



Dry Stream and Parkway

The Challenges

- Soil compact and unworkable.
- Water not absorbed.
- Maintenance difficult:
 - Ground covers have trouble rooting.
 - Beds for Annuals hard to work.
- Parkway grass never looked great.

Prepped the South Bed

- Dug out 18 inches.
- Screened out rock and gravel.
- Amended about 3 parts soil to 1 part mulch.
- Caution: know where and how deep utilities are.

Dig, Screen, Mix



Design

- Designed dry river bed using screened gravel.
- Planted for seasonal display.
- Planed for no water.

Late February Cleanup



Early Spring



Mid Spring



Late Spring



Summer and Fall



Winter



Reworked Parking Strip

- Removed sod.
- Mixed in mulch.
- Designed dry river bed.
- Reworked lawn to integrate with dry river bed.

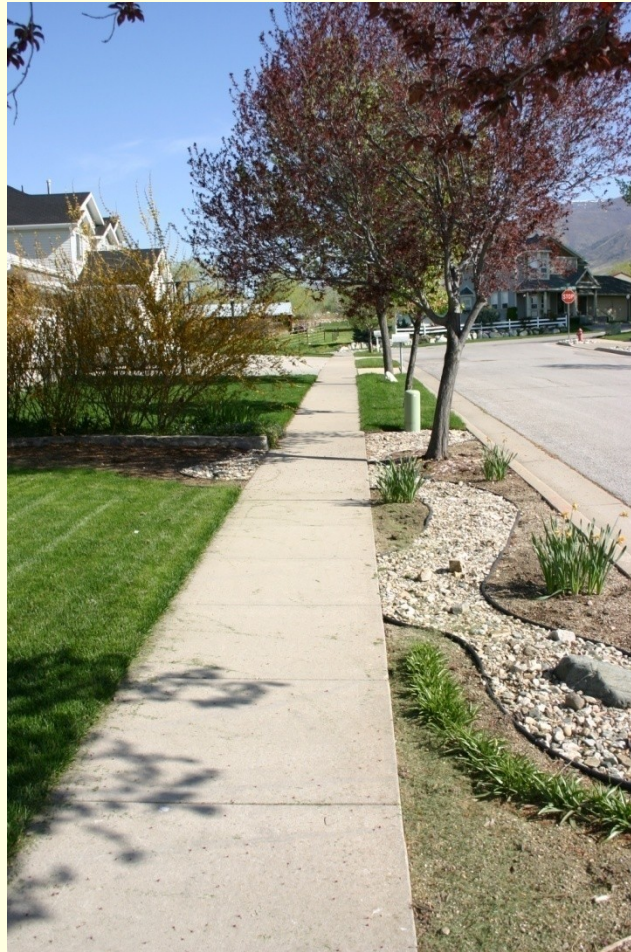
Parking Strip Before



Dry River Bed



Sidewalk As Bridge



Integration



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Summary

- Reduced the size of the lawn to save water.
- Created visually interesting features.
- Repeated themes to integrate areas.
- Planted low water-use plants.
- Planed for year around bloom.