



Economic Benefits of Open Space Workshop

January 30, 2014 – CAC, Superstition Mt Campus (*Apache Junction*)
 8:30am – 3:30pm
 AGENDA

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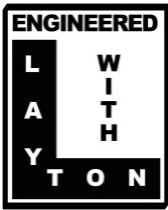
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TIME

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8:00– 8:30 am	REGISTRATION - <i>Coffee and snacks</i> <i>(Attendees are encouraged to visit exhibitor tables)</i>
8:30 – 9:25 am	PRESENTATIONS – Why is Open Space Important to Pinal County? John Insalaco (<i>Major, Apache Junction</i>) – Welcome Todd House (<i>District 1 Supervisor, Pinal County</i>) Introduction to why open space is important to Pinal County? Gina DAbella (<i>Pinal Partnership Open Space & Trails Committee</i>) Partnerships and citizen involvement with the Open Space & Trails Committee (OSTC) & Regional Groups. Kent Taylor (<i>Director, Pinal County Open Space and Trails Department</i>) Plans for implementation of the Open Space and Trails Master Plan (OSTMP). <u>Keynote Speaker – Jason Barney</u> (<i>Circle G Companies</i>) Benefits to the development sector of blending open space into land use plans.
9:25 – 9:45 am	BREAK - <i>Coffee and snacks</i> <i>(Attendees are encouraged to visit exhibitor tables)</i>
9:45 – 11:15 am	PANEL - Economic/Community Development and Open Space Moderator: Cate Bradley Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Kanavel (<i>Pinal County Economic Development Department</i>) Critical components of economic development & economic development opportunities/priorities in Pinal County. • Kent Taylor (<i>Pinal County Open Space and Trails Department</i>) How the OSTMP and green infrastructure fits in with economic development priorities of Pinal County. • Kelly Wolff-Krauter (<i>Arizona Game and Fish Department</i>) Community/economic benefits of incorporating wildlife linkages and natural drainage protection into planning. • Liz Tuck (<i>Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition</i>) 3-legged stool of community development focused on workforce development/retention and community-based partnerships. • Sharma Hammond Torrens (<i>Arizona Land and Water Trust</i>) Community/Economic benefits of keeping working landscapes working. Audience Questions – 15-20 min Announcements/logistics of afternoon breakout session

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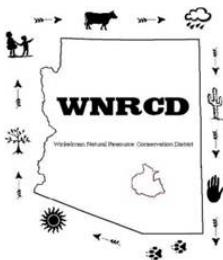


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11:15 am – Noon	LUNCH provided <i>(Attendees are encouraged to visit exhibitor tables)</i>
Noon – 2:15 pm	BREAKOUT SESSION <i>“Economic, Community and Open Space Strengths in Pinal County & Opportunities for Building Partnerships that draw from the Economic Benefits of Open Space”</i> Attendees go to 1 of 5 Supervisory District rooms for facilitated discussions.
2:15 - 2:30 pm	BREAK (return to the plenary auditorium)
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Report Out from each District – District representatives summarize action items/next steps generated in the breakout sessions. Wrap-up and Thank You Evaluations

The workshop steering committee and other major contributors to the event:



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This informative workshop is courtesy of our sponsors, thank you all for your generous contributions. This workshop would also not have been possible without the hard work of the workshop steering committee – thank you all! And finally to the workshop participants, thank you for being part of this cooperative effort to build partnerships to protect and raise awareness of the economic benefits of open space in Pinal County.

**Pinal Partnership Open Space & Trails Committee 2014 Workshop
January 30th, 2014**

SPEAKER BIOS

TODD H. HOUSE

Pinal County Supervisor – District 5

Supervisor House serves the community in many ways as a member of several community groups and organizations, including the Pinal Partnership Open Space and Trails Committee.

“As County Supervisor I can try to keep the open space issue on the forefront by working with the BLM and stakeholders who are interested in preserving our parks, trails and open space for future generations.”

Contact Supervisor House at: todd.house@pinalcountyz.gov; 480-982-0659

GINA D’ABELLA

Executive Director, ECO, Inc.

Gina D’Abella has over 17 years of experience working on environmental stewardship and sustainable community development projects. Through ECO, Inc., she operates the Recycling Association of Maricopa, ECO One Earth Products, which develops and markets products made from recycled materials, and the ECO Restoration Society, which coordinates desert clean-ups and other education/outreach events. Gina is a member of several community groups and organizations, including the Pinal Partnership Open Space and Trails Committee.

“There is a lot of great information in the County’s Open Space and Trails Master Plan and implementing the Plan will help create economic development and other quality of life opportunities for Pinal County residents. I will continue to volunteer through the Open Space and Trails Committee and ECO, Inc. to raise awareness of the Plan and work with the County and others to help implement the Plan.”

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KENT TAYLOR

Director, Open Space and Trails Pinal County

Kent Taylor’s background is in entrepreneurship, customer service, strategic and long range planning and community involvement/volunteerism.

“The Pinal County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Pinal County have created a future vision for the County which fully incorporates open space, trails and parks as an integral part of the economic vitality of our community. This vision is highlighted in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan and the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan. As Director of Open Space and Trails, my primary role will be to work with the Board, citizens and the many partners and stakeholders, to begin bringing that vision to reality.”

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JASON BARNEY

CEO, Circle G Companies

Jason Barney does commercial and residential land development, serves on several community and regional boards for the arts and economic development, and built and sold an Internet technology company. He serves on the Executive Board of Pinal Partnership, Queen Creek Economic Development Commission, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council Board of Directors, Queen Creek Cultural Foundation, East Valley Partnership Board, and Superstition Vistas Steering Committee.

Mr. Barney owns Talmage Studios and Music Production in Gilbert, Arizona. He produces, writes, and performs in several genres. He received a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Arizona State University with additional emphasis on jazz piano, classical piano, theory and composition, symphonic band, and electronic music. He went on to graduate studies in music theory and composition also at ASU. He is the sixth generation of an Arizona pioneer family and son of the late T Dennis Barney. He served a two year LDS mission in Osaka, Japan and lives with his wife and four children in Gilbert, Arizona.

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TIM KANAVAL

Pinal County Economic Development Program Manager

Tim has 20 years' experience in economic development having worked in city, county, state and regional governments. He received a BS in Regional Development from the University of Arizona.

“As the County Economic Development Program Manager, it is my responsibility to develop, plan and incorporate all the best practices in developing Pinal County into a viable and sustainable place to; Live, Work and Play. Those best practices include creating affordable, sustainable and environmentally safe housing, recreational and job opportunities for our residents. Having adequate open space for our residents is not only a quality of life aspect but certainly an economic aspect as well.”

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KELLY WOLFF-KRAUTER

Habitat Program Manager Mesa Regional District Office, Arizona Game and Fish Dept.

Kelly's background is in the Environmental Resources focused on wildlife habitat. She has worked in this field for over 16 years.

“My role is to ensure that wildlife resources and connectivity are integrated into future planning and conservation efforts in order to provide the aesthetics, recreation, education and ecological services that contribute to the social and economic values of open space in the County.”

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LIZ TUCK**Consultant to Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition (CCEDC)**

Liz is an entrepreneur with 20 year's experience as a human resources consultant focused on employee training and career consulting. She has worked actively with CCEDC to secure grants and manage the CCEDC's Business Success Center.

"The biggest challenge in our district is diversifying our economy. The Copper Corridor is actively working on a number of projects to promote tourism. Tourism in our region relies on open spaces to succeed -- yet we cannot take our open spaces for granted."

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SHARMA HAMMOND-TORRENS**Land & Water Program Manager, Arizona Land and Water Trust**

Sharma has a background as a Wildlife Biologist and an attorney. At the Arizona Land and Water Trust, she currently works with willing landowners to conserve working landscapes, open space, wildlife habitat and the water resources that sustain rural livelihoods and all life.

"As Land & Water Program Manager for the Trust, my expertise lies in connecting willing landowners with funding sources that support land and water conservation and managing these often complex transactions through to completion. I also clearly see the link between sustainable land, water and locally grown foods and how these three significantly contribute to prosperous economic development and an overall quality of life for current and future residents of Pinal County."

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CATE BRADLEY**Landscape Architect, National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.**

Cate received a Masters in Landscape Architecture and Ph.D. in Natural Resource Planning from University of Arizona and has been working in the field for over 15 years.

"My role regarding open space in Pinal County is to help stakeholders focus on strategies to understand and implement opportunities to protect open space and natural resources, and promote outdoor recreation."

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