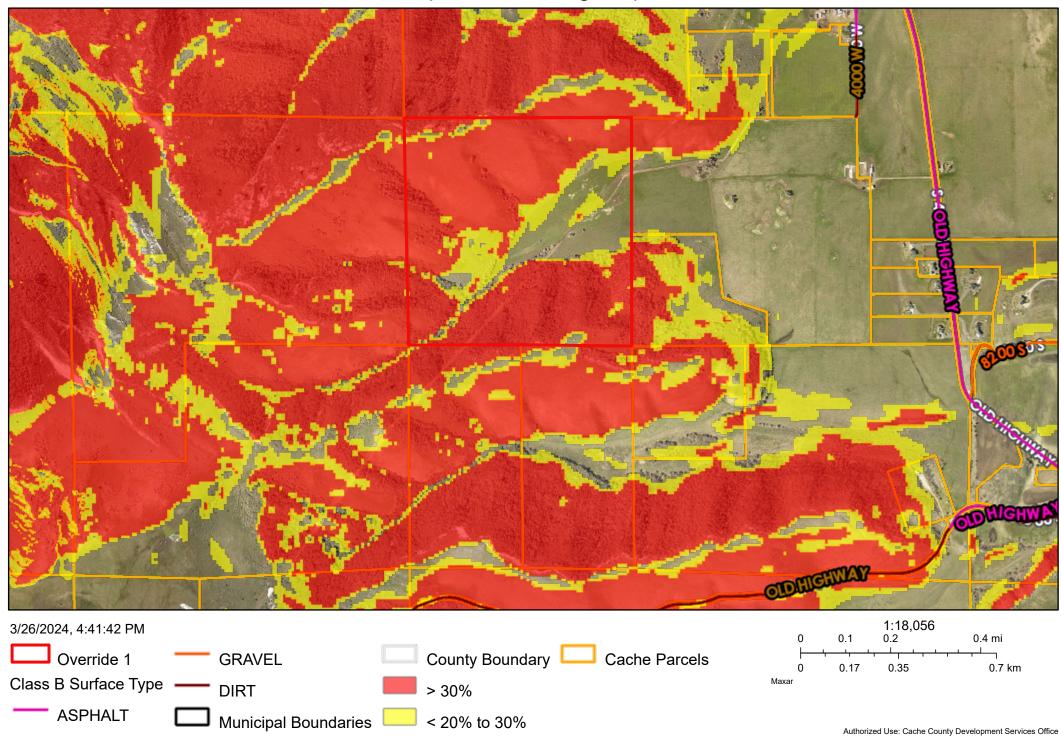




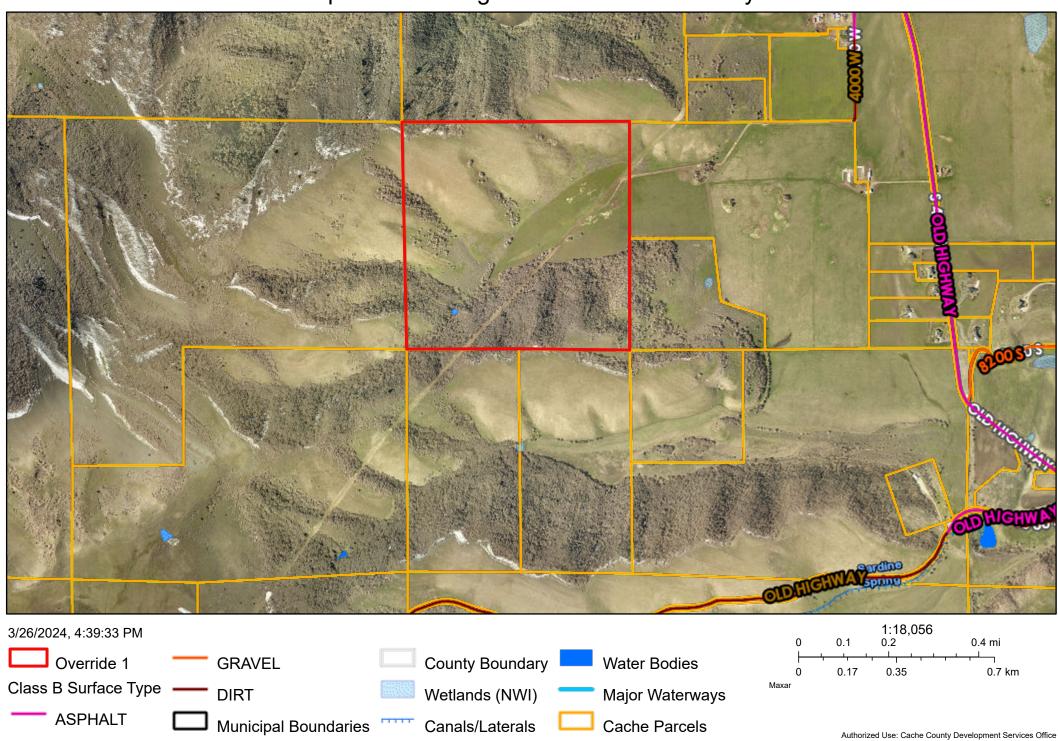
# Cooper Mt. Sterling NCRS and Ag. Protection



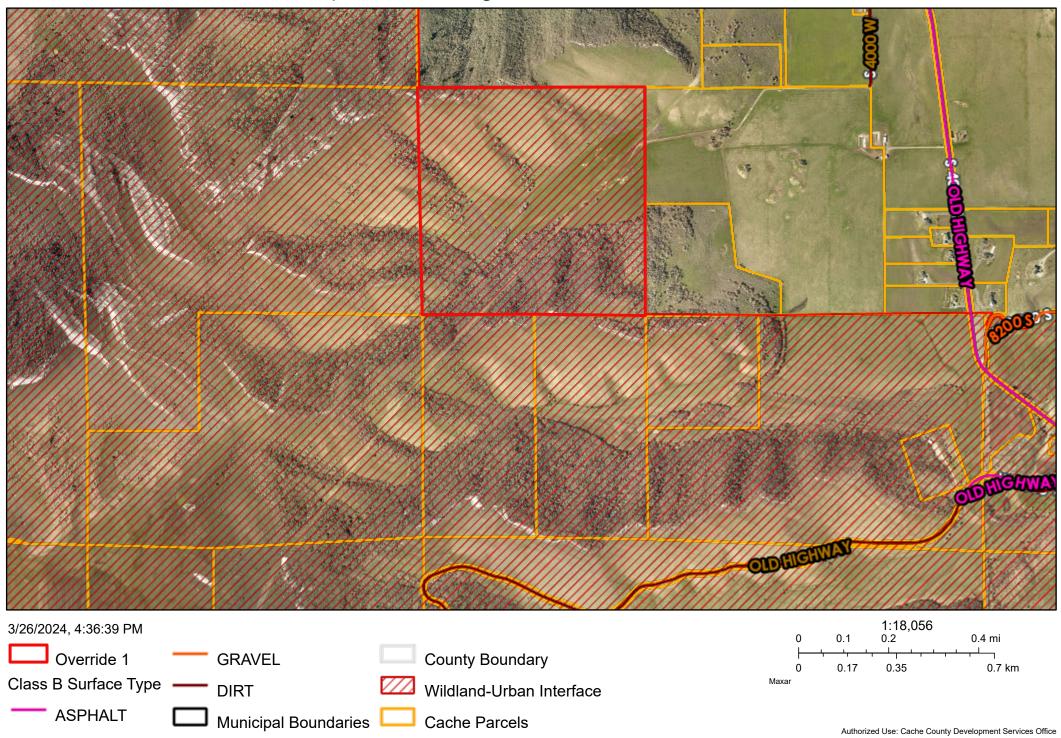
# Cooper Mt. Sterling Slopes



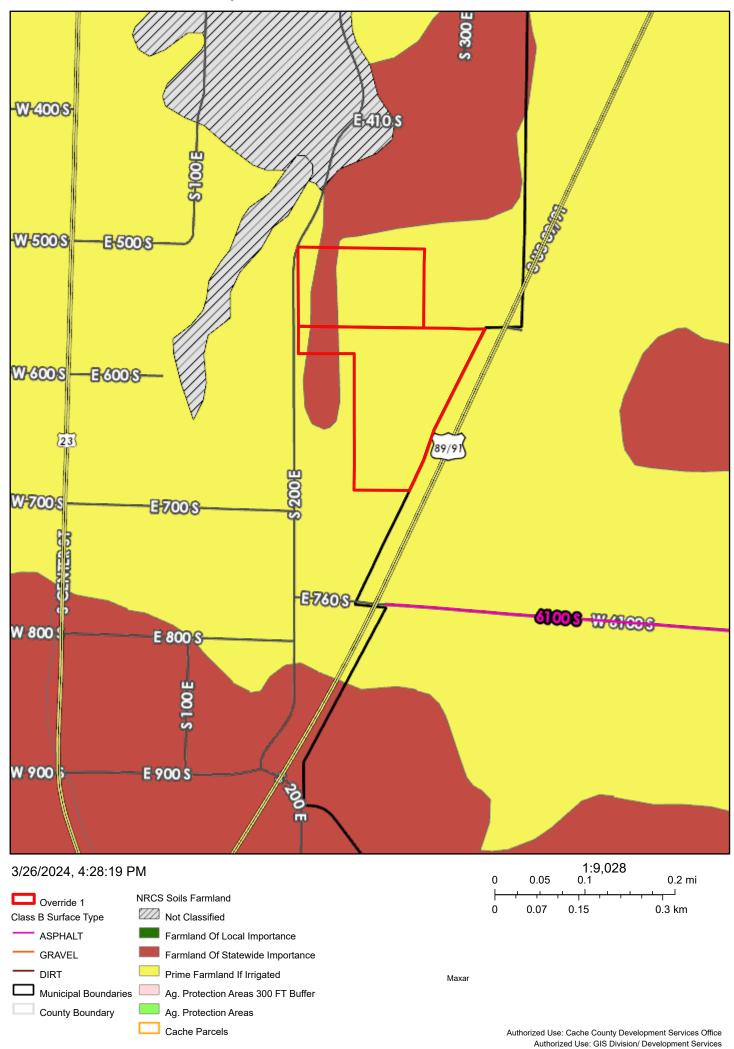
Cooper Mt. Sterling Wetlands and Waterways



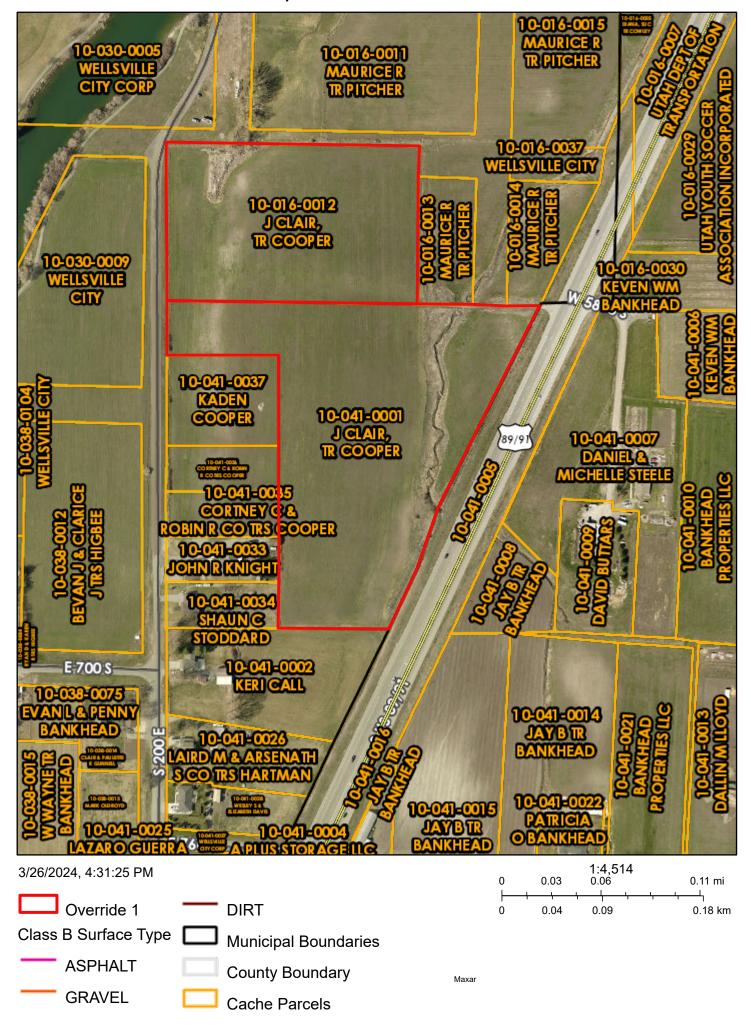
# Cooper Mt. Sterling Wildland Urban Interface

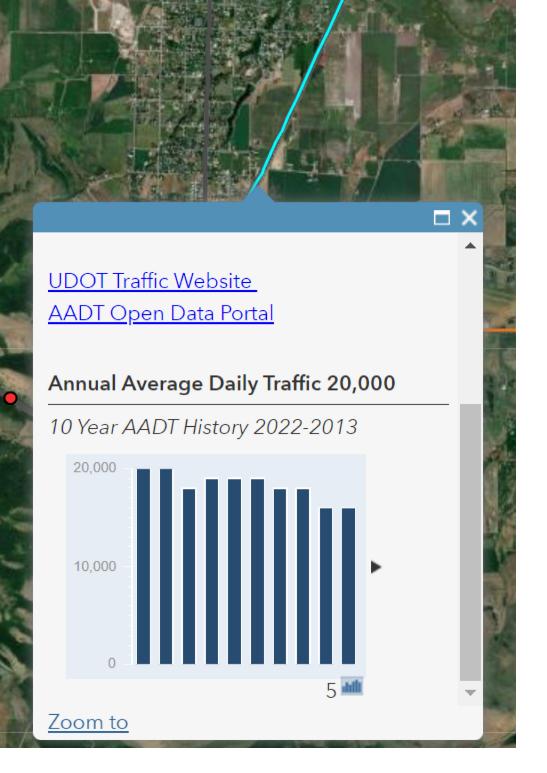


# Cooper Wellsville NCRS Farmland

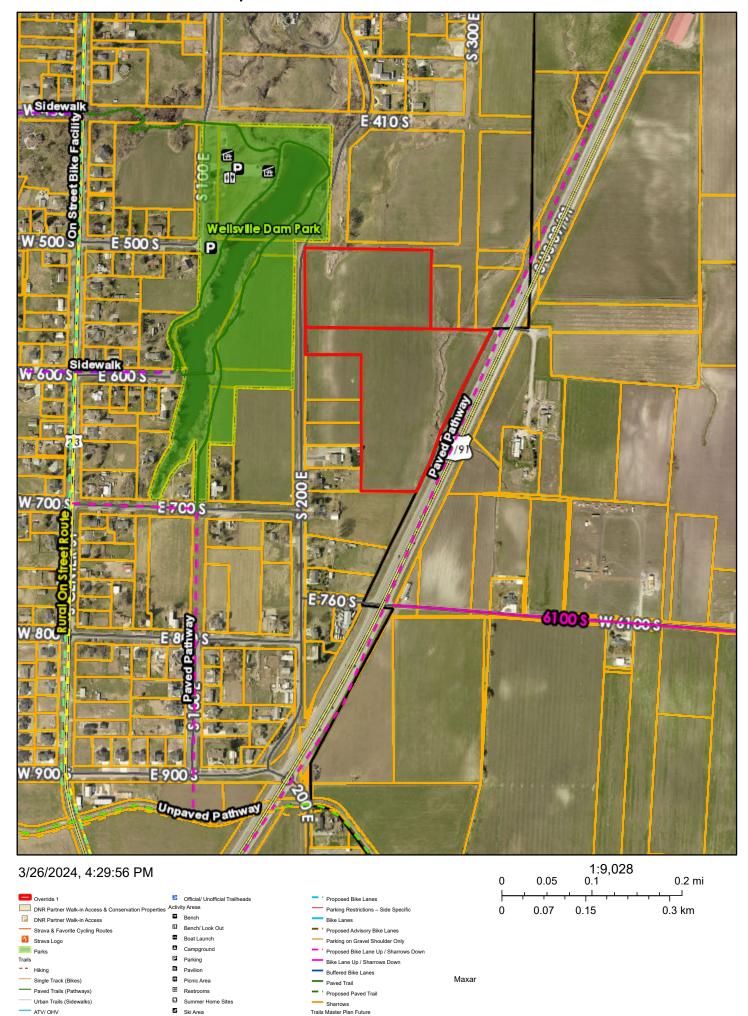


# Cooper Wellsville Parcels





# Cooper Wellsville Trails and Parks

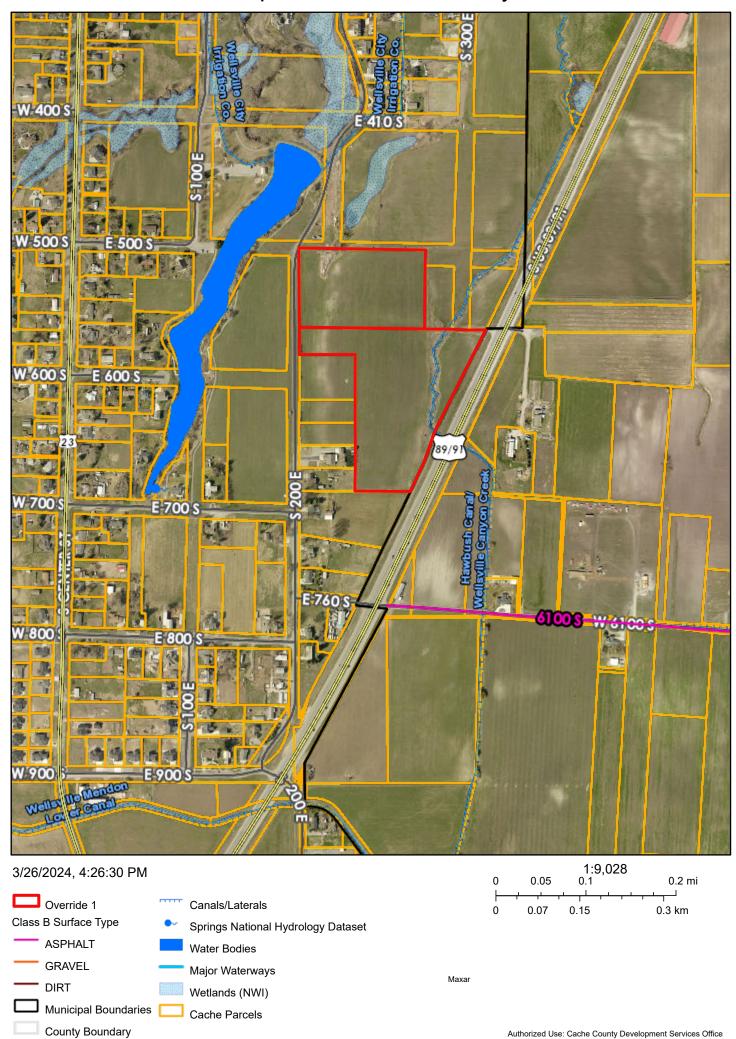


Authorized Use: Cache County Development Services Office Authorized Use: GIS Division/ Development Services

Cache Bikeways Near Term/ Long Term Recommendations -- Arterial Street Trail

Canoe Trail
Bike Route Signs

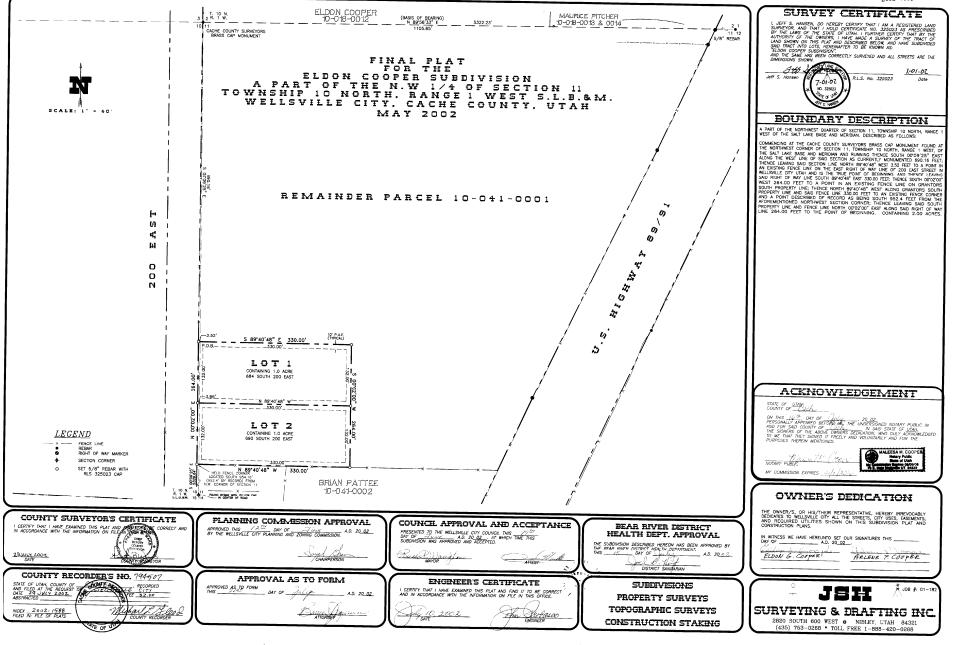
# Cooper Wellsville Waterways



Authorized Use: GIS Division/ Development Services

### Cooper Wellsville Zoning





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WHEN RECORDED, MAIL TO:

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE A R D L PROGRAM 350 NORTH REDMODD ROAD SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84116-3087 ENT 532191 BK 470 P6 92 DATE 25-APR-1990 12:539H FEE 9.00 MICHAEL L GLEED, RECORDER 44 CACHE COUNTY, UTAH 48 RECORDED BY SA FOR HICKMAN LAND TITLE COMPANY

#### \*\* TRUST DEED \*\*

THIS TRUST DEED is made this 30th day of March, 1990, between ELDOM G. COOPER and ARLENE P. COOPER, husband and wife, as joint tenants, as Trustor, whose address is 6640 South 4200 West, Wellsville, Utah 84339; Stephen C. Ward, Assistant Utah Attorney General, as Trustee, and the Utah Soil Conservation Commission, as Beneficiary.

Trustor hereby CONVEYS AND MARRANTS TO TRUSTEE IN TRUST, WITH POWER OF SALE, the following described property situated in Cache County, Utah:

<u>PARCEL 1:</u> BEGIMING at the Northwest Corner of Section 11, Township 10 Morth, Range 1 West of the Salt Lake Base and Meridian and running thence South 14.43 chains to a point 25.6 chains Morth of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 11 and running thence East 10.48 chains to the West line of the State Highway; thence Morth  $25^{\circ}00^{\circ}$  East along said Highway 15.60 chains to a point East of beginning; thence West to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 2: BEGIMNING at the Northwest Corner of said Section 11, Township 10 North, Range 1 West of the Salt Lake Base and Meridian, and running thence North 6.75 chains; thence East 11.16 chains; thence South 673 chains; thence West 11.11 chains to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 10 North, Range 1 West, Salt Lake Base and Meridian, described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of the Southerly right-of-way line of the existing 6th South Street of Wellsville City and the Morthwesterly right-of-way and limited access line of the existing U.S. Highway 91, which point is approximately 1,134.33 feet East (which equals Highway bearing South 89°38'14" East) along the North line of said Section 11 and 30.92 feet South (equals Highway South 0°21'46" West) from the Morthwest Corner of said Section 11 as mented by Cache County, Utah; and running thence South 25°00' West (equals Highway South 25018'31" West) 1,021.32 fet, more or less, along said Northwesterly right-of-way and limited access line to the Southerly boundary fonce line of said entire tract; thence West (equals Highway North 89°24'45" West) 55.04 feet, more or less, along said Southerly boundary fence line to a point 90.00 feet perpendicularly distant Morthwesterly from the "A" line, for said project at Engineer Station 399+27.08; thence North 25018'31" East (Highway hearing) 172.93 feet, more or less, along a line parallel to said "A" line, to a point apposite Engineer Station 401+00.00; thence North 19035'53" East (Highway bearing) 201.00 feet; thence North 29035'52" East (Highway bearing) 401.12 feet to a point 80.00 feet perpendicularly distant Morthwesterly from said "A" line at Engineer Station 407:00.00; thence North 25018'31" East (Highway bearing) 252.96 feet, more or less, along a line parallel to said "A" line to said Southerly right-of-way line; thence East (equals Highway bearing South 89°27'05° East) 44.05 feet, more or less, along said Southerly right-of-way line to the point of beginning as shown on the official map of said project on file in the office of the Utah Department of Transportation.

TOGETHER WITH 46 shares of water stack in the Hyrum, Wellsville, and Mundon Irrigation Company.

Together with all buildings, fixtures and improvements thereon and all water rights, rights-of-way, easements, rents, issues, profits, income, tenements, hereditaments, privileges and appurtanances thereunts new or hereafter used or enjoyed with said property, or any part thereof;

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Eldon and Arlene Cooper Trust Deed - March 30, 1990 Page 2 of 2

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING payment of the indebtedness evidenced by a promissory note of even date herewith, in the principal sum of \$10,712.00, payable to the order of Beneficiary at the times, in the mainer and with interest as therein set forth, and payment of any sums expended or advanced by Beneficiary to protect the security hereof.

Trustor agrees to pay all taxes and assessments on the above property, to pay all charges and assessments on water or water stock used on or with said property, not to commit waste, to maintain adequate fire insurance on improvements on said property, to pay all costs and expenses of collection (including Trustee's and attorney's fees in event of default in payment of the indebtedness secured hereby) and to pay reasonable Trustee's fees for any of the services performed by Trustee hereunder, including a reconveyance hereof.

The undersigned Trustor requests that a copy of any notice of default and of any notice of sale hereunder be mailed to him at the address hereinbefage set forth.

STATE OF UTAH

SS.

COUNTY OF Cache

On the 4th day of April , 1940, personally appeared before me ELDON 6. COOPER and ARLENE P. COOPER, the signer of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that he\_executed the same.

Debbei a. Cook

My Commission Expires: 1-27-93 Residing at: Lagran, Uta

### **COSAC Open Space Application Evaluation**

Each advisory committee member scores each criterion, and then the total scores are averaged. It is anticipated that projects will not score in every category. The scoring on this sheet represents the opinion of each committee member. These scores are for evaluation and ranking purposes only, are non-binding, and are to help make recommendations to the applicant and County Council for their final determination. The final recommendation and consideration may include additional factors, such as economic value, cost, and other funding sources.

		Points Possible	Score Given
PROTECT SCENIC VISTAS		15	
The locat	tion is along major corridors		
a.	Major state highways		
b.	Minor state highways		
C.	Major county roadways		
d.	Visibility		
e.	Traffic counts		
f.	Foothills		
PRESERVE	OPEN LANDS NEAR VALLEY GATEWAYS	15	
The locat	tion is seen from major gateways		
a. of We Canyo	View from entry way into the valley at the mouth llsville Canyon or the transit through Wellsville on		
	b. First full view of the valley along Highway 30 heading east from Box Elder county (roughly 1.2 miles from county border)		
1	c. View from Highway 89 heading west from Logan canyon, just before the road drops down around the USU campus (roughly at 900 E.)		
d. borde	View from Highway 91 just south of the Idaho r.		
e. where	View from Highway 91 north of Smithfield the road traverses the side of Crow Mountain		
f. north	View from the rise along Highway 165 just of Hyrum;		
g. West	View from the visitor center at the American Heritage Center		

MAINTAINS AGRICULTURE	15
Land evaluation components and other considerations	
a. Soil Productivity Index (SPI)	
b. Land Capability Index (LCI)	
c. Size of Parcel	
d. Commercial farm activity	
e. Proximity to protected lands (APA's & CE's)	
f. Canals/ Laterals	
g. Century Farm Dedication	
MAINTAINS WATERWAYS	15
The following will be included in consideration	
a. Floodplain	
b. Wetlands	
c. Major Waterways	
d. Waterbodies	
e. Springs	
MAINTAINS WILDLIFE HABITAT	15
The following will be included in consideration	
a. Important Habitat Areas	
b. Wildland-Urban Interface	
c. Migratory Bird Production Area	
d. Deer & Elk Migration Corridors	
e. Mule Deer Habitat	
g. Deer & Elk Winter Range	
h. Fish Habitat	
ALLOWS PUBLIC ACCESS	15
Please see the COSAC Trail Application for trail only	
projects.	
The following will be considered when scoring:	
a. A trail easement will be included in the project	
b. The project allows for another form of broad	
public access	
<b>DISTINGUISHING FACTORS</b> Other factors including uniqueness, historic value, urgency, irreplaceability.	10

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