WHAT IS THE ENVISION UTAH YOUTH COUNCIL?

Envision Utah is a public-private partnership that is helping Utahns think carefully about how Utah will grow and how we will address critical public policy issues.

At the request of Governor Herbert, Envision Utah is now leading an ambitious effort to help Utahns make informed choices about a variety of important issues confronting the state. This effort — called Your Utah, Your Future — focuses on a broad range of issues from education to water to air quality to energy to transportation. Envision Utah is using the ‘Build Your 2050 Utah’ web app to educate the public about the issues facing Utah and to gather their opinions about how Utah should look in the year 2050.

The Governor has just kicked off the public outreach phase of this process. As part of that outreach, we are forming an Envision Utah Youth Council made up of student representatives from Utah high schools and middle schools. Members of the Youth Council will plan and coordinate events at their school to encourage fellow students to become involved in Your Utah, Your Future.

GET INFORMED!

Envision Utah’s website, envisionutah.org, is a great source of information about air quality, energy, and other important issues. Use these resources to learn about these issues. Once you’ve educated yourself, share what you’ve learned with others.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GET INVOLVED?

If you want to go beyond learning and debating about these issues, you can join the Youth Envision Utah effort. We will ask you to plan events to publicize ways that students and parents can make their voices heard. This winter you can help plan events at which students (and perhaps parents) at your school can play the web apps that Envision Utah has developed. You can help develop a strategy that will work best at your own school. This might involve other clubs, student groups, or even teachers and classes.

Next spring, after Envision Utah has developed different scenarios for Utah’s future based on feedback from the web app, we will ask you to again be involved in encouraging students and parents to go online to learn about the different scenarios and choose the one they like best.

You can learn more about our efforts by liking Youth Envision Utah on Facebook and following us on Twitter.

If you would like to be involved as a student representative for your school or would like more information, please contact us at youthenvisionutah@gmail.com