

Heritage, pride and perseverance are all synonymous with the pioneering spirit that makes the City of St. George what it is today. Located in the desert, the success of the city was entirely dependent on the ability to find and control its water sources. In the early twentieth century, irrigation brought crops to life and made it possible for people to raise livestock in a previously uninhabitable area. This idea of pioneer spirit and the necessity of water are what inspired the City of St. George to honor that heritage with a new Town Square and Water Walk.

As the culminating project, to bring together all projects along the Town Square, the Water Walk recognizes the community's heritage. Originally the city's "parade grounds," this was a place for soldiers, who had just returned from war, to be honored for their service to their country, so it was very important that this area remained a community gathering place for events and activities. Key historic buildings such as the St. George Tabernacle, Dixie Academy Building, and Woodward School as well as new infill buildings, including the Washington County School District Administrative and the Washington County Public Library, surround Town Square and have become a primary destination for both residents and visitors. Many of these projects are significant individually as well as major achievements in historic preservation. For this project to be realized it took the cooperation of the City of St. George, Washington County School District, Washington County, the State of Utah, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Water Walk is now complete and contains a Heritage Tower, a winding river, traditional crops, interactive irrigation water features, bronze exhibit areas, a flag memorial, parade and festival grounds, and an amphitheater. As you walk around the Town Square you can easily identify the historic and cultural symbolism that represents the community's heritage.

Utah Heritage Foundation presented the [City of St. George](#) with a Heritage Award for the Town Square and Water Walk that bring community heritage of the city to life.