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## A walkable community unfolds

*13,000 homes over the next 15 years is the aim*

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SOUTH JORDAN — Today the Daybreak View Parkway is just a dusty road leading to the frames of a couple of homes.

But on Monday, more than 100 community leaders and dignitaries stood atop a plateau in the valley's southwesternmost corner and envisioned what careful planning, spectacular scenery and the deep pockets of one of Utah's largest landowners will mean for the county's development.



Construction of the Kennecott Land development "Daybreak" in South Jordan gets under way Monday.

"It's going to be awesome," said Rep. Merlynn Newbold, R-South Jordan, whose legislative district 50 will double in size with the project.

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With a crane jockeying an enormous water culvert into place to the east and a half-dozen land movers leveling ground to the west, Kennecott Land, sister company to Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation, on Monday announced the names of seven developers chosen to build the project, the size and scope of which is unprecedented in Utah's history.

"This is what our communities should look like in the future," Gov. Olene Walker told a group of reporters, dignitaries and community leaders gathered for the event.

Peter McMahon, president of Kennecott Land, said the project is three years, three days in the planning. The 4,126-acre community will be built on land once contaminated by mining waste from Kennecott's huge open-pit operation on the east slope of the Oquirrh. The development will include a town center, a school, 1,200-acres of parks, a lake, commercial space and 13,000 homes to be built during 15 years.

"We are here to celebrate the beginning of that vision," McMahon said.

Developers on the project will include Utah builders: Liberty Homes, Gold Medallion Homes, Rainey Homes, Bangerter Homes and Destination Homes. Community leaders who have followed growth in the valley marveled at the project Monday.

"They've really done this right," said Brad Barber, a member of the Utah Quality Growth Commission.

The housing project is inarguably the largest of its kind in Utah, and it comes after years of discussion by groups like Envision Utah and others about concepts like "walkable communities," where residents can work, shop, live and play all within a reasonably close area.

Kennecott's Daybreak project encompasses many of the smart growth principles extolled by Envision Utah, the Utah Quality Growth Commission and the governor's office, Walker said.

Eventually, the community will link to a number of transportation options, including the proposed Mid-Jordan Light Rail Spur, the Mountain View Corridor and walking and biking trails.

"To all of you who had this vision, I want to thank you," Walker said. "This should be the model for all communities in Utah."

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