

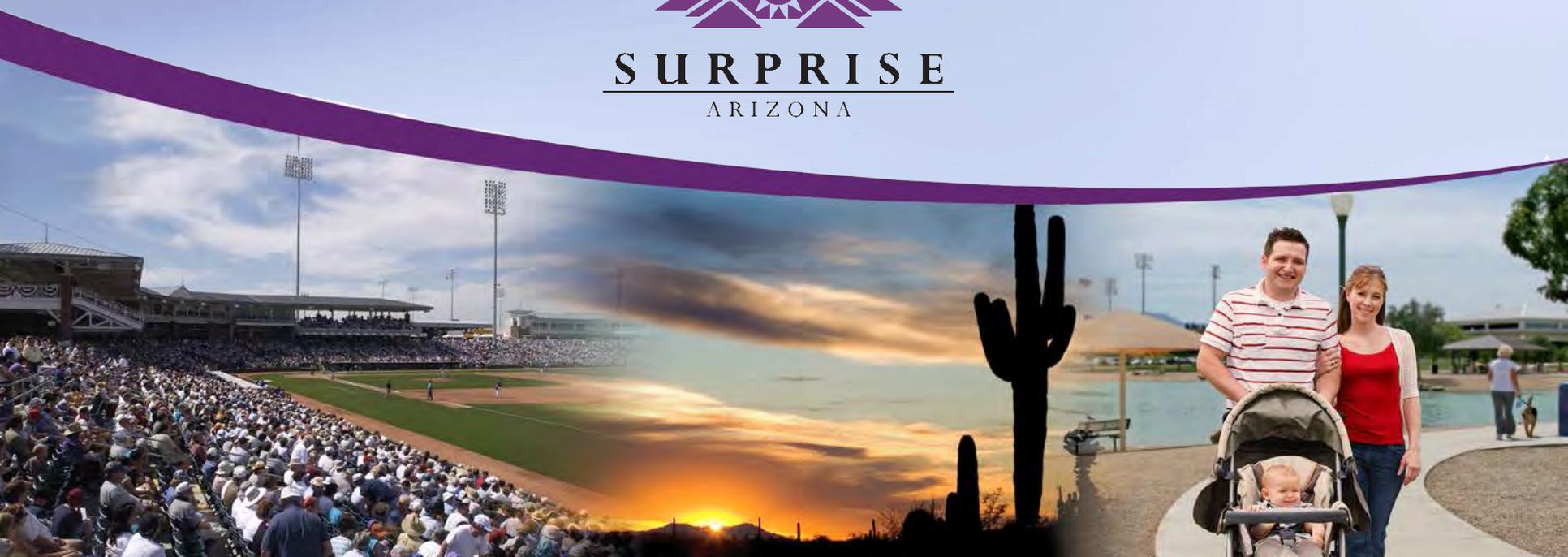
Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

CRS Work Session #2

April 27, 2015



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Progress Update

Public Workshops (CRS Work Sessions)

- ✓ March – Define Parks and Recreation System
- April – Define Parks, Recreation & Open Space Priorities
- May – Define Parks, Recreation and Open Space Implementation Strategy

Draft Master Plan

June

Final Master Plan and Implementation Strategy

July

Purpose of the Work Sessions

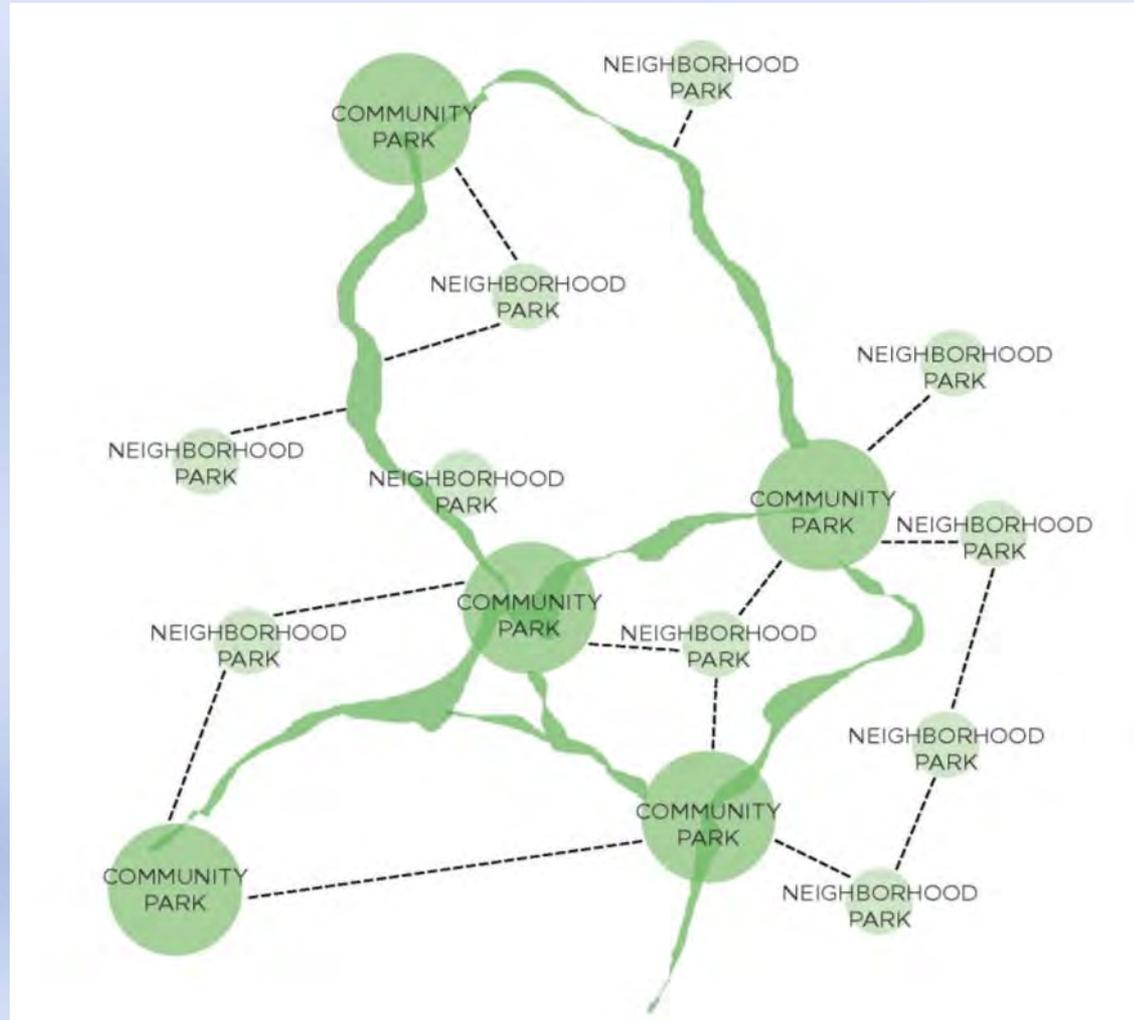
- Session #1 – Define the Parks & Open Space System
- **Session #2 – Define the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Elements and Priorities**
- Session #3 – Define the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Implementation Strategy

Agenda

- **Work Session #1 Framework Plan Refinement**
- **Park Definitions and Amenities**
- **Approach to Park Land Inventory**

Natural Features Framework

- Focus on Natural Features as an Overall Framework
- Opportunity to Create Greenbelt Connections
- Greenbelts can be a Defining Feature of a City

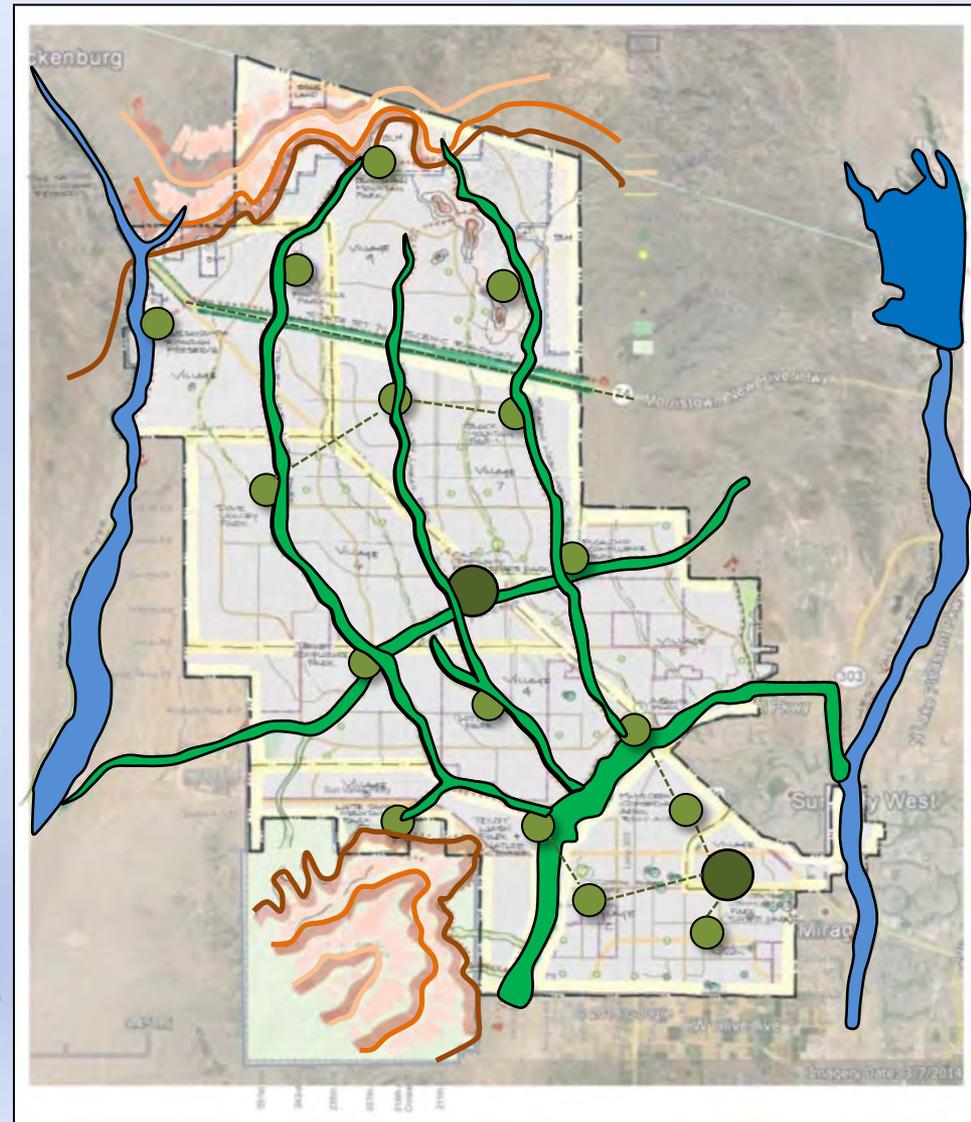


Recreation & Open Space System Themes



Theme 3: Green Armature

- A different approach that will distinguish the City from its peers. A visionary plan, akin to those created for such timeless places such as Minneapolis and Kansas City.
- Takes advantage of the undeveloped landscape to create a web-like, linked system of linear parks and open spaces that follow natural and manmade features.
- Identifies nodes of activity at key crossroads throughout the community utilizing a system of multiuse pathways for walking, running, cycling, rollerblading, horseback and other non-motorized uses.

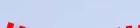


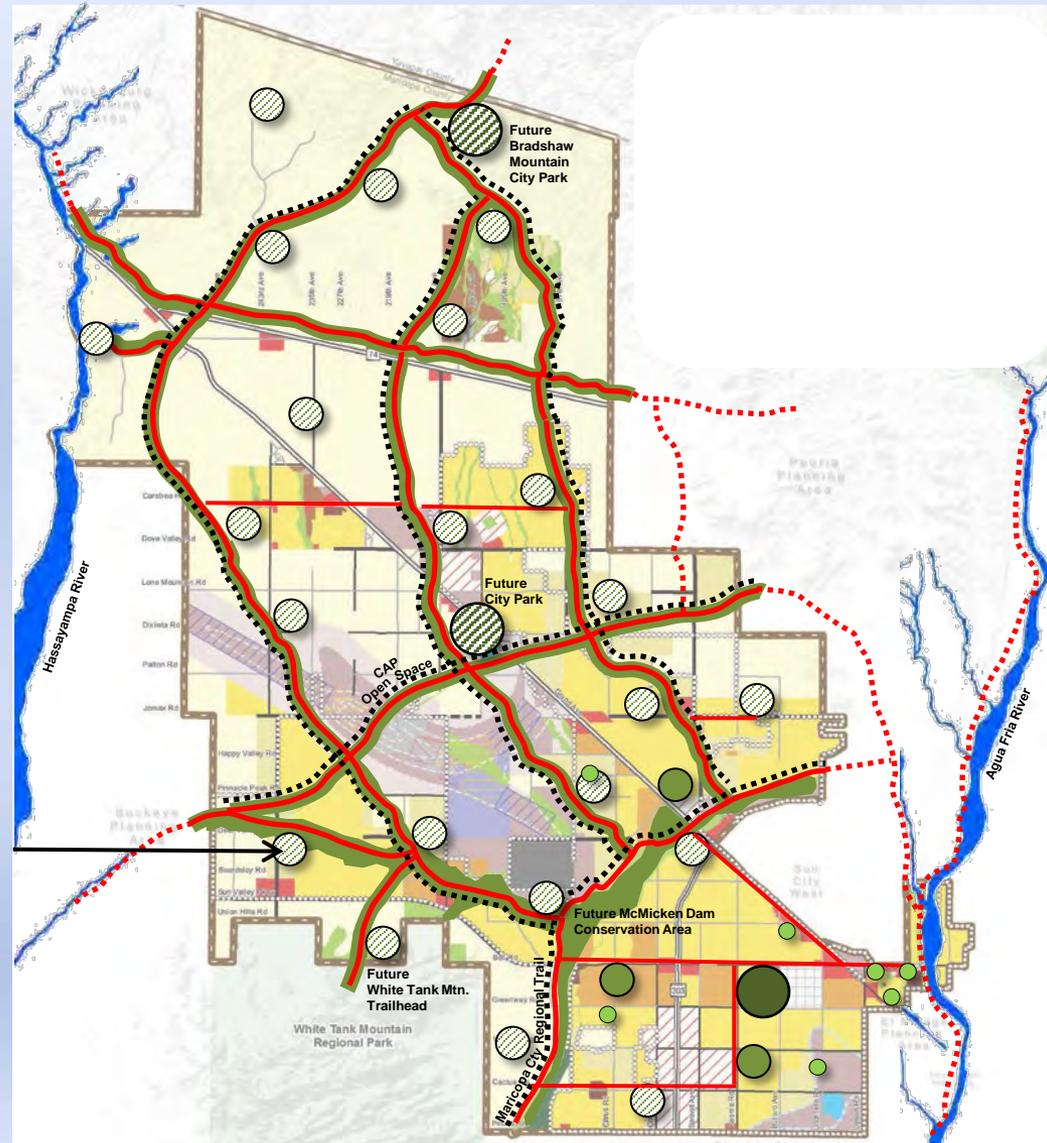
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Surprise Parks & Recreation Framework Plan

Map Key

-  Existing City Park
-  Existing Community Park
-  Existing Neighborhood Park
-  Future Community Park
-  Future City Park
-  Future Linear Park & Conservation Areas
-  Future Signature Path and Trail
-  Future Regional Trail Connections
-  Future Vehicular Parkway

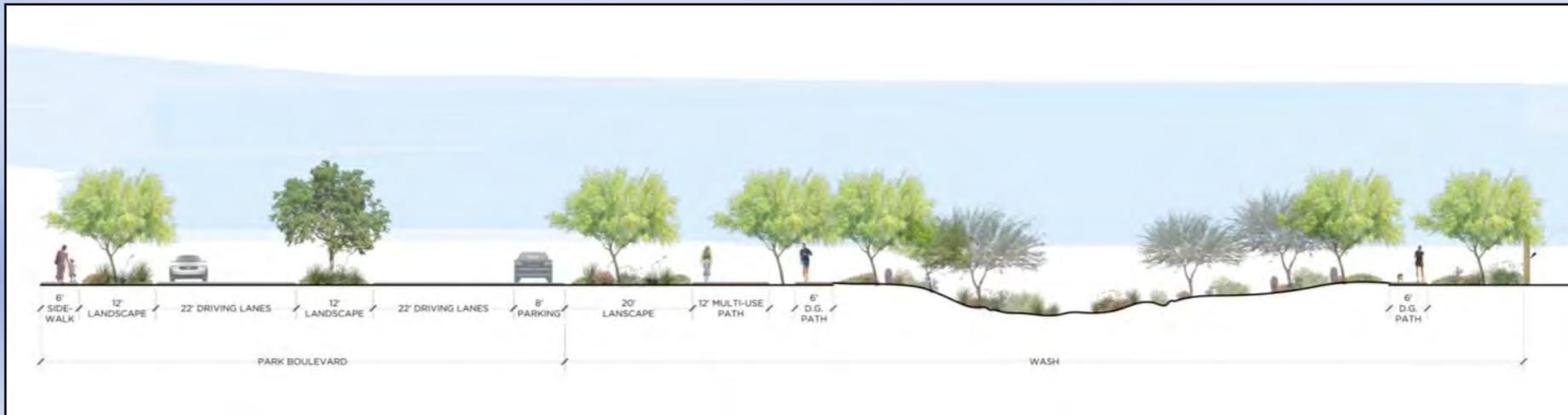


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Linear Parks, City Trail & Parkway Framework

- Linear Parks – primarily along major wash corridors
- Signature Path and Trails – community wide network that connects parks with neighborhoods
- Vehicular Parkways – provides physical and visual access to natural wash corridors and the signature path network

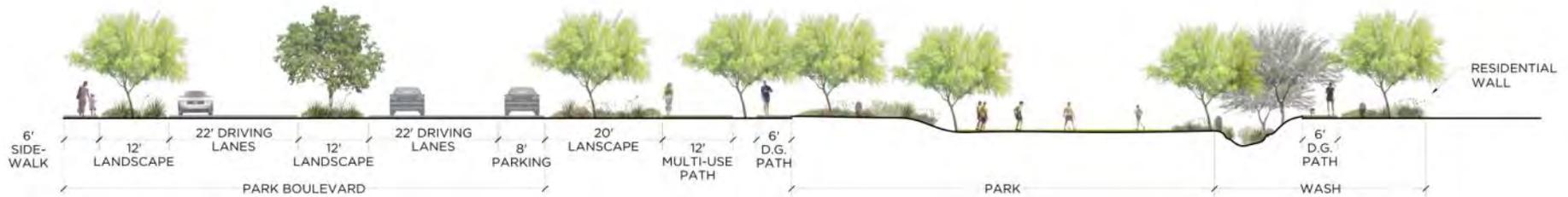


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Linear Parks, City Trail & Parkway Framework

- Community Parks and City Parks are located along the Framework to maximize connectivity within the community

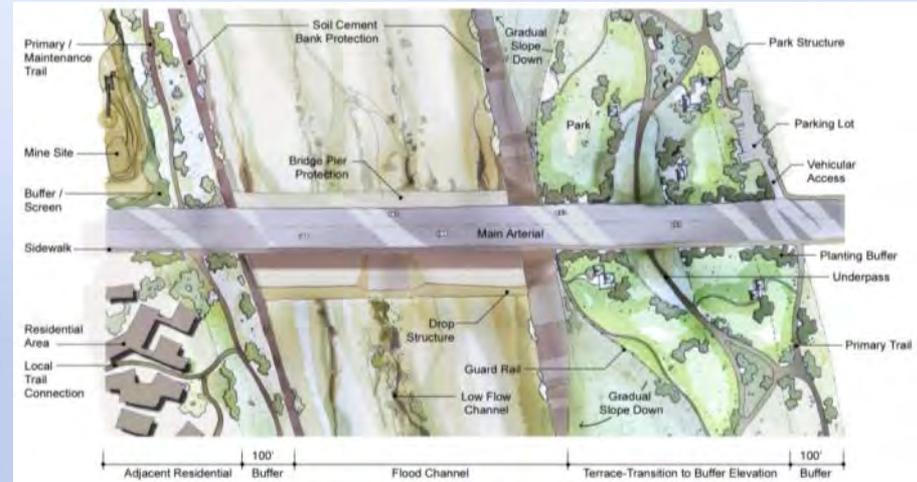


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Linear Parks, City Trail & Parkway Framework

- Linear Parks, Signature Path and Trails are grade separated at Major Arterials



Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update



Park Definitions

PARK DEFINITIONS & AMENITIES				
Please mark either as Required or Optional amenity or NOT appropriate amenity for each of the park types:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Required Amenity <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Amenity <input type="checkbox"/> Not appropriate				
Priority	Park Type	Average Size	Amenities	Park Example
<input type="checkbox"/>	CIVIC SPACE / PLAZA	< 1 Acre	<input type="checkbox"/> Programmed Events <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms <input type="checkbox"/> Open Lawn / Placemaking <input type="checkbox"/>	Phoenix Job Space Peoria Community Plaza
<input type="checkbox"/>	POOD PARKS	< 5 Acres	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground <input type="checkbox"/> Ramada <input type="checkbox"/> Open Turf <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball/Multiuse Courts <input type="checkbox"/>	Glendale Park Tempe Star
<input type="checkbox"/>	NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	5-10 Acres	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground <input type="checkbox"/> Ramada <input type="checkbox"/> Open Turf <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Use Fields <input type="checkbox"/> Structured HOBs <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball/Multiuse Courts <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms	Yuma Park Wickenburg Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMMUNITY PARKS	15-50 Acres	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground <input type="checkbox"/> Ramada <input type="checkbox"/> Open Turf <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Use Fields <input type="checkbox"/> Structured HOBs <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Lake <input type="checkbox"/> State Park <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms <input type="checkbox"/> Open Turf <input type="checkbox"/> Ramada <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Use Field <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball/Multiuse Courts	Noring Park Avondale Community Park Surprise Farms

Park Type	Average Size	Amenities	Park Example
<input type="checkbox"/> CITY-WIDE PARKS	75+ Acres	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Corridor <input type="checkbox"/> Event Grounds <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Use Fields <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational User Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Center <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Center <input type="checkbox"/> User Facility (e.g., library) <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Lake <input type="checkbox"/> State Park / BLM <input type="checkbox"/> Natural/Multiuse Courts	Surprise Community Park
<input type="checkbox"/> REGIONAL PARKS	150+ Acres	<input type="checkbox"/> Developed Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Ramada <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Heads <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian Activity <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms <input type="checkbox"/> Nature / Interpretive Center <input type="checkbox"/> Camping / RV <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Center	White Oak Regional Park Skyline Park
<input type="checkbox"/> LINEAR PARKS & TRAILS	varies	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Restroom <input type="checkbox"/> Nature / Interpretive Center	Northern Trail Walk
<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN SPACE & CONSERVATION AREAS	varies	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Restroom <input type="checkbox"/> Nature / Interpretive Center	McDowell Preserve Phoenix Mountain Preserve
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIALTY PARKS	varies	<input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms <input type="checkbox"/> Programmed Events	State Park / BLM Scott Field / Court Complex

Recreation & Open Space System Themes



Civic Spaces and Plazas

- 1-3 Acres in Size
- Can be associated with a civic building or institution or a stand alone space.
- Designed for events and gatherings and typically host signature or annual events.



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Pocket Parks

- 1 Acres in size
- $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Service Area
- Amenities at a neighborhood level that concentrate of socializing
- Smaller playground, single basketball court, open turf and individual picnic ramada's



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Neighborhood Parks

- 5-10 Acres in size
- ½ - 1 mile Service Area
- Well developed amenities within a smaller parks
- Structured fields in larger parks



City of Surprise | Veramonte Park



Park Program

- restroom with storage
- splash pad
- seating area - all spaces
- multi-use field with lighting

Reference Images



Restroom - Elevations



Enlargement




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Community Park

- 25 Acres in size
- 3 mile Service Area
- Well developed amenities that include a variety of specialty park facilities
 - Adventure Playgrounds
 - Large Group Ramadas
- Lighted and Structured Fields that accommodate Tournament Play
- May include tournament level court facilities including tennis and pickle ball
- May include an Aquatic Center, Fitness Center, Library or Senior Center.



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City Park

- 75+ Acres in size
- 10 mile Service Area
- Well developed amenities that include a variety of specialty park facilities
 - Adventure Playgrounds
 - Fishing Lake
 - Large Group Ramadas
- Lighted and Structured Fields that accommodate Tournament Play
- Tournament level court facilities including tennis and pickle ball
- Community recreation facilities that may include an Aquatic Center, Fitness Center, Library, Senior Center.

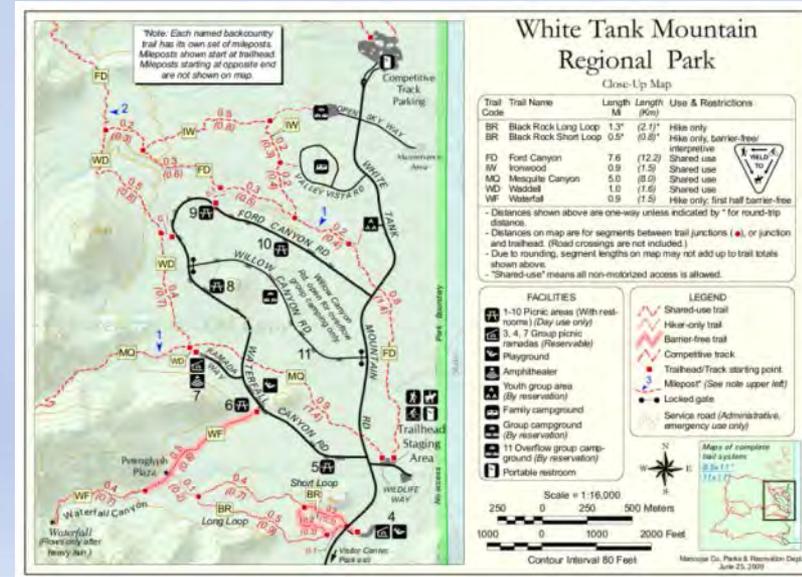


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Regional Parks

- 1,000+ Acres in size, preserving major natural areas.
- Provides primarily passive recreation, including: paths, mountain biking, interpretive trails but can have active recreation.
- Can provide RV and tent camping both for individual parties and groups.
- Day use fees or annual pass for use.

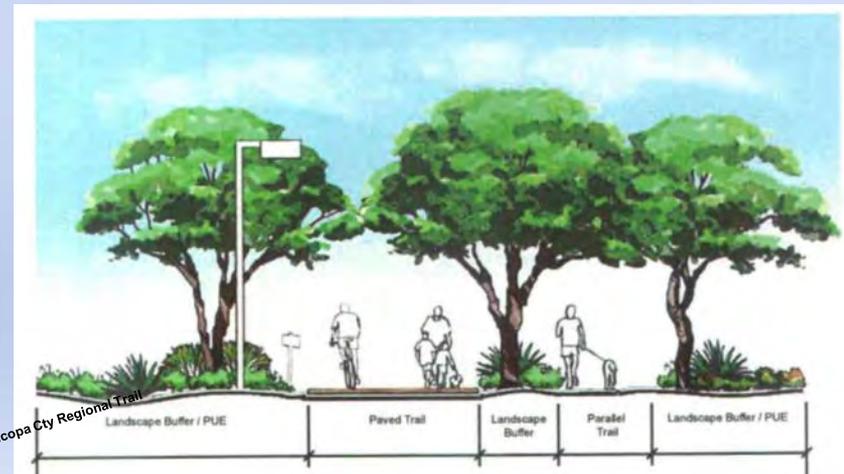


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Linear Parks, Trails and Pathways

- Signature Park system for City
- Provides connectivity within the community as well as regional connections
- Can have urban, suburban or natural setting.



Maricopa Cty Regional Trail

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Open Space & Conservation Areas

- Preservation of Natural Areas
- Provides Passive Recreation
- Can have interpretive centers, trailheads and trail networks.



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Specialty Parks

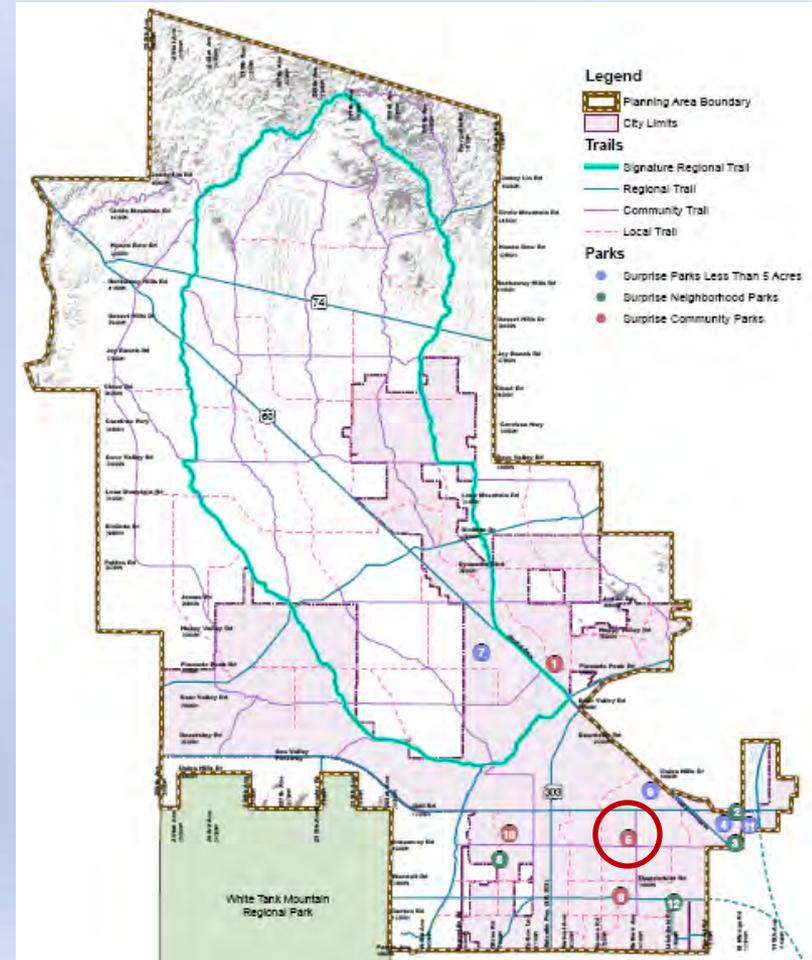
- Size varies to accommodate activity.
- Examples:
 - Soccer Complex
 - Softball Complex
 - Skate Park



Park Inventory

- **8 Pocket / Neighborhood Parks**
Habitat, Section 10, Stonebrook, Three Star, Bicentennial, Gaines, Sierra Montana, Veramonte total 47 acres
- **4 Community Parks**
Marley Park, Surprise Farms, Community Park, Asante
Total 193 acres
- **Surprise Recreation Complex**
Total 96 acres

Total 336 Acres



Valley Cities Benchmarking

CITY	Surprise	Peoria	Chandler	Scottsdale	Glendale	Average
POPULATION	123,797	154,065	245,628	223,514	232,143	-
Open Space Acres / Acres per 1,000 Population	0 0.0	1,000 6.5	336 1.4	78* 0.4	1,297 5.6	3.5
Developed Parks Acres / Acres per 1,000 Population	336 2.7	571 3.7	1,192 4.9	974 4.3	891 3.8	4.2
Total Parks Acres / Acres per 1,000 Population	336 2.7	1,571 10.2	1,528 6.3	1,052* 4.7	2,188 9.4	7.7

*Does not include McDowell Mountain Preserve, 27,765 acres
Trust for Public Lands, 2014 Park Facts, February 2014
Peoria Community Services Master Plan, Draft November 2013

Surprise Parks Benchmarking

Surprise 123,797	Existing Acres	Valley Average /1,000 Population	Desired Acres	Additional Acres
Open Space	0	3.5 ac	433	433
Developed Parks	336	4.2 ac	520	184
Total Parks	336	7.7 ac	953	617

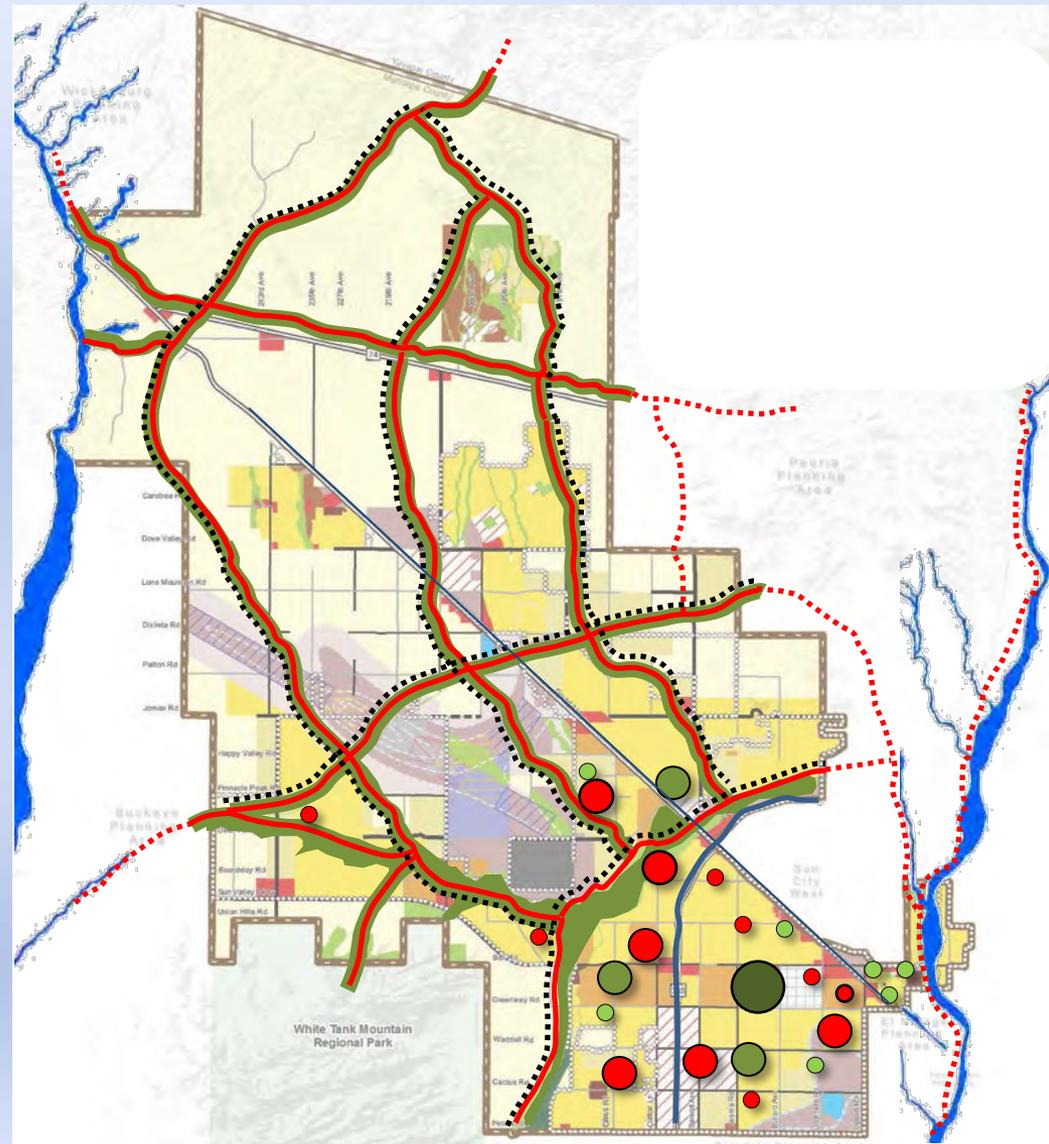
*Includes Surprise Stadium Facilities
Based on 123,797 population

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184 Acres of New Parks Within City Limits

- 7 New 5 Acre Parks
- 6 New 25 Acre Parks



Open Space Opportunities

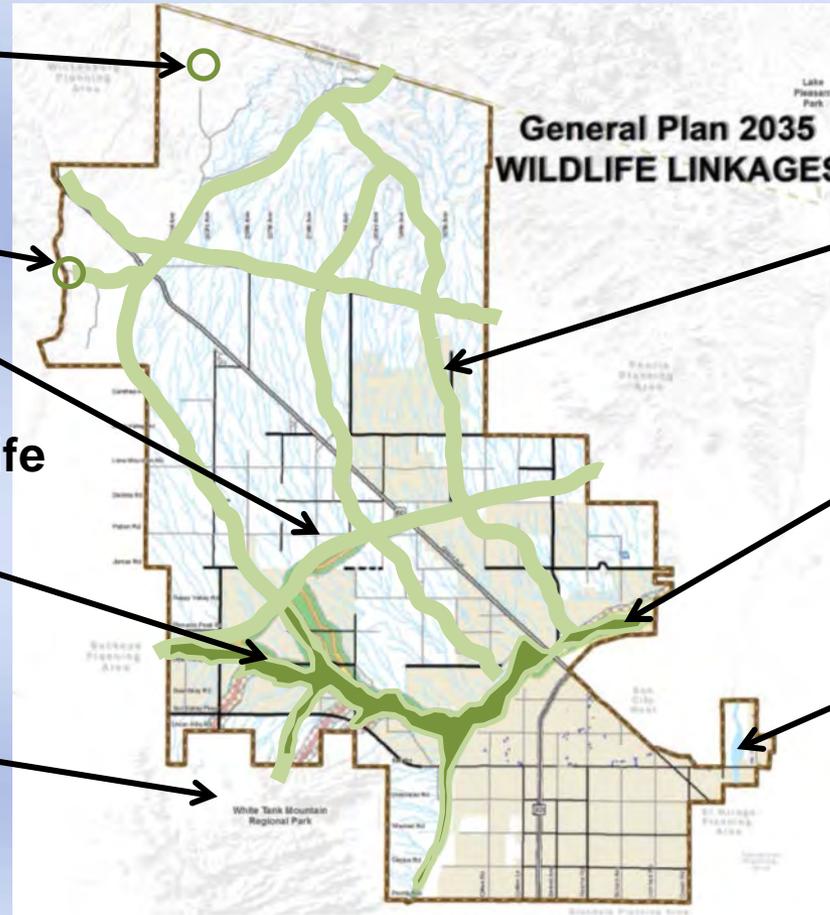
Bradshaw Mountains

Hassayampa River

CAP Floodplain

Trilby Wash & Wildlife Linkages

White Tanks Mountains



Linear Park System

McMicken Dam & Outfall Channel

West Valley Recreation Corridor

Park Land Inventory Approach

Improve amenities within existing parks and identify new park lands

- Realizing that acquiring new park lands within existing development could be limited.
- Focus on developing and improving the quality of existing parks.
- Identify new park lands within future development areas.
- Identify potential open space community partners (BLM, Flood Control District, Maricopa City Parks).

Recreation & Open Space System Themes



Improve the Quality of Existing Parks

- Add a Greater Variety of Amenities
- Improve the quality of Amenities
- Maintain parks at a high level



Next Steps

Work Session #3

- Refine Parks and Recreation Framework
- Define approach to park system growth and development
- Prepare initial implementation strategy

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