

Economic Benefits of Open Space Workshop

Pinal Partnership

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Open Space Workshop

- Live
- Work
- Play
- a focus on “Quality of Life”
- 3 mandates that we at Pinal County strive to attain for a viable and sustainable community

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- Live

- affordable housing
- environmentally sensitive
- physically safe neighborhoods
- aesthetically pleasing
- good schools
- adequate transportation corridors
- shopping opportunities

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● Work

- sustainable, good paying jobs with benefits
- focus on primary/head-of-household jobs
- clean, non-polluting, safe industries
- close to home
- base industries
- manufacturing, aerospace, health services, transportation/logistics, mining/bio-agriculture

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● Play

- affordable recreational opportunities
- close to home (1-2 hour drive time or less)
- environmentally safe
- regional/local parks
- open space (hiking, walking, horse trails, etc..)
- variety of opportunities

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- Top 5 site selector requirements
(in no particular order)
 - workforce
 - regulations
 - available land/building sites
 - **adequate (hard) infrastructure**
 - **amenities (quality of life)**

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- Adequate (hard) Infrastructure
 - transportation corridors
 - electrical grid/substations
 - water, sewer, natural gas lines
 - drainage/retention area
 - sidewalks

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● Amenities

- schools
- shopping
- recreational opportunities (parks, open space)
- adequate fire and police protection
- clean air and water
- clean and safe neighborhoods
- trailing spouse employment opportunities

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Thank you!

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