

1. **Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:** This project began as an acquisition project under the 2004 Community Open Space Bond program. It was strongly supported at the time by the local community and the City of Tucson. The Tucson Audubon Society was an advocate for acquisition of the site as an urban wildlife site. The project continues to have the strong support of the local community and Neighborhood Associations. Initial work on the site has already generated positive comments by residents and more use of the area for passive recreational use. Supervisor Ramon Valadez has conducted several public meetings generating local resident comments on the larger project concept and initial site security efforts.
2. **Has Regional Public Benefit:** This project will provide both biological and social benefits to the area and region. As an urban wildlife area, the site will continue to gain value as it is restored and wildlife friendly development enhances value for local native wildlife but also migratory birds as they move across the Tucson Basin on annual movements both North and South. This small Natural Resource park will provide a new opportunity in the area for passive recreation in a more natural setting. The site can also be a resource for local schools to utilize as an open space learning laboratory.
3. **Partnerships:** The project has already involved several of the adjacent neighborhood Associations in design and initial development activities. Local schools will be brought on as partners with development of the outdoor learning laboratory area in the park. The Arizona Game and Fish Department, US Fish and Wildlife Service and Tucson Audubon will be involved in the development of urban wildlife and watchable wildlife opportunities on the site.
4. **Other Funding Sources or Matches:** Funds for the initial site security and initial development phase have been provided by Pima County. A small portion of the needed annual maintenance costs for the park have already been established in the NRPR base budget. A Partners in Wildlife grant from the US Fish and Wildlife has been secured for initial wildlife friendly habitat enhancements. The Arizona Game and Fish Department will be solicited for several grants around their Heritage Schoolyard Habitat, Environmental Education and Urban Wildlife grants program.
5. **Education and Workforce Training:** This project is focused on passive recreational use of the Bond acquired site. This is more of a quality of life project than economic driver. There can be connections to school curriculum areas as part of the outdoor learning laboratory use.
6. **Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:** This project will implement a number of the County Sustainability program principles and outcomes. Actual site development materials will be sustainable and integrate energy efficiency. The site will be able to take advantage of water harvesting techniques and will have the opportunity to demonstrate how to integrate native plants in to local landscapes. Enhancing the value of the site as an urban wildlife habitat is a primary objective of the overall park development process and use patterns.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding: Not applicable to this project.
8. Phasing of Large Projects: This is a small project that can be constructed at one time and would not require phases.
9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs: Once constructed, the park will be maintained in a more natural state and will not require intense operational and maintenance support. A small supplemental allocation will allow the park to be integrated into the existing NRPR O&M program.
10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project: The site is not currently developed and the scope items identified for the park Bond project are clearly new capital developments. They include restrooms, security lighting, fencing, paving, surfaced trails, Ramadas and necessary utility runs from adjacent end points.