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## “Success Story”

### **Panoramaland RC&D Richfield, Utah**

#### **“Bicknell Cemetery Project”**

This project is a good example of partners working together. The Utah Prairie Dog had been moving onto the cemetery grounds in the city of Bicknell, Utah, a situation that really needed to be addressed. Panoramaland RC&D board member Marsha Chappell and RC&D contractor Clair Baldwin coordinated a solution. They worked with the city of Bicknell and the Boy Scouts of America to construct a wire mesh boundary fence and plant a vegetation barrier. This fence and barrier were constructed to exclude the Utah Prairie Dog from the cemetery. This was done under a research permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Their efforts, so far, have been successful in excluding the Utah Prairie Dog from the cemetery. The Utah Prairie Dog is currently listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The mission of the Panoramaland RC&D Council is to enable the people of South Central Utah to plan, develop and improve their social, economic and environmental conditions. This project consisted of entities working together to address a community concern. Panoramaland and Color Country RC&D’s are cooperatively working together with other partners on the Utah Prairie Dog Habitat Credits Exchange Program and the Safe Harbor Program. These programs are designed to promote recovery of the Utah Prairie Dog species to the extent that it will be removed from its current “threatened” status.

Partners in this project were Partners for Wildlife, they provided the mesh wire and the seedlings; Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, who will relocate any prairie dogs trapped with-in the cemetery enclosure; Boy Scouts of America, who provided the labor through an Eagle Scout Project; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided guidance under the terms of the permit; and the City of Bicknell who trenched and covered the wire.



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