

Pinal County
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #1 Comments-Oracle
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Values

- Dark at night
- Value mountain views and open areas
- Foreground views (non-cluttered)
- Wildlife corridors
- Quiet
- Historic areas
- Open space corridors along roadways
- National historic sites
- Preserve viewsheds
- Habitat to sustain wildlife
- Natural wash corridors
- Hiking and equestrian trails
- American Flag Ranch
- Wise, conservative, and sustainable use of water
- Keep the existing equestrian trails
- Close proximity to local equestrian trails
- Kannally Ranch (Now Oracle State Park)
- Hijinks Ranch
- South-eastern corridor- preserve all of it
- Oracle Historical Society
- Friends of Oracle State Park
- Undisturbed natural areas (no golf courses)
- Oracle's small town character
- Abundant and easy access to trails
- Riparian corridors preservation
- Proximity to existing open space areas
- Housing diversity (types)
- Low density housing
- Pollution free
- Geological resources

Issues

- Controlled access (at all levels)
- State lands mandate
- Increased traffic (trucks) at Mtn. Lemon Highway
- Water supply
- No bicycle routes/paths
- Increase in trash disposal/ new site for transfer station
- Disappearing agriculture land (ranch and farm)
- Lack of regional planning
- Lack of protection for the San Pedro area

- Lack of coordination between state and local governments
- Rampant development without provisions for infrastructure

Needs

- Eliminate traffic and noise pollution through Oracle (from San Manuel through Tucson)
- Limit growth
- Safety on trails, open space
- Environmental safety (health of users)
- Need more trails
- Health safety
- Non-motorized trails
- Regulation of motorized vehicles on trails
- Develop more riparian areas and trails
- Regulate desert dumping
- Bike routes/lanes
- Local control
- Quiet trails
- Trails that will not be destroyed
- All-season trails
- More areas to access trails
- Connectivity to the Arizona Trail (loop trails)
- Local multi-use path or trails
- Connection to Picacho Peak
- Southern East/West connection
- Butterfield connection
- Education programs for trail usage and respect of open space areas
- Preserve rural character of Oracle
- Enhance natural character
 - Oracle Historical Society (Oracle Run)
 - Saddle Bike Club (Task Force)
- Create local volunteer groups
- Integrate farmland/ranchland and open space areas
- Local sustainability
- Keep the existing equestrian trails
- Linking historic sites
- Preserve historic areas
- Preserve wash corridors
- Preserve small town character