

## Pantano Wash Bank Protection and River Park: Fort Lowell to Tanque Verde Road

### PLAZAS and SITTING AREAS

The project included three plaza areas and five interpretive sign sitting areas. These spaces are for the public to sit and rest, as they use the LOOP. The plaza areas provide breathtaking views of the Pantano Wash and surrounding mountains. The interpretive signs provide local information on the history and environment associated with Fort Lowell, which was a United States Army post in the late 1800'S. The three plaza areas are located behind Costco on the river park, at the Glenn Road and Sahuara Avenue parking and staging site, and at Fort Lowell Park. Photographs of the construction of each plaza are provide below. The five interpretive signs are all located in Fort Lowell Park.

#### PLAZA BEHIND COSTCO on the RIVER PARK



Foundations for seating wall behind Costco.



Adobes bricks laid for seating walls behind Costco.

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Plaza area concrete slab or patio.



Irrigation supply lines being installed and tested.

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Sand bedding for brick walkways.



Bricks being placed for plaza patio.

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Brickwork completed.



Completed plaza behind Costco.

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The view of the Catalina Mountains, the Pantano Wash and ecosystem preservation area from the plaza area behind Costco.



Completed plaza, pathways and landscape area behind Costco. Rodent browser cages are used to temporarily protect the young plants from being eaten or crushed during their initial establishment.

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#### FORT LOWELL PARK PLAZA



Construction of the Fort Lowell Plaza area begins with grading and staking the site. Concrete footers are dug and poured before the concrete masonry block and the adobe block are laid.



Adobe plaza seating area with just completed cap blocks curing. Plaza wall is freshly stuccoed and the adobe pillars are newly capped.

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Concrete patio area recently completed and planter box ready for planting.



Completed Fort Lowell plaza area.

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#### INTERPRETIVE SIGN SITTING AREAS



The first of the five Interpretive Sign sitting areas is cleared of vegetation, graded and leveled. Then the location for the sitting blocks and interpretive sign are staked in preparation for the foundation excavation for the sitting blocks.



Contractor working on laying the adobe brick sitting blocks.

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Sitting blocks are installed.



One of five completed Interpretive Sign sitting areas.

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GLENN AND SAHUARA PARKING and STAGING AREA



Adobe brick being installed for plaza sitting area.



Forming and pouring concrete caps for adobe seat walls.

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Recently completed concrete sidewalk in plaza area.



Completed plaza at the staging and parking area.

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Future paved parking area cleared and graded.



Forming the concrete curb for the entrance to the future paved parking area.

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Paving of parking lot complete.



Pouring the concrete sidewalk at the paved parking area.

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Concrete masonry block being layed for the Pantano River Park entrance monument at the parking and staging area.



The stucco and painting of the walls are complete. Metal letters are being added to the River Park entry monument.

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Completed entry monument.



Completed compacted decomposed granite equestrian parking area, adjacent to the paved parking lot.

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Equestrian mounting block to aid equestrian riders when mounting their horse.