PROGRAM: A mixed-use (retail, residential, commercial) infill project encompassing two blocks and nearly 20 acres of downtown Salt Lake City. Upon completion in 2012, the site will feature more than 650 residential units, approximately 800,000 SF of retail space, and a variety of office spaces in either existing or planned structures.
PROGRAM GOALS: The development of City Creek Center is guided by the principles established by Downtown Rising, a $1.5 billion community investment program seeking the establishment of downtown Salt Lake City as both a central gathering place and as the economic, cultural, religious and civic core of Utah. Among the principals: (1) Developing a mix of activities (residential, retail, commercial) and creating unique neighborhoods, (2) Improving mobility and transit options, (3) Providing intellectual, cultural, artistic and scientific opportunities, (4) Enhancing entertainment (sports, night-life, theater) and tourism offerings, (5) Promoting economic activity, (6) Presenting a high-quality urban experience composed of vibrant, concentrated and beautiful places, (7) Developing environmentally efficient buildings, districts and public spaces, and (8) Ensuring a safe environment.
PROJECT ATTRIBUTES: The Downtown rising effort is grouped into four broad categories that describe the desired core attributes once the program is complete: (1) Creating beautiful laces, (2) Community focused, (3) Prosperous, and (4) Sustainable. City Creek Center has been designed and is being developed to reflect all four attributes.
SITE:

City Creek Center sits on the north end of Salt Lake City’s central business district and adjacent to Temple Square, home to the Mormon Temple, the Tabernacle and Assembly Hall. Temple Square is both Salt Lake City’s most visited landmark and the seat of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Surrounding blocks house a variety of cultural, educational, and athletic venues, as well as retail and commercial office space, conference centers, restaurants and public gathering places.
Salt Lake City blocks are large, each roughly 1/8 mile square and a key project goal is to reduce the scale of the site by establishing new connections that echo the historic street right-of-way for Richards and Regents Streets and Social Hall Avenue. This will not only improve access and mobility to and around the site, but the extension of Richards Street also establishes a direct and intimate connection to Temple Square, tying it to the new development and creating a sense of place.
OPEN SPACE: The landscape plan for the project further integrates Temple Square into the City Creek Center development via open plazas at the center of each block and the green, tree-lined pedestrian links to them. In keeping with the principals and project attributes established by Downtown Rising, these public spaces also create gathering places, foster community and enhance the natural beauty of downtown Salt Lake City. Gardens are also created on major rooftop areas above the retail components. These gardens will serve as gathering places for the residential occupants and their guests. Green roof areas are also incorporated further extending the landscaped areas.
RETAIL: Establishing downtown Salt Lake City as a retail and entertainment destination is a primary goal of the Downtown Rising undertaking and City Creek Center is critical to its success. Featuring two anchor stores and more than 500,000 SF of additional retail space. City Creek will be home to hundreds of shops and dozens of restaurants and social hotspots.
RETAIL: City Creek Center is designed to promote urban living and sustainable design. This attitude is reflected in the selection of sustainable materials and finishes for cleaner indoor air quality, access to the outdoors, high efficiency systems, and water conserving fixtures.
DESIGN: Among its many unique features, the shopping center has a retractable roof that can open during the warmer months and on sunny days, providing not only sunlight and fresh air but reducing the demand for air conditioning. Additionally, a stream will run through the center representing the historic south fork of City Creek that ran through the downtown area when pioneering settlers first arrived in 1847.
ACCESS: City Creek will house 5,000 parking spaces and be accessible via light rail, bus and bike.

OPEN SPACE: Plans call for approximately six acres of gardens and beautifully landscaped open space.
GREEN DESIGN: City Creek Center is one of the first developments selected to participate in the new LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system. Green building practices have also been incorporated into the design of the residential buildings, with six residential towers aiming for LEED Silver certification.
ECONOMIC IMPACT: The $1.5 billion being invested in downtown Salt Lake City over the next five years will transform the core of downtown. City Creek Center replaces two aging and failing retail facilities with a vibrant new facility that is attracting national retailers and restaurants, and the surrounding block are already benefiting as new stores, galleries, and nightclubs open to business. An increase in tourist activity is also expected as the development draws visitors from around the state.
SOCIAL IMPACT: Building community is a project goal that has been expressed in a variety of ways in a variety of ways. The new outdoors plazas and walkways create gathering places for the public, social rooms promote interaction, and the entertainment and dining options within City Creek Center ensure that activity persists beyond nightfall. In sum, downtown Salt Lake City will come to life again, twenty-four hours a day.
ECOLOGICAL IMPACT: City Creek Center is integrating the principles of smart growth, urbanism, and green building into its design and construction. By its very nature, this in-fill project exemplifies sustainable urban design, improving pedestrian connections, expanding green spaces, utilizing existing alternative transportation options, and promoting dense mixed-use development in a downtown urban core.
CULTURAL IMPACT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is committed to the development of downtown Salt Lake City as the home of its international headquarters. City Creek Center is a reflection of that commitment, and by its design it is intended to welcome more Salt Lake City residents and visitors to Temple Square and the surrounding institutions. However, the cultural impact of the project will go far beyond the Church. Local arts, theater and music venues are being built or expanded. New schools and technical institutions are taking root. A healthier, more dynamic city is taking shape.