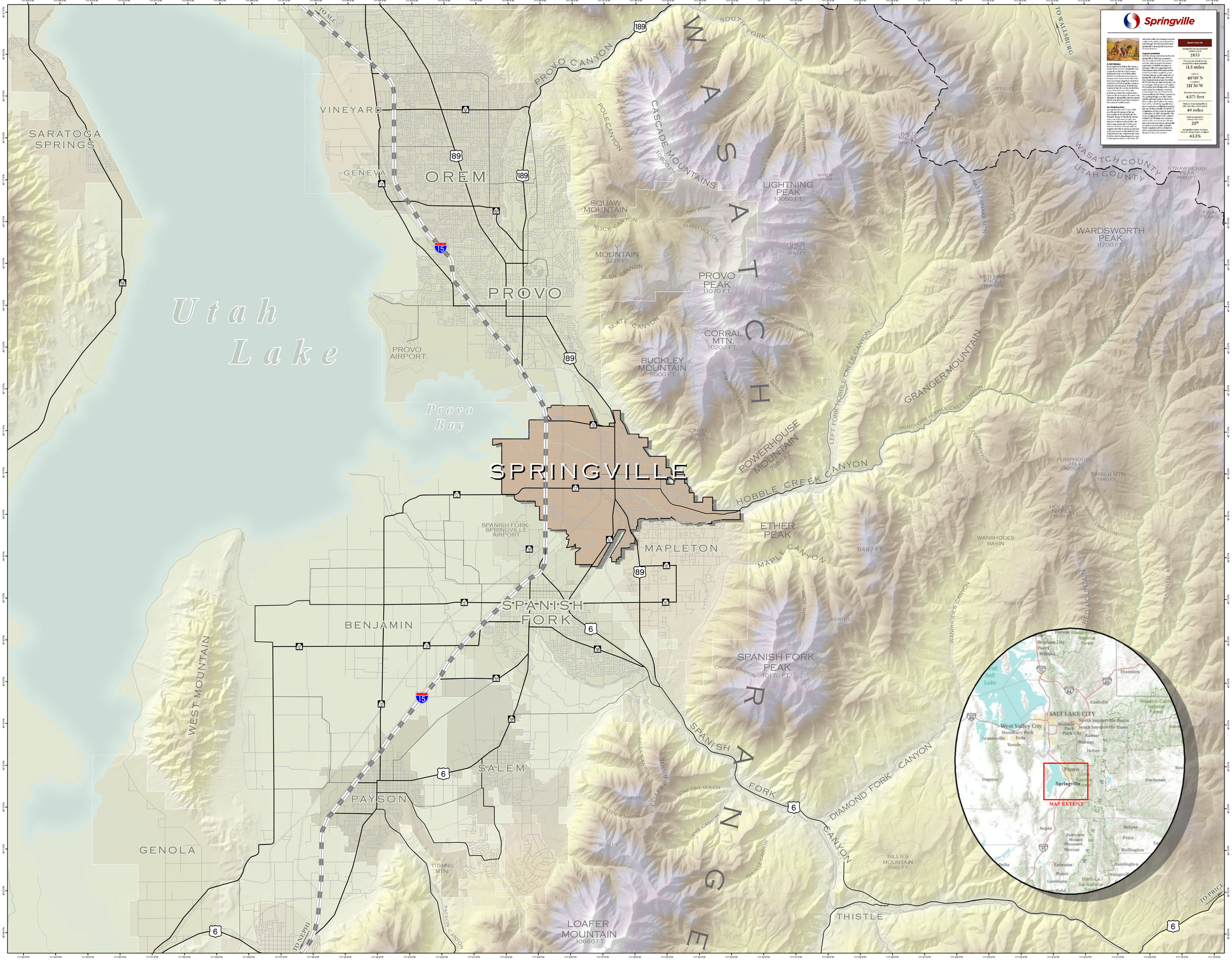

Springville

A rich history

First explored by Father Escalante, a Jesuit Priest, in 1776, Springville was originally settled by eight pioneer families in 1850. It was first called Hobble Creek by the early pioneers because their horses were often hobbled (by loosely tying their front feet together) and left along the stream to graze in the lush grass. If the horses wandered into the creek, the hobbles came off in the water. Thus, the settlement earned its original name. Later, as the town grew, the name was changed to Springville, but the canyon stream and golf course have retained the name of Hobble Creek.

An ideal location

Springville is located in one of the most beautiful regions of the nation-nestled in the foothills of The Wasatch Range of The Rocky Mountains, two miles east of Utah Lake and just 45 miles south of Salt Lake City. Lying astride the I-15 freeway that runs between Canada and Los Angeles, the City is ideally positioned with easy access to Interstate 80 running between San Francisco and New York for distribution of goods by road to the major markets in the West. All vehicular traffic that transports goods to the north, south, east and west funnels through the interstate hub near Springville's strategically important freeway location.

A great potential

With its strong connection to the arts, Springville is thriving community that has experienced steady growth over the past ten years. Its current population of 30,000 continues to increase with 4.6% annual growth. Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) recently completed a new I-15 interchange on the north side of Springville and will begin a $90 million transportation project to widen SR-77 (400 South) and rebuild the I-15 interchange. This project will replace the existing interchange with a single-point urban interchange, construct a new bridge over the Union Pacific tracks at about 1500 West, reconstruct the existing bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks at about 400 West, widen 400 South to five lanes from I-15 to US 89 (Springville Main Street) and add a southbound auxiliary lane to I-15 between SR-75 and SR-77. Completion of the project is expected to take place in 2010. Springville City is in a unique position with underdeveloped I-15 frontage, new transportation/utility service to the I-15 area and a growing population. Springville is ready to accommodate dynamic future expansion of its commercial, office, retail and industrial sectors along the City's I-15 corridor.

FAST FACTS

Springville was incorporated on February 13
1853

The amount of land area in Springville is approximately:
11.5 miles

Latitude:
40°09′N
Longitude:
111°36′W

Elevation above sea level:
4,571 feet

Distance from Springville to Salt Lake City, Utah's capitol:
49 miles

Rank in population among Utah cities:
25th

Springville citizens who have a 4-year college degree or higher:
43.3%