

March Focus: Parks, Open Space, Trails



The next General Plan public meeting is scheduled for March 7th, 2013 in the City of Coolidge Council Chambers located at 911 S. Arizona Blvd. The topic of the meeting will be one of the most important of the planning process and what will set the City of Coolidge apart from other communities in terms of quality of life.

Parks, Open Space and Trails are important components of a healthy and desirable City. Many of us enjoy the quiet solitude of our own private back yard where we can socialize with friends and neighbors or have time to ourselves. Other residents depend on property management companies to

provide and maintain these outdoor spaces within apartment complexes, townhomes or other higher density neighborhoods.

Our children enjoy active outdoor play areas at the local schools during their recess where they interact with coaches, teachers and other school children.

As we plan our City, where are the best locations to provide these important community facilities? What are the various sizes and types of parks and what do they offer in recreational amenities? Where is the best location for the much larger regional parks and how will the parks interconnect through

a system of open space trails? What opportunities exist in the planning area for trail systems that can be used by pedestrians, equestrians or cyclists?

Parks and Recreation Director Ricky LaPaglia will overview our current parks and recreation facilities and will engage participants on how we can improve and expand these amenities as the City of Coolidge continues to develop.

Be sure to participate in one of the most exciting areas of this General Plan 2025 process. If you are unable to participate, please continue to follow the discussion and development of the plan on the City of Coolidge website.

Get Involved! General Plan Event Calendar:

2013

- January 15:** Kick-off Meeting/Land Use
- February 7:** Circulation
- March 7:** Open Space
- April 4:** Growth Areas
- May 2:** Cost of Development
- June 6:** Water Resources
- July 11:** Environmental Elements
- August:** Land Use Final Draft
- September:** Circulation Final Draft
- October:** Open Space Final Draft
- November:** Growth Areas Final Draft
- December:** Water Resources Final Draft

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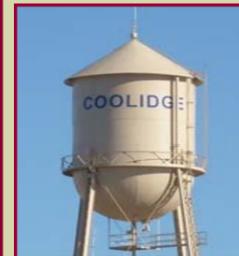
- January:** Environmental Final Draft
- February:** Development Cost Final Draft
- March:** Begin 60 Day Review Process
May 5: 60 Day Review Ends
- May 7:** Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing @ City Council Chambers
- May 14:** Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing @ Coolidge Library
- June 9:** City Council Review
- June 23:** City Council Adoption
- June 23:** Begin 120 Day Waiting Period
- November 4:** VOTE!!

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CITY OF COOLIDGE
GENERAL PLAN

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Open Space Meeting
March 7 @ 6:00pm
City Council Chambers



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The Planning Process Continues...

Public participation during the February 7, General Plan 2025 meeting was down some from the initial kick-off meeting in January. Growth Management Director Rick Miller reported that the attendance typically tapers off as the planning process moves forward and the public has a better understanding of what is taking place and why. There were also a number of other activities going on that limited the attendance and Miller expects that the March topic will generate a larger group of participants because of the interest in Parks, Open Space and Trails.

The February topic, Circulation, prompted some interesting discussion during the evening. The City of Coolidge Mayor and City



Council adopted a Master Thoroughfare Plan in June of last year. This transportation planning document set the stage for the evening's discussion which began with a presentation by Transportation Planner Jim Townsend of Wilson & Associates. The City's Master Thoroughfare Plan is available on the City of Coolidge Website for those interested in how the City's systems of streets will function as the community builds out over time. The plan's largest street classification is the "parkway" followed by principle arterial, minor arterial, industrial collector and residential collector in size and carrying capacity.



Planning participants discussed the type of street system that would eventually connect Interstate 10 to the West of the City with the proposed North/South freeway corridor that has received so much attention in recent years. The initial concept is to use the "parkway" concept as the major east/west route connecting these two interstates and this parkway would likely follow the Kleck Road alignment.

In addition to the motor vehicle routes discussions, the topic of non-motorized facilities came up. Sidewalks and bike lanes are an important element of the street system and will be planned along all future routes. There are several locations in the developed part of the City that are currently void of sidewalks and ideas should be presented for the future installation of these sidewalks connecting neighborhoods with schools and other community services.



2025 General Plan

Draft Land Use Plan v20130212



Hydrology

- River
- Wash
- Canal

Transportation Study Roads

- Minor Arterial
- Collector
- Commercial Collector
- Principal Arterial
- Parkway
- Preferred North/South Alignment
- Proposed Interchange

2025 Draft Land Use

- Agriculture - 18,571.24 Acres / 29.02 SqMi
- Rural - 30,626.56 Acres / 47.85 SqMi
- Neighborhood - 23,681.17 Acres / 37.00 SqMi
- Downtown Core - 353.64 Acres / 0.55 SqMi
- Business/Commerce - 6,167.56 Acres / 9.64 SqMi
- Industrial - 12,032.03 Acres / 18.80 SqMi

