



TOWN OF CAREFREE

GENERAL PLAN 10-YEAR UPDATE

Community Workshop #4 OPEN SPACE

July 17, 2023

Introduction – What We’ve Heard on Open Space

SURVEY RESULTS

- Choose to live in Carefree – Proximity to natural open space (73%, Second highest response)
- Current issues to address – Natural open space and resource preservation (90%, Essential to Very Important)
- Long-term issues to address – Open Space preservation (81%, Top response)

EXISTING GP GOAL ANALYSIS

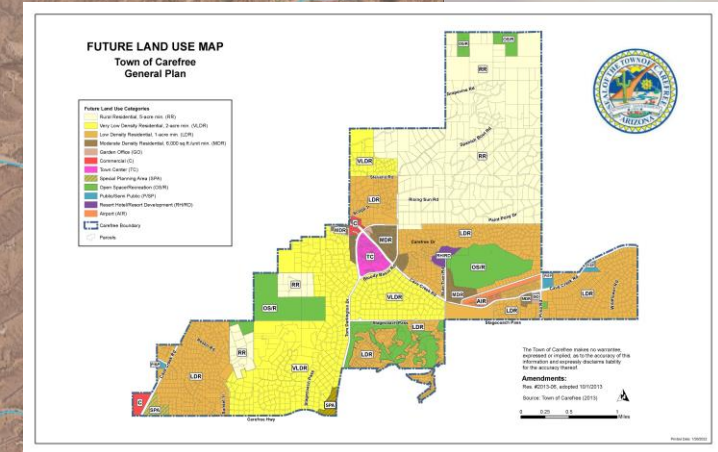
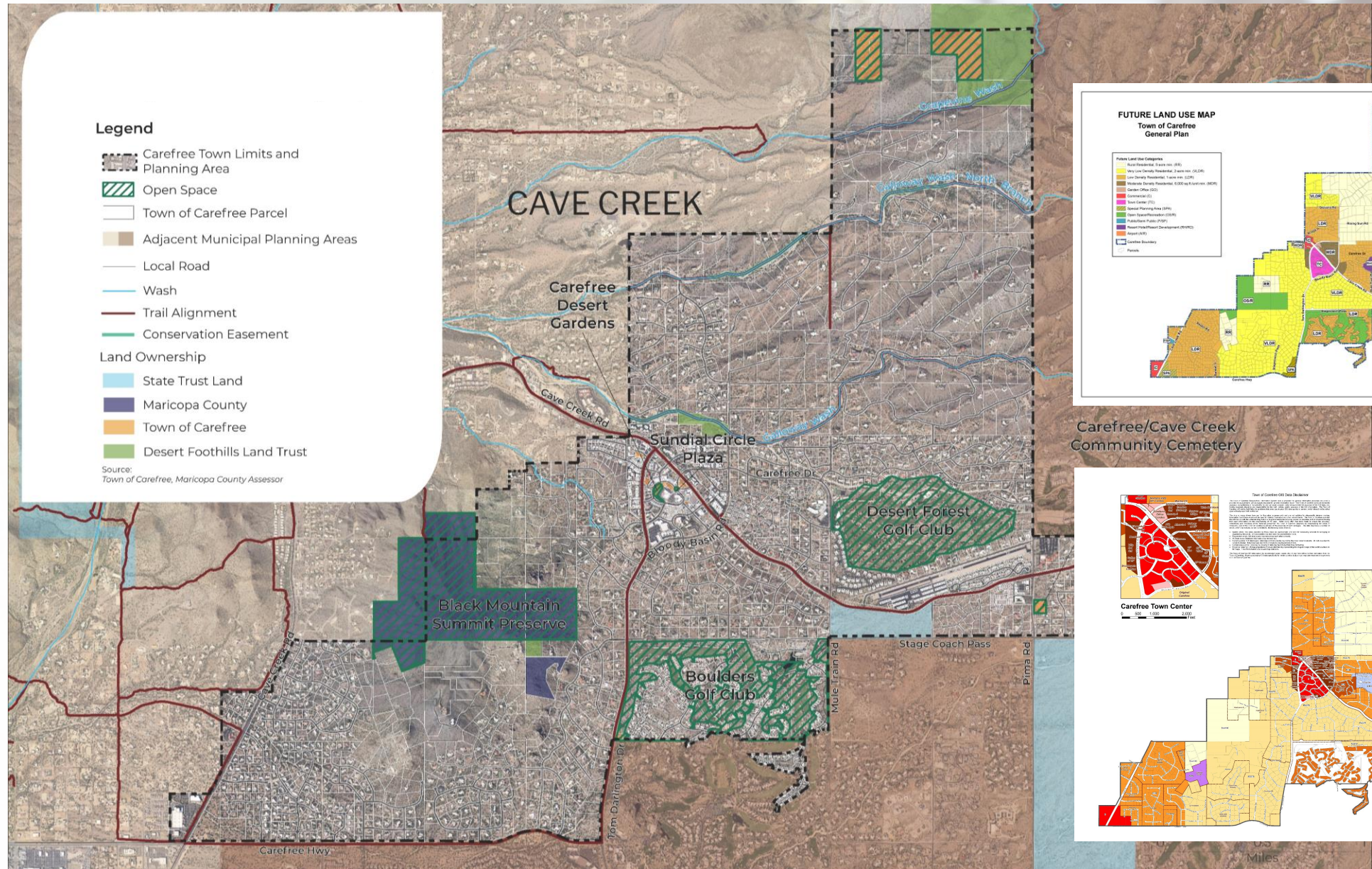
Element	Goal	Keep	Remove	Revise
Open Space Element	Goal 1. Preserve property with environmentally sensitive features.	33	0	6
Open Space Element	Goal 2. Increase the Town’s inventory of natural open space preserves.	31	2	9
Open Space Element	Goal 3. Increase the Town’s inventory of active open space and recreational resources.	29	3	5
Open Space Element	Goal 4. Support management of open space and recreation resources in the region.	34	2	3

TELL US MORE THEMES – NATURAL OPEN SPACE

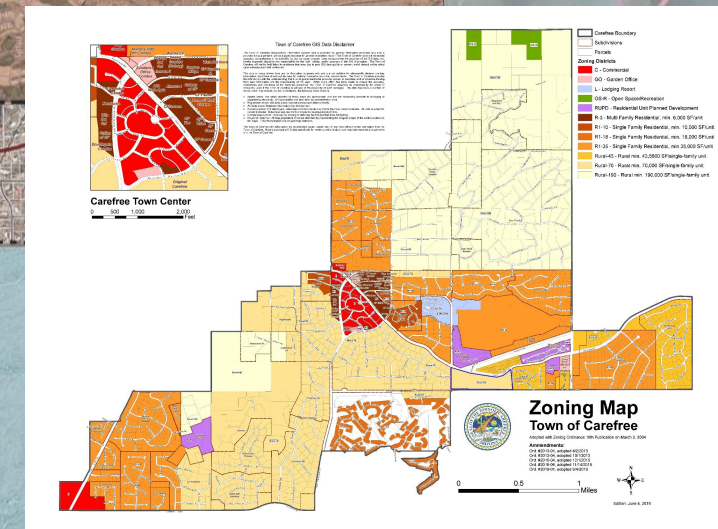
- Preserve 48 Ac Trust Land: walking, biking (+)
- Park with more outdoor activities: pickle ball, dog park
- Preserve corner of Carefree Hwy and Tom Darlington
- Restrict development of new homes
- Balance development with preservation



Introduction – What We Know on Open Space



Carefree/Cave Creek Community Cemetery



Meeting Purpose

1. What does “open space” mean to you?
2. What open space areas are most important in Carefree?
3. How do we plan for a future that addresses open space in Carefree?



Meeting Outline

AGENDA

- Introduction (10-min)
- Arizona State Land Department Presentation – Karen Dada (15-min)
- Brief Question & Answer Discussion (15-min)
- Workshop Format Review (5-min)
- Workshop Breakout (45-min)



State Trust Land in Carefree

July 17, 2023



Presented by:
Karen Dada, AICP
Manager, ASLD Planning & Engineering

What is State Trust Land?

Where is State Trust Land?

What's happening in your area?

ASLD online resources

Q&A



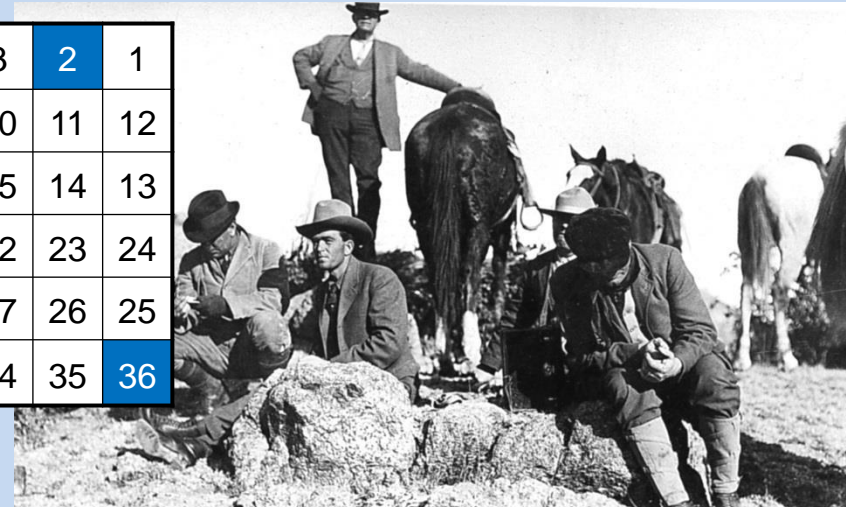
What is State Trust Land?

State Trust land is:

Land that was granted to Arizona by the federal government in preparation for Arizona's statehood.



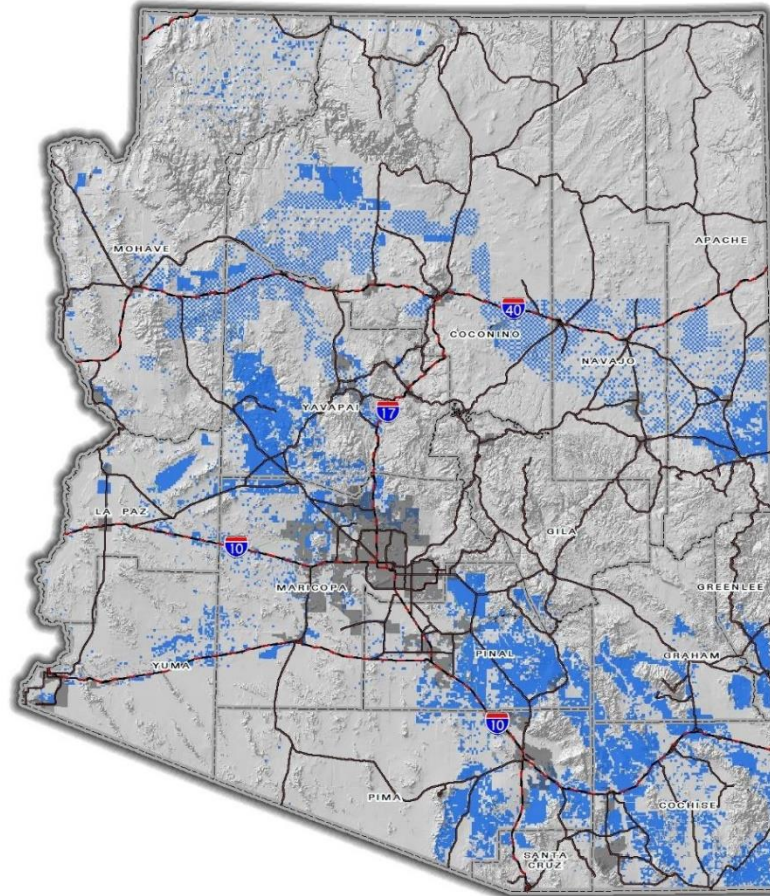
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1912-13 Arizona Land Commission Survey Team



Arizona's State Trust Land



STATE TRUST LANDS
IN ARIZONA



Arizona's State Trust Land



Every Acre has a Beneficiary

State Trust land is held in trust and managed by the Arizona State Land Department for the sole purpose of generating revenues for Arizona's K-12 public schools...



Image Source: Raising Arizona Kids.com



Image Source: azed.gov

...and 12 other institutional beneficiaries.



Because these lands are held in trust for a distinct set of Beneficiaries, they differ greatly from public lands such as the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve, state parks, or US Forest Service land.

State Trust Lands are more akin to private land.



Significant Trust Land Rules:

*State Trust lands can't be sold for less than **fair market value** as determined by **appraisal**.*

*Land leases in excess of ten years and many easements require a **public auction**.*

*ASLD employs less than 100 staff who are responsible for all **aspects of managing 9.2 million acres**, including grazing, mineral, and commercial leases; land sales; land planning; rights-of-way; trespass; water rights; and associated administrative duties.*

Many of ASLD's processes and timelines are dictated by Arizona's Enabling Act, the State Constitution, State Statute and case law.

What about the money?

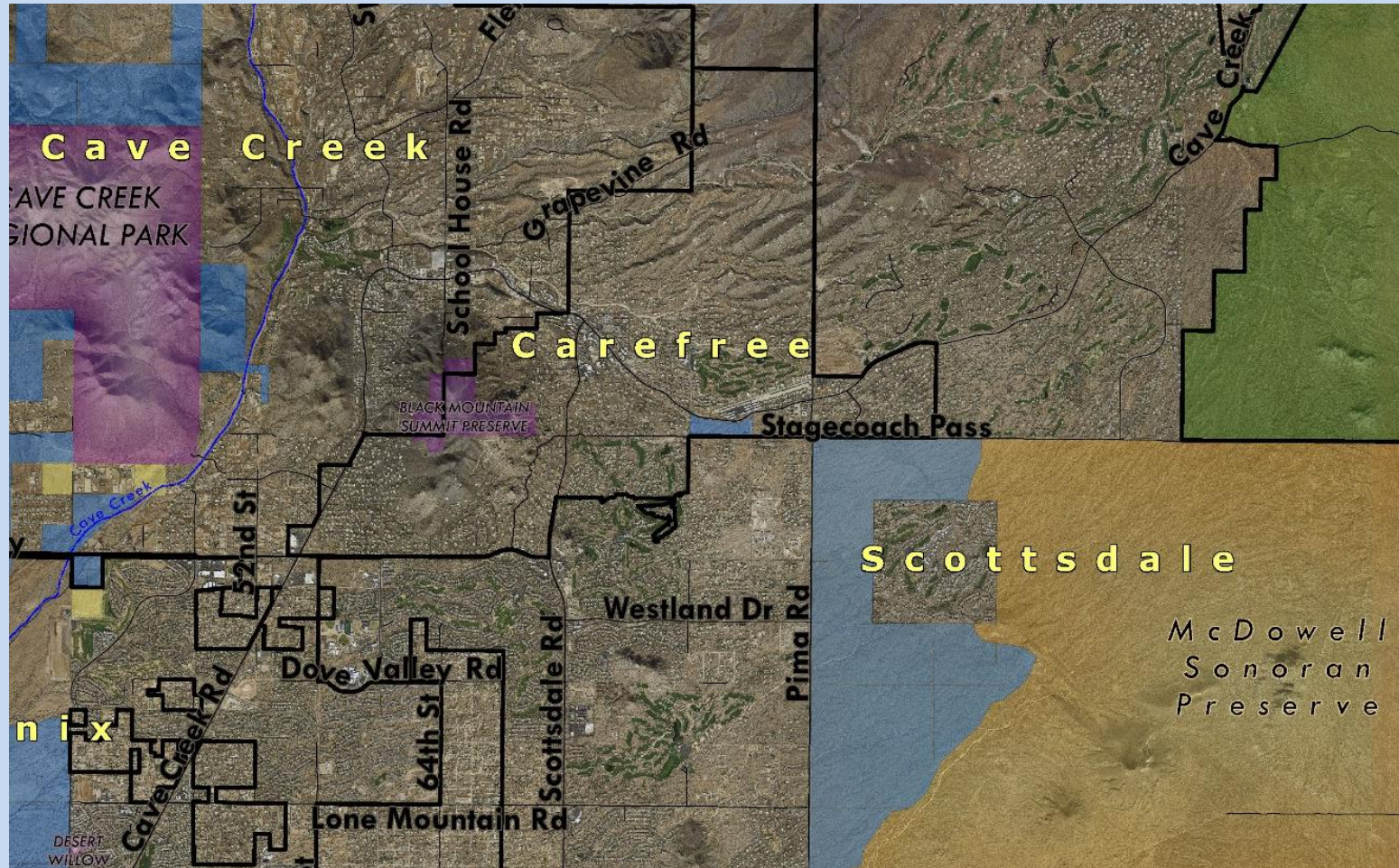
***Every dollar earned goes
into the Trust***

***ASLD is a General Fund
agency***

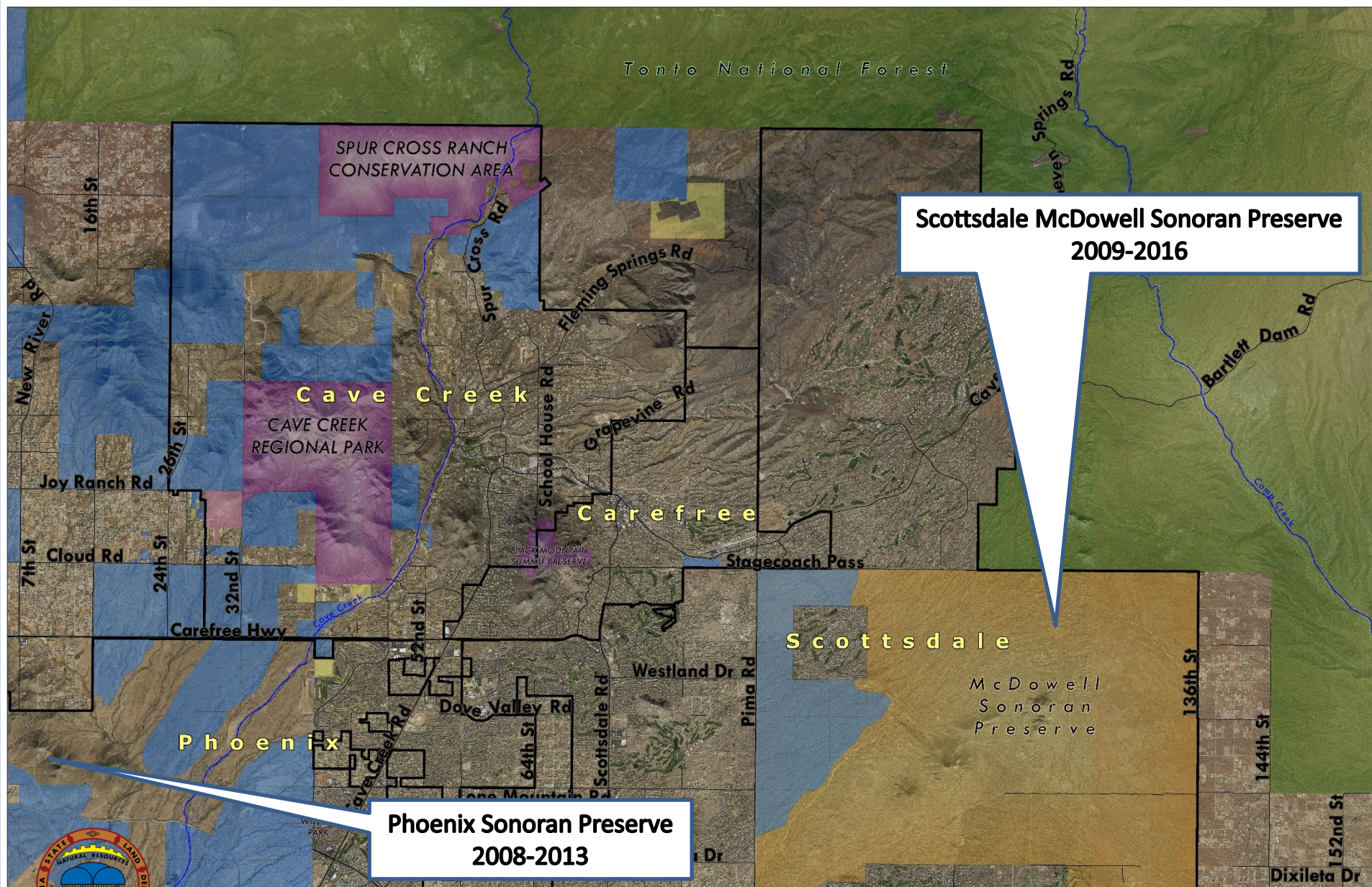
***ASLD partners with local
governments for land
planning and entitlements.***



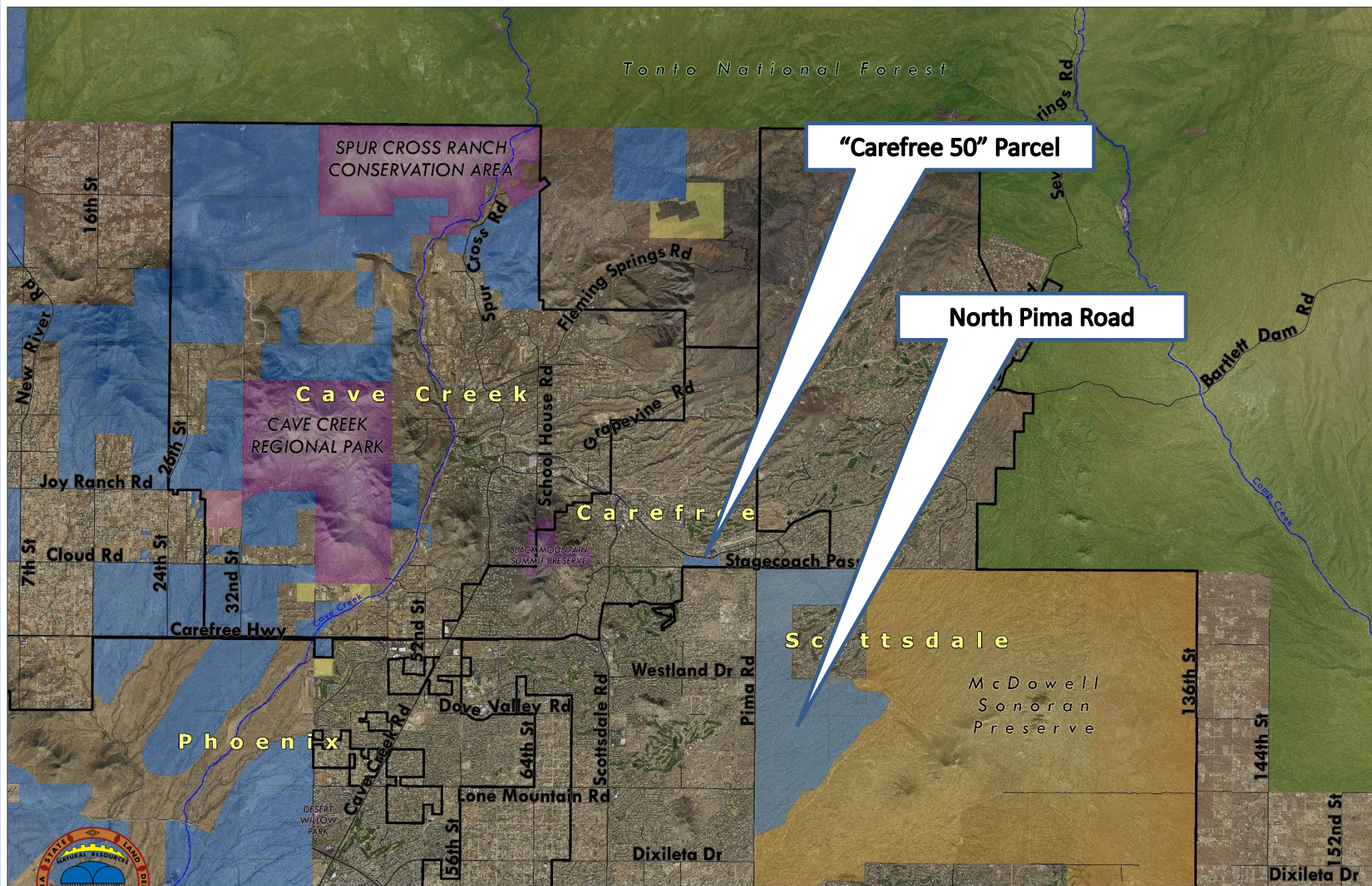
State Trust land in the Carefree Area



Past Sales in the Carefree Area



Potential Growth Areas

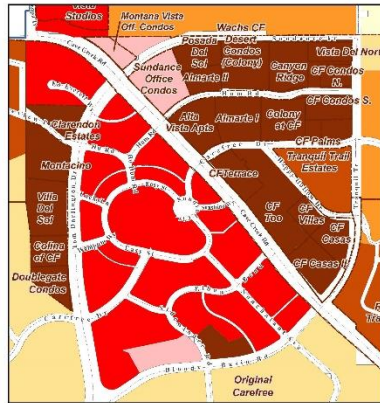


"Carefree 50" Zoned Rural-70



A R I Z O N A S T A T E L A N D D E P A R T M E N T

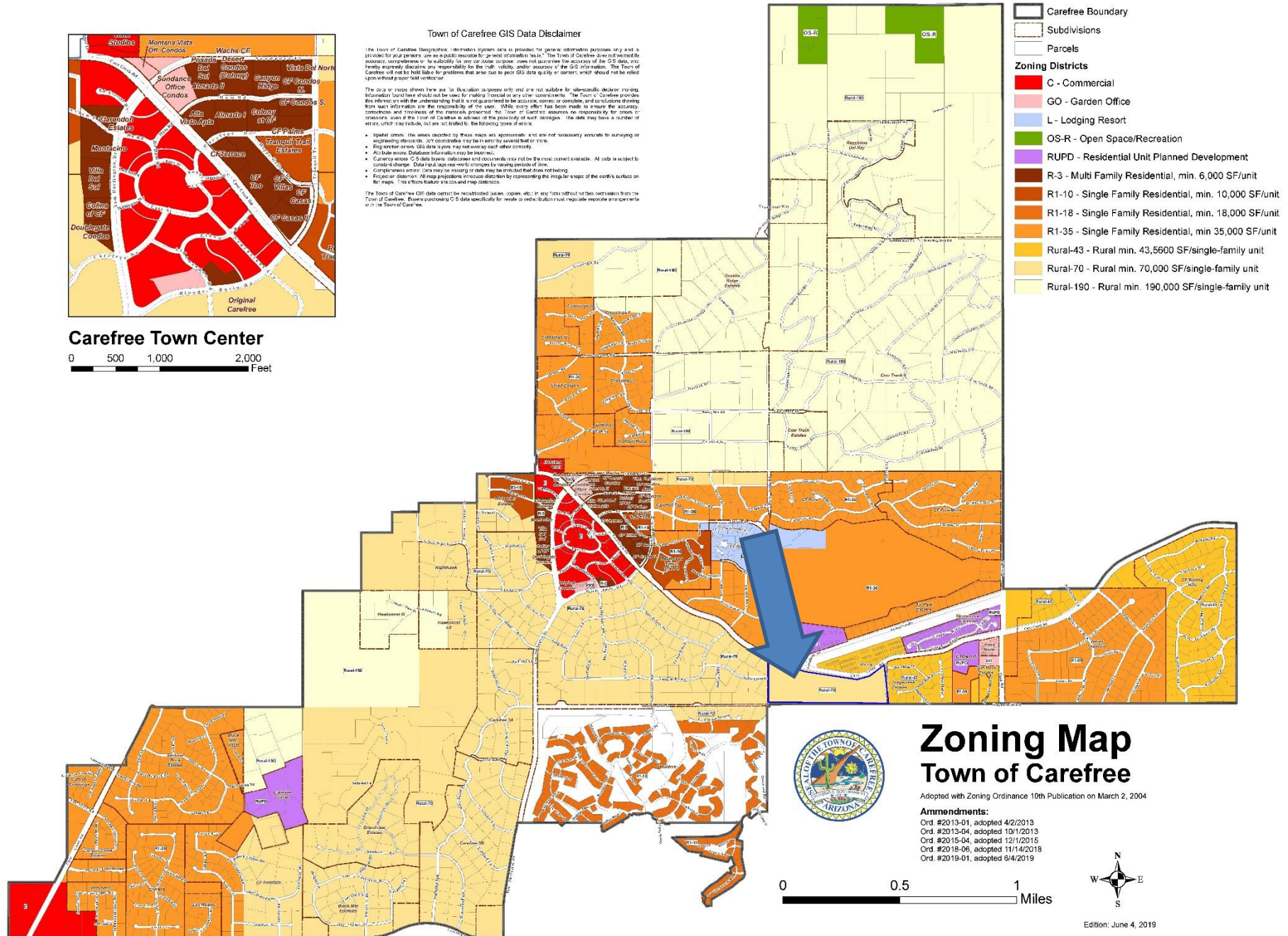




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Ammendments:

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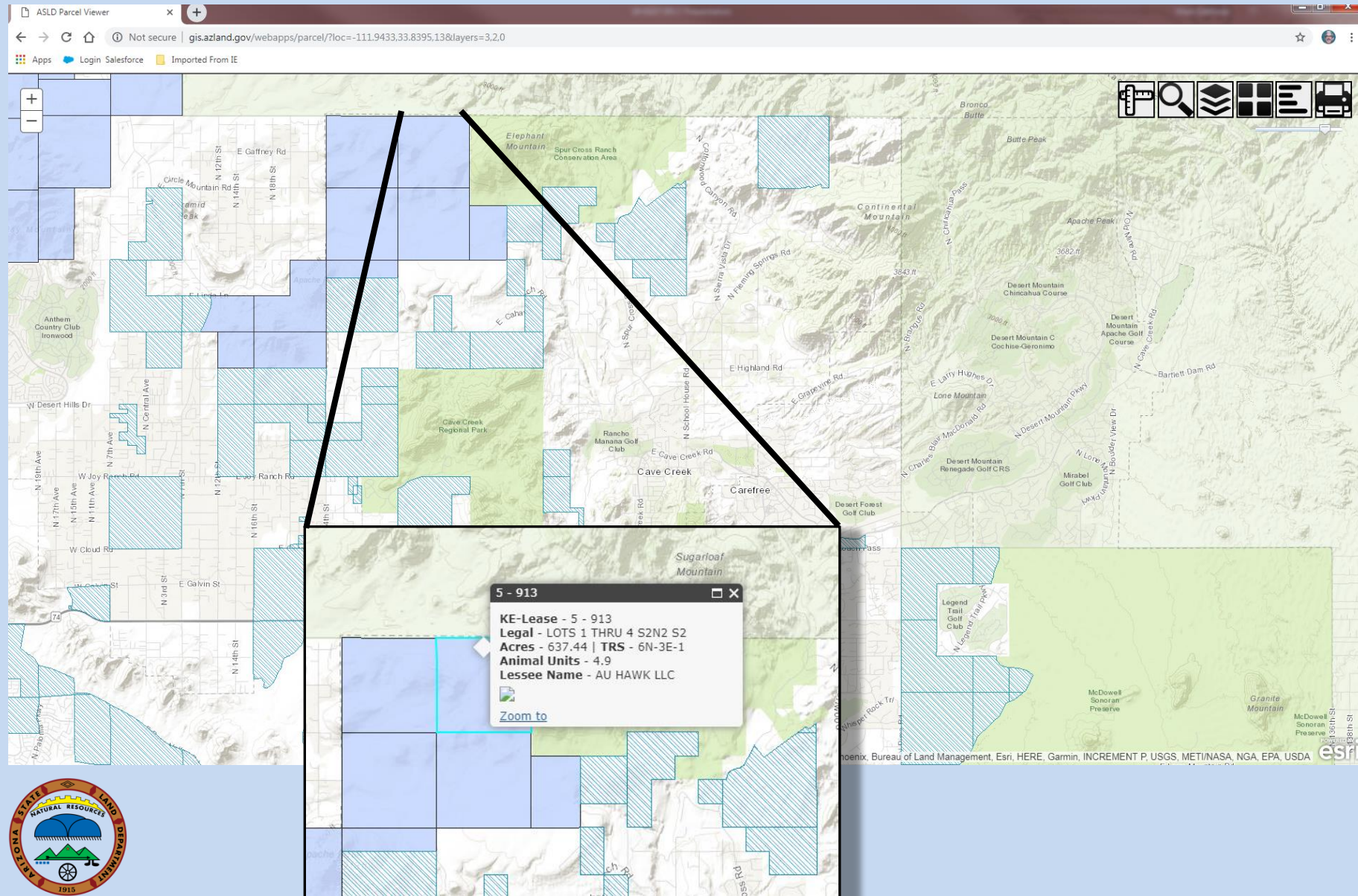
Ord. #2015-04, adopted 12/1/2015

Ord. #2018-06, adopted 11/14/2018

Ord. #2019-01, adopted 6/4/2019

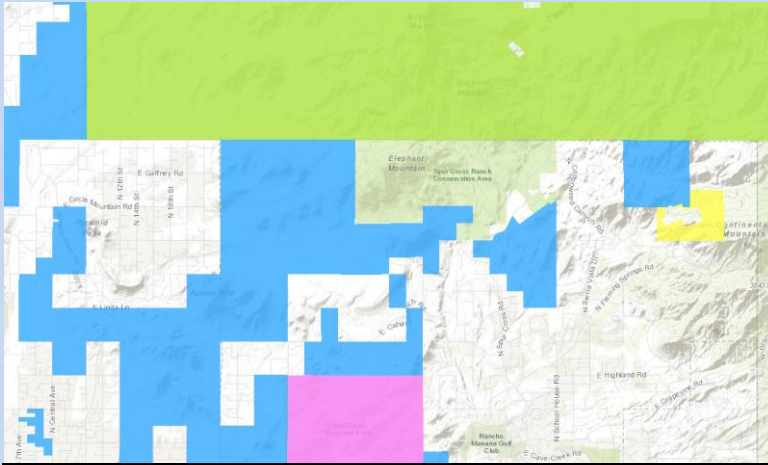
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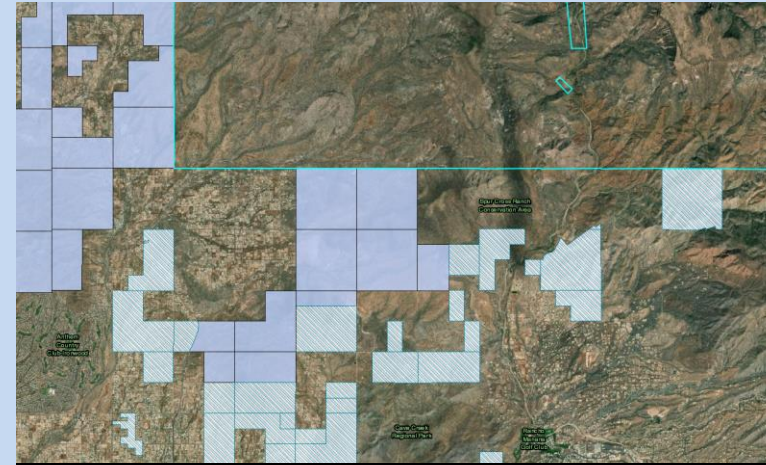


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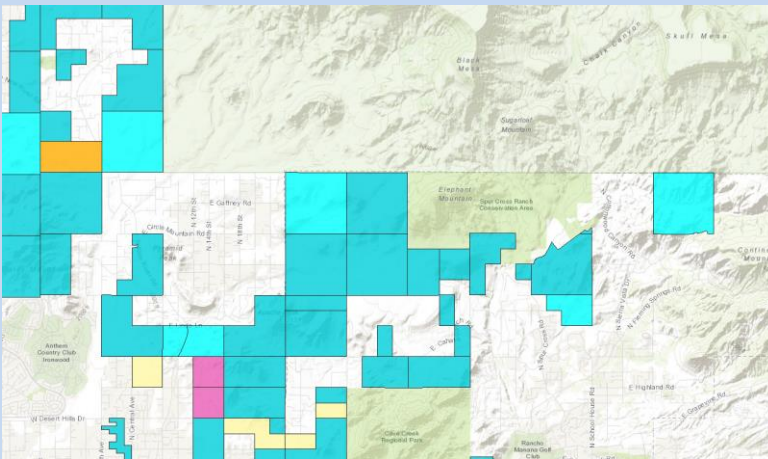
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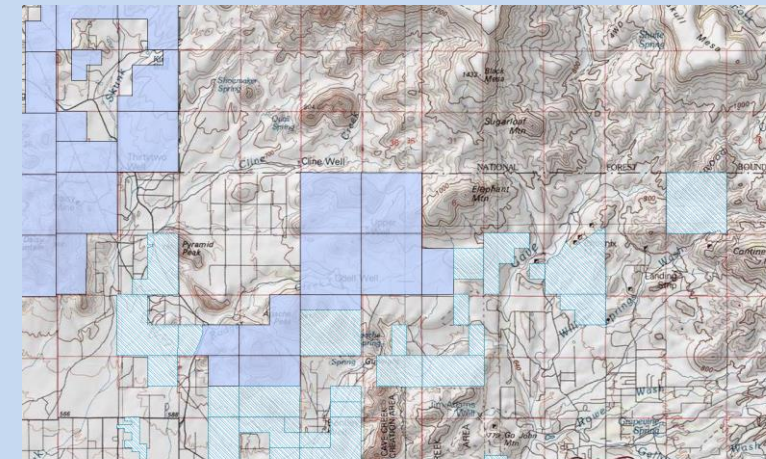
Surface Management Responsibilities



Aerial Imagery



State Trust Beneficiaries



USGS Topography

ASLD On-Line Recreation Permit Portal

<https://land.az.gov/recreational-permit-portal>

Individual and Family Permits for:

- Mountain Biking
- Horseback Riding
- Geocaching
- Camping
- Hiking
- OHV Usage
- Photography
- Bird Watching
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing

The screenshot shows the Arizona State Land Department's website with the URL <https://land.az.gov/recreational-permit-portal>. The page features the department's logo, navigation links, and a section titled "Recreational Permit Portal". A flyer is overlaid on the page, announcing the launch of the online permit portal. The flyer includes the following information:

- ASLD Online Recreation Permit Portal**
- The Arizona State Land Department is proud to announce the launch of its online Recreational Permit Portal!**
- Individual and Family Permits can be purchased online (via desktop computer or mobile device) at www.azland.gov/RP
- Individual Permits: \$15
- Family Permits: \$20
- Permits can still be purchased via mail or in person at: 1616 West Adams Phoenix, AZ 85007
- For more info, please call 602-364-2753 or e-mail inquiry@azland.gov

The flyer also includes a list of recreational activities and a form for permit application. The form includes fields for "Individual Permit" and "Family Permit", "Last Name, First Name", "Email", "Mailing Address", "City/State, Zip", and "Area Code/Phone #".



Thank You!

Questions?

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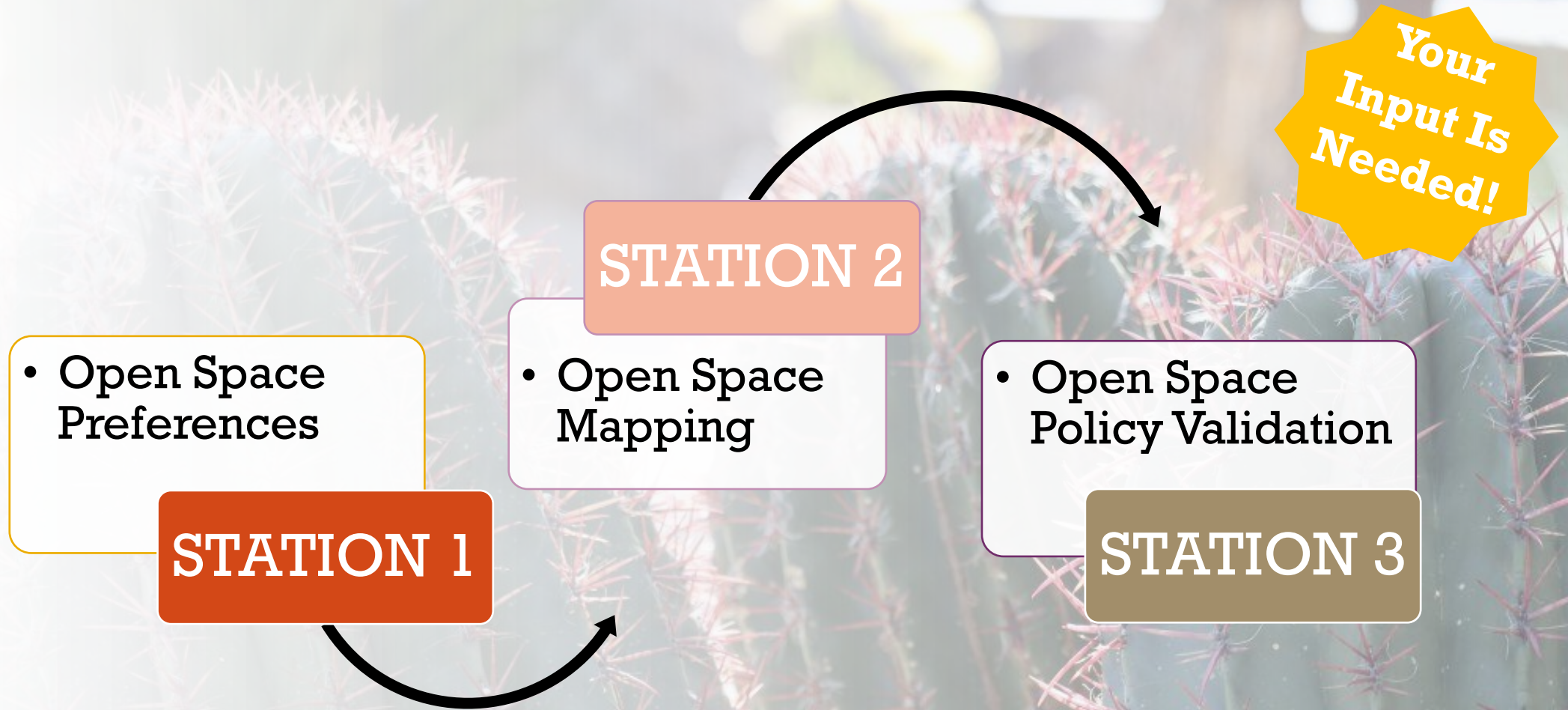
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Open Space Workshop Format



General Plan – Open Space Preferences

STATION 1

OPEN SPACE OPTION #1		PREFERENCE SCALE					OPEN SPACE OPTION #2	
Type & Accessibility								
Natural Open Space		Strongly Prefer	Prefer	Neutral	Prefer	Strongly Prefer	Structured Open Space	
	<p>This is protected Open Space with no access</p> <p>(i.e. natural land under preservation)</p>						<p>This is accessible Open Space with both natural and man-made features</p> <p>(i.e. trail through maintained natural area)</p>	
Ownership & Management								
Public Open Space		Strongly Prefer	Prefer	Neutral	Prefer	Strongly Prefer	Private Open Space	
<p>This is Open Space that is owned and managed by a public entity/agency</p> <p>(i.e. Town, County, State)</p>							<p>This is Open Space that is owned and managed by a private entity</p> <p>(i.e. association, trust, individual)</p>	
Intensity & Amenities								
Active Open Space		Strongly Prefer	Prefer	Neutral	Prefer	Strongly Prefer	Passive Open Space	
	<p>This is improved Open Space with multiple recreation uses and facilities</p> <p>(i.e. sport courts, parking lot, lighting, events)</p>						<p>This is improved Open Space, but with lower intensity uses and facilities</p> <p>(i.e. trail, ramada, low lighting, parking area)</p>	



General Plan – Open Space Mapping

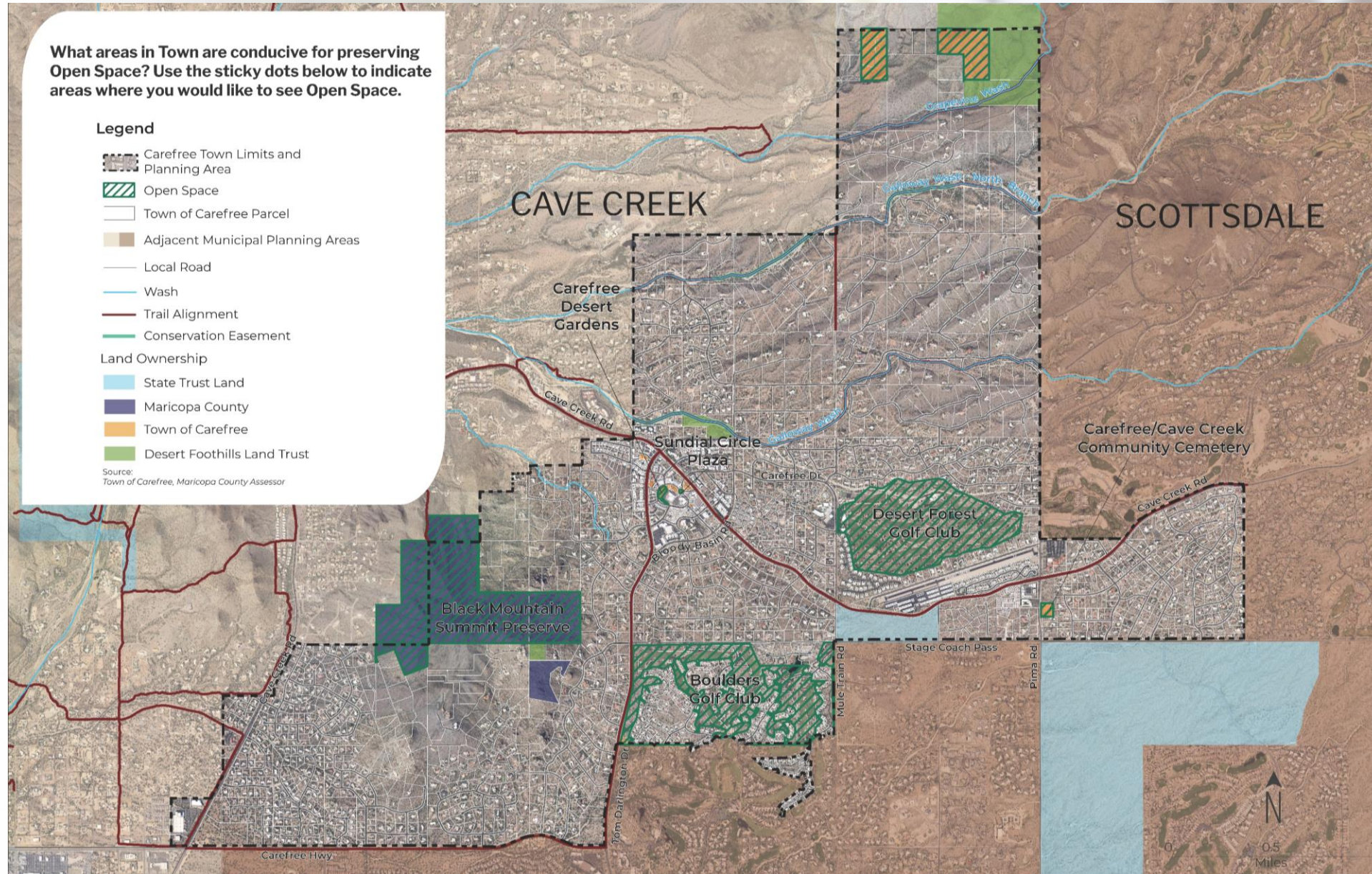
STATION 2

What areas in Town are conducive for preserving Open Space? Use the sticky dots below to indicate areas where you would like to see Open Space.

Legend

- Carefree Town Limits and Planning Area
- Open Space
- Town of Carefree Parcel
- Adjacent Municipal Planning Areas
- Local Road
- Wash
- Trail Alignment
- Conservation Easement
- Land Ownership
 - State Trust Land
 - Maricopa County
 - Town of Carefree
 - Desert Foothills Land Trust

Source:
Town of Carefree, Maricopa County Assessor



General Plan – Open Space Policy Validation

STATION 3

Goals & Policies	Like	Dislike	If Dislike, Why? (Leave comment below)
Open Space Element			
Goal 1. Preserve property with environmentally sensitive features. (Majority supported this Goal from Community Workshop #2)			
<p>Policy 1) Support the preservation of the Black Mountain summit.</p> <p>Policy 2) Promote preservation of floodplains and washes in their natural state.</p> <p>Policy 3) Protect low density residential uses from the effects of non-residential uses through natural open space buffers.</p> <p>Policy 4) Continue the policy of limiting the total amount of disturbed area on private property.</p> <p>Policy 5) Encourage the preservation of floodplains, natural drainage areas, wildlife corridors and other natural open space in new subdivision plats and zoning proposals.</p>			
Goal 2. Increase the Town's inventory of natural open space preserves. (Majority supported this Goal from Community Workshop #2)			
<p>Policy 1) Maintain open space areas designated on the Future Land Use Map.</p> <p>Policy 2) As resources are available, continue to evaluate the open space needs of the Town and potential sites for acquisition.</p> <p>Policy 3) As deemed appropriate, acquire select properties for conservation as part of the Town's commitment to its vision of ecosystem preservation, while balancing local social and economic interests.</p> <p>Policy 4) Base decisions for acquisition of property on the prevalence of significant environmentally sensitive features, such as steep slopes on particularly the Black Mountain summit, major washes and floodplains, rock outcroppings, stands of native vegetation, archaeological features, wildlife habitat and corridors, erosion protection and buffering low density neighborhoods from nearby non-residential uses.</p> <p>Policy 5) Continue to utilize development incentives to conserve on-site environmentally sensitive features on mountainside properties.</p> <p>Policy 6) Support the open space management efforts of the Desert Foothills Land Trust and other agencies.</p>			
What is Missing? (Leave a comment below)			



Next Steps

- **Coordination**
 - Council Work Session/Briefing – August 1, 2023
 - Planning Commission Work Session/Briefing – August 14, 2023
- **Milestone Events**
 - 60-Day Review Draft – October 1, 2023 – December 1, 2023
 - Community Workshop #5 – October 11, 2023

