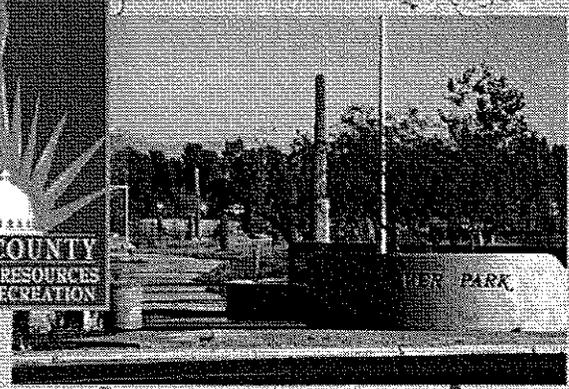
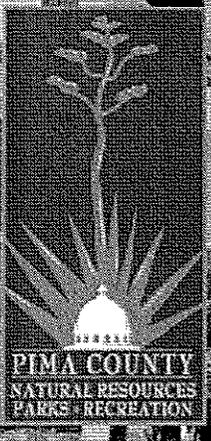


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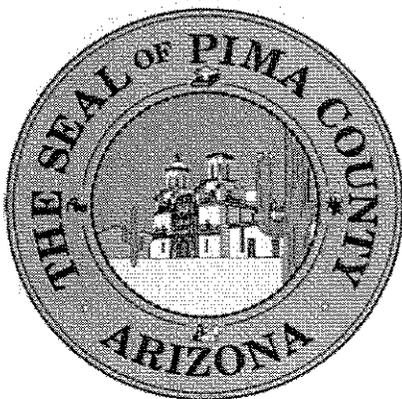


2004 Master Plan Update

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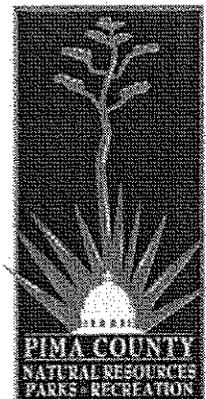


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RESOLUTION NO: 2004- 342

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA; RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS AND RECREATION; ADOPTING THE RILLITO RIVER CORRIDOR 2004 MASTER PLAN UPDATE.

WHEREAS, the goal of the Master Plan is to present a comprehensive vision for the future development of the Rillito River Park system that integrates the Rillito River Corridor and adjacent park properties into a premier recreational and environmental restoration community resource; and

WHEREAS, The Master Plan will help guide the preparation of existing and future capital improvement bond issues by proposing development plans and a list of scope items for the build-out of each property; and

WHEREAS, Natural Resources Parks and Recreation has completed its task of developing a Master Plan for the Rillito River Corridor and is presenting it to the Pima County Board of Supervisors

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, as follows:

1. That the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Rillito River Corridor 2004 Master Plan Update, and
2. That the director of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation and/or his designees hereby are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary and desirable to give effect to this resolution.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, by the Pima County Board of Supervisors, this 14 day of Dec., 2004.

PIMA COUNTY

Sharon Bronson
Chair

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: DEC 14 2004

Attest:

Robin Bragade, Deputy
Clerk of the Board

Date: DEC 14 2004

Jenna Mass
APPROVED AS TO FORM

Civil Deputy County Attorney

RILLITO RIVER CORRIDOR

2004 Master Plan Update

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Introduction

Goal

The goal of the Rillito River Corridor Recreation and Restoration Master Plan is to present a comprehensive vision for the future development of the Rillito River Park system that integrates the Rillito River Corridor and adjacent park properties into a premier recreational and environmental restoration community resource. The Master Plan will help guide the preparation and expenditure of existing and future capital improvement bond issues by proposing development plans and a list of scope items for the build-out of each property.

Purpose

The purpose of the Rillito Corridor Recreation and Restoration Master Plan is to integrate the planning and development of the various recreation and restoration projects that are proposed. Integrated planning will help balance the proposed developments with one another so that each property remains unique, yet compliments other properties included in the Master Plan and adjacent properties managed by other recreation providers. This will help to cost-effectively meet the diverse recreation/development demands on the Rillito River Corridor. In addition, this Master Plan will support the proposed Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan through habitat restoration and the preservation of wildlife corridors.

Multi-Agency Planning Effort

The Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation Department is undertaking development of the Rillito Corridor Recreation and Restoration Master Plan in partnership with many other agencies and groups, including: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Pima Trails Association, the University of Arizona, the City of Tucson, the Town of Marana, the Pima County Flood Control District, and the Pima County Department of Transportation. Properties that are not subject to this Master Plan, such as the City of Tucson's parks and the Jewish Community Center, are identified to provide a comprehensive view of all major parks and recreation resources along the Rillito River Corridor.

Implementation Period

Implementation of this plan is on-going and will continue into the future, taking advantage of current and future bond funds and grant opportunities. It is a dynamic document that will adjust to changing circumstances and integrate improved resource information as it becomes available. The Master Plan will be evaluated on a regular basis to ensure that planned projects are in tune with the public's need for recreation and environmental education, to readdress restoration goals for the river corridor, and to identify adjacent properties that may serve as critical biological and recreational linkages.

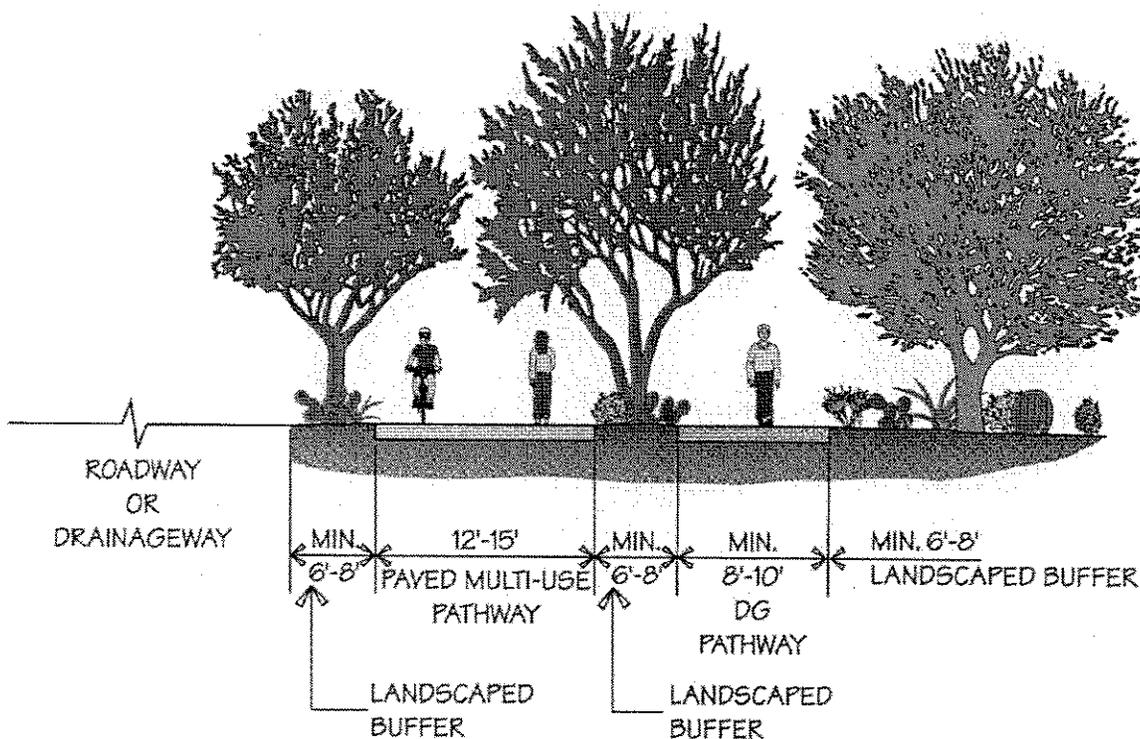
Public Input Opportunities

Public input workshops shall be conducted as needed for the planning and implementation of specific projects included in the Rillito River Corridor Recreation and Restoration Master Plan.

River Park Standard

Wherever space permits, the Rillito River Park's path system will be constructed to the City-County Divided Urban Pathway standard, which entails a paved path 12' to 15' in width, a compacted DG path 8' to 10' in width, with native landscaping both between the paths and along the outer edges of the paths to create a canopied, bosque-like experience. Developing the river park to the Divided Urban Pathway standard will facilitate the safe use of the river park by the widest range of users: walkers, runners, roller bladers, cyclists, equestrians, and others. The cross-section of the Divided Urban Pathway standard as applied to a standard 50' corridor is shown below.

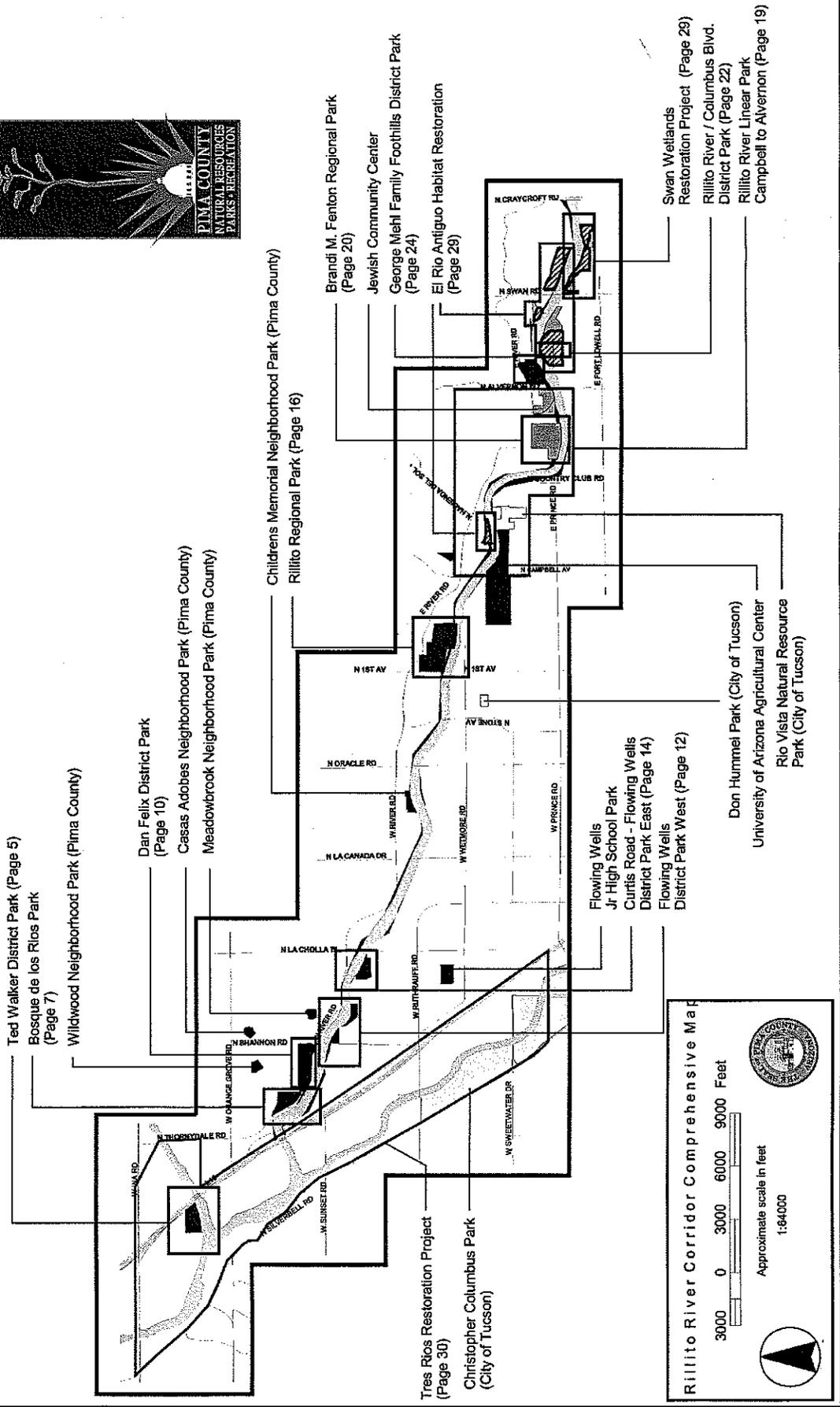
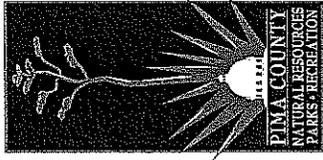
DIVIDED URBAN PATHWAY



Linkages with Other Trails and Destinations

Pima County's river park system serves as the backbone of the county's regional trail system, and numerous trails link with the Rillito River Park along its length. These linkages are key to the functionality of the system, and will be integrated with the river park as it develops. New linkages to existing and future destinations within the County, municipalities, Federal, State, and Tribal lands will be explored.

Rillito River Corridor Comprehensive Recreation / Restoration Map



Rillito River Corridor Comprehensive Map

Approximate scale in feet
1:84000

RECREATION and RESTORATION PROJECTS SUMMARY TABLE

PROJECT NAME	SCOPE	BUDGET	BOND	SCHEDULE	PAGE
RECREATION PROJECTS					
Ted Walker District Park	Integrate leased & public facilities, soccer & softball fields, aquatic complex, adult community center	\$4,500,000	Future CIP	To Be Determined	5
Bosque de los Rios Park - Phase I	Passive rec. park, turf, ramadas, restrooms, pathways, memorial trees & art, playground, parking	\$65,000 \$685,000	P-30 Future CIP	To Be Determined	7
Bosque de los Rios Park - Phase II	Picnic area, memorial trees & art, ramadas, paths, lighting, trailhead, riparian area development	\$1,650,000	Future CIP	To Be Determined	7
Dan Felix Memorial District Park	Soccer field lighting, turf, parking, restroom, ramadas, walkways, basketball court	\$1,750,000	PR 4.23	To Be Determined	10
Flowing Wells District Park West	Baseball fields, soccer fields, basketball & volleyball courts, playgrounds, restrooms, parking, turf area, ramadas, walkways	\$2,295,169 \$250,000	P-42 & P-30 PR 4.20	Completed 2004 2005	12
Curtis Road - Flowing Wells District Park East	Community center, youth baseball & soccer fields, turf, ramada, parking, riparian restoration, off-leash area	\$2,250,000	PR4.21	2004-2006	14
Rillito Regional Park Phase II	Soccer fields, seat walls, roadway extension, irrigation, restroom, concession bldg., path extension	\$600,000	P-07	October 2002 - January 2004	16
Rillito Regional Park Phase III	Ramadas, stables relocation, soccer field, parking & entry reconfiguration, landscaping, Rillito Trail connection	\$2,250,000	PR4.26	2008-2010	16
Rillito River Linear Park Campbell to Alvermon	Complete 2 mile section, including paths, landscaping, irrigation, and erosion control, parking	\$2,400,000	P-31	June 2002 - June 2005	19
Brandi M. Fenton Memorial Park	Equestrian staging area & arena, parking, pastures, historic bldgs, restrooms, ramadas, paths	\$3,000,000	PR4.24	2004-2007	20
Rillito River at Columbus Blvd. District Park	Ball fields, paths, off-leash facility, playground, parking	\$511,000	P-32	To Be Determined	22
George Mehl Family Foothills District Park	New soccer and softball fields, reconfigured entrance, ramadas, maintenance compound, parking	\$2,000,000	PR4.25	2007-2008	24
RESTORATION PROJECTS					
Remnant Parcels	Riparian restoration, landscaping, irrigation, parking, trailheads, path improvements, off-leash facility	\$1,500,000	Future CIP	To Be Determined	26
El Rio Antiguo & Swan Wetlands	Riparian restoration, flood control, water harvesting, wildlife viewing & habitat creation, multi-use trails	To Be Determined	USACOE County & Tucson	To Be Determined	29
Tres Rios Del Norte	Riparian restoration, flood control, water harvesting, wildlife viewing & habitat creation, multi-use trails	To Be Determined	USACOE County & Marana	To Be Determined	30

Ted Walker District Park

CIP Budget: None

Estimated Budget: \$ 4,500,000

Project may be funded by a future bond program.

Status: Conceptual master plan completed

Existing Facilities:

Ted Walker Park

- ◆ soccer field
- ◆ baseball field
- ◆ restroom
- ◆ 2 ramadas
- ◆ 2 drinking fountains
- ◆ Ted Walker Memorial
- ◆ model airplane area

Sports Park

- ◆ 6 softball fields
- ◆ soccer field

Project Scope: Integration of the leased Sportspark property with the existing Ted Walker Park, including the following improvements:

- ◆ 2 youth soccer fields
- ◆ 4 adult/youth softball fields
- ◆ field lighting
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ ramadas
- ◆ picnic tables
- ◆ playground
- ◆ parking areas
- ◆ internal park roads
- ◆ walking path
- ◆ restrooms
- ◆ trailheads
- ◆ aquatic center (50 meter pool/public pool)
- ◆ maintenance complex
- ◆ adult community center

Project Schedule: The schedule is dependent upon securing funding for the project. A project timeline is offered below as a reference.

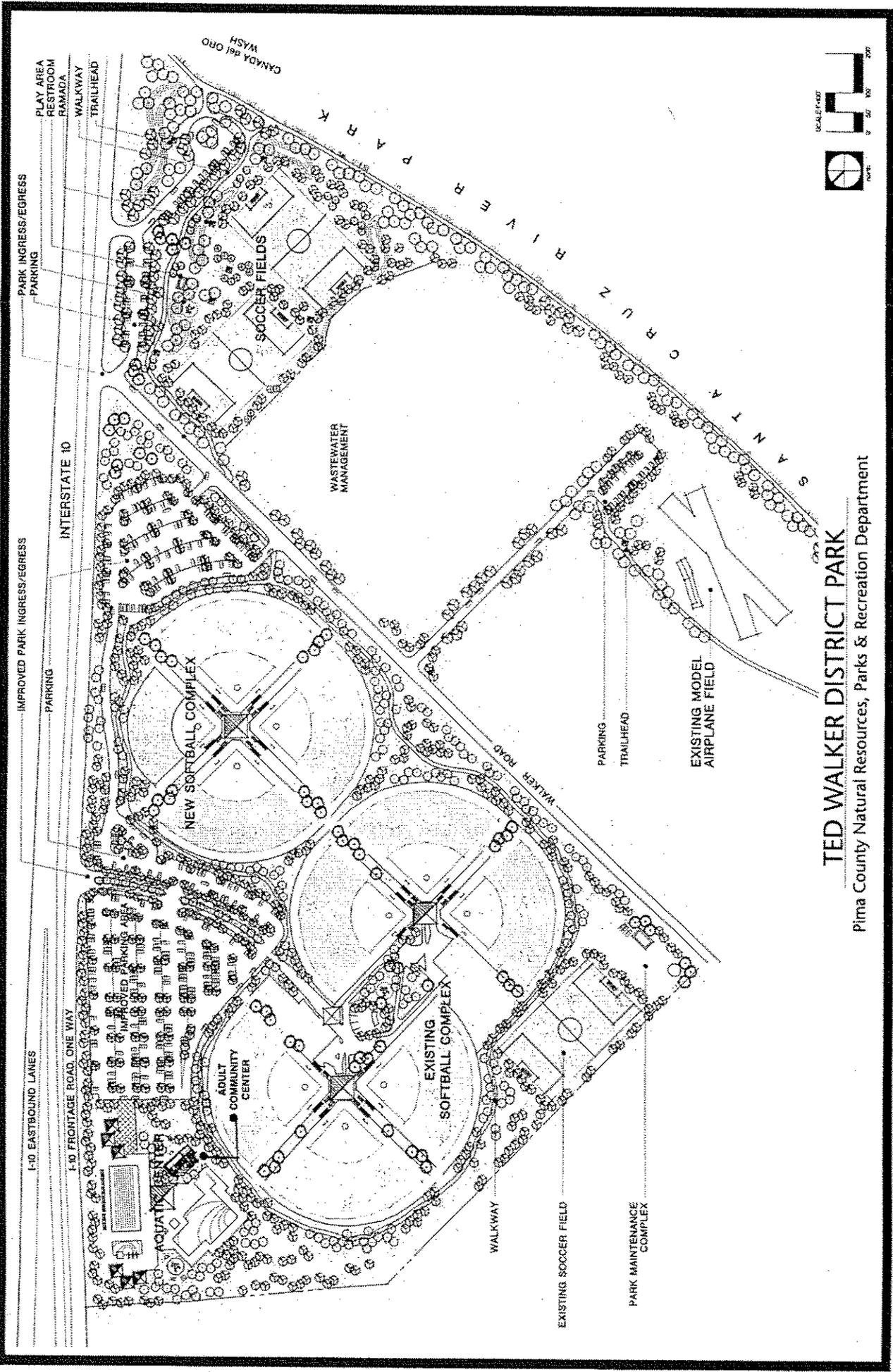
Consultant Selection - 3 months

Design Development - 4 months

Construction Documents Development - 6 months

Construction Project Bidding - 4 months

Construction - 8 months



TED WALKER DISTRICT PARK

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department

Bosque de los Rios Park and Purple Heart Plaza

Bosque de los Rios Park

Phase I CIP Budget P-30:	\$65,000
Phase I Construction Budget:	685,000
Phase II Budget:	<u>1,650,000</u>
Total Budget:	\$ 2,400,000

Purple Heart Plaza

Total Budget: To be determined

Bosque de los Rios Park Phase I Construction budget may be funded by a future bond program. Bosque de los Rios Park Phase II may be funded by a future bond program.

Purple Heart Plaza construction will be funded through donations.

Status: Bosque de los Rios Park is in design development phase. Current funding will cover expense of construction documents only.

Purple Heart Plaza is in design development phase. Construction will proceed as donated funds become available.

Bosque de los Rios Park Project Scope: The project scope includes a passive recreation area with a memorial tree planting and artwork comparable to that found at Paseo de los Arboles on the Santa Cruz River. Tucson Clean & Beautiful will assist the Natural Resources Parks & Recreation Dept. in the development and management of the memorial. The park may have the following amenities:

Phase I

- ◆ free-play turf area
- ◆ jogging / walking trail
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ memorial tree planting
- ◆ memorial plaque areas
- ◆ amphitheater
- ◆ 2 parking lots
- ◆ restrooms
- ◆ walkway connection to Pegler Wash District Park
- ◆ desert wildflower / hummingbird garden
- ◆ stormwater basin

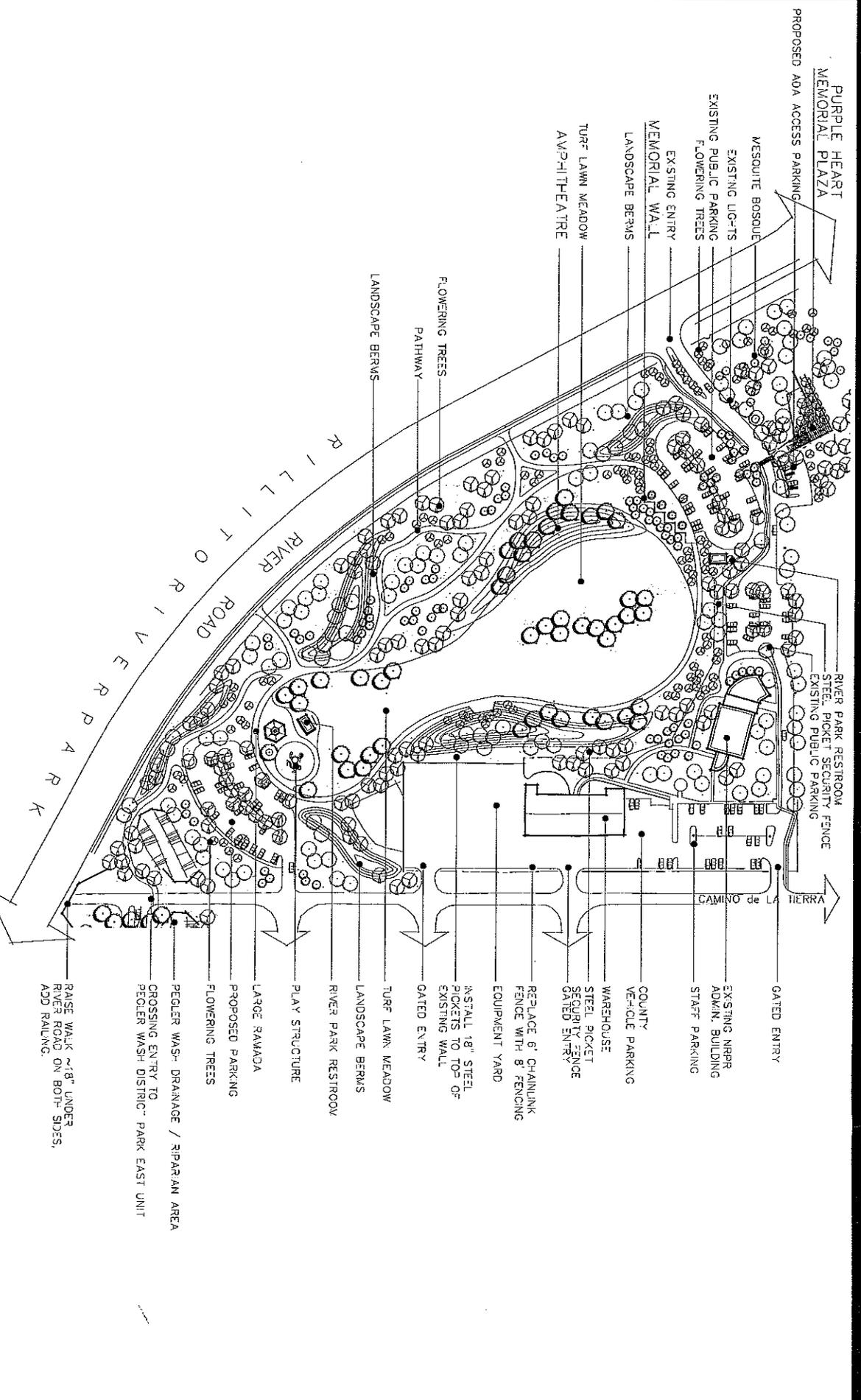
Bosque de los Rios Park and Purple Heart Plaza (Continued)

Phase II

- ◆ family picnic area
- ◆ playground
- ◆ community-sized ramada
- ◆ additional memorial trees
- ◆ additional memorial plaques
- ◆ walkway connection to the Rillito River Park
- ◆ exercise stations for trail
- ◆ paved pathways
- ◆ diverse desert landscaping with botanical interpretation
- ◆ trailhead
- ◆ plaza
- ◆ riparian vegetation / water harvesting area
- ◆ lighting
- ◆ enhanced office site security

Purple Heart Plaza

- ◆ memorial wall
- ◆ memorial plaza
- ◆ turf area
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ ADA-accessible parking
- ◆ walkway connection to new parking
- ◆ enhanced driveway crossing



BOSQUE DE LOS RIOS PARK AND PURPLE HEART PLAZA

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department



Dan Felix District Park

CIP Budget PR4.23: \$1,750,000

Status: Conceptual master plan completed

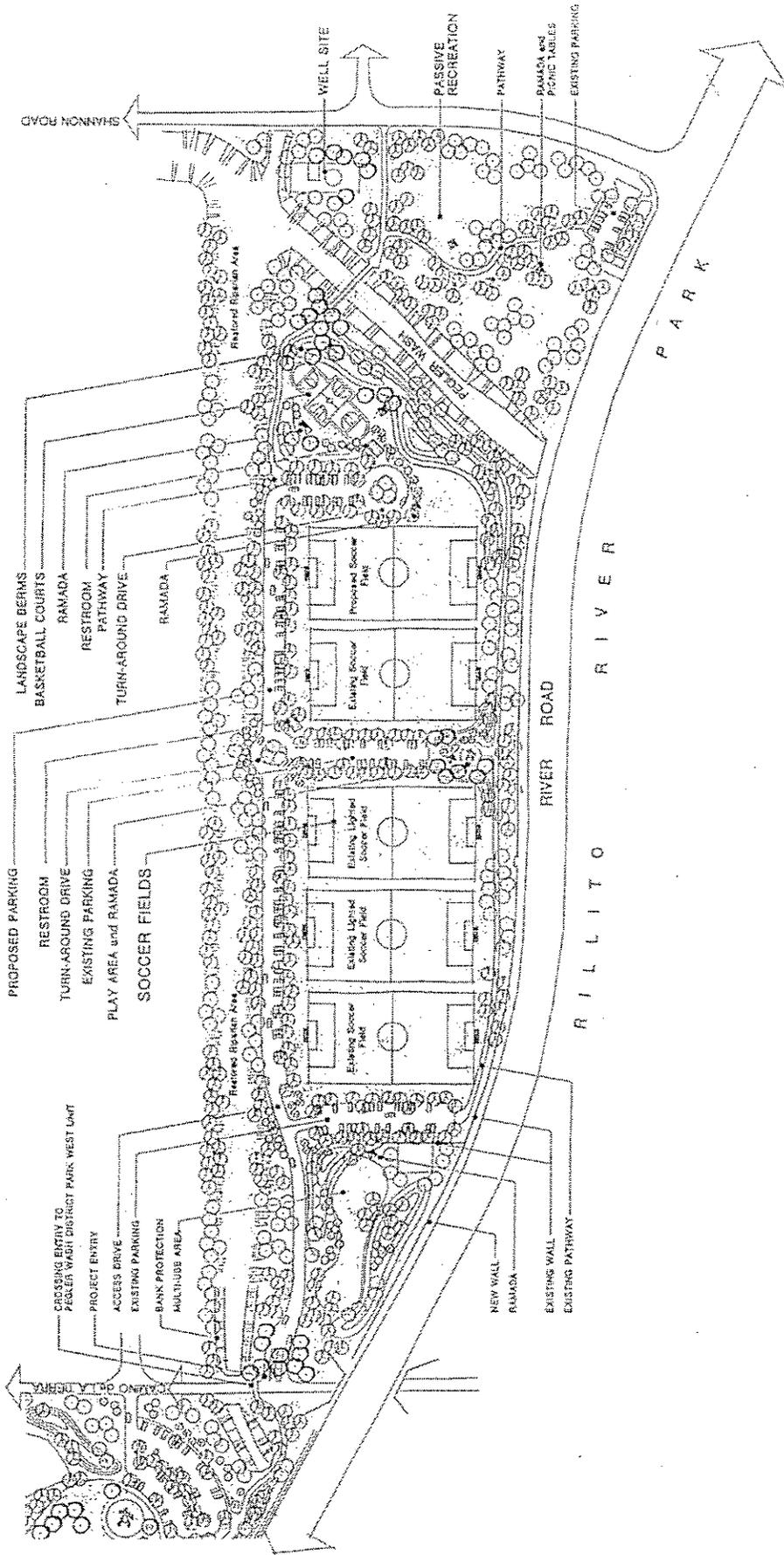
Existing Facilities:

- ◆ 4 soccer fields (two lighted)
- ◆ picnic table
- ◆ walking/jogging path
- ◆ drinking fountain
- ◆ restroom

Project Scope: The following improvements are proposed:

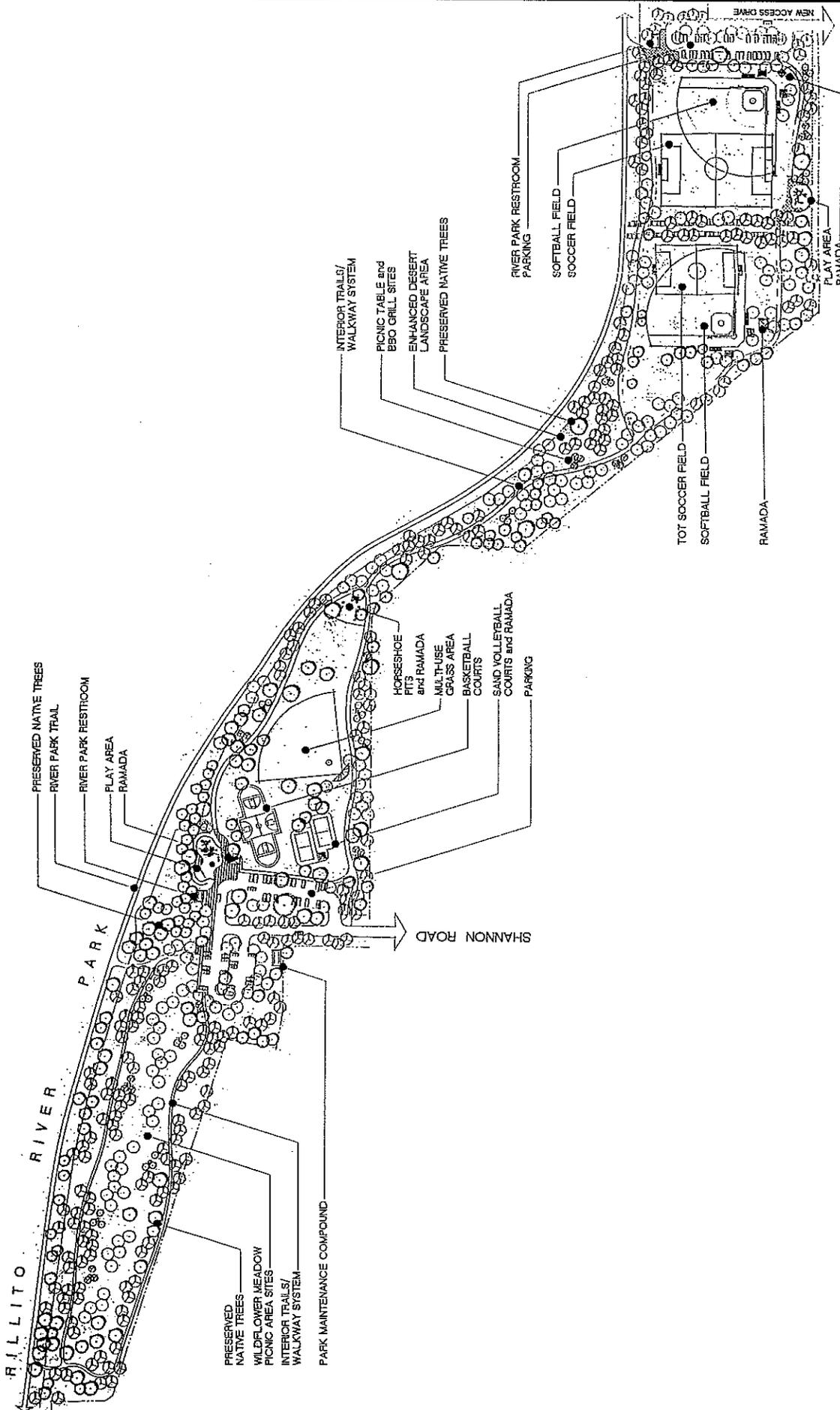
- ◆ additional soccer field
- ◆ additional lighting for soccer fields
- ◆ security lighting
- ◆ playground
- ◆ free-play multi-use turf area
- ◆ additional restroom
- ◆ walking/jogging path
- ◆ 3 group ramadas
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ picnic tables
- ◆ additional parking
- ◆ trail and walkway connections to the Rillito River Park
- ◆ 2 basketball courts
- ◆ drinking fountains
- ◆ riparian restoration area

Project Schedule: 2007-2008.



DAN FELIX MEMORIAL PARK

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department



FLOWING WELLS DISTRICT PARK WEST
 Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department



Flowing Wells District Park West

Phase I CIP Budget P-42:	\$ 744,000
Phases II & III CIP Budget P-30:	1,551,169
Phase IV CIP Budget PR4.20:	<u>250,000</u>
Total Budget:	\$ 2,545,169

Status: Phases I-III construction completed in 2004. Phase IV (field lighting) currently in design.

Project Scope:

Park amenities include:

- ◆ 2 basketball courts
- ◆ 2 volleyball courts
- ◆ 2 multi-use softball/soccer fields
- ◆ 1 little league baseball field
- ◆ 2 playgrounds
- ◆ 2 restroom/concession buildings
- ◆ 2 parking lots
- ◆ 6 ramadas
- ◆ picnic tables
- ◆ benches
- ◆ horseshoe pits
- ◆ path system
- ◆ desert landscaping
- ◆ free-play turf area
- ◆ drinking fountains
- ◆ sewer connections
- ◆ connections to Rillito River Park

Project Schedule:

Phase IV is currently in design. Completion anticipated in 2005.

Curtis Road - Flowing Wells District Park East

CIP Budget PR4.21: \$ 2,250,000

Status: Currently in design phase.

Project Scope: The project may include:

- ◆ 3 little league baseball fields
- ◆ restroom
- ◆ walkways
- ◆ riparian restoration
- ◆ off-leash dog facility
- ◆ free-play turf area
- ◆ small 4500 SF Community Center
- ◆ 4 group ramadas
- ◆ picnic tables
- ◆ playground
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ parking lot
- ◆ connections to the Rillito River Park
- ◆ field and security lighting
- ◆ site remediation

Project Schedule: The schedule is dependent upon securing funding for the project. A project timeline is offered below as a reference.

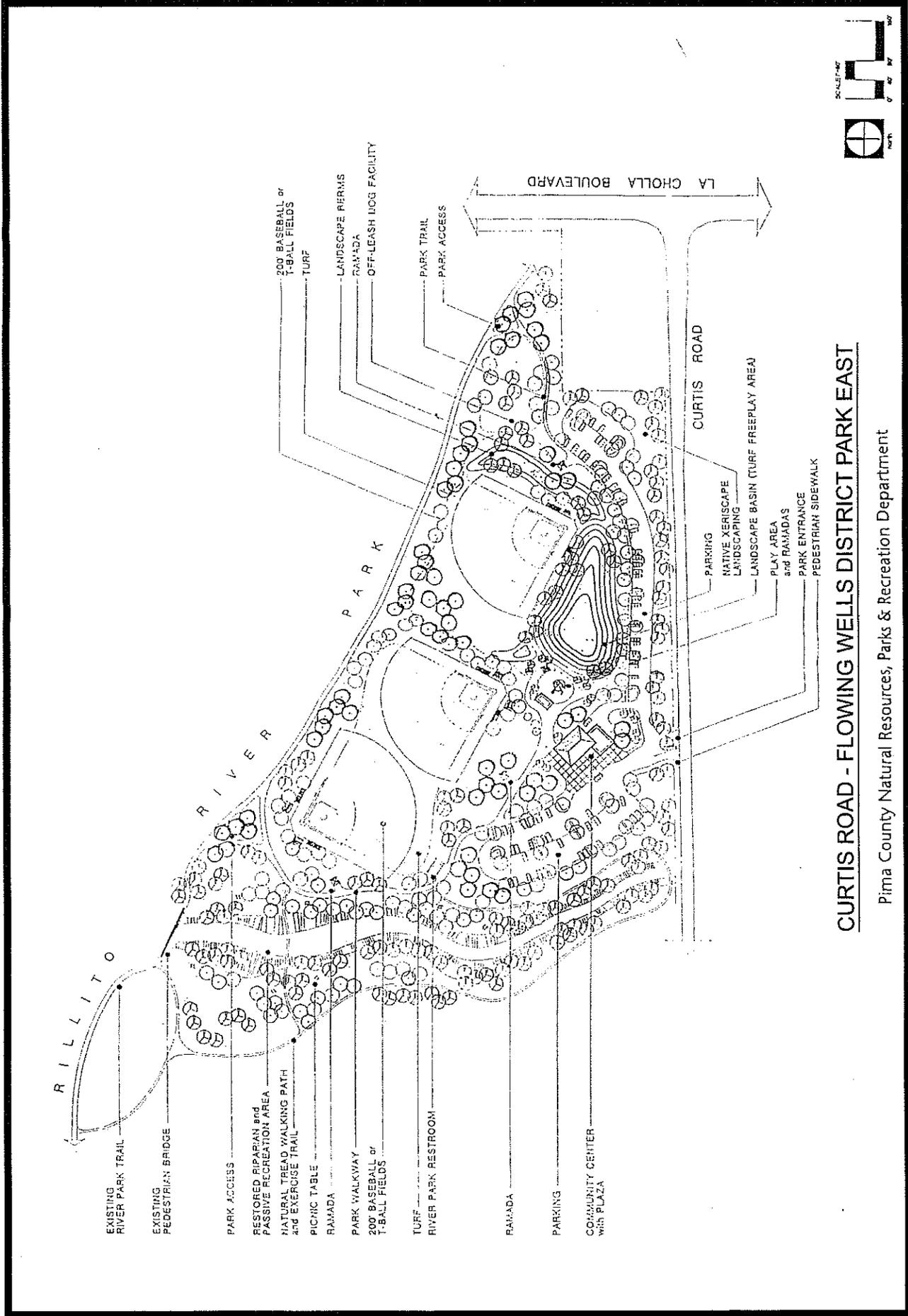
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Design Development - 3 months

Construction Documents Development - 5 months

Construction Project Bidding - 4 months

Construction - 6 months



CURTIS ROAD - FLOWING WELLS DISTRICT PARK EAST

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department

Rillito Regional Park

Phase II CIP Budget P-07:	\$ 600,000
Phase III CIP Budget P4.26:	\$ <u>2,250,000</u>
Total Budget:	\$ 2,850,000

Status: Phase II is under construction.

Existing Facilities:

- ◆ horse racetrack
- ◆ parking areas
- ◆ 5 soccer fields
- ◆ 13 stables
- ◆ horse arena
- ◆ grand stands
- ◆ club house
- ◆ 3 drinking fountains
- ◆ 2 ramadas
- ◆ restroom
- ◆ plaza

Project Scope:

Phase II

- ◆ 2 soccer fields (west half of racetrack infield)
- ◆ additional asphalt roadway (approx. 1/2 mile)
- ◆ irrigation for turf
- ◆ restroom/concession building
- ◆ extension of concrete walkway
- ◆ seat walls with electric outlets

Phase III

- ◆ relocation of two stables
- ◆ soccer field
- ◆ field and security lighting
- ◆ entry and parking reconfigurations
- ◆ ramadas
- ◆ picnic facilities
- ◆ lighting for soccer fields
- ◆ maintenance compound
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ expanded and improved parking
- ◆ trail and walkway connections to the Rillito River Park

Rillito Regional Park (continued)

Project Schedule:

Phase II

Consultant Selection - Oct. 2002 to Dec. 2002

Design Development - Jan. 2003 to March 2003

Construction Documents Development - April 2003 to June 2003

Construction Project Bidding - July 2003 to Sept. 2003

Construction - Oct. 2003 to November 2004

Phase III

Phase III is scheduled to begin in 2008/2009.

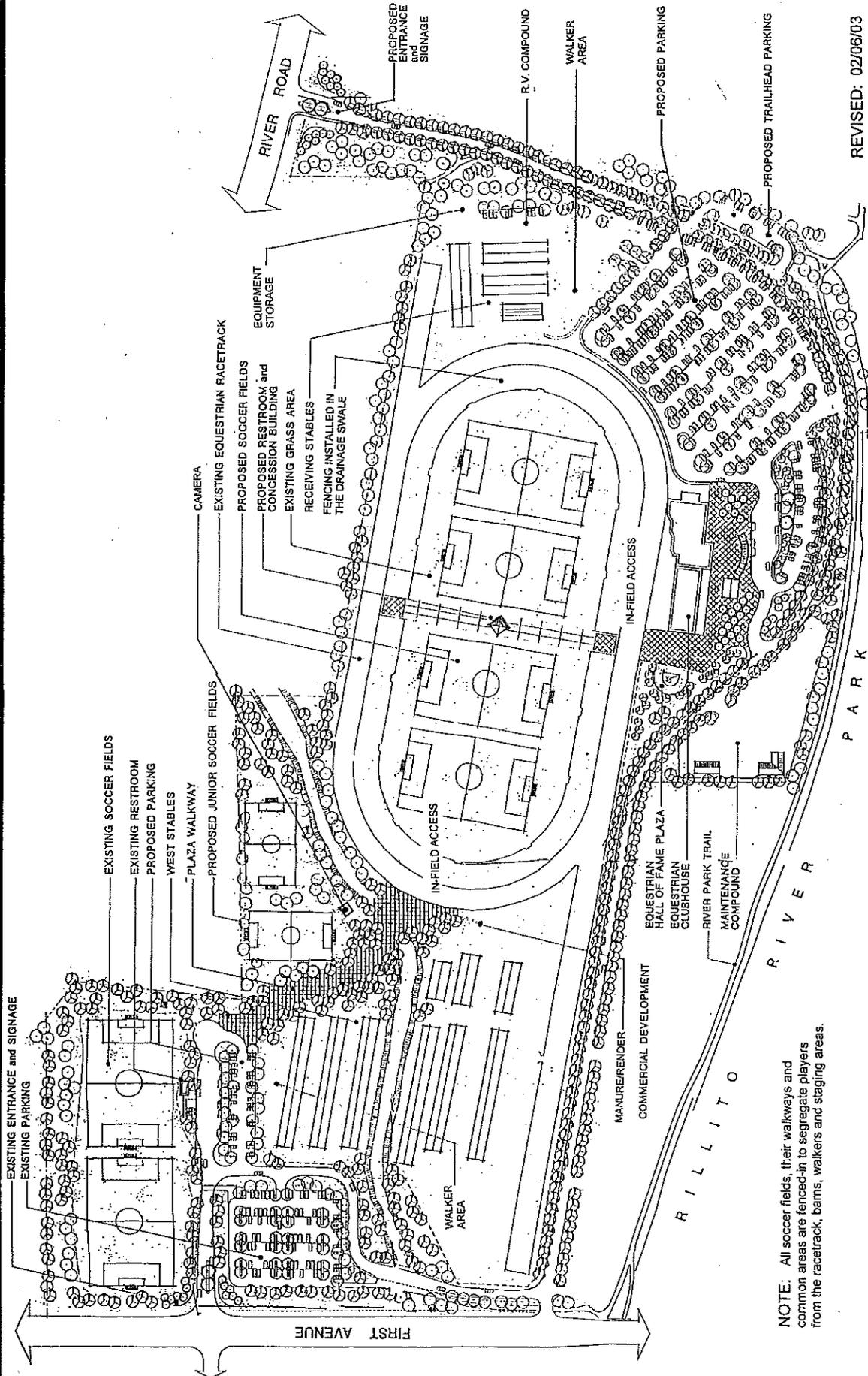
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Design Development - 3 months

Construction Documents Development - 5 months

Construction Project Bidding - 4 months

Construction - 6 months



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RILLITO REGIONAL PARK

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department

NOTE: All soccer fields, their walkways and common areas are fenced-in to segregate players from the racetrack, barns, walkers and staging areas.

Rillito River Linear Park Campbell to Alvernon

CIP Budget P-31: \$ 2,400,000

Status: The project is in the design development phase.

Project Scope: As noted in the 1997 CIP Bond Ordinance, the project includes:

- ◆ two mile extension of divided urban pathway
- ◆ irrigation
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ parking area
- ◆ wash crossings
- ◆ erosion controls

Project Schedule:

30% Conceptual Design Plans - June 2003 to Nov. 2003

Planning & Design Development - Dec. 2003 to March 2004

Construction Documents Development - April 2004 to Aug. 2004

Construction Project Bidding - Sept. 2004 to Dec. 2004

Construction - Jan. 2005 to June 2005

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park at Binghampton Historic District

CIP Budget PR4.24: \$3,000,000

Status: Conceptual master plan completed

Project Scope: Land was acquired for this park in 2002. Presently, the conceptual plan is for a passive and active recreation park that may include the following amenities:

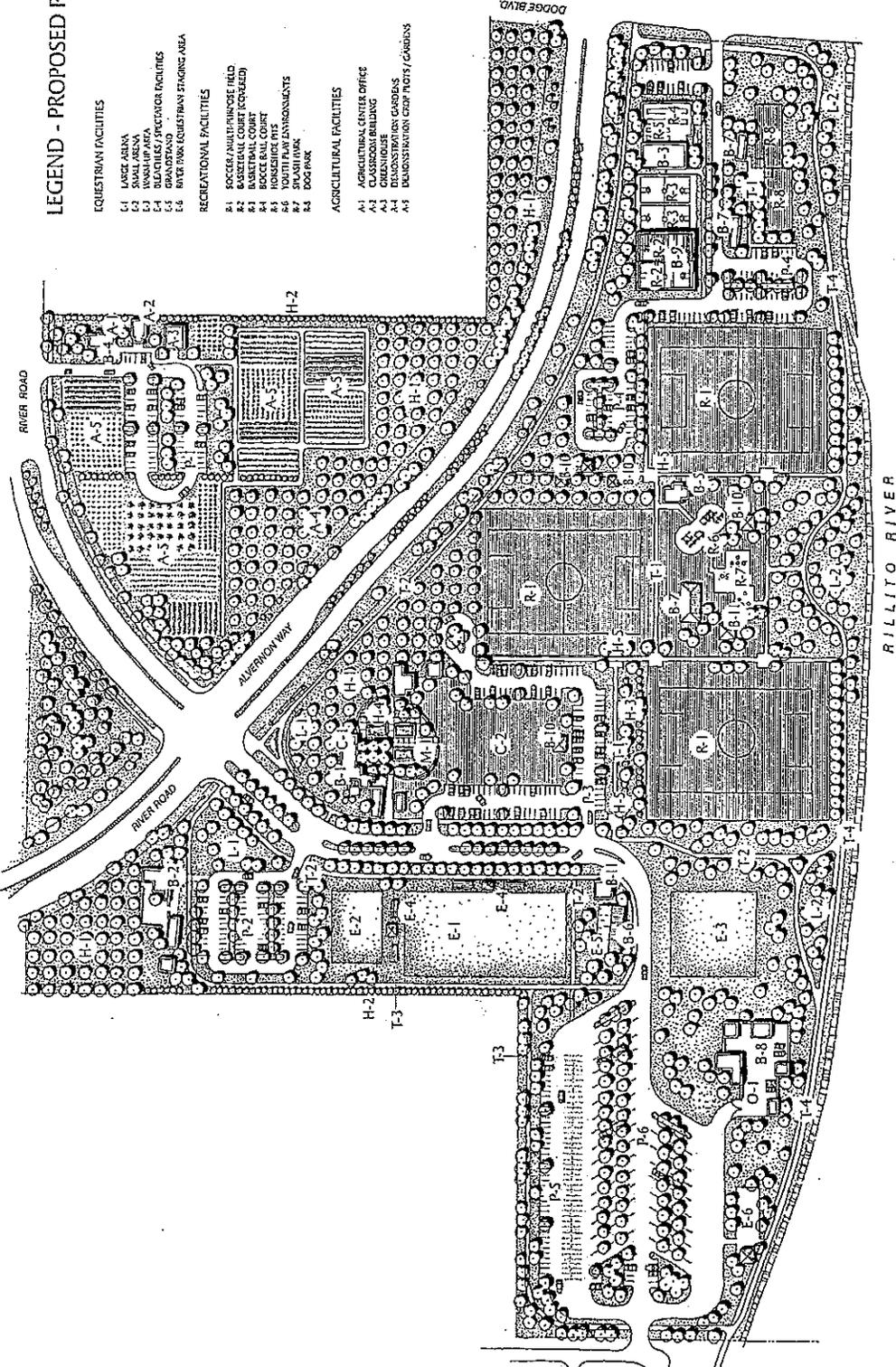
- ◆ equestrian staging area
- ◆ equestrian arena
- ◆ restoration of existing historic buildings
- ◆ agricultural demonstration area
- ◆ outdoor classrooms
- ◆ play fields
- ◆ playground
- ◆ dog park
- ◆ splash park
- ◆ basketball and bocce ball courts
- ◆ ramadas
- ◆ restrooms
- ◆ maintenance building
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ habitat restoration
- ◆ memorial garden
- ◆ parking
- ◆ multi-use buildings

Project Schedule:

Project is scheduled 2004-2007.

LEGEND - PROPOSED PARK FACILITIES

- EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES**
 - E-1 LARGE AREA
 - E-2 SMALL AREA
 - E-3 WASH UP AREA
 - E-4 HORSE FEEDS/SPECTATOR FACILITIES
 - E-5 BRANDED AREA
 - E-6 RIVER BANK EQUESTRIAN STAGING AREA
- RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**
 - R-1 SOCCER AND MULTIPURPOSE FIELD
 - R-2 BASKETBALL COURT (OUTDOOR)
 - R-3 BASKETBALL COURT
 - R-4 BOCCIE BALL COURT
 - R-5 HORSeshOE PITS
 - R-6 TENNIS COURTS
 - R-7 PLAYAHouse
 - R-8 DOG PARK
- AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES**
 - A-1 AGRICULTURAL CENTER OFFICE
 - A-2 GREENHOUSE
 - A-3 GREENHOUSE
 - A-4 DEMONSTRATION GARDENS
 - A-5 DEMONSTRATION CROP PLOTS / GARDENS
- BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**
 - B-1 VISITOR CENTER (RESTORED CARROLL RESIDENCE)
 - B-2 CARLISLE HOUSE (RESTORED POST RESIDENCE)
 - B-3 RECREATION CENTER (RESTORED YOUNG RESIDENCE)
 - B-4 AGRICULTURAL CENTER OFFICE (RESTORED DAVIDSON RESIDENCE)
 - B-5 BINGHAMPTON HISTORIC DISTRICT MUSEUM (RESTORED BRADSHAW RESIDENCE)
 - B-6 CARLISLE HOUSE (RESTORED STRUCTURE)
 - B-7 RAHWAY (RESTORED STRUCTURE)
 - B-8 APPOINTMENT BUILDINGS (RESTORED NEESE RESIDENCE)
 - B-9 VISITOR CENTER (RESTORED STRUCTURE (NEW STRUCTURE))
 - B-10 RAHWAY (NEW STRUCTURE)
 - B-11 REST ROOM (NEW STRUCTURE)
- HISTORIC / INTERPRETIVE FACILITIES**
 - H-1 REST ROOMS (NEW)
 - H-2 RESTROOMS (RESTORED)
 - H-3 HISTORIC IRONWORKS CANAL SECURITY
 - H-4 INTERPRETIVE DISPLAY AREA
 - H-5 TRAIL SIDE INTERPRETIVE EXHIBIT
- MEMORIAL FACILITIES**
 - M-1 MEMORIAL GARDEN
- TRAILS AND PATHS**
 - T-1 ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY
 - T-2 ACCESSIBLE / HANDS ON/SPACED PATH
 - T-3 EQUESTRIAN PATH
 - T-4 RILLITO RIVER BANK TRAILS AND PATHWAYS
- GENERAL PUBLIC USE / COMMUNITY FACILITIES**
 - C-1 VISITOR CENTER
 - C-2 R&R BLEND COMMONS / SPECIAL EVENTS AREA
- VEHICLE PARKING FACILITIES**
 - P-1 AGRICULTURAL CENTER PARKING (14-16 FT SPACES)
 - P-2 INDUSTRIAL PARKING LOT (6-15 SPACES)
 - P-3 CENTRAL PARKING LOT (14-17-122 SPACES)
 - P-4 SOUTHEAST PARKING LOTS (14-17-122 SPACES)
 - P-5 VISITOR PARKING LOT (14-17-122 SPACES)
 - P-6 VISITOR PARKING LOT (14-17-122 SPACES)
 - P-7 VISITOR PARKING LOT (14-17-122 SPACES)
- LANDSCAPE AREAS**
 - L-1 LANDSCAPE WITH HISTORICAL THEME
 - L-2 HISTORIC RESTORATION AREA
- OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES**
 - O-1 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE YARD



BRANDI FENTON MEMORIAL PARK at BINGHAMPTON HISTORIC DISTRICT
 Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department

Rillito River at Columbus Blvd. District Park

CIP Budget P-32: \$ 511,000

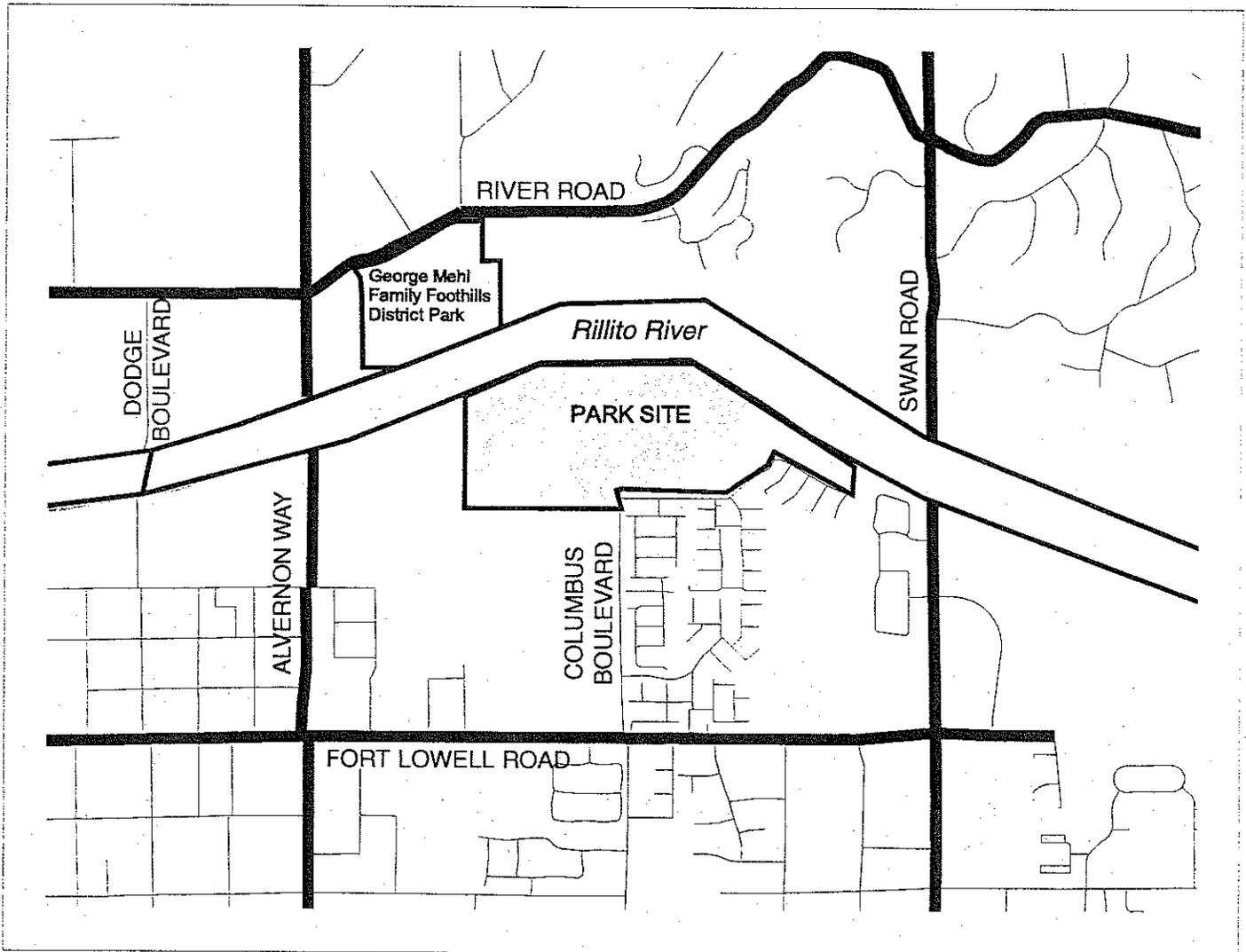
Status: In-house master planning began in FY03/04

Project Scope: As noted in the 1997 CIP Bond Ordinance, the project includes:

- ◆ interpretive signs
- ◆ walking / jogging paths
- ◆ off leash dog facility
- ◆ playground
- ◆ ramadas
- ◆ restroom
- ◆ riparian habitat restoration

Project Schedule: The proposed park is located within the El Rio Antiguo Restoration Project. Park development scheduling and final selection of amenities are on hold, pending refinement of El Rio Antiguo Restoration Project plans.

Rillito River at Columbus Boulevard District Park Site Location Map



George Mehl Family Foothills District Park

CIP Budget PR4.25: \$ 2,000,000

Status: Conceptual master plan completed

Existing Facilities:

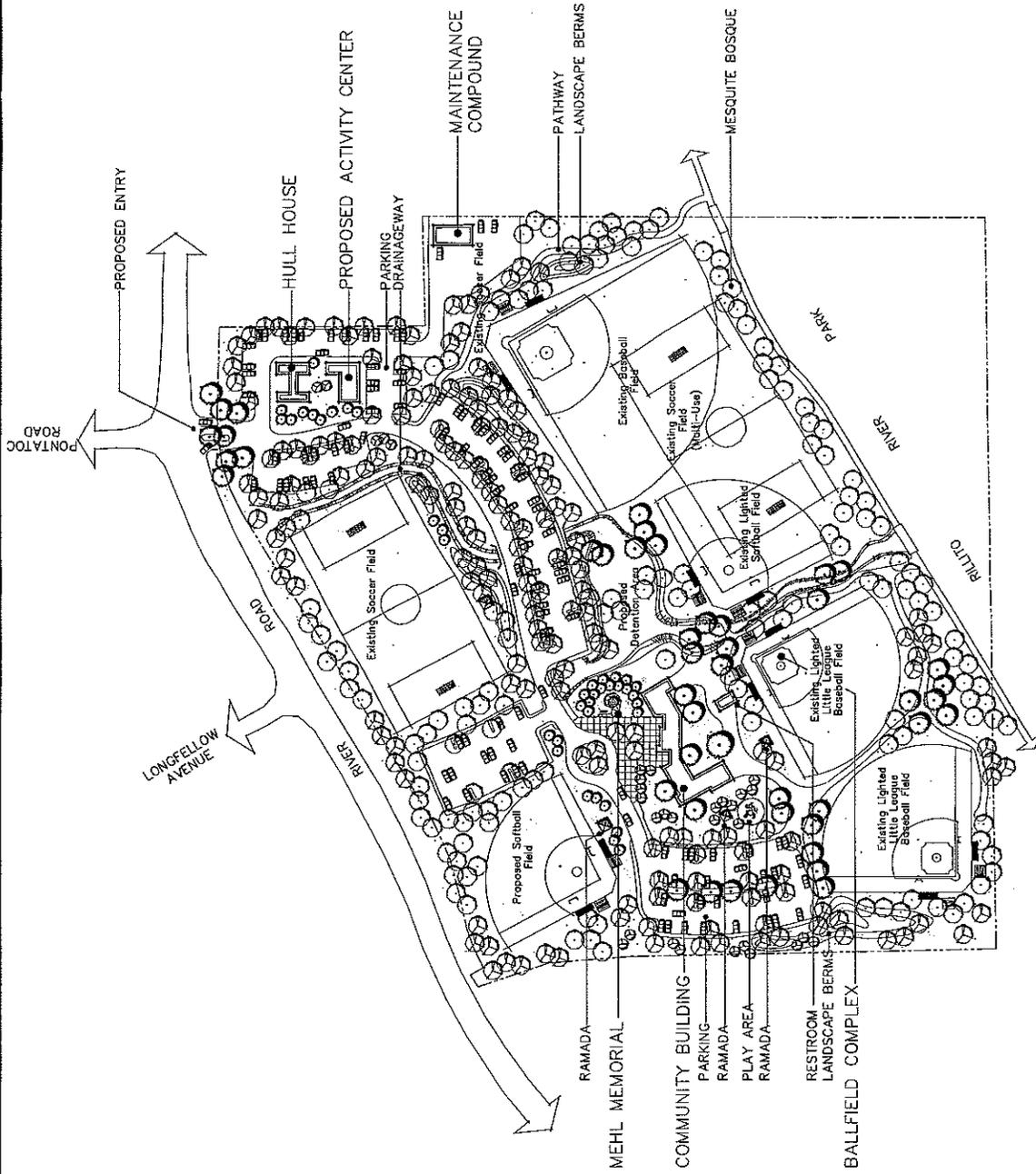
- ◆ 2 batting cages
- ◆ 5 baseball/softball fields
- ◆ 2 T-ball fields
- ◆ 4 soccer fields
- ◆ 5 picnic tables
- ◆ 4 ramadas
- ◆ restroom
- ◆ 13 drinking fountains

Project Scope: The following improvements are proposed:

- ◆ abandonment of the existing park entry
- ◆ new park entrance, roads and parking
- ◆ additional lighted softball field
- ◆ new entry drive aligned with Pontatoc Road
- ◆ additional parking
- ◆ ramadas
- ◆ picnic facilities
- ◆ security lighting
- ◆ maintenance compound
- ◆ activity center and classrooms
- ◆ trail connections to the Rillito River Park
- ◆ stormwater management improvements
- ◆ light all fields

Project Schedule:

Project is scheduled for 2005-2007.



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County Owned Remnant Parcels Along the Rillito River Corridor

CIP Budget: None

Estimated Budget: \$ 1,500,000

Project may be funded by a future bond program or other funding mechanism.

Status: General guidelines for development of remnant parcels have been drafted. Preliminary planning has begun.

Project Scope: The project will include:

- ◆ riparian restoration
- ◆ landscaping
- ◆ irrigation
- ◆ parking areas
- ◆ dog training and competition area
- ◆ trailheads
- ◆ miscellaneous path improvements

Project Schedule: To be determined

General Development Guidelines for Remnant Parcels

Recreation Development

- ◆ Undeveloped remnant parcels should accommodate a Divided Urban Pathway-linear park as minimal recreation development. An attempt should be made to develop the secondary natural surface path where the multi-use paved path already exists and parcel widths allow.
- ◆ Larger remnant parcels can accommodate active recreation elements including on site parking that connect to river park development. Active recreation elements may include basketball courts, volleyball courts, restroom development, playgrounds, tree plantings, turfed play areas, shade structures, picnic sites, and interpretive kiosks. Limiting factors to the development of active recreational elements include consent by adjacent property owners, availability of utilities, impact on existing wildlife corridors and habitat, site potential for riparian or other native habitat restoration, access, travel time, and availability of maintenance funding and human resources.

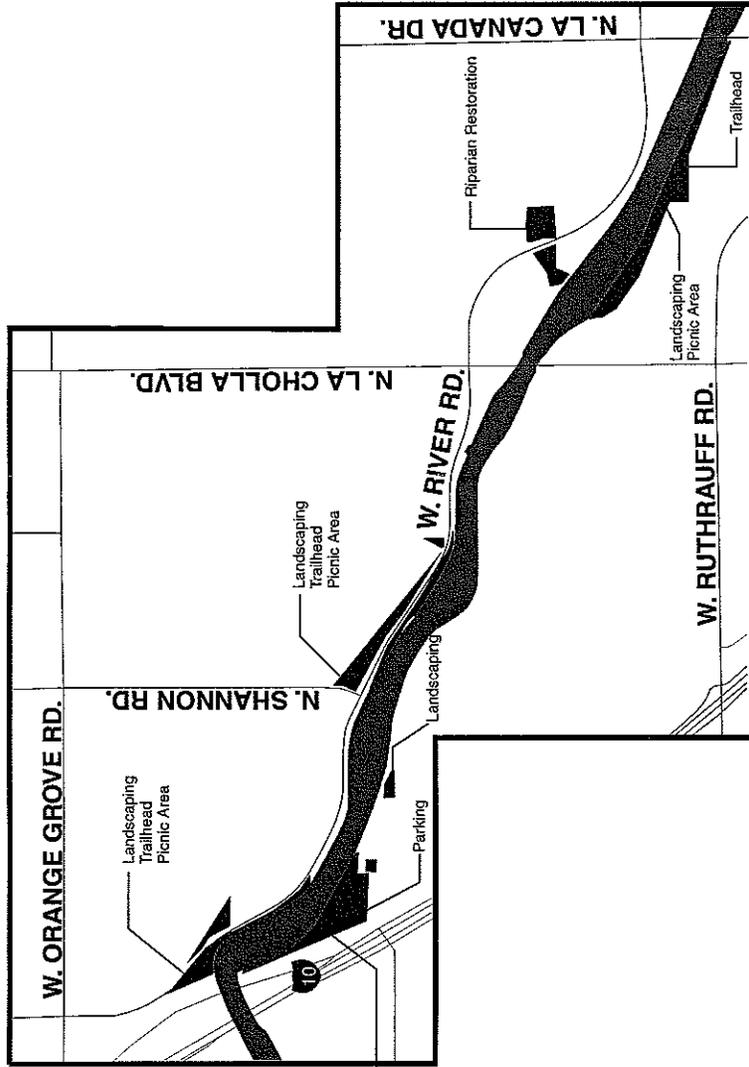
Maintenance and Design Development

- ◆ Construction, irrigation, and landscape materials should be standardized with existing river park facilities for ease of maintenance and consistency of design.
- ◆ The Divided Urban Pathway should be designed structurally to accommodate heavy vehicular traffic such as asphalt pavers, water trucks, and tree spades in areas where the pathway provides the only vehicular access along reaches of the river park.

Natural Resources

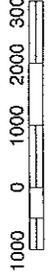
- ◆ All landscaping will incorporate native species with the exception of any turfed play areas. Turf areas will be designed as to minimize spread of non-native grasses and ensure low consumption of water.
- ◆ Attempts should be made to restore remnant parcels that have been degraded of their natural resource value. Replanting and reseeding should occur with native trees, cacti, succulents, shrubs, grasses, and flowering perennials and annuals.
- ◆ Revegetation should be mindful of setbacks to adjacent developed properties with respect to fire suppression.
- ◆ Efforts should be made to identify and utilize reclaimed water sources for irrigation of both recreational landscape and restoration of native habitat.
- ◆ Habitat revitalization of remnant parcels should include the reestablishment of riparian areas where feasible. Reestablishment of riparian areas should be located in places along the river park where conditions such as topography, flow dynamics of the Rillito River and its tributaries, and availability of reclaimed water sources make it possible. Connectivity of existing wildlife corridors and habitat or the potential for connectivity should be considered in restoration plans.

County Owned Remnant Parcels Adjacent To The Rillito River Corridor

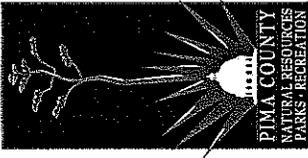


Dog Training and Competition Area

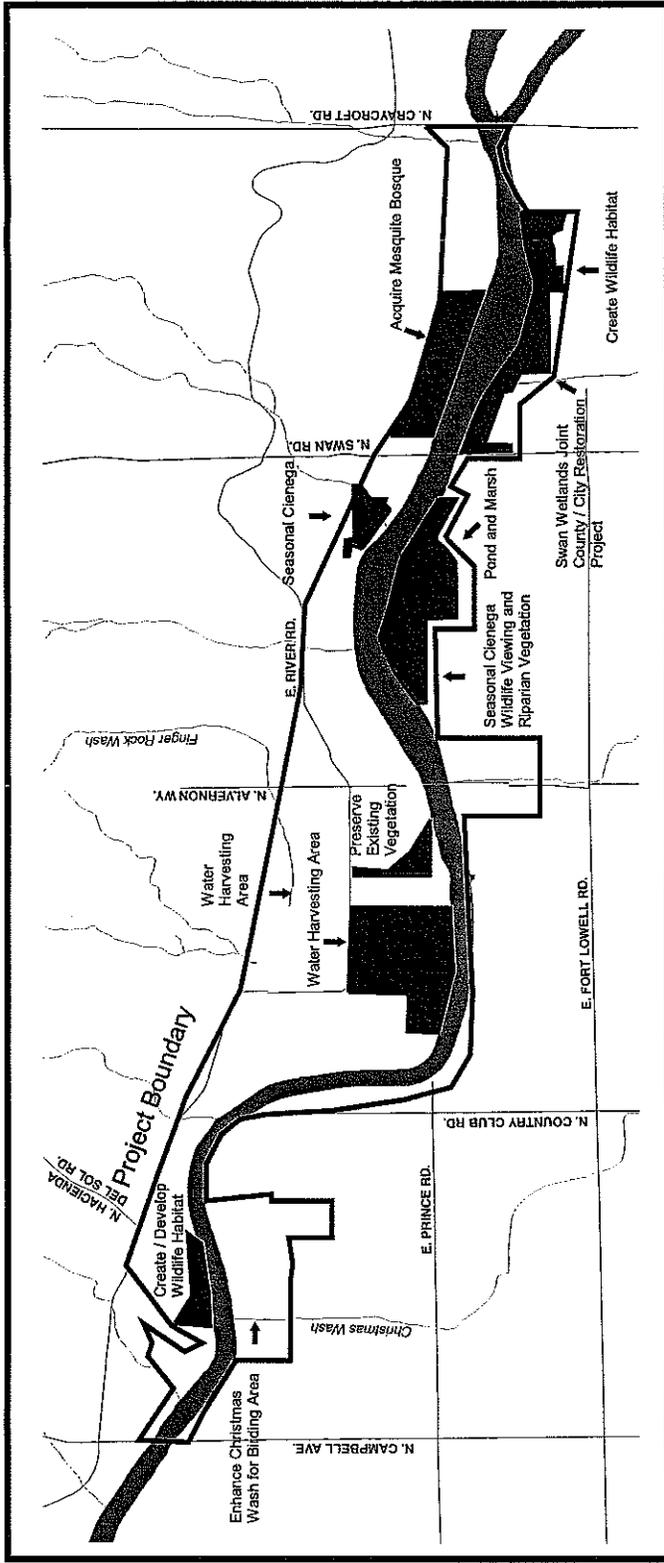
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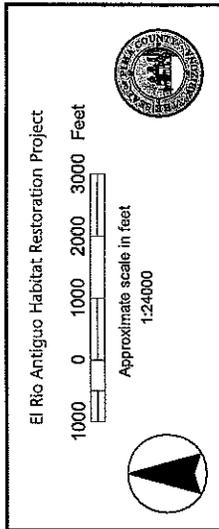
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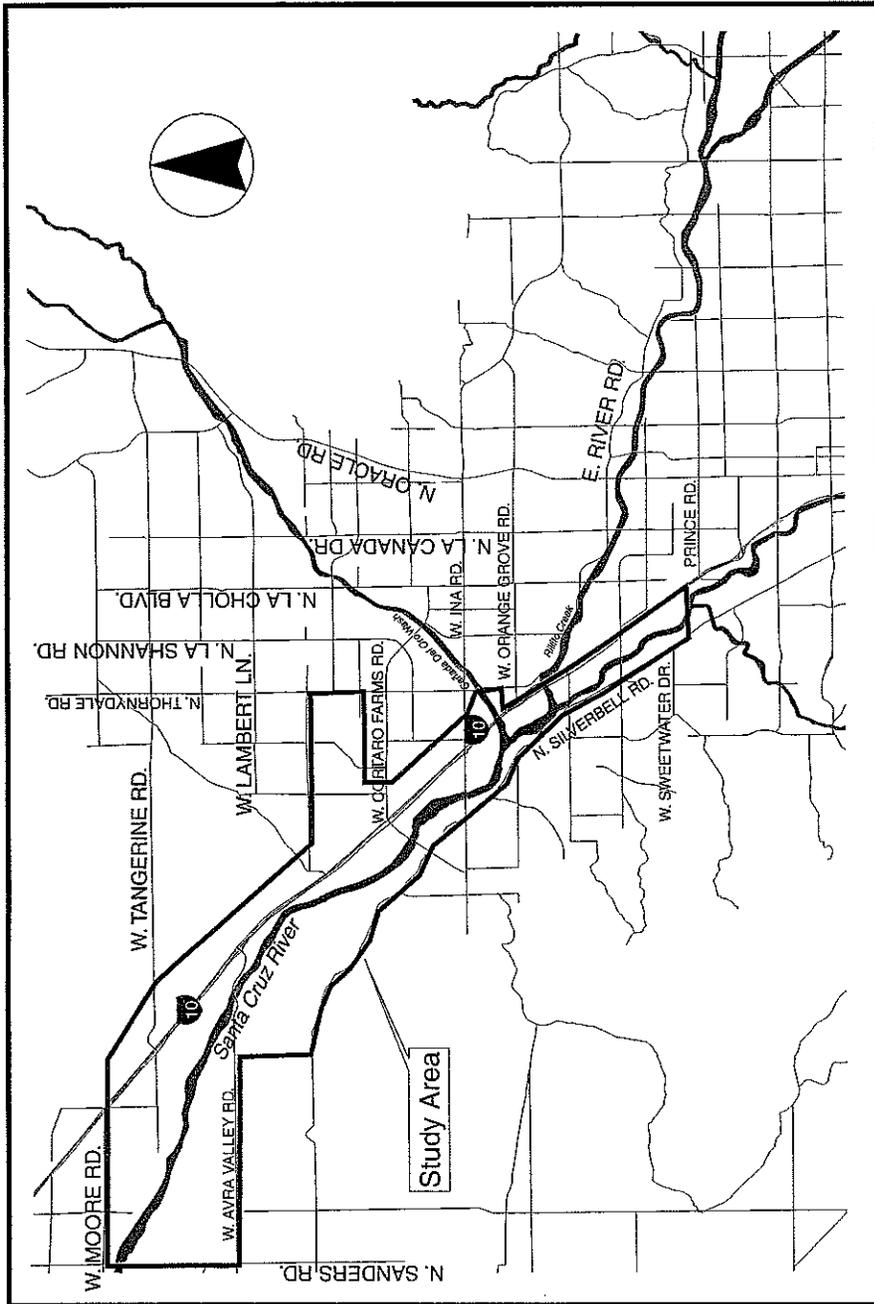
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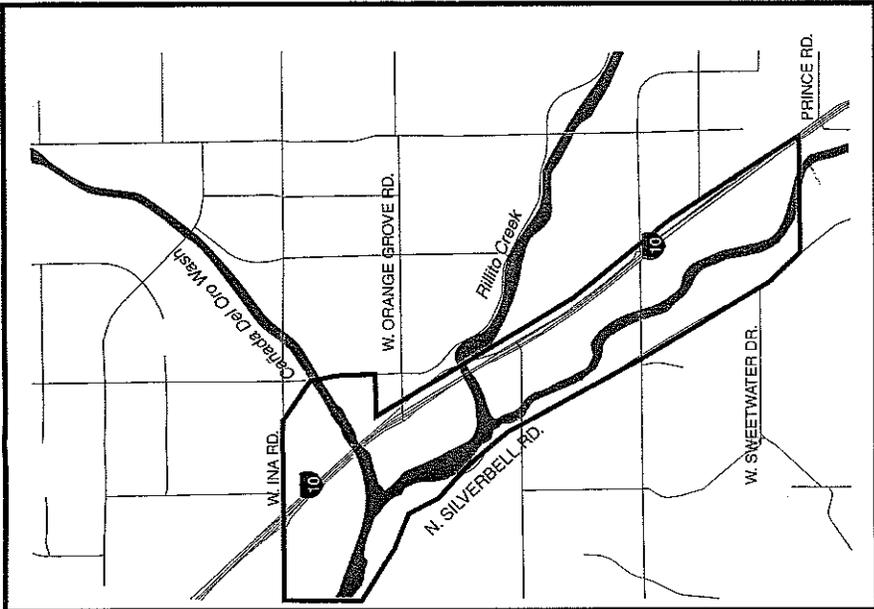


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South Section



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