Project Name: HP-108 Site Interpretation/Preservation of County-Owned Cultural Resources

Location: Various cultural resource and historic site locations owned by Pima County or the Regional Flood Control District, including: Pantano Townsite in Cienega Creek Natural Preserve; Dakota Wash site in southwest Tucson; Honey Bee Village in the Town of Oro Valley; Valencia Site in southwest Tucson; Coyote Mountains east of Tohono O’odham Nation; Los Morteros in Town of Marana; Sabino Canyon Ruin; Reeve Ruin; County historic sites and ranch buildings; and other sites including Marana Mound or Cocoraque Butte, if acquired.

Scope: Planning, design, and construction of facilities, including but not limited to pathways, seating areas, ramadas, interpretive signage, fencing and other protective measures for the conservation and interpretation of County-owned cultural resource sites. Scope items to assess, repair, rehabilitate and stabilize historic buildings and structures on County-owned lands include inventory, building condition assessments, design, stabilization, rehabilitation, and construction efforts, including but not limited to work on adobe, masonry, and wood structures, windows, doors, roofing, drainage and grading, utilities, and HVAC, mechanical upgrades including water-supply and power-generating systems, septic, electrical upgrades, removal of inappropriate or sub-standard features, weather-proofing, security, painting, and other improvements. Pima County owns these properties and no Preservation Easements are necessary. Facilities such as boundary fencing and signage, gates, erosion control, paths, and interpretive signage and amenities will be constructed where necessary and appropriate.

Benefits: These Priority Cultural Resource archaeological sites, acquired by Pima County for conservation, and heritage education purposes, represent the best of the last remaining intact archaeological sites in eastern Pima County that date from the prehistoric and historic periods. These sites require planning and construction activities to ensure their long term protection and conservation as well as public interpretation for heritage education. Pima County’s historic ranches are vital to the County’s open space conservation initiatives, and many buildings continue to serve to serve their historical function as centers of operation for the ranchers and visiting public.

Total Cost Estimates: $2,000,000

Bond Funding: $2,000,000

Other Funding: Certified Local Government grants, as available

Total Cost and Schedule Estimate by Major Task for 5-year Bond Project; Projects will be implemented concurrently or independently:

- **Honey Bee Village Interpretive Park** $600,000, 18-24 months
  - Nature of site: Primarily prehistoric resources, high vulnerability to visitor impacts (urban setting)
  - Management Tasks: Preservation; implementation of existing interpretive plan, general management plan.
  - Improvements: modify and develop interpretive plan, ADA walking paths and signage, establish access, fencing/gates where needed, benches, ramada
  - Schedule and Costs: Planning $30,000, 6 months; Design $90,000, 6-9 months; Construction $480,000, 9-12 months

- **Los Morteros Interpretive Park** $500,000, 24-30 months
  - Nature of site: Prehistoric and historic, high vulnerability to visitor impacts (urban setting)
  - Management Tasks: Preservation; develop and implement interpretive plan, general management plan
  - Improvements: develop interpretive plan, ADA walking paths, and signage, establish access, fencing/gates where needed, benches, ramada
  - Schedule and Costs: Planning $25,000, 9-12 months; Design $75,000, 6 months; Construction $400,000, 6-12 months.
- **Historic Ranch Buildings and Structures**: $500,000. 18-24 months
  Nature of sites: Multiple County-owned ranch residences, buildings, and structures that include, among others, A-7 Ranch, Youtcy, Bar-L-Y, and Rancho Seco.
  Management Tasks: Assessment, design, rehabilitation, and site work as described in the scope above.
  Schedule and Costs: Planning/Design $25,000, 9-12 months; Construction $475,000 6-12 months.

- **Priority Cultural Resource Sites**: $400,000 in total. 18-36 months
  o **Pantano Townsite. 18-24 months**
    Nature of site: Prehistoric and historic resources; moderate vulnerability to visitor impacts
    Management Tasks: Preservation; constructing security fencing and signage; general management plan
    Possible Improvements: additional interpretative amenities, signs, walking paths, fencing, benches
  o **Dakota Wash. 18-24 months**
    Nature of site: Prehistoric and historic resources; high vulnerability to visitor impacts (urban setting)
    Management Tasks: Preservation; general management plan
    Possible Improvements: Significant erosion control in and near wash channel, signage
  o **Valencia Site. 18-24 months**
    Nature of site: Prehistoric and historic resources; high vulnerability to visitor impacts (urban setting)
    Management Tasks: Preservation; general management plan
    Possible Improvements: Erosion control. Signage. Interpretive ramada.
  o **Coyote Mountains. 12-18 months**
    Nature of site: Prehistoric and historic resources, low vulnerability to visitor impacts (rural setting)
    Management Tasks: Preservation; maintain current stewardship model and low profile of archaeological sites, cultural resources management plan amended to existing NRPR management plan
    Possible Improvements: Signage, fencing.
  o **Reeve Ruin, and other sites. 18-36 months**
    Nature of site: Prehistoric and historic resources, low vulnerability to visitor impacts (rural setting)
    Management Tasks: Preservation.
    Possible Improvements security fencing and signage, resource inventory, mapping, GIS, general management plans

**Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date**: TBD

**Project Management Jurisdiction**: Pima County to manage and deliver projects.

**Operating Jurisdiction**: Pima County owns all sites and will operate and manage all properties within Pima County, Tucson, Marana, and Oro Valley

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs**: Publicly accessible sites will be operated and maintained by Pima County. O&M source of funding will be general fund (i.e. NRPR). Total costs are estimated to be $50,000-$100,000 annually including staffing. Public facilities will be limited to interpretive amenities (no public restrooms, picnic or recreation areas), requiring minimal commitment of County staff time (estimated at 2-4 days per year per site) to monitor the condition of these sites, as currently ongoing. Cultural resources monitoring to track changes in condition by Arizona Site Stewards volunteer organization, as currently ongoing.

**Regional Benefits**: The construction of facilities to protect, conserve, and interpret these sites, as well as the rehabilitation and adaptive use and continued use of historic buildings will contribute to the conservation of these resources and enhance the educational potential of the sites. The focus for all these sites will be on conservation, combined with interpretation of suitable sites, will provide Pima County residents and visitors with the opportunity to experience unique cultural resources and learn about our region’s history. The interpretation and conservation of these sites will enhance heritage tourism in the region benefitting County Residents and visitors.

**Supervisor District of Project Location**: All districts.