

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AND WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lisa Borowsky called to order a Regular Meeting and Work Study Session of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:22 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Borowsky asked City Clerk Ben Lane to conduct the roll call.

Present: Mayor Lisa Borowsky; Vice Mayor Jan Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Barry Graham, Adam Kwasman, Kathy Littlefield, Maryann McAllen, and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Greg Caton, Interim City Attorney Luis Santaella, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff, and City Clerk Ben Lane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Dubauskas.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Littlefield paid tribute to former City of Scottsdale Deputy City Clerk Rommel Cordova upon his passing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

At the request of Mayor Borowsky, Vice Mayor Dubauskas presented the Mayor's Report, proclaiming September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and presented Scottsdale resident, ovarian cancer survivor, and local advocate Rachel Sackett Putman with the proclamation.

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PRESENTATION/INFORMATION UPDATES

- **McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Update**

The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy will present on the organization's key priorities, statistics, and service areas.

Presenter(s): Mike Roberts, McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Interim Chief Executive Officer

Note: The Council may make comments or ask questions to the presenter(s); however, no Council action will be taken.

McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Interim Chief Executive Officer Mike Roberts gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy's key priorities, statistics, and service areas.

- **Employee Recognition Program**

The City Council will recognize employees with 20 or more years of service as of September 2025.

Presenter(s): Kelly Corsette, Senior Director – Communications and Public Affairs

Note: The Council may make comments or ask questions to the presenter(s); however, no Council action will be taken.

Communications and Public Affairs Senior Director Kelly Corsette discussed changes to the Employee Recognition Program and recognized employees with 20 or more years of service as of September 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Sutton, Scottsdale resident, discussed the Loyalty Oath of Office and City's Ethics Code, social media posts, and Councilmember interactions.

Jason Alexander, Scottsdale resident, discussed Councilmember decorum and interactions and presented a video.

John Konwiser, Scottsdale resident, discussed preserving Scottsdale Road as a scenic corridor and temporary signage on the road.

Dan Ishac, Scottsdale resident, discussed General Plan 2035 amendments, public records requests, and Councilmember interactions.

MINUTES

Request: Approve the following Council meeting minutes from July 2025:

- a. **Special Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025**
- b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025
- c. **Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025**

MOTION AND VOTE - MINUTES

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025; Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025; and the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor

Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Pita Café / Scottsdale Burger Bar (58-LL-2025)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 23535 N. Scottsdale Road, Suites 101 and 102

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

2. Culinary Gangster (59-LL-2025)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 14891 N. Northsight Boulevard, Suite 135

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

3. Ponderosa House (60-LL-2025)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 4121 N. Marshall Way

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

4. Dilla Libre Dos Scottsdale (61-LL-2025)

Request: Consider forwarding a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for a Series 12 (restaurant) State liquor license for an existing location with a new owner.

Location: 8018 E. Thomas Road, Suite 1

Staff Contact(s): Tim Curtis, Current Planning Director, 480-312-4210,
tcurtis@scottsdaleaz.gov

5. Feasibility Study for Bond 2019 Project 22 – Build New Swimming Pools and Replace Building at Cactus Pool

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13477** authorizing Contract No. 2025-130-COS with Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$248,700, to provide design services for a feasibility study to determine the best approach and location for the replacement of the Cactus Aquatics Center.

Staff Contact(s): Alison Tymkiw, Senior Director – City Engineer, Transportation & Infrastructure, 480-312-7760, atymkiw@scottsdaleaz.gov

6. Revocable License for Use of City Land

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13485** authorizing Revocable License Agreement 2025-132-COS with Park Park, LLC; 7353 Scottsdale Mall, LLC; and 7363, LLC for use of a portion of city-owned land for a shared solid waste refuse enclosure and appurtenance.

Location: Scottsdale Civic Center (APN 130-23-215 and 130-23-216)

Staff Contact(s): Dave Bennett, Solid Waste Director, 480-312-5607,
dbennett@scottsdaleaz.gov

7. Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement and Education

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13487 authorizing:

1. The acceptance, if awarded, of a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in the amount of \$100,000, for overtime related to DUI impaired driving enforcement and education.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.

Staff Contact(s): Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jleduc@scottsdaleaz.gov

8. Governor's Office of Highway Safety Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13488 authorizing:

1. The acceptance, if awarded, of a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in the amount of \$55,000, for overtime related to pedestrian and bicycle education, safety, and enforcement.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.

Staff Contact(s): Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jleduc@scottsdaleaz.gov

9. Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13489 authorizing:

1. The acceptance, if awarded, of a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in the amount of \$60,000, for overtime related to the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.

Staff Contact(s): Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jleduc@scottsdaleaz.gov

10. Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDHS) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Program (CBRN) Grant

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13491 authorizing:

1. The acceptance, if awarded, from the AZDHS through either the Urban Area Security Initiative or the State Homeland Security Grant Program, in the amount of up to \$140,800, for training and equipment related to the CBRN program.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.
3. A budget transfer, of up to \$140,800, from the adopted Fiscal Year 2025/26 Future Grants Budget and/or Grant Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

Staff Contact(s): Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jleduc@scottsdaleaz.gov

11. Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDHS) Threat Liaison Officer Sustainment Grant

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13492 authorizing:

1. The acceptance, if awarded, from the AZDHS, in the amount of up to \$22,500, for training related to the Urban Area Security Initiative Threat Liaison Officer Sustainment program.

2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.

Staff Contact(s): Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jleduc@scottsdaleaz.gov

12. Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDHS) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Program (CBRN) Camera System

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13493 authorizing:

1. The acceptance, if awarded, from the AZDHS, in the amount of up to \$25,000, for equipment related to the Urban Area Security Initiative CBRN program.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.
3. A budget transfer, of up to \$25,000, from the adopted Fiscal Year 2025/26 Future Grants Budget and/or Grant Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

Staff Contact(s): Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police, 480-312-1900, jleduc@scottsdaleaz.gov

13. Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDHS) Special Event Assessment Rating Grant

Request: Adopt Resolution No. 13494 authorizing:

1. The acceptance, if awarded, from the AZDHS through either the Urban Area Security Initiative or the State Homeland Security Grant Program, in the amount of up to \$225,000, for overtime related to SEAR (Special Event Assessment Rating) events.
2. The City Manager, or designee(s), to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONSENT AGENDA

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda items.

MOTION AND VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman McAllen made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 13. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

14. Receipt of Citizen Petitions

Request: Accept and acknowledge receipt of citizen petitions. Any member of the Council may make a motion, to be voted on by the Council, to: (1) Direct the City Manager to agendize the petition for further discussion; (2) direct the City Manager to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Council, with a copy to the petitioner; or (3) take no action.

Staff Contact(s): Ben Lane, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, blane@scottsdaleaz.gov

No citizen petitions were received.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

15. **Boards, Commissions, and Committees 2024 Annual Report Presentations**

Request: Presentations, discussion, and possible direction regarding key accomplishments, major actions Presentations, discussion, and possible direction regarding key accomplishments, major actions taken, upcoming opportunities, challenges, and/or outcomes of the following public bodies: Historic Preservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission, and Tourism Development Commission.

Staff Contact(s): Ben Lane, City Clerk, 480-312-2411, blane@scottsdaleaz.gov

Mayor Borowsky introduced the Boards, Commissions, and Committees 2024 Annual Report Presentations.

Historic Preservation Commission Chair Jay Panzer and Staff Representative Adam Yaron gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached).

Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- Appreciated the efforts of the Historic Preservation Commission members and staff.
- The Historic Preservation Commission's work is important and key to keeping Scottsdale special.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Eric Maschhaupt and Staff Representative Kevin McKee gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached).

Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- Appreciated the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Commission members and staff.
- Provided congratulations on the 65th anniversary of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Appreciated the social media posts that provide information on the City's parks and programs that are available to the public.
- Look forward to learning more of the Park's Master Plan and how it interacts with the City's 2019 Bond Program.
- The City's parks are award winning.

Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Chair Andrew Scheck and Staff Representative Tim Conner gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached).

Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- Appreciated the efforts of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission members and staff.
- Looking forward to reviewing the updated Shade and Tree Master Plan.
- Looking forward to next year's Environmental Awards presentation.

Tourism Development Commission Chair Anna Mineer and Staff Representatives Rachel Smetana and Steve Geiogamah gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached).

Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- Appreciated the efforts of the Tourism Development Commission members and staff.
- Look into possibility of allowing non-residents who work in the Scottsdale tourism field to serve as board members.
- Review event funding rules during the upcoming Work Study Session.
- Appreciated nonprofit participation and staff should investigate increasing consideration for those applications that include a nonprofit component.
- Appreciated Old Town quarterly updates and the City events.

WORK STUDY SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT – WORK STUDY SESSION

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on this item.

John Truitt, with the Arizona Department of Fire and Forestry Management, discussed partnering with the Scottsdale Fire Department, Chief Shannon's strategic plan for fire mitigation, and support for the Scottsdale Fire Department.

Sasha Weller, with the Scottsdale Firefighters Association, discussed the Scottsdale Fire Department's excellent leadership team, noting that employees get what they need and the Department's numerous volunteers are not put in hazardous situations.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on this item.

1. Scottsdale Wildfire Mitigation and Volunteer Efforts

Request: Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff related to fire mitigation prevention efforts utilizing fire retardant products approved and in use by the United States Forest Service and the expansion or status of volunteer efforts specific to proactive wildfire fuel mitigation efforts.

Presenter(s): Tom Shannon, Fire Chief

Staff Contact(s): Tom Shannon, Fire Chief, 480-312-1821, tshannon@scottsdaleaz.gov

Mayor Borowsky introduced the item and presented a video related to volunteer firefighting efforts in Los Angeles County, California.

Fire Chief Tom Shannon gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the Scottsdale Wildfire Mitigation and Volunteer Efforts.

Councilmembers made the following observations and suggestions:

- Thanked firefighters for attending the Work Study Session and noted appreciation for their efforts.
- Looking forward to reviewing the updated Natural Area Open Space (NAOS) ordinance.
- It is beneficial to use cadets and volunteers, as applicable, to provide home assessments of fire protection systems and related community services.
- The Scottsdale Fire Department should work with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy on NAOS issues.

- Many firefighters are eligible for retirement, and the City needs to be prepared to replace retiring firefighters.
- Periodic updates from the Fire Department to the City Council are beneficial.
- Volunteers also are needed at the Food Bank.
- Thanked Scottsdale voters for passing the 2019 Bond Election, noting it was very valuable as it provided the Fire Training Facility.
- Proposition 490 is fantastic as it will help protect the largest urban preserve in the nation from wildfire.
- NAOS updated ordinance will provide the ability to keep these areas in their natural state, while also providing the Fire Chief with authority to ensure that neighborhoods are also mitigating fire risks.
- Through an environmental impact study, fire-retardant long-term effects on ground and animal contamination should be studied.
- The Scottsdale Fire Department has come a long way and accomplished a great deal in a short period of time.
- Troon Golf has offered their golf course parking lots as Fire Department docking stations for wildfire events.
- Ordinances should be tightened for construction sites to lessen the chance that sparks could cause wildfires, and related fines should be increased.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Kwasman made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session. Councilwoman Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane, City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on _____

November 3, 2025

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 9th day of September 2025.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 3rd day of November 2025.



Ben Lane, City Clerk

2025 City of Scottsdale Update

The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy

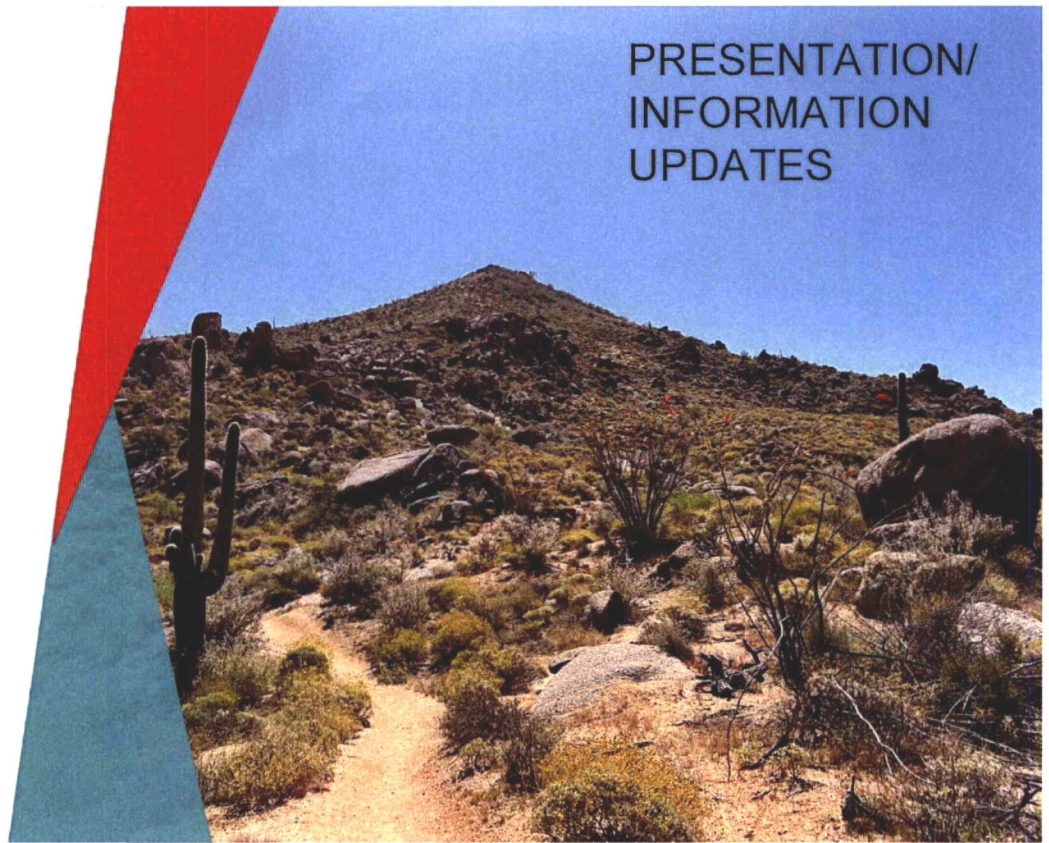
Mike Roberts
CEO (Interim)

9/9/2025

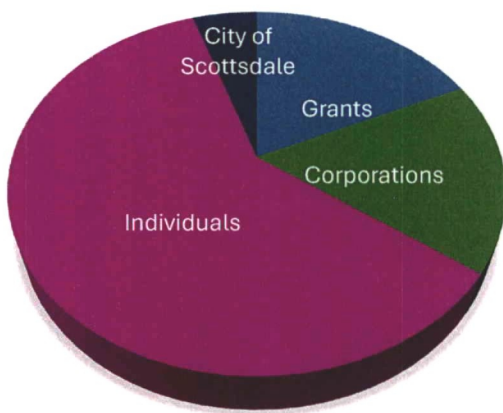


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PRESENTATION/ INFORMATION UPDATES



The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy



- Independent 501(c) 3 Non-Profit organization, 90% donor funded
- Volunteer driven, with professional staff
- Represent investment in Scottsdale and its future

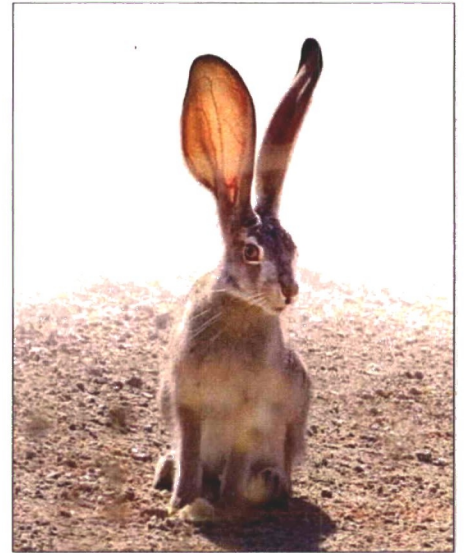


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Conservancy Vision & Mission

A thriving Sonoran Desert for future generations.

We lead conservation in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and enhance community well-being through stewardship, science, and education.



Our Home: The McDowell Sonoran Preserve

Very diverse but very fragile environment...



McDowell Sonoran Conservancy

On May 23rd, 1995, Scottsdale voters overwhelmingly approved a 30 year sales tax to fund land purchases for the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve.



Stewards

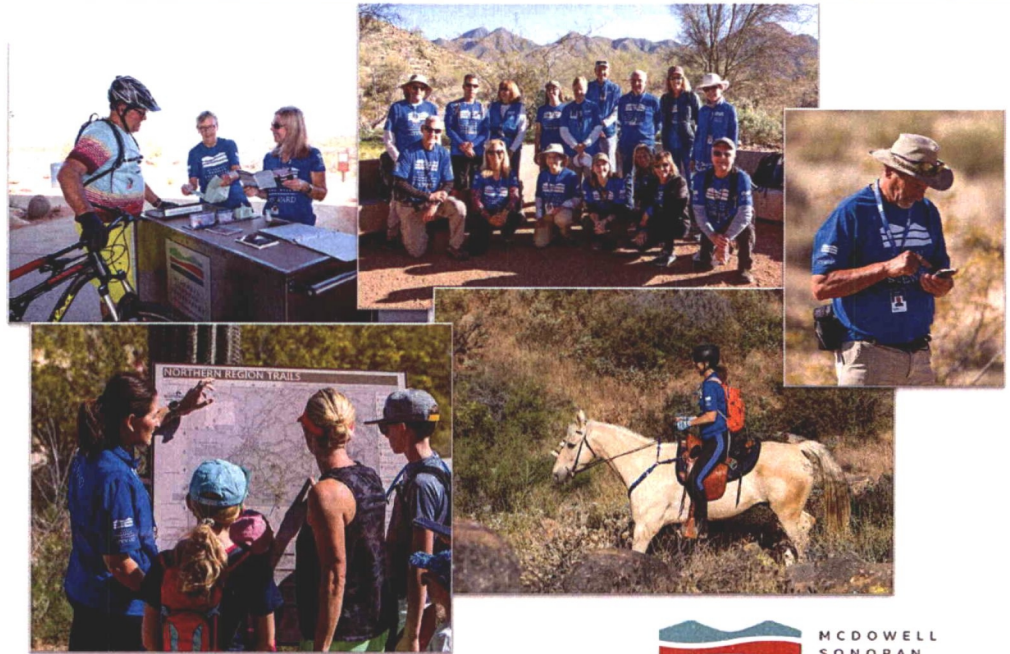
- 650+ Volunteer Stewards
- Over 72,000 hours of service last year (Over \$2.4m in labor value to City)
- 130,000 visitors contacted every year (More than 1 in 5 of everyone who visits Preserve)
- Offer guided hikes, walks and bike rides with educational focus
- Face of the City and Conservancy



Experts at Trailheads and on the Trails

Enhancing visitor experience:

Education and guidance to enjoy the Preserve safely and to respect and appreciate this natural wonder.



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ALERT WEATHER >

NONPROFIT EDUCATES OTHERS ABOUT HEAT DANGERS

STEWARDS AT THE MCDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY SPEAK WITH HIKERS ON HOT DAYS

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YEAR SAT 110°/90° SUN 110°/89° MON 111°/89°

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FORECAST

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SUN 84°/56°

MON 87°/55°

Conservancy – extensive studies at the core

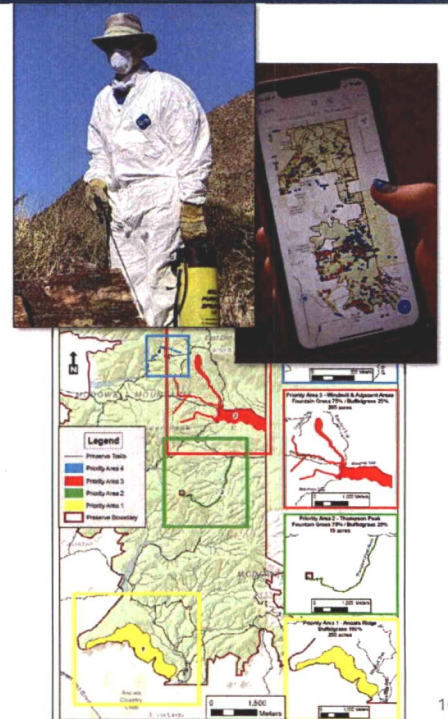
10 Ongoing Science Projects:

- Tracking health of plants and animals
- Restoring burned or impacted land
- Mitigating invasive species, like Stinknet
- Wildlife cameras to monitor animal populations
- Train and mobilize Citizen Scientists



Mitigating Invasive Species

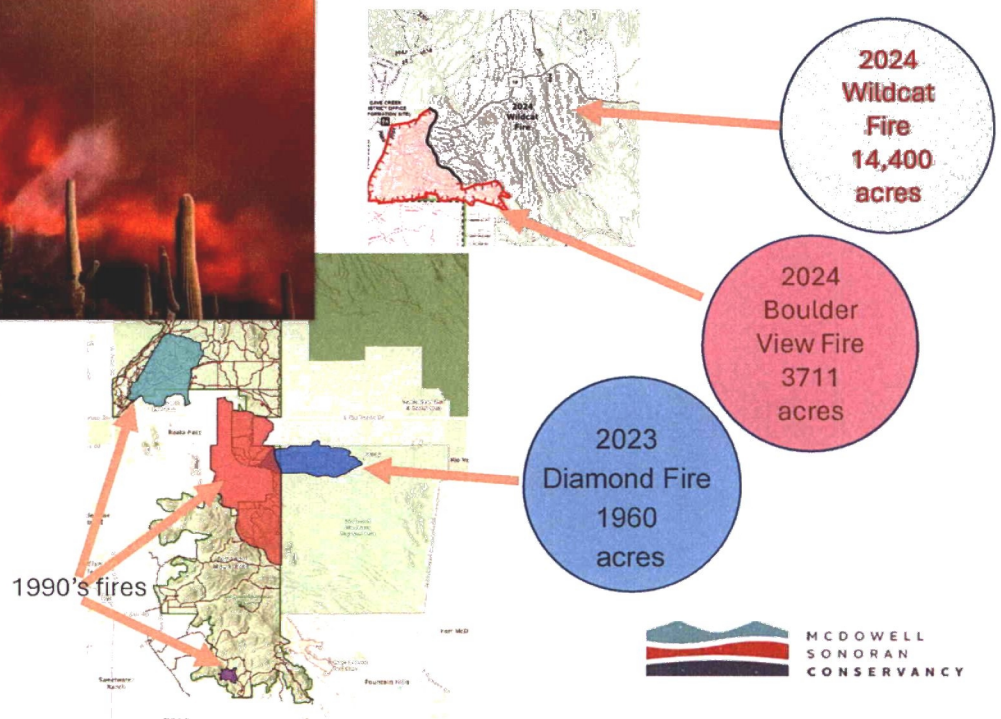
- Map and identify locations
- Identify effective ways to remove
- Monitor areas which have been cleared
- Publish results for other agencies



Unfortunately, fires are getting more frequent



Reasons include
invasives and
human activity



Burned or degraded area restoration

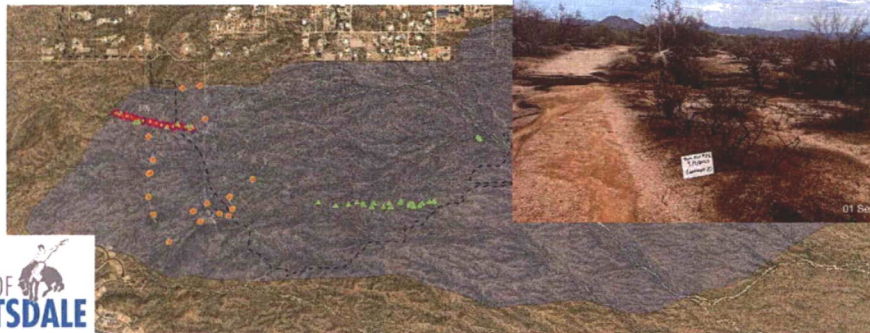
- Harvest native seeds
- Seedball making workshops
- Thousands thrown into burned areas



200+ Saguaros grown
from seed at
Scottsdale
Community College

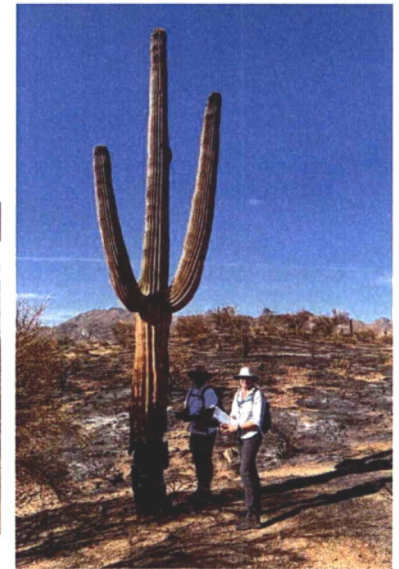
Monitoring Recovery

- Saguaro & cacti
- Photo plots with individual Saguaros & trees
- Drone transects



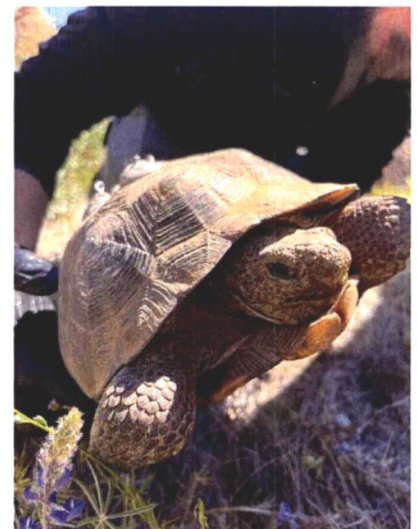
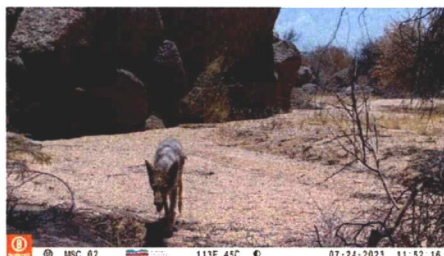
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Animal population and movement studies

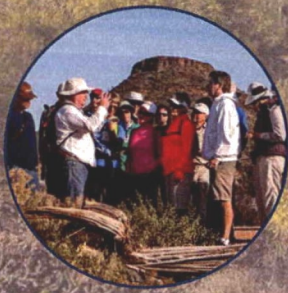


Long term monitoring of key species

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The Conservancy sharing our knowledge of the Sonoran Desert

- Natural and Human History
From Geology to Ancient People, to Plants & Animals
- Experiencing the desert safely
- Youth Education



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Beyond the Preserve

Enhancing community experience

- Partnerships based upon sustainability strategies and community goals
- Bringing deeper understanding to the experience of the desert
- Enhancing the Scottsdale experience for visitors, whether companies or individuals



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Thank You!

Learn more about our work and how to support us!

mcdowellsonoran.org

Mike Roberts
miker@McDowellSonoran.org



Historic Preservation Commission

2024 Annual Report

City Council Regular Meeting
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Chair Jay Panzer
Commission Liaison Adam Yaron



Commission Purpose and Makeup

The Commission consists of seven (7) members appointed by City Council to:

- Protect and preserve historic and archaeological resources
- Maintain the Scottsdale Historic Register
- Review changes to historic properties
- Recommend HP District rezonings to the Planning Commission and City Council
- Oversee incentive programs for historic properties
- Advise on preservation matters and other City Council directives



Titus House, 1310 North Hayden Road
Constructed c. 1892



2024 Key Accomplishments/Major Actions Taken

1. Reviewed and acted on Certificate of Appropriateness requests for HP-zoned properties
2. Developed and adopted Historic Plaque Guidelines to ensure consistent recognition of designated properties
3. Created a Historic Preservation Outreach Plan to improve public awareness and engagement
4. Expanded participation in the City's annual G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event
5. Facilitated a coordination meeting with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to strengthen collaboration



Upcoming Opportunities, Challenges, or Outcomes

The Commission will continue to:

- Promote public awareness of Scottsdale's heritage
- Identify and recognize historic and cultural resources
- Protect buildings and sites that reflect the city's past

Key focus areas moving forward:

- Program Administration – Improve HRER processes
- Advocacy – Support preservation efforts through local and state partnerships
- Outreach – Expand engagement with residents and community groups



Historic Preservation Commission

Questions, Comments, Feedback



Parks and Recreation Commission

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Commission Purpose and Makeup

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to advise the City Council on:

- The acquisition of lands and facilities for use as parks or recreation centers
- The operation, use, care and maintenance of these parks and recreation areas

Starting in July 2025, the Parks and Recreation Commission also now serves as the citizens' oversight committee for the implementation of the 2025 0.15% Tax as it relates to the use of revenues for all park improvements, capital projects, and master plans.



Commission Purpose and Makeup

- The Parks and Recreation Commission consists of seven (7) members appointed at-large by the City Council
- The Commission just celebrated 65 years since establishment in 1960



Key Accomplishments/Major Actions Taken

- 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Indian School Park Site Master Plan
- Approved pilot fees for Scottsdale Stadium's First Base Patio



Upcoming Opportunities, Challenges, or Outcomes

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- Parks & Preserve Sales Tax Improvements
- Bond 2019 Projects
- 2024 Master Plan Goals and Visionary Projects



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Questions, Comments, Feedback?



Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)

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Chair Andrew Scheck
Commission Liaison Tim Conner



Commission Purpose and Responsibilities

SEAC's purpose is to advise City Council on issues relating to the protection, preservation, conservation, restoration and enhancement of the environment in Scottsdale.

- Recommendations on policies, programs, codes and ordinances that promote environmental quality
- Supports education and outreach efforts
- Identifies opportunities for partnerships and innovation
- Accepts applications for and selects recipients of the City's environmental award programs



Commission Composition

SEAC consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council

SEAC's membership reflects both scientific and nonscientific interests and includes:

- Representatives with professional backgrounds in environmental fields*
- Representatives from the business community and community-at-large*

** No specificity on number of commission positions that must have this requirement.*



2024 Key Accomplishments/Major Actions Taken

- Provided input, feedback, and recommendations to City Council during development of Scottsdale's Community Sustainability Plan
- Redesigned the Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program and selected R.City as the 2024 award honoree



2024 Sustainable Scottsdale Award Recipient,
R.City



Upcoming Opportunities, Challenges, or Outcomes₅

- **WATER:** Recommendations to City Council regarding water conservation strategies
- **REUSE, RECYCLE:** Recommendation to City Council regarding Scottsdale's participation in Goodwill's Monitored Donation Container Pilot Program to give usable household goods and clothing a second life, thereby reducing the City's refuse collection and disposal costs
- **HEAT:** Review the forthcoming Shade and Tree Plan and support efforts to enhance shade throughout the city
- **GRANTS:** Recommendations to City Council about potential funding opportunities for municipal water conservation, heat mitigation, and energy efficiency measures



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Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission

Questions, Comments, Feedback



Tourism Development Commission

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Board Purpose and Makeup

The purpose of the Tourism Development Commission is to act as an advisory board to the city council on matters concerning the expenditure of revenues from the Special Revenue Fund for Tourism Development designated for tourism development.

The Tourism Development Commission consists of seven (7) members; including four (4) Scottsdale hoteliers, and the balance from other elements of the tourism industry. The Tourism Development Commission members are appointed by City Council and serve three-year terms.



Key Accomplishments/Major Actions Taken

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- Tourism Development Fund Budget Review
- Experience Scottsdale's Strategic Business Plan and performance measures
- Foster support of local non-profits through funding application process
- Encourage more events to seek external sponsorship funding



Opportunities

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- Include Council feedback in the event funding review and recommendation process.
- Consider Budget Review Commission input as part of the annual budget development discussions.

Challenges

- Requests for event funding on the rise in number and amount.
- Commission membership - busy hospitality industry leaders



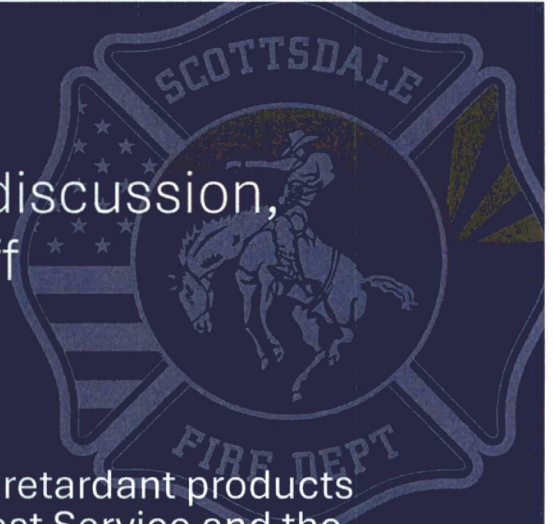
Questions, Comments, Feedback?



Item WS01

Agenda Item: Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff

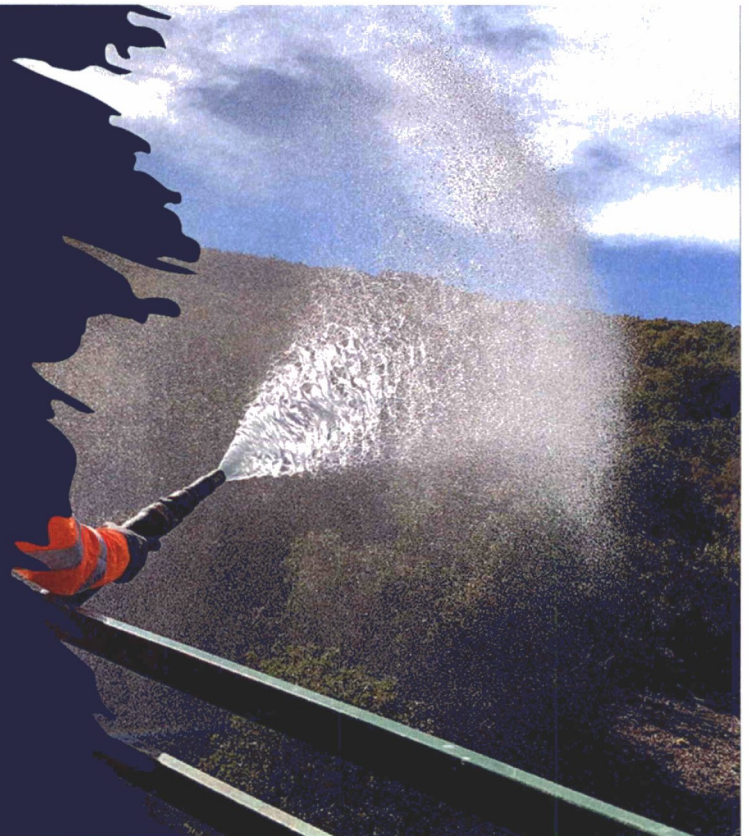
- “fire mitigation prevention efforts utilizing fire retardant products approved and in use by the United States Forest Service and the expansion or status of volunteer efforts specific to proactive wildfire fuel mitigation efforts.”



Emerging methodologies

Ground applied retardant

- Chemically treat fuels to make them less combustible (long-term retardant)
- Maximize available water supply (foam and water enhancer/gel)
- Improve efficiency of water (foam and water enhancer/gel)
- Reduce fire intensities (retardant, foam and water enhancer)





The background of the slide features a large, semi-transparent Maltese cross logo of the Scottsdale Fire Department. The cross is dark blue with a lighter blue outline. Inside the cross, there is a circular emblem containing a silhouette of a firefighter on horseback. The words "SCOTTSDALE" and "FIRE DEPT" are visible on the upper and lower arms of the cross, respectively. The background is a solid dark blue.

- Volunteers)

Activities

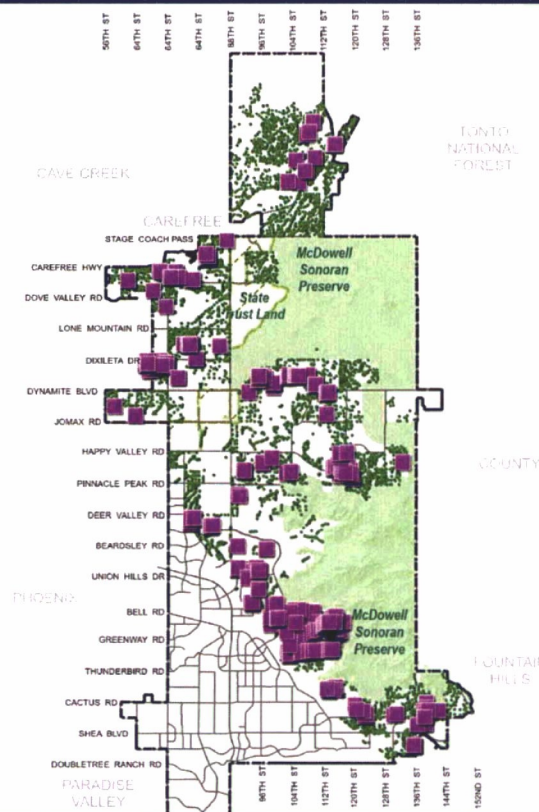
- Administrative & Clerical Support
- Community Outreach & Education
- Event Planning & Support
- Fire Prevention & Fireground Support (Hazard Zone)
- Public Relations & Fundraising Support

- **30%-Cadets-** Potential firefighters, drill twice a month, ride along for exposure to the work, special events, promotions, affiliated events, etc....
- **60%- Prevention-** These volunteers are very active daily, trail heads, smoke alarms, lockboxes, Home Safe Home, Haz Veg, car seats & admin help.
- **10%-Inactive or volunteer annually** (e.g. Toy Drive collection,

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- Community Outreach & Education
- Logistics & Support
- Rehabilitation & Fireground Support (Non-Hazard Zone)
- Training Support
- Technology & Communications
- Public Relations & Fundraising



- Issues (380)
- No Issues (7,489)

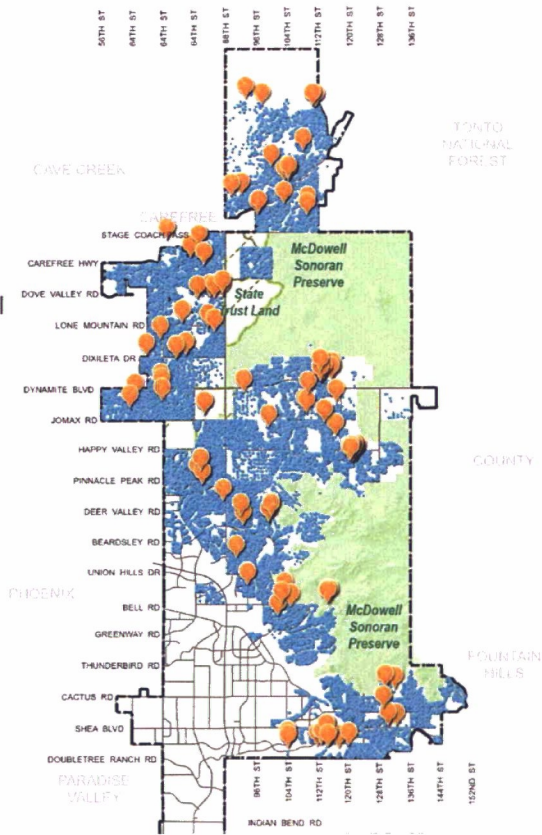


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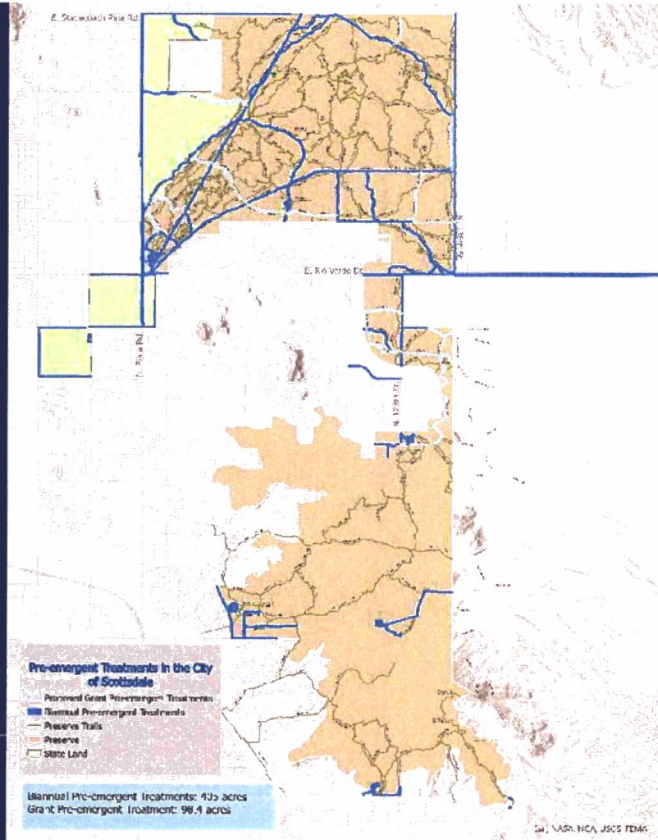
34,832 Residential
Sites Visited

- Issues (119)
- No Issues (34,713)



Questions?





From: [Caton, Greg](#)
 To: [Lane, Benjamin](#); [Shannon, Thomas - FD263](#)
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 Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 6:26:20 PM

FYI

Greg Caton
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Lisa,

I fully support your suggestion regarding a volunteer Fire Brigade. I recently returned from Pennsylvania and during that visit we stayed at a Country Inn Hotel. Our first evening there resulted in the fire department being called due to suspicious odor throughout the building. The fire department was called. About 9 to 10 firemen responded. I learned during my conversation with them that they were **ALL volunteers!!!** I was so impressed with their professionalism and service. The entire state of **Pennsylvania ONLY has volunteer fire fighters**. They are required to take a number of training hours, pass tests, etc. The result is that the state has lower taxes and community involvement. What a wonderful program. AND the fire fighters love it and are so proud of their involvement!!! I sincerely hope your suggestion for a Fire Brigade will go forward in Scottsdale. Everyone wins!!!!
 Scottsdale Citizen and voter,
 Nancy Doty Brady
 5461 N. 78th Street