

428.37 36th Street Natural Resource Park

Location: 36th Street and Kino Parkway

Scope: This project will develop a small twenty acre parcel of urban open space into a community level open space park. The focus of the park will be on passive recreation and wildlife watching. The project will develop both gravel and ADA compatible walking trails, ramadas and limited picnic area, native vegetation restoration, wildlife viewing sites, paved parking area, restroom complex, school yard habitat learning laboratory area, interpretive signage, security barriers, fencing and entry gates.

Benefits: The site is adjacent to six schools and the Quincie Douglas Recreation Center. The site offers a unique opportunity in the area to maintain an urban riparian habitat and associated native plant communities, for the enjoyment of local residents and providing a learning laboratory setting for possible environmental education opportunities for the numerous schools nearby. The site project will convert an unsafe environment challenged by numerous ongoing illegal activities into a place for local residents to visit, walk and enjoy a slower paced and natural environment experience.

Total Cost Estimate: \$480,000

Bond Funding Estimate: \$480,000

Other Funding Estimate: None identified at this time.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: \$50,000 for planning and design, \$430,000 for construction.

Implementation Periods: 2

Project Schedule by Major Task: Planning and design at 3 months, construction at 12 months.

Project Manager: Pima County

Operator: Pima County

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Estimated at \$30,000 per year from the General Fund.

Regional Benefits: This open space parcel has enhanced regional value more for urban biological opportunities. This is a potentially important block of urban habitat for local wildlife and migratory birds. Once restored and maintained as a natural habitat, the site can offer a positive place for diverse wildlife species as they move through the larger Tucson Metro area. As the urban core develops further, this natural open space will only increase in value ecologically and as a place for local residents to see and enjoy wildlife in a semi- natural setting.