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- GOAL 02:** | Build and plan parks and recreation facilities that equitably provide recreation and leisure opportunities for all Queen Creek residents.
- GOAL 03:** | Leverage parks, trails, and recreation facilities so they contribute to the Town's economy.
- GOAL 04:** | Integrate health into recreation programs and park design.
- GOAL 05:** | Leverage local land use planning and rezonings and regional planning efforts to enhance the Town's recreation system.
- GOAL 06:** | Provide public education about recreation opportunities and facilities for the community.
- GOAL 07:** | Maximize the range of recreation activities by providing programs that leverage recreation facility investments and meet identified recreation needs.
- GOAL 08:** | Work regionally to maximize recreation opportunities for Queen Creek residents.
- GOAL 09:** | Maintain parks and recreation facilities so they are safe, attractive, and usable using state-of-the-art maintenance practices.
- GOAL 10:** | Plan for future park renovation and upgrades.

GOAL 01:

Connect parks and recreation facilities to each other, the Town Center, schools, cultural sites, neighborhoods, and other community destinations with paths and trails that maximize the use of Queen Creek and Sonoqui washes, San Tan Mountain Regional Park, and existing non-motorized facilities.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 1.a: Partner with the development community when possible to maximize open spaces and drainages as trail connections.

Strategy 1.b: Leverage planned roadway improvements identified in the Queen Creek Multimodal Transportation Master Plan to provide on-roadway connections between the Queen Creek and Sonoqui washes, planned and existing parks and community destinations, including and not limited to, the Town Center, cultural sites, schools, and San Tan Mountain Regional Park.

Strategy 1.c: Maximize the use of development impact fees to complete:

- 11-mile loop trail.
- Trail connection from Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre to San Tan Mountain Regional Park.
- Connections between the 11-mile loop trail and the Queen Creek Sports Complex site.
- Connections between future parks and the 11-mile loop trail.

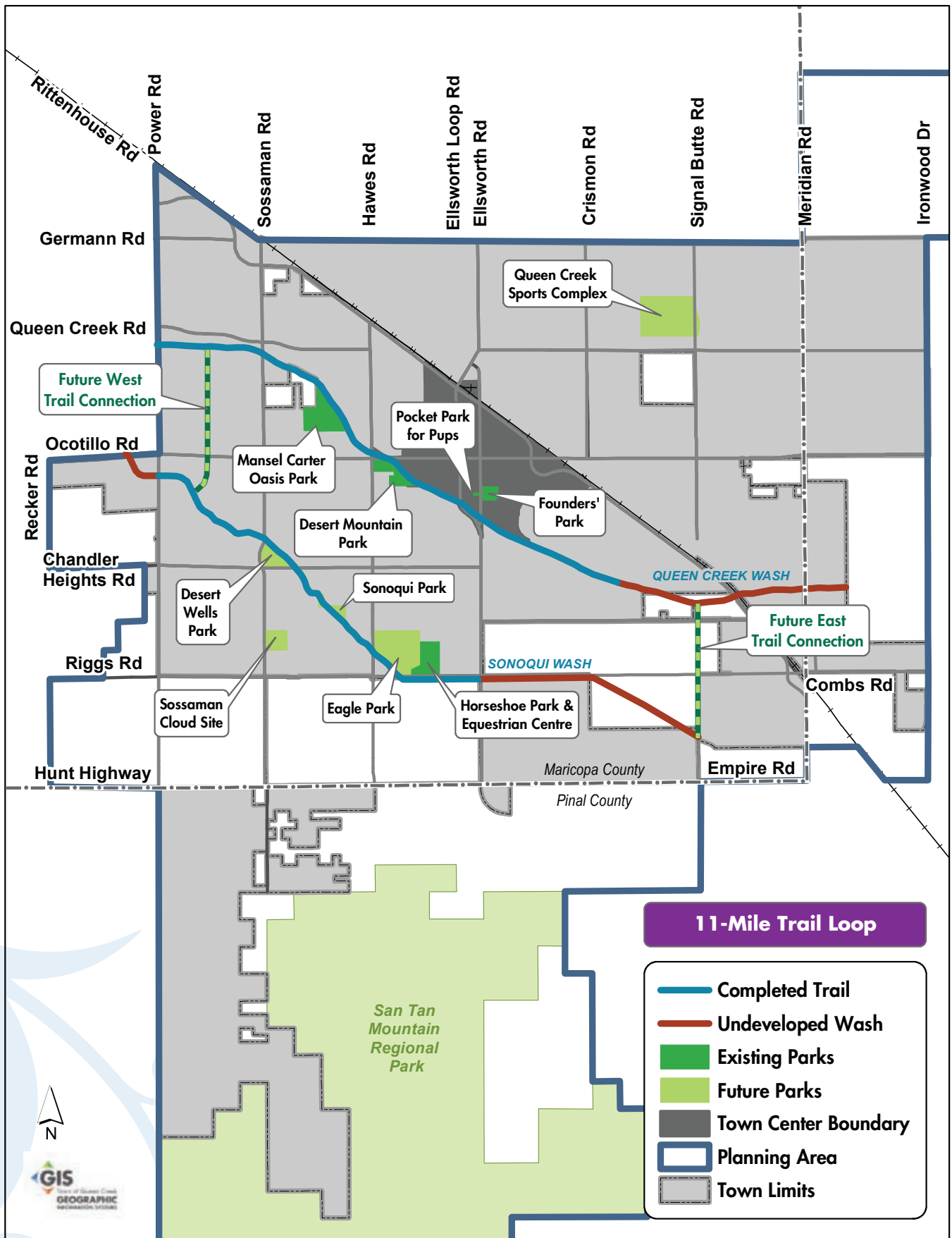
ACTIONS

Action 1.1: Complete the 11-mile loop trail (**Figure 4.1: 11-Mile Loop Trail Map**).

Short Term (By 2022)

- **Action 1.1.a:** Through rezoning and other partnerships, work with property owners of the land west of Sossaman Road between Queen Creek Wash and the Sonoqui Wash to create a trail connection that is generally 1/4 mile west of Sossaman Road, south of Queen Creek Road, and then traveling southwest to connect to Sonoqui Wash at approximately 186th Street (extended).
- **Action 1.1.b:** Until development occurs along Signal Butte Road between Riggs Road and Queen Creek Wash, create a loop by adding wayfinding signs on Ellsworth Road between Riggs Road and the Queen Creek Wash as a connector for the 11-mile loop trail.

Figure 4.1: 11-Mile Loop Trail Map



Mid-Term (By 2027)

- **Action 1.1.c:** When Riggs Road between Ellsworth and Meridian roads is constructed (10-year transportation projects) as a five-lane street, include a six-foot detached sidewalk and 10-foot multi-use path and an unpaved trail on the north of the road. Include a trail crossing at Crismon Road to connect the trail to the Sonoqui Wash as it proceeds through private property on the southside of Riggs Road.
- **Action 1.1.d:** When Combs (Riggs) Road is improved, include a six-foot detached sidewalk and 10-foot multi-use path on the north side of the road between Rittenhouse Road and Gantzel Road. If possible, work with Banner Ironwood Medical Center to create a link from its facility to this trail.

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Action 1.1.e:** Through development agreements, work with property owners to secure a paved path and unpaved trail connection between the Sonoqui and Queen Creek washes along the west side of the Crismon Road alignment.
- **Action 1.1.f:** Through development agreements and/or annexation agreements, work with property owners to secure a paved path and unpaved trail connection between the Queen Creek and Sonoqui washes along both sides of Signal Butte Road.
- **Action 1.1.g:** Through development agreements, work with property owners to secure a trail along the Sonoqui Wash south of Riggs Road to Signal Butte Road.



QC Wash Trail

Action 1.2: Connect Queen Creek residents to Town parks and to the San Tan Mountain Regional Park.

Short Term (By 2022)

- **Action 1.2.a:** Use an at-grade High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) signalized crossing to connect the trail at Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre from the Sonoqui Wash on the northside of Riggs Road across Riggs Road to 204th Street. Work with Maricopa County to sign 204th Street as the Queen Creek San Tan Mountain Trail.
- **Action 1.2.b:** Wayfind Empire Boulevard between Bell and Ellsworth roads as the Queen Creek San Tan Mountain Trail, and build in the long term.
- **Action 1.2.c:** Wayfind as the Queen Creek San Tan Mountain Trail, Wagon Wheel Road south to Skyline Drive to the Skyline Drive Trailhead.
- **Action 1.2.d:** Initiate meetings with Maricopa County Park Development staff and to identify the types of facilities (parking, restrooms, etc.) desired for a trailhead, located approximately at the Roberts Road alignment on the western edge of San Tan Mountain Park trailhead, connecting to the San Tan Trail west of Box Canyon.
- **Action 1.2.e:** Work with the developers of Box Canyon and Maricopa County to provide a public trail between the Box Canyon Trailhead at San Tan Mountain Park (at approximately the Skyline Drive alignment) and Empire Boulevard. When this trail is constructed, connect it to the Sonoqui Wash via a trail along Bell or Sossaman roads.
- **Action 1.2.f:** Work with Maricopa County to improve the Goldmine Trailhead to reduce on-street parking and illegal entry.

Action 1.3: Meet quarterly with the San Tan Mountain Regional Park to identify opportunities to partner on recreation programs and events.

Action 1.4: Connect the Queen Creek Sports Complex site to the Town trail system and other destinations within the Town.

Short Term (By 2022)

- **Action 1.4.a:** Design and build a trail along Ryan Road between Signal Butte and Ellsworth roads as part of development.

Mid Term (By 2027)

- **Action 1.4.b:** Complete the sidewalk/shared-use path along Ellsworth Road from Ocotillo Road south to Riggs Road.
- **Action 1.4.c:** When Signal Butte Road is improved to two lanes, include a shared-use path on the east side of the road connecting the Queen Creek and Sonoqui washes. Place the path in its final position to accommodate future roadway widenings and reduce costs of relocation.
- **Action 1.4.d:** Build a shared-use path on the east side of Signal Butte Road between Appleby Road and Queen Creek Road.
- **Action 1.4.e:** Wayfind Signal Butte Road as the Queen Creek Sports Complex Trail.

Action 1.5: Include a representative from the Parks or Recreation divisions in roadway planning, pre-design, and design to ensure that trails identified on this plan are included when roads are improved or constructed.

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Action 1.5.a:** When development occurs along the east side of Signal Butte Road between Queen Creek Road and east Ocotillo Road, require shared-use paths within these developments that connect to existing paths to provide a continuous path along Signal Butte Road to the Queen Creek Sports Complex site.
- **Action 1.5.b:** Consider creating an equestrian agility course at Desert Wells Park along the trail on the north and east side of the park.

GOAL
02:

Build and plan parks and recreation facilities that equitably provide recreation and leisure opportunities for all Queen Creek residents.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 2.a: Provide parks and recreation facilities in accordance with the standards listed in Appendix G: Park Types.

Strategy 2.b: Pursue partnerships and grants that enhance the quantity and quality of recreation facilities, events, and open spaces available to residents.

Strategy 2.c: Evaluate changing recreation needs and demands in order to provide a variety of amenities within Town parks.

Strategy 2.d: Acquire land for new parks strategically in a way that minimizes costs to the Town.

Strategy 2.e: Build the Queen Creek Sports Complex site as a regional park.

Strategy 2.f: Plan space to build a multi-generation recreation center and aquatic facility as part of a later phase of the Queen Creek Sports Complex site to provide a venue for recreation programs and activities for all residents.

Strategy 2.g: Provide universally accessible play structures at all public parks per ADA guidelines.

Strategy 2.h: Provide trailhead parking at parks when possible, and identify locations along the trail for limited parking to enhance trailhead access.

Strategy 2.i: Evaluate the impact of the development of State Land on the need for additional recreational facilities and parks in Queen Creek.

Strategy 2.j: Develop administrative capacity to ensure that parks and recreation facilities and programs continue to meet the needs of the Town.

ACTIONS

Ongoing Opportunities

Action 2.1 Build the Queen Creek Sports Complex site.

- **Action 2.1.a:** Work with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County to implement the grading agreements for the Queen Creek Sports Complex site included in the East Mesa Area Drainage Master Plan.
- **Action 2.1.b:** Work with the Town Utilities Department to create a lake at the Queen Creek Sports Complex site that is designed in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration and Game & Fish standards to minimize attracting flocking birds.

Action 2.2: When the Town opens the Queen Creek Sports Complex, evaluate efficiencies realized through the creation of a Parks and Recreation Department that merges parks maintenance staff from the Public Works Department, recreation services, and parks administration.

Action 2.3: Apply for funding for trails from the Maricopa Association of Governments through the Pedestrian Design Assistance Program.

Action 2.4: Continue to work with Eagle Park LLC to develop and dedicate to the Town, Eagle Park.

Action 2.5: Work with the developers of the industrial property located on the east side of Rittenhouse Road and the south side of Queen Creek Wash to explore opportunities to create an event venue/ amphitheater at this site that complements the agritainment district.

Action 2.6: Provide parking areas to allow enhanced access to trails. When possible, work with new development or planned roadway improvements to construct the parking areas.

- **Action 2.6.a:** Provide a trail parking area at Hawes Road and the Sonoqui Wash.
- **Action 2.6.b:** Provide a trail parking area at Chandler Heights or Sossaman Road and the Sonoqui Wash.
- **Action 2.6.c:** Provide a trail parking area at Queen Creek Wash and Sossaman Road.
- **Action 2.6.d:** Provide a trail parking area at Queen Creek Wash and Ellsworth Road.

Action 2.7: Explore opportunities to purchase and develop a new park (minimum 30 acres) in southeast Queen Creek. Consider partnering with landowners in that area to develop a park.

Action 2.8: Consider partnering with schools to construct fields and gym space that could be programmed by the schools during school hours, and programmed by the Recreation Division during weekends, holidays, school breaks and after 5 p.m.

Action 2.9: Consider partnering with the private sector to accelerate master plan.

Action 2.10: Consider working with the Queen Creek Unified School District to construct an aquatic center at their existing pool site if a Town aquatic center is not built.

Action 2.11: Explore partnerships with leagues and charter schools to participate in the funding of new field facilities.

Action 2.12: Continue to develop a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club to provide a new recreation facility for youth and teens within the Town.

Action 2.13: Develop a strategic approach for grant applications.

- **Action 2.13.a:** Apply for Arizona State Heritage Funds to support the development of parks and trailheads.
- **Action 2.13.b:** Explore partnerships with equestrian organizations and Wells Fargo to help fund the conservation of the Desert Wells Stage stop, and development of an equestrian agility course along the wash at Desert Wells Park.

Action 2.14: Annually identify recreation funding needs.

- **Action 2.14.a:** Provide an annual briefing to the Town Council on past parks and recreation accomplishments and resident needs.
- **Action 2.14.b:** Participate in the annual Capital Improvement Plan process to identify funding for repairs, replacement, and new construction.
- **Action 2.14.c:** Annually review Town recreation priorities and identify funding sources for them.

GOAL 03:

Leverage parks, trails, and recreation facilities so they contribute to the Town's economy.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 3.a: Reprogram Founders' Park so it is more event friendly and connects to downtown.

Strategy 3.b: Consider the benefits of non-Queen Creek resident fees in funding operations and maintenance of recreation facilities.

Strategy 3.c: Continue to work with Schnepf Farms, the Queen Creek Olive Mill, Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre, and other attractions to host events in Queen Creek.

Strategy 3.d: Partner with Maricopa County to promote provision of additional recreation opportunities within the San Tan Mountain Regional Park.

Strategy 3.e: Consider opportunities to create facilities that can support regional and larger tournaments and competitions.

Strategy 3.f: Include opportunities for concessions in parks and recreation facilities.

Strategy 3.g: Pursue public and private partnerships when possible and practical.

ACTIONS

Short Term (By 2022)

Action 3.1: Work with Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre staff to increase events at the venue that are appropriate to its use.

- **Action 3.1.a:** Meet with Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre biannually to develop strategies for leveraging the venue, and Town parks, to attract events that will bring visitors to Queen Creek.
- **Action 3.1.b:** Work with the Town's Economic Development Department to identify and encourage businesses to locate in Queen Creek that would benefit from Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre.

Action 3.2: Develop an events strategy and plan.

- **Action 3.2.a:** Twice each year, host a meeting of Schnepf Farms, the Queen Creek Olive Mill, and Town event staff to review and identify potential events that could be hosted within the Town.
- **Action 3.2.b:** Continue to coordinate with the Economic Development Department and other Town departments to identify potential events to be hosted at Town parks.
- **Action 3.2.c:** Continue to work with Public Works to identify capital improvement strategies that improve access to and from event sites.

Action 3.3: Create and attract events that use Town trails.

- **Action 3.3.a:** Develop trail-based events (such as runs, relays, and agility events) along Town trails that attract visitors to Queen Creek.

Mid Term (By 2027)

- **Action 3.3.b:** Work with an event promoter to develop the Queen Creek Half Marathon along the 11-mile loop.

Ongoing Opportunities**Action 3.4:** Identify opportunities for concessions in all new facility and park developments.

- **Action 3.4.a:** After the construction of the Queen Creek Sports Complex site, consider redesigning Founders' Park to provide an event venue close to the Town Center.
- **Action 3.4.b:** When building new recreation facilities and parks, incorporate, when practical and possible, retail opportunities that could provide lease revenues to the Recreation Division and sales taxes to the Town.
- **Action 3.4.c:** Provide large gathering places in parks (in the form of group ramadas or amphitheaters) that can be leased out for regular gatherings such as Sunday services, corporate events, and other occasions.

GOAL 04:

Integrate health into recreation programs and park design.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 4.a: Continue working with local health organizations to educate the community about the connection between health and physical activity.

Strategy 4.b: Promote community gardens.

ACTIONS

Ongoing Opportunities

Action 4.1: Work to develop community gardens in public and private venues.

- **Action 4.1.a:** Work with HOAs, scouts, the Boys & Girls Club, 4-H, and other community organizations to develop and manage community gardens at Town and/or private parks where appropriate.

Action 4.2: Continue to seek out grant and other funding opportunities to further educate the community about the connection between parks and health.

Action 4.3: Work with the library, local farms, and other agricultural groups to promote information about healthy eating and the role of agriculture in the Town.

Action 4.4: Form a Healthy Queen Creek Task Force that includes representatives from hospitals, local health providers, and recreation staff to create a health-based recreation program area that includes classes on topics such as healthy lifestyles and healthy eating.

Action 4.5: In accordance with the Economic Development Strategic Plan, explore the idea of becoming a designated “Blue Zone Community,” in which citizens and community leaders collaborate on policies and programs that move the community towards better health and well-being.

GOAL 05:

Leverage local land use planning and rezonings and regional planning efforts to enhance the Town's recreation system.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 5.a: Work with private land developers to ensure that neighborhood-scale recreation facilities and trails are included in all residential developments in accordance with Park Types (Appendix G) and the trail design guidelines. Where appropriate, ensure connections to public trails are included in commercial developments.

ACTIONS

Short Term (By 2022)

Action 5.1: Include a representative from the Recreation Division in development application conferences for all rezoning requests larger than 20 acres. Identify necessary trail connections and discuss potential opportunities to leverage open spaces provided as part of the development to enhance the Town's recreation system.

Action 5.2: Amend the zoning ordinance to require circulation plans for all new developments to include trails and/or paved paths connecting destinations within the development to each other and to Town trails/paved paths/sidewalks. If a development is adjacent to Sonoqui Wash or Queen Creek Wash, or a planned or existing paved path or trail, require private trails within the development to connect to public trails and paved paths. If paved paths or trails within the development are not adjacent to paved paths or trails identified in this plan, require private trails and paved paths connect to the public sidewalk.

Ongoing Opportunities

Action 5.3: Explore the potential to work with property owners east of Crismon Road (extended) in providing a trail easement along the south side of Queen Creek Wash to south Ironwood Drive/north Gantzel Road.

GOAL 06:

Provide public education about recreation opportunities and facilities for the community.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 6.a: Keep residents informed about planned parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

Strategy 6.b: Educate residents about park, trails, and recreation facilities costs and impacts on the Town budget.

ACTIONS

Short Term (By 2022)

Action 6.1: Submit Town trails to Google maps.

Action 6.2: Continue to reach out to the community using a variety of techniques including, and not limited to, digital outreach, face-to-face meetings, community events, and community meetings.

Action 6.3: Post signs at planned park sites throughout the Town to educate future residents about the potential recreation facility developments. Include contact information on the signs.

Action 6.4: Post a map showing existing and planned park sites in a visible place in the municipal services building.

Action 6.5: At Town-sponsored events, provide information about future and existing parks.

Action 6.6: Place information about future parks on the Town's website and in the Experience QC publication.

Action 6.7: Include at least two questions in each Town citizen survey regarding residents' satisfaction with parks and recreation facilities and programs, and about what parks and recreation facilities and programs are needed.

Action 6.8: Include information about costs (to the extent practical) when providing information on planned parks and recreation facilities.

GOAL 07:

Maximize the range of recreation activities by providing programs that leverage recreation facility investments and meet identified recreation needs.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 7.a: Partner with public and private providers to enhance the quality, type, and number of recreation programs available to Town residents.

Strategy 7.b: Ensure that all residents are able to participate in recreation activities regardless of their ability to pay or their physical or mental capabilities.

Strategy 7.c: Work with Town departments to increase the availability of recreation resources (such as community rooms) to the Town.

Strategy 7.d: Develop a five-year recreational program plan that identifies the priorities for program development, the responsible staff member, and the required resources. Once the plan is developed, annually evaluate programs and create a system to develop updated, relevant recreation programs.

ACTIONS

Short Term (By 2022)

Action 7.1: Explore a partnership with the San Tan Historical Society to offer resources that encourage residents to protect and interpret the resources at Desert Wells Park to create and manage a trailhead that accommodates equestrians, cyclists, and other users. Consider charging a parking fee at this trailhead to support the conservation of the site and trailhead maintenance.

Action 7.2: Work with private providers to enhance the types of recreation activities and programs at Town facilities.

- **Action 7.2.a:** Consider partnerships with youth sports organizations to provide resources for park/amenity construction in exchange for exclusive use.
- **Action 7.2.b:** Consider partnerships with local skateboarding groups and skate stores to organize events, or potentially manage, the Founders' Park skate park.
- **Action 7.2.c:** Consider working with Barney Family Sports Complex to expand recreation facility offerings within the Town.

- **Action 7.2.d:** When tennis courts are available, partner with local providers to offer tennis clinics and lessons.

Ongoing Opportunities

Action 7.3: Continue to work with the Boys & Girls Club.

- **Action 7.3.a:** Support the Boys & Girls Club in their capital campaign to build their own facility at Founders' Park.

Action 7.4: Develop partnerships with schools and other civic organizations through joint-use agreements.

- **Action 7.4.a:** Determine the programs and services that will be offered directly by recreation staff, and which will be contracted to other individuals or organizations.
- **Action 7.4.b:** Work with local schools to offer recreation programs for Town youth that are designed to provide activities during school breaks.
- **Action 7.4.c:** Partner with local schools, churches, and other organizations when possible and practical to increase the type, availability, and quantity of recreation facilities available to Town residents at a reduced cost to the Town.
- **Action 7.4.d:** Continue to partner with nonprofits to provide recreation programs.

Action 7.5: Work with Town departments to integrate community rooms and other recreation facilities into their developments and facilities when possible and practical.

Action 7.6: Annually evaluate and update recreation program offerings.

- **Action 7.6.a:** Update the program proposal form to determine the direct cost of offering the activity, the minimum number of registrants needed to conduct it, the need for the program, its market focus, and the ability to support the program plan and priorities of the Recreation Division.
- **Action 7.6.b:** Continue to use current performance measures to assess the success of each program. Add to the performance measures a calculation of the cost per participant to determine the value that is received for the cost.
- **Action 7.6.c:** Conduct a life cycle analysis for major activities where program registrations by interest area are tracked and reviewed on a seasonal basis.

GOAL
08:

Work regionally to maximize recreation opportunities for Queen Creek residents.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 8.a: Consider serving non-residents when designing and developing fee models for new recreation facilities and programs.

Strategy 8.b: Connect the Town trail system to regional trails.

Strategy 8.c: Enforce the agreement in the East Mesa Area Drainage Master Plan requiring the Flood Control District of Maricopa County to provide grading for the Queen Creek Sports Complex site in return for the Town agreeing to allow water to be retained onsite.

Strategy 8.d: Work with Pinal County, and, should San Tan Valley incorporate, to protect the area around the San Tan Mountain Regional Park from inappropriate development or use.

Strategy 8.e: Work with Maricopa County to complete construction of the Maricopa Trail through Queen Creek along Hawes Road to the Goldmine Trailhead at Skyline Drive.

Strategy 8.f: Work with regional partners to evaluate the development of passenger rail through the community, so that it can be leveraged for recreational opportunities.

ACTIONS

Short Term (By 2022):

Action 8.1: Work with Pinal County to connect Queen Creek to the Arizona Trail.

Action 8.2: Engage the Flood Control District of Maricopa County in the design of the Queen Creek Sports Complex site.

Action 8.3: Participate in the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan update process, and San Tan Valley Area planning process, to protect the area around the San Tan Mountain Regional Park from development or uses that would impact Queen Creek residents' access to the park, or negatively impact the quality of open spaces, user experiences, and the environment of the park.

Action 8.4: Participate in the Friends of San Tan Mountain Regional Park to raise awareness of the Maricopa Trail through Queen Creek and develop support for funding trail implementation.

Action 8.5: Work with Pinal County to connect on-street trails along Queen Creek, Riggs, and Ocotillo roads east to the Central Arizona Project Canal.

GOAL 09:

Maintain parks and recreation facilities so they are safe, attractive, and usable using state-of-the-art maintenance practices.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 9.a: Maintain parks and recreation facilities in accordance with the standards recommended in this plan.

Strategy 9.b: Participate in the Town design and construction review process for new parks and private parks.

Strategy 9.c: Create partnerships to expand operations and maintenance capabilities.

Strategy 9.d: Encourage staff to seek out certifications and keep them current.

Strategy 9.e: Allow down time on sports fields for turf maintenance.

Strategy 9.f: As recreation facilities such as aquatic centers are built, find opportunities to teach water safety and contribute to a reduction in drownings and other water-related incidents.

ACTIONS

Short Term (By 2022):

Action 9.1: Encourage citizens to assist in identifying maintenance challenges by submitting service requests via the Towns reporting systems.

Action 9.2: Develop maintenance agreements with all leagues that outline specific maintenance cost-sharing actions.

- **Action 9.2.a:** Create programs where a portion of the revenues directly contribute to field maintenance.
- **Action 9.2.b:** Create a sponsorship program where revenues from the program are used for field maintenance.
- **Action 9.2.c:** Create a fund where revenues from field and facility rentals are used for maintenance.

Action 9.3: Create partnerships to maintain Town trails.

- **Action 9.3.a:** Work with the Superstition District Boy Scouts to develop a formal trail maintenance day that can be integrated into a badge or other troop activities.
- **Action 9.3.b:** Work with mountain bike organizations, such as the San Tan Shredders, to maintain trails.
- **Action 9.3.c:** Work with local equestrian groups, such as the Friends of Horseshoe Park or the local 4-H club, to develop trail maintenance activities.
- **Action 9.3.d:** Work with local hiking groups to maintain trails.

Action 9.4: Continue to work with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office to provide patrol services along Sonoqui and Queen Creek washes.

- **Action 9.4.a:** Conduct regular quarterly meetings with the Sheriff's Department to identify and resolve safety issues along the Town trails.
- **Action 9.4.b:** Consider working with the Sheriff's Department and the Town Fire and Medical Department to create a "trail hotline" that would notify the Sheriff's Department of potentially unsafe activities or conditions along Town trails.
- **Action 9.4.c:** Strive for a ratio of one Park Ranger per 50-80 acres.

Mid Term (By 2027):

- **Action 9.4.d:** Work with the Sheriff's Department to increase nighttime patrols at Desert Mountain (and when it is constructed, Mansel Carter Oasis) parks, washes, and trails to prevent overnight camping, vandalism, and illegal activities.

Action 9.5: Provide emergency call boxes at remote locations along the Sonoqui and Queen Creek wash trails.

Action 9.6: Provide lighting for trail underpasses at arterial roads.

Action 9.7: Provide safe non-motorized facilities along arterial roads that are part of the Town trail system including:

- The Ellsworth Road bridge over the Queen Creek Wash
- South Ellsworth Road over the railroad tracks
- Hawes Road at the Queen Creek Wash

Ongoing Opportunities

Action 9.8: Provide High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) trail crossings at the following locations:

- Chandler Heights between Hawes and Ellsworth (short-term)
- Hawes Road and the Sonoqui Wash (short-term)
- Ellsworth Road and Queen Creek Road (short-term)
- Signal Butte Road and Queen Creek Road (mid-term)

Action 9.9: When trails intersect with roads, design arterial and collector roads with trail crossings that are appropriate for horses, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Action 9.10: Through annual funding allocations, address maintenance issues identified in this plan and through regular maintenance audits.

Action 9.11: Continue to update maintenance plans for all Town maintained parks and grounds that identify the maintenance responsibilities for all existing and planned facilities. Revise the plans at least every two years.

Action 9.12: Identify a preliminary budget for the ongoing and long-term maintenance of all facilities prior to their construction.

Action 9.13: Continue to discuss maintenance practices with adjacent jurisdictions to enhance the exchange of knowledge and best practices.

Action 9.14: Continue to certify staff members through recognized professional organizations.

Action 9.15: Reduce maintenance costs through public/private partnerships.

- **Action 9.15.a:** Work with private or nonprofit entities to construct and operate unique recreation facilities, such as equestrian arenas, amphitheaters, stages, or batting cages.
- **Action 9.15.b:** Work with schools, when practical and possible, to construct and operate shared-maintenance facilities.

GOAL 10:

Plan for future park renovation and upgrades.

STRATEGIES

Strategy 10.a: As technologies advance explore opportunities to integrate security and accessibility into Town parks.

Strategy 10.b: Develop an asset replacement plan for park amenities.

Strategy 10.c: Monitor industry trends and use of existing facilities to ensure the Town's parks contain amenities and features that are desired by residents.

ACTIONS

Ongoing Opportunities

Action 10.1: Identify future capital and maintenance upgrades, and work with the Town's Finance Department to develop a sinking fund to pay for upgrades and renovations.

Action 10.2: Stay current with trends to seek out opportunities to evaluate how current facilities could be repurposed or updated.

Action 10.3: Implement a security camera program for Town parks.

Action 10.4: Staff should remain active in local and national professional organizations to stay current on trends and opportunities.

Action 10.5: As amenities within Town parks are upgraded, ensure accessible features are integrated.



Public Art at Picket Post Square