

Pinal County
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #2 -Maricopa
November 1, 2006

Public Meeting Comments/Questions

- What influence does the county have over State Trust lands? – *None.*
- There is support for the Arizona Trail, and they would like to see a larger open space buffer surrounding it.
- Develop creative funding strategies.
- Community and youth outreach is needed.
- What can the group do?
 - Be vocal especially during the hearing process and city budget process.
 - Form ongoing committees that extend past the life of the planning process.
 - Support bond and tax initiatives to acquire public lands.
 - Contact County Supervisors and Planning and Zoning Commissioners to help fund the implementation of the project.
- Is there a way to protect locally (and often historic) created access to trails and trail corridors?
 - Send maps or aerial photographs to Kent or your local municipality to identify those that you know of.
- Will there be protection for trees within existing wash habitats? – *That is one of the intents of creating the design manual criteria and requirements for PADs and subdivisions.*
- What is the budget and funding (creative and long term) for this project?
- Is the budget grant driven?
- Washes –are they defined as wetlands if there is standing water? – *Only if they are located within the jurisdictional boundary waters of the Corp of Engineers.*
- How can the public become involved with BLM properties on the west side of the County?
 - Become involved with the City of Maricopa and BLM directly as those lands fall within their purview.
- Would like to see the County drive the show for open space and community planning and development not just the developers.
- Increase the amount of open space required within PAD's and subdivisions.
- Are there outstanding grazing leases on BLM Properties? – *Yes we believe so.*
- Are you still designing Multi-Use trails?

- All trails shown on the Master Plan are multi-use. They are indicated as being either motorized or non-motorized.
- Some areas identified as non-motorized on BLM land currently allow motorized use. How will this be addressed? – *This will be addressed by BLM as they designate motorized and non-motorized corridors within their purview.*
- Example-Tucson Electric has to drive a route that is non-motorized.
 - The non-motorized trail indicated on the plan is not the Tucson Electric line route.
- Concerns over development on mountains and hillsides.
 - The County is currently developing a hillside development ordinance to address this issue.
- Plan to link to Picacho Peak? – Yes.
- Are County managed areas separate (next to) existing parks or are they the same designation?
- Please improve the resolution or maps on the website.
- Clarify definition of Multi-use.
- Are there suggestions for developers? (Clout?)
- Verify location of washes on the western side of the County on the Master Plan Trails Map, as there are numerous washes in this area and not all are large enough to accommodate a trail corridor.
- Can these maps be accessed on the Pinal County Website? – Yes.
 - These maps will be located under the Planning and Development section of the website.
- Concern over illegal immigration along corridors.
 - Needs management and enforcement.