



# PROTECT AND PRESERVE SCOTTSDALE TASK FORCE

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## UPDATE TO COUNCIL

September 5, 2023

# PROTECT AND PRESERVE SCOTTSDALE TASK FORCE MEMBERS

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Cynthia Wenstrom (Chair)

Carla

Nicholas Hartmann

Daniel Schweiker

John Zikias

Raoul Zubia (Vice Chair)

James Eaneman

Jace McKeighan

Mark Winkleman

# BACKGROUND

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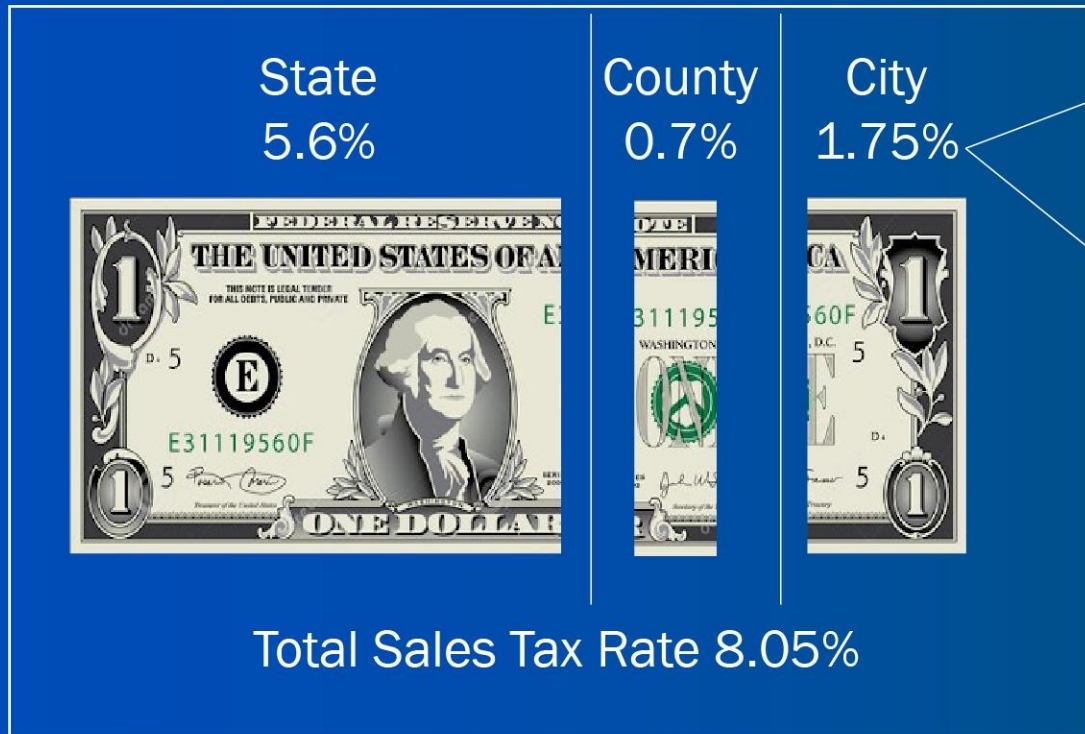
**Nov 2021** - Voters approve Scottsdale's General Plan 2035

including elements and goals for the protection and preservation of Scottsdale's open spaces as part of quality of life.

**2022** - Council establishes priority to consider renewing a 0.2% sales tax set to expire in 2025, to fund certain elements of the General Plan

primarily for perpetual maintenance, protection and preservation of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Indian Bend Wash, open space, public safety and other needs.

# RENEWING 0.2% TAX AT OR BELOW 0.2% DOES NOT INCREASE TOTAL TAX RATE



- 0.2% of the 1.75% expires in June 2025
- Renewing 0.2% in July 2025 does not increase City's total tax rate of 1.75%

# CREATION OF THE TASK FORCE

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**Sept 2022** – Council Resolution No. 12532 established the Protect and Preserve Scottsdale Task Force and mission

**Dec 2022** – 9 citizen members selected and appointed by Council to the Task Force representing Northern, Central and Southern Scottsdale

**Jan 2023** – Council Resolution No. 12722 established a Work Plan for the Task Force

# TASK FORCE MISSION

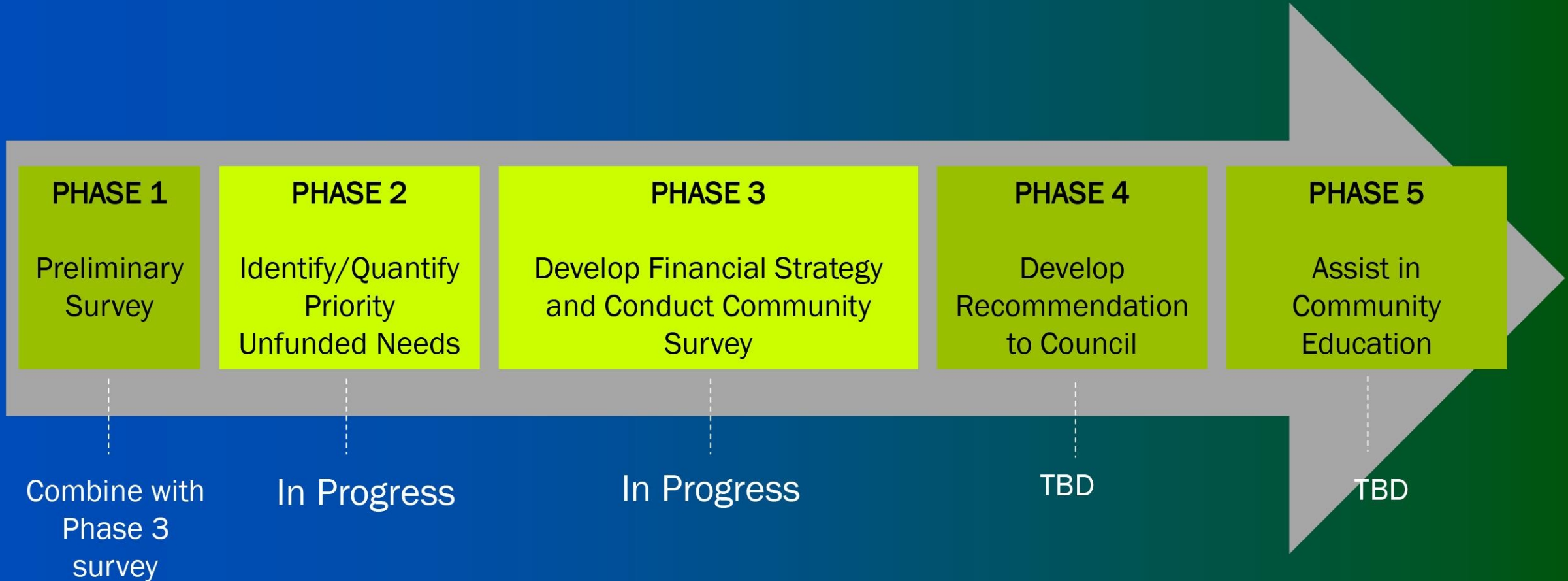
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## Council Resolution No. 12532

To serve in an advisory capacity to City Council to develop a recommendation to City Council on a financial strategy to protect and preserve Scottsdale's open spaces and quality of life, through identifying and quantifying the unfunded needs for the protection, preservation and perpetual maintenance of the City's open spaces (e.g., Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt and McDowell Sonoran Preserve), public safety and other needs.



# COUNCIL ADOPTED WORK PLAN



# 14 MEETINGS HELD TO-DATE TO STUDY UNFUNDED NEEDS

## From February to August

- *Indian Bend Wash and other public parks*
- *McDowell Sonoran Preserve maintenance*
- *Fire mitigation in wildland urban interface*
- *Police activities in public parks and Preserve*
- Human Services activities in public parks
- Art in open spaces
- WestWorld





# RESTORE AGED INDIAN BEND WASH PARKS

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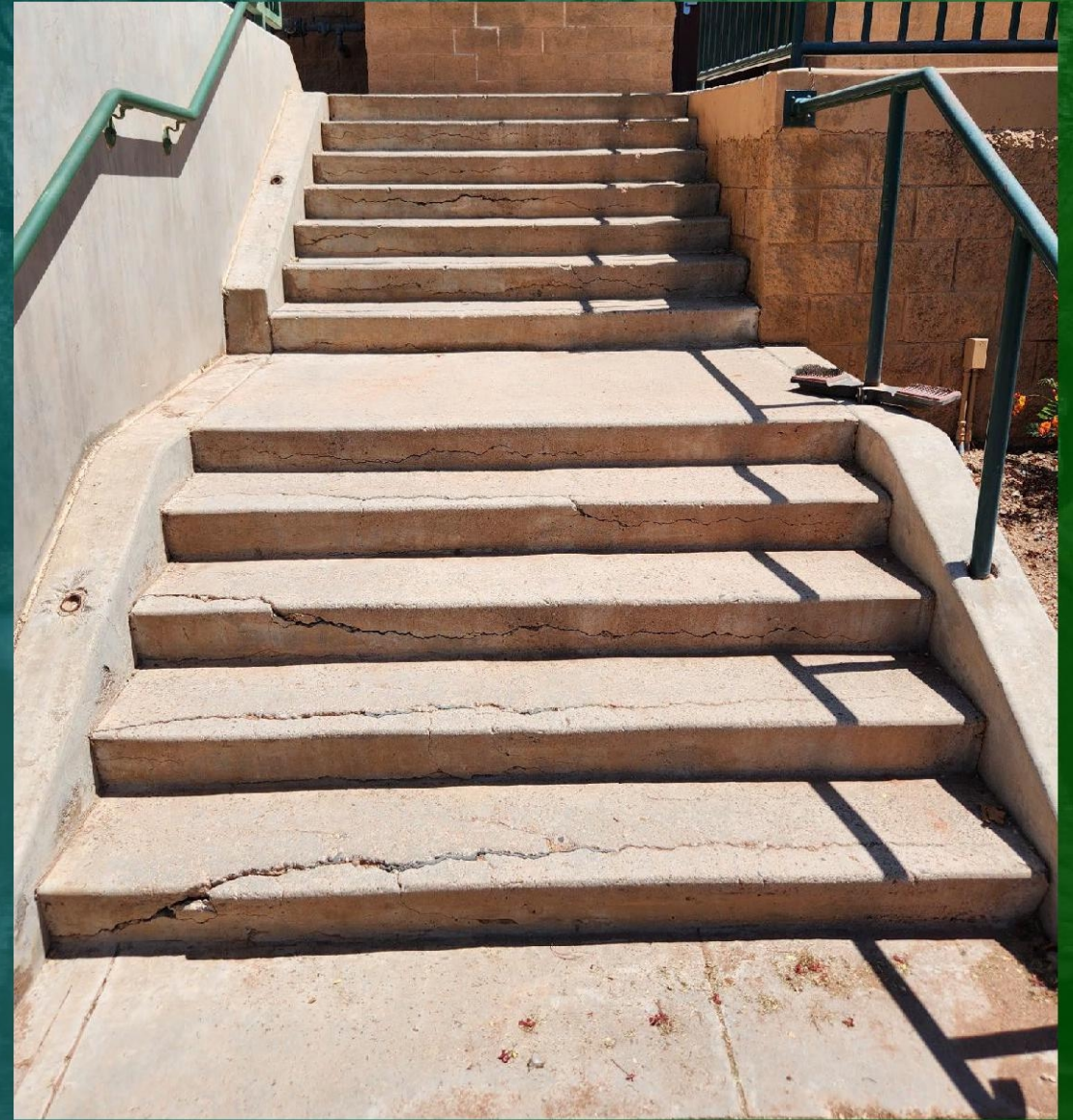
Deterioration from Age  
Master Plan Improvements  
Life Cycle Replacements

## 5 Indian Bend Wash Parks

- Vista Del Camino Park 52 yrs old
- Eldorado Park 56 yrs old
- Indian School Park 43 yrs old
- Camelback Park 20 yrs old
- Chaparral Park 50 yrs old



Turf Deterioration at Chaparral Park



Concrete Cracks at Indian School Park

# Scottsdale Parks Systems

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Indian Bend Wash Parks

● System wide deferred maintenance - **Unfunded**

● Vista Del Camino and El Dorado Parks (Indian Bend Wash Master Plan Thomas - McKellips)

- Lakes and Irrigation – **Funded by Bond 2019**

- Other Master Plan improvements - **Unfunded**

● Indian School Park Improvements\* - **Unfunded**

Chaparral Park Improvements - **Unfunded**

Camelback Park Improvements - **Unfunded**

# PROTECT & PRESERVE MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE

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Critical and High Priority

- Dedicated funding needed to expand maintenance, protection and preservation



# MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE EXPAND PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION EFFORTS

- Daily maintenance and operations
- Preservation and education
- Habitat protection
- Cultural history protection



# PRIORITIZE FIRE MITIGATION

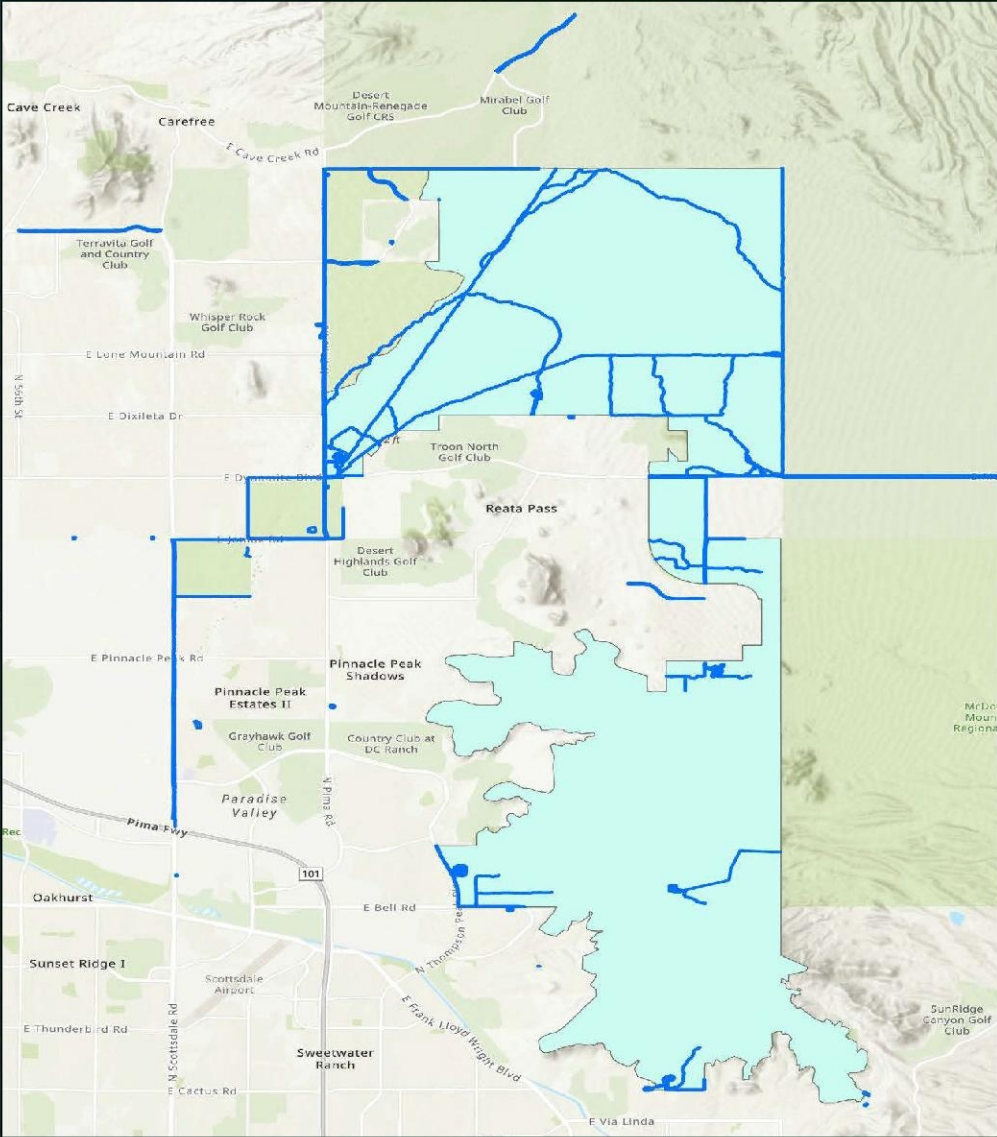
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Critical and High Priority

- Expansion of fuels mitigation treatments needed



# Proposed Fire Mitigation Treatments

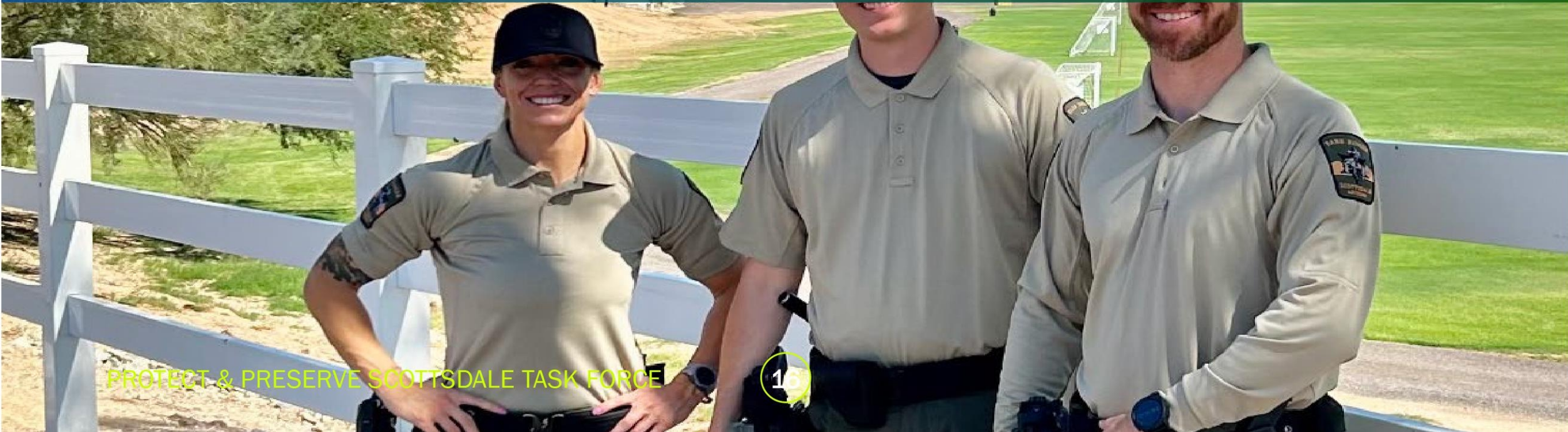


# ENHANCE PARK AND PRESERVE SECURITY

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Critical and High Priority

- Expand ranger units
- Bicycle and equestrian patrol
- Additional park-based cameras needed



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# ADDRESS WEST WORLD NEEDS

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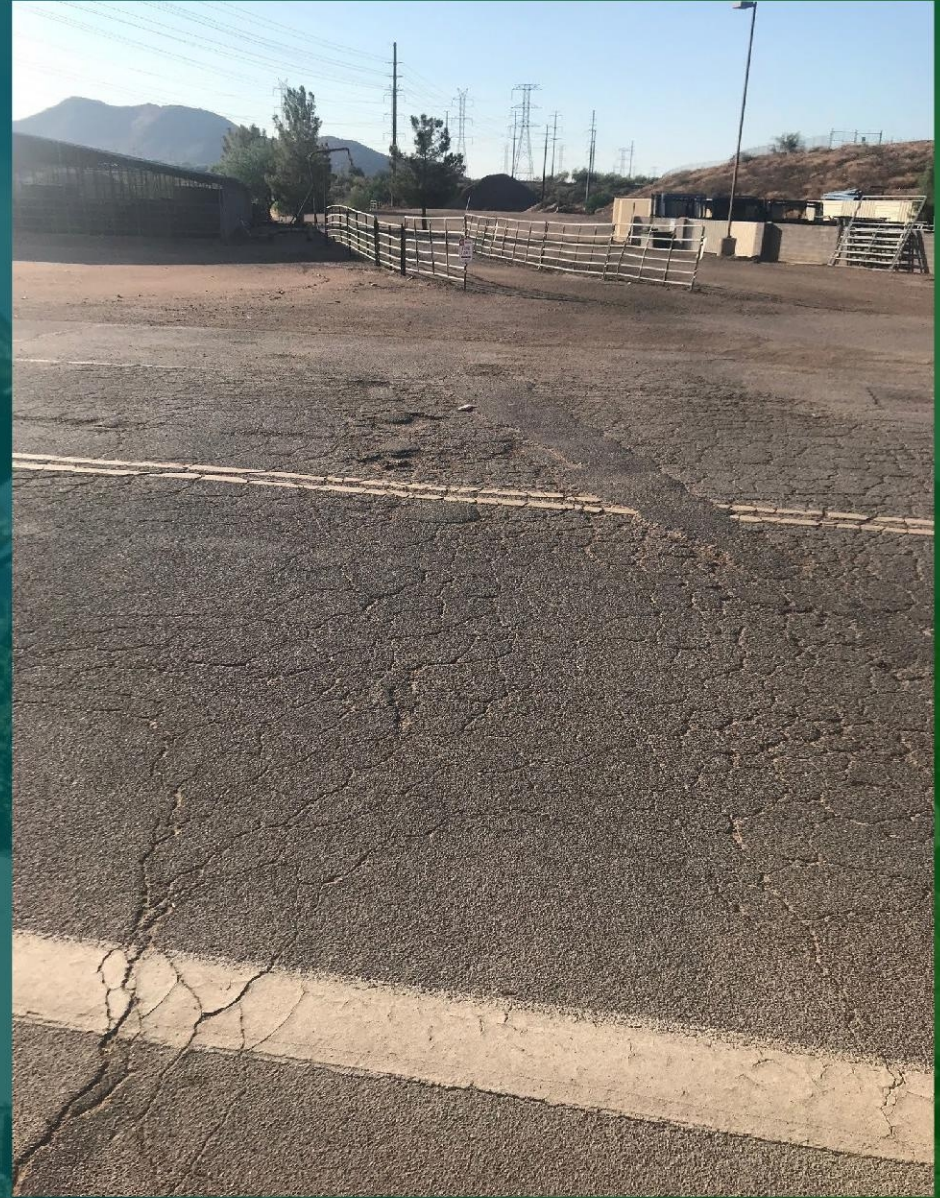
Significant and Critical Economic Engine  
for City

- Drainage improvements
- Parking lot improvements
- Paving of South Hall
- Covers for Arenas 6 & 7
- Resurfacing Polo Fields perimeter road





West World Flooding



West World Pavement Cracks

# SUMMARY OF UNFUNDED NEEDS

## Annual Operating Needs

- Indian Bend Wash and Other Public Parks
- McDowell Sonoran Preserve
- Fire Mitigation
- Police Park Rangers

## Capital Improvement Needs

- 5 Indian Bend Wash Parks
- West World

# TARGET KEY DATES

**By Jan. 2024**

Task Force to make recommendation to Council

**Between Feb. - May 2024**

Council to consider possible ballot language

**Nov. 5 2024**

Election Day

**Jun. 2024**

Ballot language due to County



QUESTIONS ?

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DIRECTIONS FOR TASK FORCE ?