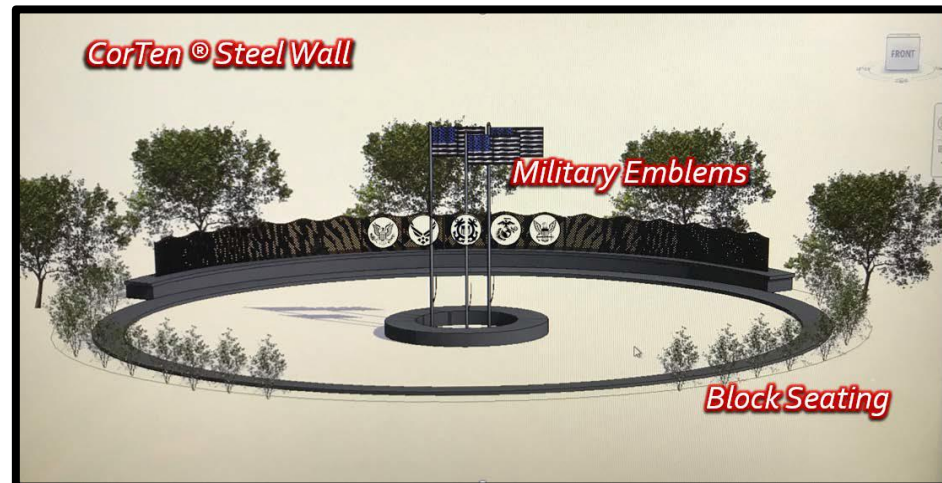




# Queen Creek Citizen Leadership Institute

Volunteer Service Project - Queen Creek Veteran's Memorial

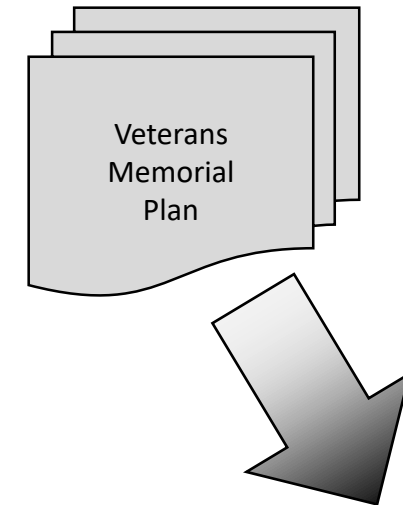
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# Executive Summary

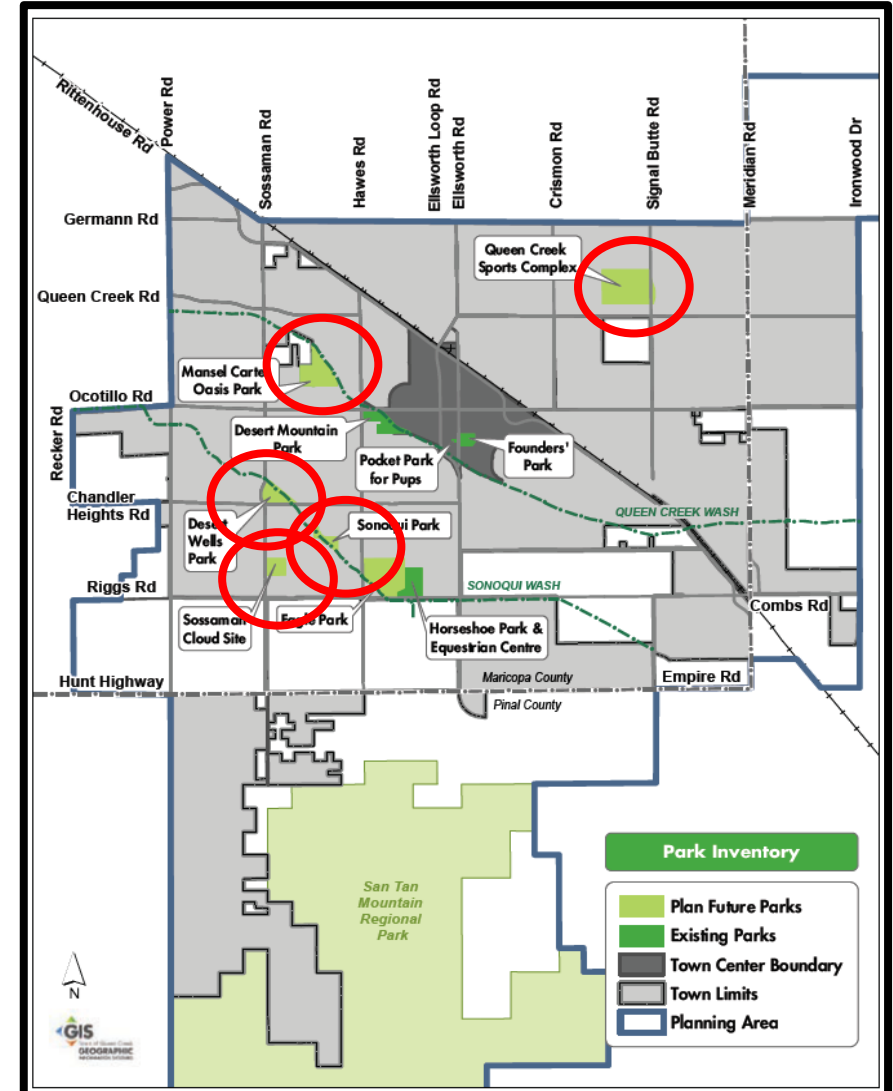
- Continuation of work from last CLI class
- Vision: A memorial to honor veterans of military service
  - Built by the people of Queen Creek to be part of Queen Creek
- Funding: Financed via private donations
- Location: In future planned Queen Creek park
- Construction: Managed by Town of Queen Creek in conjunction with development of future park
- Operations/Maintenance: Sustained as part of park infrastructure
- Next Steps: Seeking Town Council endorsement on plan outline





# Location

- Objective: Balance exposure and reverence
- Proposal:
  - Include memorial as a prominent element in a future park
    - Queen Creek Sports Complex - 91 acres
    - Mansel Carter Oasis Park Phase II - 13 acres
    - Sossaman Cloud Site - 22 acres
    - Desert Wells Park - 30 acres
    - Sonoqui - 15 acres
  - Aligns with Queen Creek Master Plan, Economic Development Strategic Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan
  - Identification of location now supports lead time required for planning and financing





# Funding, Construction & Maintenance

## Funding

- Informal estimates for design = approximately \$250,000
  - Design concept from CLI Class of 2018
- Recommend private financing campaign sponsored by the Town
  - Managed by volunteer Task Force of current / previous CLI members

## Construction

- Commercial or civil construction
- Estimate 3 years (approval through construction effort)
  - Based on other Town memorials of similar size
- Estimated land use ~ .5 – 1 acre
- Construction to take place as part of larger park construction

## Maintenance

- Memorial to be operated, maintained as part of Town park infrastructure
  - Should impose minimal additional requirements
- Events and ceremonies to be managed by Town of Queen Creek

### Revenue Sources

- Sell personalized brick pavers
- Business and personal donations
- Community grants
- DAR purchases flagpoles for Veteran Monuments
- Go Fund Me
- Work with non-profits (VFW) to collect funds







# Next Steps

- Town Council Endorsement
- Create volunteer Task Force to manage planning / follow up on tasks
- Integrate memorial concept with future park planning
- Begin fundraising
- Provide periodic updates to Town Council



CLASS OF 2019

QUEEN CREEK CITIZEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

# BACKPACK DRIVE BENEFITING THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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**“TO QUOTE FROM WHITMAN, “O ME, O LIFE, OF THE QUESTIONS OF THESE RECURRING; OF THE ENDLESS TRAINS OF THE FAITHLESS, OF CITIES FILLED WITH THE FOOLISH; WHAT GOOD AMID THESE, O ME, O LIFE?” “ANSWER. THAT YOU ARE HERE—THAT LIFE EXISTS, AND IDENTITY; THAT THE POWERFUL PLAY GOES ON AND YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE A VERSE. THAT THE POWERFUL PLAY GOES ON AND YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE A VERSE. WHAT WILL YOUR VERSE BE?”**

John Keating ‘Dead Poets Society’

## PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- ▶ What Is Our Community Outreach Project?
- ▶ Why We Chose This Initiative?
- ▶ Goal
- ▶ How We Achieved The Goal?
- ▶ Sustainable Plan Moving Forward

What Is Our Community Outreach Project?

# BACKPACK DRIVE

BENEFITTING THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER



## WHY WE CHOSE THIS INITIATIVE

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- ▶ The Family Resource Center provides food and resources to families experiencing financial strain.
- ▶ For every new school year, they have a shortage of backpacks for middle school and high school aged kids.
- ▶ There are hundreds of kids every year within our community, that don't have a backpack for school.
- ▶ I was one of those kids. Raised by a single mom that worked two jobs. Often going to school carrying my books in a plastic bag. It caused insecurities that made me feel like an outcast.
- ▶ Small item with a big impact: a backpack has the ability to increase confidence and eliminate insecurities for these children.



## GOAL

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Collect 200 backpacks for the Family Resource Center, in time for the fall 2019 school session.

## HOW WE ACHIEVED THIS GOAL

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- ▶ Our group challenged each other to collect a minimum of 10 backpacks a piece.
- ▶ We reached out to family, friends, colleagues, local businesses and our communities to support this initiative.

## SUSTAINABILITY MOVING FORWARD

- ▶ Collecting 200 backpacks alone, won't fulfill the long-term needs.
- ▶ Visit with every QC Citizen Leadership Class moving forward.
- ▶ Encourage them to collect a minimum of two backpacks throughout their tenure in class.
- ▶ Every class moving forward can contribute to a QC Leadership Project, in a simple way with a huge impact. We plan to get them motivated for their own project.



# Historical Desert Wells Stage Stop

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Town of Queen Creek Citizen Leadership Class of 2019

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# Our Idea

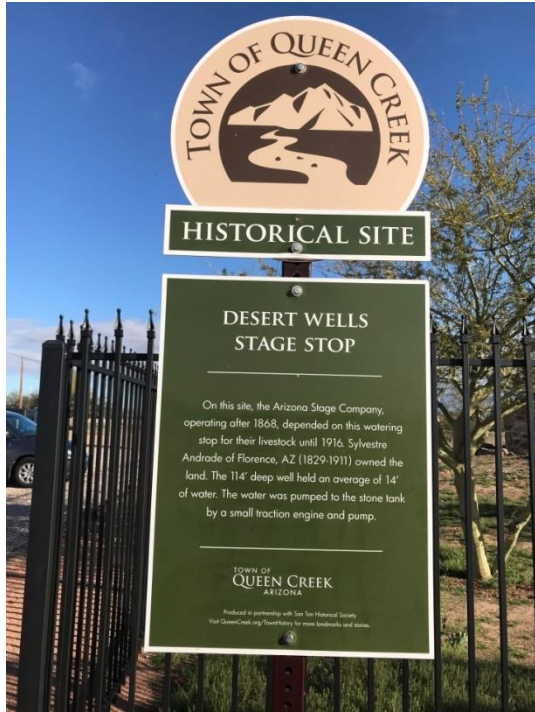
To install an informational kiosk along the Sonoqui Wash Trail to get people who used the trail interested in the site. The Stage Stop is underserved because people did not know what it was.

# Our Plan

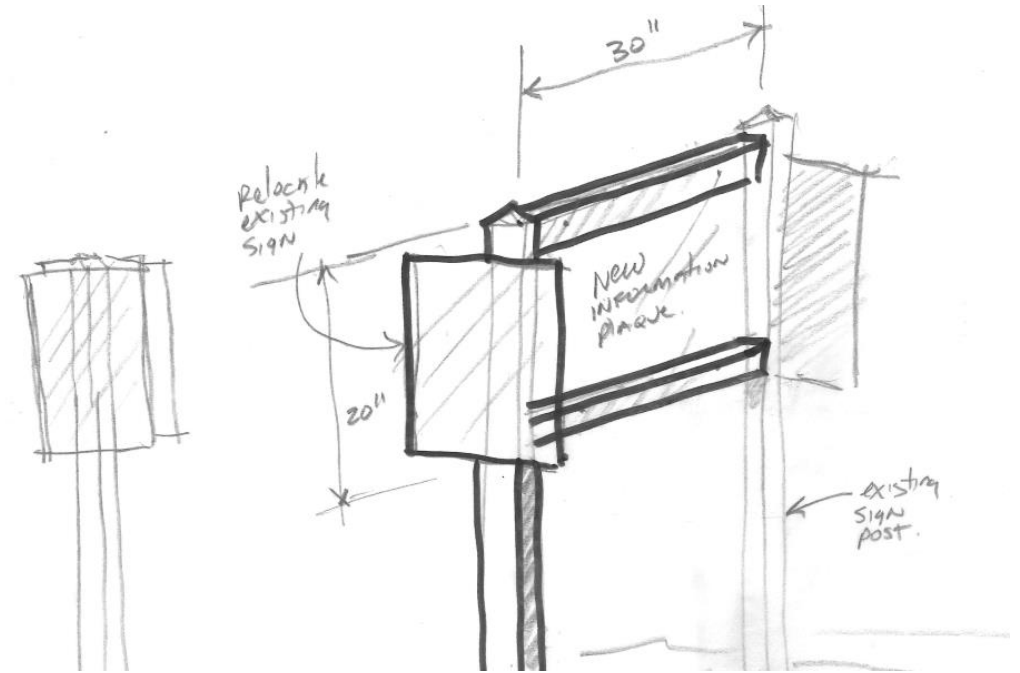
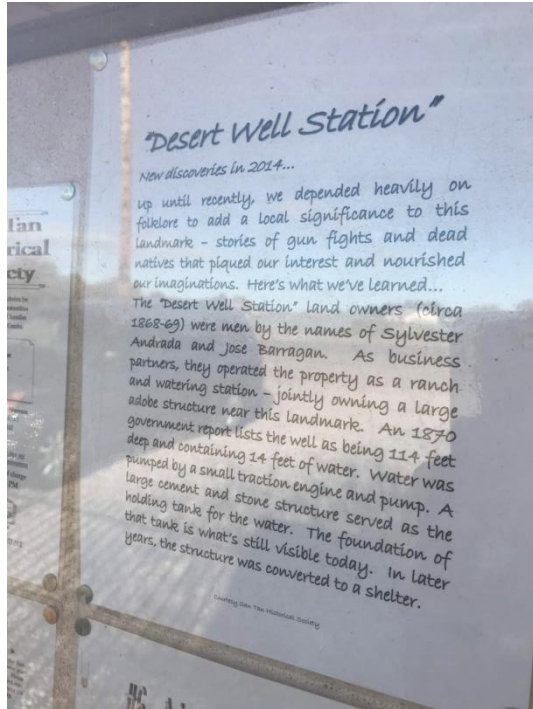
- We consulted with the San Tan Historical Society, Planning and Zoning, Council members and Leadership staff.
- The information kiosk will go in the Sonoqui Trail pathway and will have an arrow showing the direction of the site from the wash.
- The value of the project is at \$2,500 to the Town of Queen Creek. Donations were received from various individuals.
- The project should be completed by the end of April.



# What we have and what will be added



These signs are currently located at the historical site.



This is our rendition of how the sign will look along the Sonoqui trail pathway, with an arrow showing the direction of the site from the wash.

# The Finished Product!

## DESERT WELLS STAGE STOP

The Arizona Stage Co. was founded in 1868 and used the Desert Wells Stage Stop until 1916. During that time period, stage companies often had arrangements honored with a handshake for use of local buildings and wells. The Stop provided water, shade and protection along the ride from Florence to Mesa. The site was a rest stop for horses and mules used by freight wagons and stage line that came from Florence via Olberg through the gap in the San Tan Mountains to Mesa, Arizona.

The Desert Wells Station land owner was Sylvester Andrada. He operated the property as a ranch and watering station. In 1870, a government report lists the well on site as being 114 feet deep and maintained an active depth of 14' of water. The water was pumped by a small traction engine and pump. A large cement and stone structure served as the holding tank for the water. The foundation of that tank is what is visible today. After the stage years, the structure was converted to small shelter of adobe and rock.

For more information and stories about the Desert Wells Stage Stop, visit [SanTanHistorical.org](http://SanTanHistorical.org).



Buckboard wagon stage crossing the Gila River  
ca. 1885



Over 3,000 head of cattle and horses drank from  
the well and tank on the Andrada property

*Sign donated by Queen Creek Citizen Leadership  
Institute Class of 2019.*

