

# TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK ARIZONA



## TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## ECONOMIC PROFILE



# WELCOME



It is my pleasure to introduce the new Economic Development Profile. It is truly an exciting time for Queen Creek as we celebrate our 25th year of incorporation in 2014, and begin to see healthy growth in both the residential and commercial markets. I hope this profile provides an overview of this remarkable community and the investment opportunities that are available.

The Town has seen a strong interest in the community from both commercial and residential developers and it is an excellent time for you to consider investing in the Town. The Town continues to invest in the future and has over \$25 million in capital improvement projects underway or in design. The Development Services Department has also made significant advancements to streamline the development process and to ensure that Queen Creek remains business friendly.

The Economic Development staff has been busy working to attract new businesses to Queen Creek. The Town is a member community of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) and partners with many other key stakeholders including the Maricopa County Community College District, the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce, the Queen Creek Performing Arts Center, Visit Mesa and the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, just to name a few. Staff is also focused on implementing programs designed to help business succeed. QC Inc., the Façade Improvement Program and Shop QC are all intended to assist businesses that are ready to take their business to the next level. The staff has also accelerated the economic development and tourism program with the new partnership with Visit Mesa. This partnership represents an investment that Queen Creek could not make on its own, and will bring visitors to Queen Creek and to the unique agritourism venues in the community.

As you can see there is a lot happening in Queen Creek. I hope you take the time to explore all of the possibilities and become a part of this wonderful place we call home.

*Barney*  
Mayor Barney

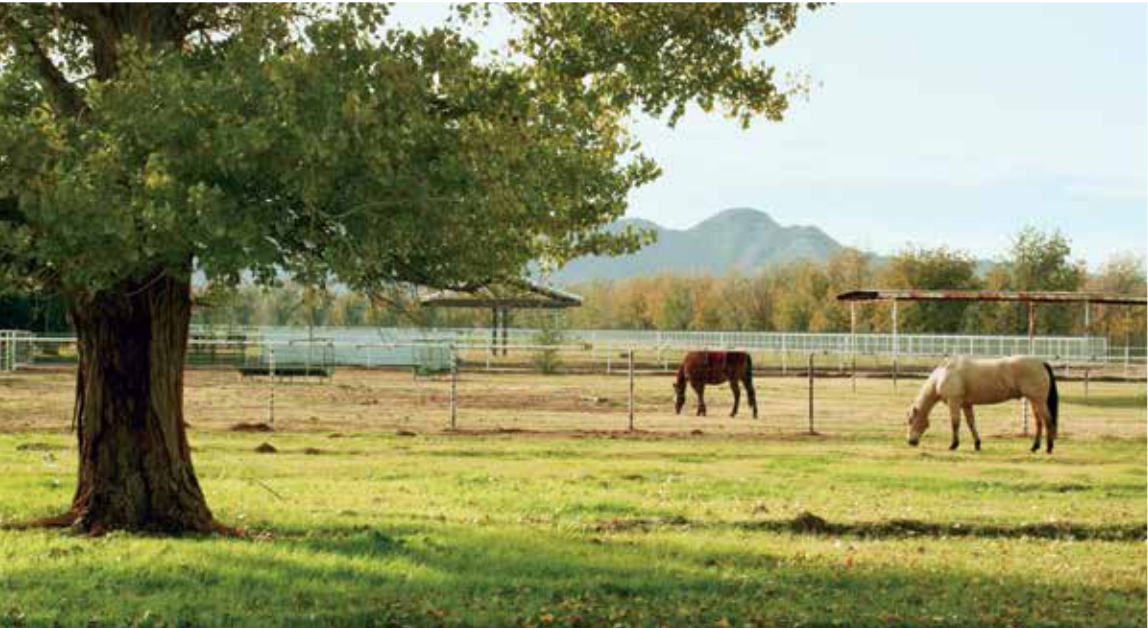
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"IT HAS BEEN A **GREAT PLEASURE** WORKING WITH QUEEN CREEK. OUR COMPANY INTERACTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND IT IS ALWAYS REFRESHING TO COME ACROSS A MUNICIPALITY LIKE QUEEN CREEK THAT **DEMONSTRATES A CLEAR VISION** FOR WHAT THEY WANT TO ACCOMPLISH, **UNDERSTANDS THE NEEDS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY** AND **ALLOWS FOR REASONABLE FLEXIBILITY** IN WORKING THROUGH THE APPROVAL PROCESS."

**– THOMPSON THRIFT, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**



QUEEN CREEK WAS NAMED  
**"ONE OF AMERICA'S FRIENDLIEST CITIES"**  
BY FORBES MAGAZINE





# INTRODUCTION



The Town of Queen Creek offers residents, businesses and visitors the convenience of the city with the comfort of the country. Boasting a rich heritage based on small-town values and country friendliness, Queen Creek provides opportunities and high-end amenities while remaining focused on quality development.

Incorporated in 1989, the Town of Queen Creek has grown from rich rural roots to a thriving community. Today, Queen Creek is experiencing strong residential growth and continued investment in the Town Center, as well as strategic interest in the Town’s defined employment corridors and employment growth areas.

Named “One of America’s Friendliest Cities” by *Forbes* magazine, Queen Creek has earned recognition and awards on regional, state and national levels, building a strong foundation for future growth. Through innovative projects, partnerships and visionary planning, Queen Creek is situated to be a competitive location for new business, and is positioned for long-term sustainability.

Queen Creek is one of the best-kept secrets in Arizona! Natural recreational riches and a relaxed, rural lifestyle combine to fulfill the dreams of those who relocate to one of America’s best small towns.

## QUEEN CREEK STRATEGIC PLAN

The Economic Development Strategic Plan identifies six strategic areas in which the Town focuses its marketing and recruitment efforts. These targeted industries include:

- Aerospace & Aviation
- Health & Wellness
- Arts, Culture & Experience
- Family/Youth and Children Activity Destinations
- Clean and Renewable Energy and Water
- Education

## QUEEN CREEK AT A GLANCE

Queen Creek residents enjoy the benefits of small-town living while maintaining the convenience of living close to metro Phoenix. Queen Creek is primarily located within Maricopa County, home to over four million residents, yet the community boasts low crime rates, easy commuting to and from metro Phoenix, excellent weather and a variety of recreational activities – all elements of a low-stress lifestyle.

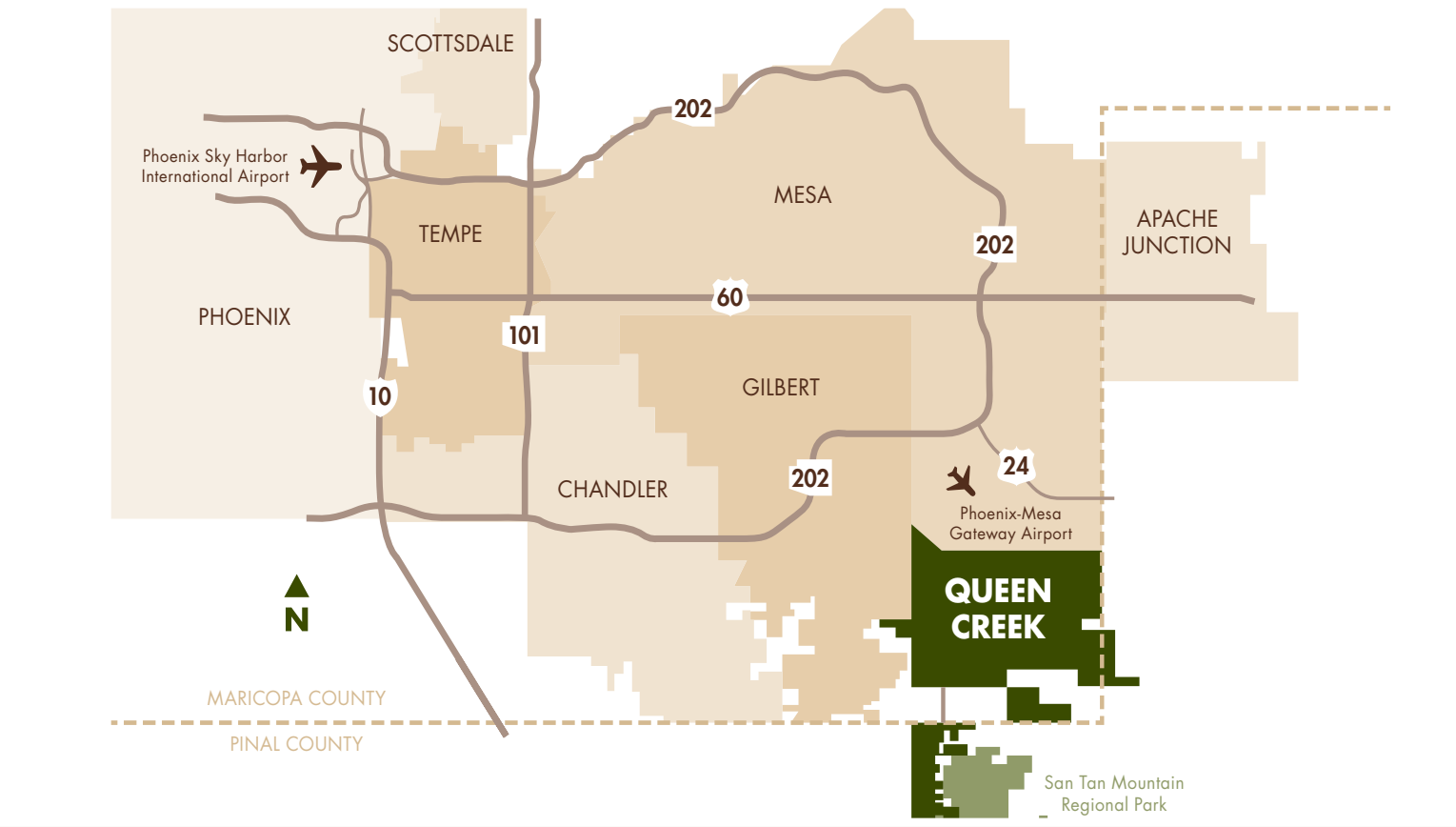
Since 2003, the Town has experienced a population boom, expanding its resident base from approximately 4,500 to nearly 32,000, with a median age of 30.3 years and a median household income of \$80,932, among the highest of the major cities in the Greater Phoenix metro area.

Scenic views include the San Tan Mountains to the south and Superstition Mountains to the northeast. San Tan Mountain Regional Park offers open space and recreational opportunities. As development occurs and funding allows, Queen Creek is working to develop an 11-mile events-oriented, multipurpose trail loop, connecting the two major washes crossing the community that serve as the foundation for the Town’s popular parks and trail system.



# QUEEN CREEK MAP

The Town of Queen Creek is a growing community in the Phoenix metropolitan area and within minutes of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and Arizona State University at the Polytechnic Campus. Queen Creek is positioned as a center of influence in the East Valley, featuring a strategic location, land available for development and a young, highly educated workforce. Queen Creek offers limitless opportunities.



## QC QUICK FACTS *(based on 2013 figures)*

<b>YEAR INCORPORATED</b>	<b>PLANNING AREA</b>
1989	69 square miles
<b>COST-OF-LIVING INDEX</b>	<b>ELEVATION</b>
90.50	1,400 feet
<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>ANNUAL AVERAGE RAINFALL</b>
31,187	9.2 inches
<b>MEDIAN HOME VALUE</b>	<b>AVERAGE TEMPERATURES (High/Low Fahrenheit)</b>
\$204,447	January 64°/39°
<b>MEDIAN AGE</b>	April 84°/51°
30.3	July 104°/76°
<b>ANNUAL DAYS OF SUNSHINE</b>	October 86°/57°
296 (Phoenix average)	

FROM A REGIONAL WORKFORCE OF 180,000 PEOPLE,  
**88,000**  
HAVE A BACHELOR’S DEGREE OR HIGHER.





# TOWN CENTER

Town Center is designed to be the commercial, cultural and civic core of Queen Creek. This heart of the community has seen tremendous growth over the past few years with more than 1.1 million square feet of commercial development, including a state-of-the-art Gold LEED-certified library, Town Hall and the new Communiversity at Queen Creek.

Several new retail and dining options have recently opened and there are many exciting projects coming to the community, including the 14-screen Harkins Movie Theater at Queen Creek Marketplace opening spring 2015, and the development of a 20-acre mixed-use entertainment project that is in the planning stages. With community events planned throughout the year, there’s always something to do in the Town Center and it is truly an enjoyable place to eat, work, live and play.



## TOWN CENTER ATTRACTIONS:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>1</b> QC Post Office                 | <b>7</b> Communiversity at QC                   |
| <b>2</b> Pocket Park for Pups           | <b>8</b> QC Marketplace                         |
| <b>3</b> QC Chamber of Commerce/QC Inc. | <b>9</b> Cornerstone at QC                      |
| <b>4</b> Municipal Center/Town Hall     | <b>10</b> The Shoppes at Indigo Trails          |
| <b>5</b> Founders’ Park                 | <b>11</b> QC Professional Village               |
| <b>6</b> QC Library                     | <b>12</b> Thompson Thrift Mixed-Use Development |

## INVEST IN QUEEN CREEK

Queen Creek offers the perfect environment to start or grow a business. Within a 20-minute drive, there is access to a regional workforce of more than 180,000 people, 88,000 of whom have a Bachelor’s degree or higher. Queen Creek boasts the highest annual median household income in the East Valley at \$80,932.

### QC INC.

Located adjacent to Town Hall, QC Inc. is a business development program aimed at assisting small business owners, home-based businesses and those contemplating starting a business to grow their company within Queen Creek.

The program is designed to nurture the development of entrepreneurial companies, helping them to survive and grow during the start-up period when they are most vulnerable, and to assist small businesses who are ready to take their business to the next level.

[QueenCreek.org/QCInc](http://QueenCreek.org/QCInc)



## MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

IN QUEEN CREEK

**\$80,932**

Scottsdale	Chandler	Gilbert
<b>\$64,393</b>	<b>\$66,826</b>	<b>\$77,974</b>

Source: ESRI Business Analyst 2013

# INVESTMENT IN TOWN CENTER

The Town continues to invest in the Town Center, fulfilling the community’s vision of a true economic core and heart of the community for generations to come. The Town has recently invested millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements including a rebuilding of the Ellsworth/Ocotillo Roads intersection, pedestrian improvements to the roads themselves, and the addition of decorative enhancements to the streetlights and traffic signals in this key area. The Town has also built two great new amenities for the community to enjoy – a state-of-the-art splash pad and a one-acre Pocket Park for Pups for our four-legged residents.

## SPLASH PAD

The Town recently opened the community’s first splash pad, a fun destination for Queen Creek’s young and growing community. The splash pad is located at Founders’ Park, across from Town Hall, and features 4,100 square feet of fun water features, including a custom water tower, dumping buckets, water cannons and more.

## POCKET PARK FOR PUPS

The Pocket Park for Pups is another way the Town has enhanced the quality of life for residents and their pets. The one-acre, off-leash lighted park is located just south of Town Hall, directly across from Founders’ Park and provides two separate grass-play areas for our four-legged residents.



## FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Town of Queen Creek’s Facade Improvement Program is designed to encourage improvements to the street-facing exteriors of commercial buildings in Town Center. Applicants must be the owners of the property or commercial tenants who have written approval from property owners to participate. The Town reimburses up to 50% of eligible pre-approved improvement costs with a maximum amount for any individual grant award of \$20,000 per property.

[QueenCreek.org/FacadeImprovement](http://QueenCreek.org/FacadeImprovement)





## ARTS, CULTURE & EXPERIENCE

Queen Creek offers a host of cultural and agritainment activities for all to enjoy. Designated as an Arizona treasure, Schnepf Farms is a family-owned working farm providing entertainment, education and delicious, locally grown fruits and vegetables. The venue also offers a variety of seasonal festivals, concerts and events. Just across from the farm, the Queen Creek Olive Mill is Arizona's only working olive farm and mill. Daily tours and mouth-watering meals are available to the public.



For theater enthusiasts, the Queen Creek Performing Arts Center provides high-quality professional theater at prices affordable for the whole family including Broadway shows and popular recording artists.

Barney Family Sports Complex offers 67,000 square feet of air conditioned space, two 15,000 square foot playing surfaces, including a synthetic grass field. For fitness and fun enthusiasts, the Town's Recreation division offers a variety of sporting activities, recreation and fitness classes and hosts popular special events such as Passport to Discovery and Trunk or Treat.



Town tourism efforts focus on the community's farm-to-fork farming and dining options, unique day-trips and authentic equestrian experiences. Queen Creek's partnership with Visit Mesa, the East Valley's regional tourism bureau, assists in the promotion of Queen Creek as a welcoming, diverse, authentic and unique destination in the East Valley, offering national and global exposure to potential visitors.

### QUEEN CREEK IS A "SHOP LOCAL" COMMUNITY

In partnership with the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Queen Creek offers the Shop Queen Creek program to encourage and educate residents on the benefits of making their purchases locally. When residents shop Queen Creek businesses, they help pay for Town programs and services such as streets, parks, recreation programs and public safety services. Supporting local businesses strengthens Queen Creek's economic base, encourages entrepreneurship and keeps sales tax dollars in the community.

[QueenCreek.org/ShoptheQC](http://QueenCreek.org/ShoptheQC)

**SHOP THE QC**  
QUEEN CREEK, ARIZONA



## HORSESHOE PARK & EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre is one of Arizona's premier event facilities. Quiet and secluded, yet conveniently close to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and other venues in and around Phoenix, Horseshoe Park was designed with flexibility in mind. This Town-owned venue hosts a variety of equestrian events of both the English and Western persuasion and is equipped to handle large festivals, RV and equipment shows, concerts, home shows and weddings. Since opening in early 2009, Horseshoe Park continues to gain momentum as a emerging commercial venue.

Due to the number of visitors Horseshoe Park brings to the area each year, a variety of commercial development opportunities are available near the facility. With close proximity to existing space for lease and available land to build, this area provides a unique market for niche services and business.

[QueenCreek.org/HPEC](http://QueenCreek.org/HPEC)



### HORSESHOE PARK AND EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre is a unique commercial event venue with the ability to host a variety of non-equestrian events such as carnivals, large festivals, extreme sport competitions, corporate holiday events and team building activities.

The venue is built and managed with flexibility in mind, and can be customized for all types of events. Ample parking and an easy-to-access location makes Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre an ideal event venue.



### MEETINGS & EVENTS

Key amenities at this state-of-the-art, 38-acre event center include:

- Four lighted arenas (one covered)
- 300 barn stalls, some with attached restrooms and showers
- Cattle pens, chutes and infrastructure for stock events
- Vendor areas and multi-use space
- 40 RV stalls





# EMPLOYMENT CENTERS

The incorporated limits of the Town of Queen Creek cover 26 square miles. The Town’s General Plan contains 31,282 acres, with about 20 percent set aside for commercial or industrial uses.

At the northern boundary of Queen Creek, an area referred to as the “Northern Tier,” there is a significant amount of land designated for future employment uses. The General Plan designations and/or zoning in this area encourages a range of light to intensive uses such as high-tech manufacturing and related manufacturing enterprises, support industry, aerospace support, computer software and technical service businesses.

The Northern Tier has direct access to major arterials and is positioned for strong growth potential with its proximity to the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Eastmark, Arizona State University Polytechnic and State Route 24 (SR 24). The SR 24 provides a direct connection between the Santan Freeway and Ellsworth Road, the main thoroughfare into Queen Creek. The initial phase of this freeway opened in May 2014 and is a one-mile stretch beginning at the Loop 202 (Santan Freeway) near the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, ending at Ellsworth Road. Once completed, the SR 24 will provide enhanced access from southeast Maricopa County to northeast Pinal County with additional routes in and out of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and surrounding schools and businesses.

In the southeastern corner of Queen Creek, Schnepf Farms and the Queen Creek Olive Mill collectively create an agritainment/ agritourism district, which is a core component to the Town’s tourism efforts. The nearby Banner Ironwood Medical Center and surrounding Pinal County/San Tan Valley residential neighborhoods enhance this unique area of the region and provide an attractive demographic base for investors. This area of town is projected to grow significantly between 2014 and 2018, serving as a catalyst for the Town’s overall projected growth and creating new employment opportunities.

## UTILITIES

### WATER AND SEWER

Town of Queen Creek  
**QueenCreek.org/Water**

### TRASH AND RECYCLING

Town of Queen Creek  
**QueenCreek.org/Trash**  
**QueenCreek.org/Recycling**

### ELECTRICITY

Salt River Project (SRP)  
**SRPnet.com**

### NATURAL GAS

Southwest Gas  
**swgas.com**  
  
Magma Gas  
**mesaaz.gov/energy**

### TELEPHONE/BROADBAND

Cox Communications  
**cox.com**

Century Link  
**centurylink.com**

Bluewire

QUEEN CREEK HAS BEEN NAMED

**ONE OF ARIZONA’S TOP  
“CITIES ON THE RISE”**

SOURCE: NERD WALLET

ACCORDING TO ESRI BUSINESS ANALYST,  
THERE IS SIGNIFICANT UNMET RETAIL  
DEMAND IN A VARIETY OF SECTORS,  
INCLUDING SPECIALTY FOOD SERVICES,  
HOME FURNISHINGS AND RESTAURANTS,

**MAKING QUEEN CREEK  
AN ATTRACTIVE  
LOCATION  
FOR BUSINESS.**



# EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

The Town of Queen Creek is a young community that places a strong emphasis on education and workforce preparedness. The community is served by six public school districts and is home to numerous private and charter schools. A variety of higher learning institutions and workforce development programs are located nearby and the Town works closely with primary schools and higher education to meet the needs of our employers’ current and future employment base.



## SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVING QUEEN CREEK

Chandler Unified School District  
Coolidge Unified School District  
Florence Unified School District

Higley Unified School District  
J.O. Combs Unified School District  
Queen Creek Unified School District

For more information on private and charter schools serving Queen Creek, visit  
**QueenCreek.org/Education**

## HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Communiversality at Queen Creek  
**queencreek.azcommuniversality.com**

AT Still University  
**atsu.edu**

Arizona State University  
ASU Polytechnic  
**asu.edu**

Central Arizona College  
**centralaz.edu**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
**prescott.erau.edu**

Maricopa County Community  
College District  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College  
Mesa Community College  
Rio Salado College  
**maricopa.edu**

Ottawa University

**ottawa.edu**

Southwest College of Naturopathic  
Medicine & Health Sciences  
**scnm.edu**

University of Advancing Technology  
**uat.edu**

University of Phoenix  
**phoenix.edu**

## COMMUNIVERSITY at QUEEN CREEK

The Communiversality at Queen Creek is a higher education center organized by Rio Salado College in partnership with the Town of Queen Creek, Maricopa County Community College District, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Northern Arizona University, Ottawa University and the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences. This new model of higher education provides a variety of degree pathways including student certificates, Associate degrees, Bachelor’s degrees and Master’s degrees, all in one convenient location.

Students benefit from a variety of course formats, including in-person, online and hybrid. The Communiversality concept allows students to save money by taking up to 90 credits at community college pricing before transferring to one of the university partners to complete their Bachelor’s degree.

The 22,000-square-foot Queen Creek facility opened in February 2014 and is part of the planned education hub located adjacent to the Queen Creek Library in the heart of Town Center. The facility includes classrooms, a computer lab, testing center and administrative offices for instructors, staff, rotating academic advisors, tutors and counselors. In addition, the Communiversality at Queen Creek serves as a regional support center for Rio Salado’s online learners and residents who have 24/7 access to the institution’s 500 plus online courses.





# QC LIFESTYLE

## PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE

Queen Creek is located at the base of the scenic San Tan Mountains, and offers endless outdoor activities throughout the year. Two recreational washes provide equestrian, running and cycling activities for residents, with plans currently underway to complete a fully connected 11-mile event-oriented, multi-use trail and loop around Town via the washes. Housing developments along the washes provide easy access for residents to enjoy outdoor activities and participate in special events along the wash.

The Sonoqui Wash trail travels into Queen Creek from the Town of Gilbert, and serves as part of the Maricopa Trail. Maricopa County has been developing this regional trail system in a three-phase process since February 2000. When completed, the entire trail system will cover an estimated 750 miles. Phase II of the Maricopa Trail plan, adopted October 2003, encompasses the southeast valley with connection to San Tan Mountain Regional Park through the Sonoqui Wash in Queen Creek.

Queen Creek Wash runs through the center of Town and offers easy access from the award-winning 33-acre Desert Mountain Park, home to multi-purpose fields, volleyball and basketball courts, amphitheater, equestrian staging area, playgrounds and picnic ramadas.

Queen Creek’s interconnected network of parks, trails, open spaces and recreation opportunities offer safe and diverse activities and programs that sustain our small, hometown atmosphere and equestrian/agricultural character.



## HEALTH & WELLNESS

Rapid population growth in Greater Phoenix has created an increased demand for healthcare services. With regional assets including clusters of cancer care, neuroscience, emerging bioengineering and cardiovascular expertise, Greater Phoenix offers healthcare companies opportunities for success. M. D. Anderson’s arrival in Greater Phoenix adds to the growing field of cancer-care providers including Mayo Clinic, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, and community hospitals such as St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, Scottsdale Healthcare and others.

Located adjacent to the Town’s southeast border, Banner Ironwood Medical Center is a part of the Banner Health network designed to meet the East Valley’s growing health care needs. Currently, beds focus on general and intensive care, obstetrics and surgery. In total, more than 500 beds and supporting health services could be built on the 80-acre site. Queen Creek is well positioned to attract medical support services to complement our neighboring hospitals.



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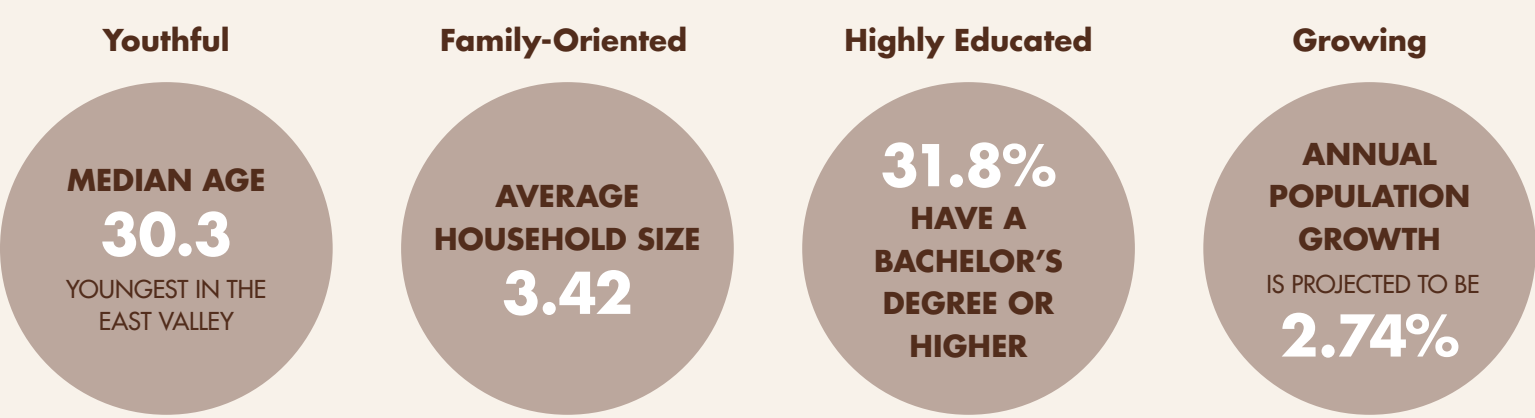
Source: ESRI Business Analyst 2013



# NEIGHBORHOODS

Queen Creek offers a wide variety of housing options, sure to meet your preferences. From upscale apartments located in the heart of Town Center to custom homes on spacious lots, to sized-just-right lots from nationally-renowned builders and equestrian estates, it is easy to find the right neighborhood for your family. Our residents take pride in their neighborhoods and enjoy a safe, family-friendly place to call home.

## QUEEN CREEK IS:



Source: 2013 ESRI Business Analyst



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

## LOCAL PROGRAMS

### Expedited Permitting

The Town’s Economic Development Department helps move projects of significance through the permitting process to ensure personalized attention and forward movement.

### QC Inc.

The Economic Development Department is committed to growing, nurturing and expanding small business through workshops, partnerships and marketing efforts. QC Inc. is a Town economic development program designed to nurture the development of entrepreneurial companies through the start-up phase by providing access to business resources, mentorship and networking support.

### Façade Improvement

The Town of Queen Creek’s Façade Improvement Program encourages improvements to street-facing exteriors of commercial buildings located in the Town Center. Applicants must be the owners of the property or commercial tenants who have written approval from property owners to participate. Applications are reviewed and approved by the Town Center Committee. The Town reimburses up to 50% of eligible pre-approved improvement costs with a maximum amount for any individual grant award of \$20,000 per property.

### Local Investment Program

The Town of Queen Creek may consider the following project investments and are subject to a thorough financial analysis prior to awarding of grant monies:

- Waive any or all of the following fees required to be paid in connection with a commercial or industrial project: planning and zoning filing fees, engineering review fees, plan check and building permit fees.
- Enter into a written agreement whereby the Town shall contribute to the costs of public infrastructure, as determined by the Town Manager, which are required to be constructed in connection with a commercial or industrial project (financial assistance for curb cuts, driveways in the public right-of way, water/sewer extensions, drainage improvements).
- Initiate the process of applying for federal and state economic development grants, low-interest loans and job training programs through partner agencies.

- Financing through improvement districts or commercial facilities districts.
- Expedited plan review.

For projects located in a redevelopment area, the Town may consider the following:

- Enter a written agreement to use available state incentive programs for redevelopment areas, including GPLET.
- Expedite permit issuance, including commitments for permits at foundation stage.

## REGIONAL PROGRAMS

The Town of Queen Creek partners with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) to provide a variety of tools and services for businesses. As businesses attempt to minimize risk, locations with shovel-ready sites emerge as top choices. Providing shovel-ready sites further positions the Town of Queen Creek as a preferred and competitive region for companies with expansion or relocation plans.

## STATE PROGRAMS

Arizona offers several business programs and tax incentives to foster its business-friendly environment. These incentives include:

- Qualified Facility Tax Credit Program
- Quality Jobs Tax Credit Program
- Data Center Sales Tax Exemptions
- Renewable Energy Tax Incentive Program
- R&D Tax Credit Program
- Foreign Trade Zone Program
- Military Reuse Zone Program
- Angel Investment Tax Credit
- Commercial/Industrial Solar
- SBIR/STTR (for small businesses)
- Job Training Program
- Arizona Competes Package
  - Starting in 2014, the corporate tax rate will steadily decrease to 4.9 percent.
  - Starting in 2014, Sales Factor ramps up to 100 percent.
  - Commercial property taxes are reduced by 10 percent.

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# TRANSPORTATION

## AIRPORTS

Queen Creek is conveniently located within 10 minutes of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and only 45 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Located just north of Town, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway (PMGA) is developing as an international aerospace center with aircraft maintenance, modification, testing and pilot training. With three expansive runways, a newly remodeled passenger terminal and convenient parking, PMGA is positioned to be a dynamic reliever airport to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Currently, more than 40 aviation companies operate at PMGA, generating more than \$1.3 billion in annual economic activity. The Allegiant Air hub at PMGA offers passenger flights to more than 35 destinations with a growth plan to court additional airline carriers.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is one of the 10 busiest in the world, with a \$79 million daily economic impact. On a typical day, more than 1,200 aircraft and 100,000 passengers arrive and depart, and more than 800 tons of air cargo is handled. With easy access to Queen Creek via expressway, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport provides a convenient travel option to the region.

[PhxMesaGateway.org](http://PhxMesaGateway.org) | [SkyHarbor.com](http://SkyHarbor.com) | [AllegiantAir.com](http://AllegiantAir.com)

## FREEWAYS & RAIL

Arizona provides a comprehensive transportation system leading into the heart of the Phoenix Metro area. Interstate 10, US 60, State Route 202, and the new State Route 24 all provide viable east-west and north-south ground transportation options with easy access to Queen Creek. The Union Pacific Railroad runs directly through Queen Creek, offering industry freight options when exporting to other destination points. Future plans call for the expansion of State Route 24 east into Pinal County, and exploration of a passenger rail line between Southern Arizona (Tucson area) and the East Valley of Phoenix.

PHOENIX-MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT IS WITHIN

**2 MILES OF QUEEN CREEK**





# TAX INFORMATION

## SALES TAX

- Queen Creek: 2.25%
- Maricopa County: 0.7%
- State: 5.6%

For more information, visit the Arizona Department of Revenue at:

**Revenue.state.az.us.**

Business licenses can be obtained from the Town Clerk’s office at a cost of \$60. The application may be found at:

**QueenCreek.org/Business/Business-Licenses.**

## PROPERTY TAX

Primary Property – Public Safety: \$1.95 per \$100 of assessed value

## DEVELOPMENT FEES

Town of Queen Creek development fees are used for public safety, park land purchases and improvements, expansion of the Town sewer system, construction of bridges in the Town, and construction of fire stations and other facilities and equipment identified in the Town’s five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). To view a complete list of the Town’s development fees, **QueenCreek.org/DevelopmentFees.**

# STRATEGIC PARTNERS

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Queen Creek Economic Development Commission, comprised of community leaders and stakeholders, makes recommendations on ways to diversify Queen Creek’s economic base; advises on economic development issues by considering economic impacts and Town policy; and assists in identifying assets and resources appropriate for implementation of the Town’s economic development strategy.

## GREATER PHOENIX ECONOMIC COUNCIL (GPEC)

The Greater Phoenix Economic Council and its members (23 communities and more than 160 private sector business partners) work cooperatively to project a regional identity and ensure a competitive, vibrant and self-sustaining regional economy.

**GPEC.org**

## QUEEN CREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Formed in 2002, the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce supports local start-up companies, helps draw attention to the business community and provides a voice at local and state levels on business-related issues. The Chamber also provides monthly business education, networking, retention and expansion programs; and serves as the Town’s tourism center.

**QueenCreekChamber.org**

## WHY ARIZONA?

CNBC recently ranked Arizona No. 2 in the U.S. in terms of training, quality and availability of workers while maintaining one of the lowest costs for labor in the nation. Greater Phoenix offers a broad and deep labor pool – the third largest in the West. In 2010, Greater Phoenix’s total labor force reached two million people, and is projected to increase 85 percent over the next two decades. That’s compared with a national growth estimate of just 20 percent.

Source: GPEC

IN 2010, GREATER PHOENIX’S TOTAL  
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**2 MILLION PEOPLE**

AND IS PROJECTED TO

**INCREASE 85%**

OVER THE NEXT TWO DECADES

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Arizona Association of Economic  
Development (AAED)**  
aaed.com

**Arizona Commerce Authority**  
azcommerce.com

**Arizona Prospector**  
arizonapro prospector.com

**Arizona Small Business Development  
Center (AZSBDC)**  
azsbdc.net

**East Valley Partnership**  
evp-az.org

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**  
sba.gov/localresources/district/az





Delivering

# FUTURE LEADERS.

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