Requestor: Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation
Revised: January 2015

Future Bond Election Proposed Projects

Project Name: **36th Street Natural Resource Park** **PR27**

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 Davis 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: $480,000

Other Funding: None.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: $0 for land acquisition, $50,000 for planning and design, $430,000 for construction.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:TBD.

Project Schedule by Major Task: Land acquisition at 0 months, planning and design at 3 months, construction at 12 months.

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County.

Operating Jurisdiction: Pima County.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: $30,000 per year.

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.

Supervisor District of Project Location: District 2 – Ramon Valadez