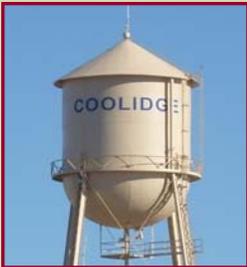


- Growth Areas Meeting
April 4 @ 6:00pm
City Council Chambers



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Citizens Share Ideas on Parks, Opens Space, & Trails

The Coolidge General Plan 2025 process entered into its third month with the public offering suggestions about Parks, Open Space and Trails. Representatives of the Coolidge Youth Commission stepped up and offered some excellent suggestions knowing that this plan represents a picture of Coolidge's future.



Parks and Recreation Director Ricky LaPaglia opened the meeting with an excellent presentation that demonstrates why the City of Coolidge is one of the few rural communities in Arizona that has achieved the national designation of Playful City, USA.



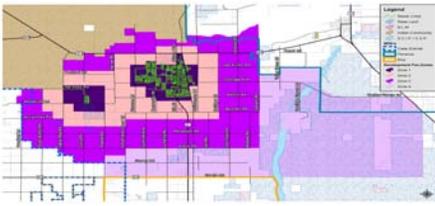
Following the presentation, the participants reviewed a comprehensive list of parks and recreation needs that should be considered as



the City continues to grow. Each person selected their three top choices from the comprehensive list and the following recreational needs received votes in order from highest to lowest number of votes:

1. Pool/Water Park Facility
2. New Library
3. Golf Course
4. YMCA/Boy's and Girl's Club
5. Hiking Trail / Community Garden (tie)
6. Regional Park
7. Community Center / Adopt-a-Park / Community Lake (tie)
8. Archery Facility / Dog Park (tie)
9. Gymnasium / Bike Paths (tie)





April Focus: Growth Areas



The City of Coolidge is located in the epicenter of one of the Country's fastest growing regions. The local area got a taste of the growth potential during the last real estate boom that came to a sudden end in 2007 when the housing bubble burst.

The planning area boundary identified in the General Plan 2025 "draft" land use plan is approximately 143 square miles. Of this total land area, approximately 10.5 square miles are located within the limits of the existing wastewater collection system. The City of Coolidge encourages infill development in this primary growth area where wastewater collection infrastructure is

currently in place and the cost to serve new growth is reduced as compared to serving development further away from existing infrastructure.

There are influences that could cause development to occur beyond the limits of the City's current infrastructure. Affordable larger land holdings in close proximity to Interstate 10 and State Route 287 could entice development away from the historic core area. During the last real estate boom, the City of Coolidge approved several Planned Area Development zoning requests on large land holdings that are well removed from existing infrastructure.

The Growth Areas Element of the General Plan -2025 will provide the City of Coolidge with a set of goals, policies and objectives on new development and to establish a framework which will guarantee the provision of adequate levels of service in response to the demands from this new growth.

During the April meeting, participants will review and comment on a draft map depicting four growth areas that has been prepared by the growth management department and will discuss some general goals that will be used to guide new growth during the next real estate boom.

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

2014

- 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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