PROJECT PURPOSE: Utah is blessed to have a number of public gardens offering demonstration gardens, educational programs, and beautiful retreats from our urban environments. Many of these gardens were created by water conservancy districts for the purpose of educating the public in landscape water conservation. These gardens are an underappreciated string of pearls that stretch along the I-15 corridor from Davis County in the north to Washington County in the south. To foster the sharing of ideas and information between gardens, USU Extension has sponsored the Utah Public Garden Network. This network continues to encourage garden personnel to meet and exchange ideas. It also provides a website where the public can go to find more information about all the gardens in the state, rather than having to search out each garden individually.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE:

- A website highlighting all the major public gardens in the state has been developed and maintained.

- Twice annual meetings have been held with the network members to encourage interaction, sharing of solutions to common problems, and discussion on how to make these gardens more effective.