

**Arizona Preserve Initiative (API)
Project Status Report
Winter 2007**

Summary of Petitions and Applications:

- 33** Petitions filed with the Department requesting that approximately **120,032** acres be reclassified as suitable for conservation purposes.
- 18** Petitions processed to full or partial completion: approximately **42,511** acres reclassified; approximately **6,006** acres denied; approximately **5,041** acres held in abeyance.
- 4** Petitions withdrawn, cancelled, rejected, or reclassified to something other than as suitable for conservation purposes: approximately **19,483** acres.
- 12** Petitions in process or awaiting commencement: approximately: **47,085** acres.
- 5** Sale applications pending: approximately **4,165** acres.
- 9** Land sales (approximately **3,276** acres) adding approximately **\$124,944,200** to the permanent Trust Funds.
- 0** Land leases.

Petitions for Conservation Reclassification – Status:

1. File No. 35-102151 by Arizona Board of Regents for approximately 320 acres on Tumamoc Hill; Pima County.
 - Reclassification Order issued May 13, 1997.
 - Coordination Plan approved by the Land Commissioner on March 28, 2000.
 - Refer to the Applications for Purchase or Lease Filed section of this report.

2. File No. 35-102652 by the City of Scottsdale for approximately 2,762 acres within the McDowell Mountain Preserve; Maricopa County.
 - Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued on January 21, 1998.
 - 5-Year Withdrawal Order expired January 21, 2003.
 - No coordination plan required.
 - Refer to the Applications for Purchase or Lease Filed section of this report.

3. File No. 35-102124 by Desert Foothills Land Trust for approximately 26 acres along Cave Creek; Maricopa County.
 - Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued on January 21, 1998. No coordination plan requires.
 - Refer to the Lands Sold or Leased section of this report.

4. File No. 35-102093 by Superstition Mountains L.L.C. for approximately 1,149 acres at Hog Canyon adjacent to the Superstition Mountains Wilderness area; Pinal County.
 - Reclassification Order and 3-Year Withdrawal Order issued on October 20, 1998.
 - 1-Year Withdrawal Order extension expired October 19, 2002.
 - Coordination plan required.
 - No sale/lease application filed.

5. File No. 35-102854 by Desert Foothills Land Trust for approximately 560 acres at Go John Canyon; Maricopa County.
 - Reclassification Order for approximately 500 acres was issued on July 13, 1998. This Order also denied reclassification of 60 acres.
 - A Withdrawal Order for 5-years was issued on the approximately 500 acres reclassified on August 11, 1998. Order No. 007-2002/2003, issued August 14, 2003, extends the time period for 3-years, or August 11, 2006.
 - No coordination plan required.
 - Refer to the Application for Purchase or Lease Filed and Lands Sold or Leased sections of this report.

6. File No. 35-102521 by Goldie Brown Ranch for approximately 963 acres in North Scottsdale; Maricopa County.
 - File closed on November 18, 1999. The subject parcels are also under petition No. 35-104682 by the City of Scottsdale and will be considered when that petition is processed.

7. File No. 35-102495 by the City of Phoenix for approximately 15,228 acres in north Phoenix; Maricopa County.
 - Reclassification Order for approximately 9,963 acres was issued on January 21, 2000. This Order also denied reclassification of approximately 1,649 acres.

- On June 12, 2001, Order amended to reclassify an additional approximately 3,414 acres and deny approximately 202 acres.
 - Amended by Order No. 361-2001/2002, dated June 26, 2002, to show approximately 13,391 acres as having been reclassified.
 - No coordination plan required.
 - Refer to the Applications for Purchase or Lease Filed and Lands Sold or Leased sections of this report.
8. File No. 35-102480 by Town of Fountain Hills, McDowell Park Association and Fort McDowell Indian Community for approximately 1,313 acres north of Fountain Hills; Maricopa County.
- Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued on October 27, 1998.
 - Reclassification Order amended on August 27, 1999, to remove approximately 35 acres of land from conservation for use as a future school site, leaving approximately 1,278 acres as classified for conservation.
 - No coordination plan required.
 - Reclassified by Commissioner Order No. 73-2005/2006 from being Suitable for Conservation Purposes to Suitable for Commercial Purposes on October 19, 2005.
 - Approximately 1,278 acres sold at public auction on March 15, 2007. The successful bidder was Ellman Holdings Inc.
9. File No. 35-103450 by City of Prescott and the Town of Prescott Valley for approximately 1,893 acres on Glassford Hill; Yavapai County.
- Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued November 4, 1998.
 - Development of a coordination plan is underway.
 - No sale/lease application filed.
10. File No. 35-103742 by Maricopa County for approximately 784 acres adjacent to Cave Creek Recreation Area; Maricopa County.
- Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued on May 17, 2000.
 - No coordination plan required.
 - No sale/lease application filed.
11. File No. 35-103743 by Maricopa County for approximately 317 acres adjacent to McDowell Mountain Regional Park; Maricopa County.
- Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued on May 17, 2000.

- No coordination plan required.
 - No sale/lease application filed.
12. File No. 35-104637 by the Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai County for approximately 1,560 acres in the Badger Mountain area; Yavapai County.
- Notification of Legislators per Executive Order 97-5 on January 5, 1999.
 - Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued July 25, 2000.
 - No sale/lease application filed.
13. File No. 35-104682 by the City of Scottsdale for approximately 16,564 acres in the Granite Mountain area of north Scottsdale; Maricopa County.
- Petition submitted January 7, 1999.
 - Reclassification Order issued August 27, 2001, for approximately 13,071 acres. This Order also denied reclassification of approximately 3,493 acres.
14. File No. 35-105026 by Pima County for approximately 9,280 acres involving approximately 4,519 acres in the Tortolita Mountain, Park Addition, and approximately 4,761 acres in a proposed Tortolita East Biological Corridor; Pima and Pinal Counties.
- Petition submitted July 6, 1999.
 - Petition was amended on April 28, 2000, November 6, 2001, and April 30, 2002.
 - Nomination Order for approximately 4,519 acres in the Tortolita Mountain Park Expansion, issued December 24, 2002.
 - Reclassification Order No. 350-2002/2003 issued August 1, 2003, for approximately 4,519 acres in the Tortolita Mountain Park Expansion.
15. File No. 35-105027 by Pima County for approximately 18,386 acres in the Tortolita Mt. alluvial fan including some acreages in the Ironwood Forest National Monument; Pima County.
- Petition submitted July 6, 1999; amended April 28, 2000; amended November 6, 2001.
 - Petition withdrawn per Pima County request, dated March 22, 2002.
16. File No. 35-105230 filed by the White Tanks Concerned Citizens Group for approximately 22,964 (as amended) acres adjacent to the White Tank Regional Park; Maricopa County.

- Petition submitted September 30, 1999; amended August 4, 2000; amended January 6, 2003.
 - In response to a request from the Land Department for additional information, petitioner has formed a non-profit corporation, and has amended its petition accordingly.
17. File No. 35-105373 by Desert Foothills Land Trust for approximately 723 acres called Willow Spring in the northern part of the Town of Cave Creek; Maricopa County.
- Petition submitted November 16, 1999.
18. File No. 35-105470 by the Wickenburg Cultural and Conservation Foundation for approximately 1,045 acres south of Wickenburg; Maricopa County.
- Petition submitted January 5, 2000.
 - Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued Nov. 28, 2001. Order reclassified approximately 429 acres as suitable for conservation and denied reclassification of approximately 616 acres.
19. File No. 35-105677 by Pinal County and the Town of Queen Creek for approximately 600 acres adjacent and east of San Tan Regional Park; Pinal County.
- Petition submitted April 27, 2000.
 - Reclassification Order and 5-Year Withdrawal Order issued October 11, 2001 for approximately 320 acres.
 - Action was not taken on approximately 280 acres pending future consideration.
20. File No. 35-105793 Pima Trails Association for approximately 385 acres adjacent to Davis-Monthan Air Base in Southwest Tucson.
- Petition submitted June 16, 2000.
21. File No. 35-106213 by Pima County board of Supervisors for approximately 2,320 acres north of Catalina State Park, north of Tucson.
- Petition submitted November 27, 2000.
22. File No. 35-106234 by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County for approximately 564 acres along the Agua Fria River; Maricopa County.
- Petition submitted December 4, 2000.
23. File no. 35-106481 by the Town of Carefree for approximately 40 acres on the south side of Cave Creek Road near the Carefree Airport.
- Petition submitted February 27, 2001.

- Withdrawn at the Town of Carefree's request, February 23, 2004.
24. File No. 35-106557 by Lake Havasu City for approximately 25 acres (amended 1-5-04) at Black Rock Cove in Mohave County.
- Petition submitted March 30, 2001.
 - Notification of Legislators per Executive Order 97-5 on January 22, 2002.
 - Nomination Order No. 89-2003/2004 issued 17, 2003.
 - Reclassification Order No. 136-2003/2004 issued March 23, 2004, for 25.20 acres.
25. File No. 35-106671 by Pima County for approximately 67 acres at Valencia Road and I-19 in south Tucson.
- Petition submitted May 15, 2001.
 - Reclassification Order issued December 13, 2002, for approximately 64 acres. This Order also denied reclassification of approximately 3 acres.
 - Reclassification Order No. 281-2002/2003, issued March 3, 2003, amending Reclassification Order No. 202-2002/2003, to include an additional 3 acres (approximately) as being reclassified. The total acreage having been reclassified is approximately 67 acres.
 - Refer to the Applications to Purchase or Lease Filed section of this report.
26. File No. 35-106672 by the Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai County for approximately 2,764 acres on the east side of the City of Prescott, along the Yavapai strip.
- Petition submitted May 17, 2001.
 - Notification of Legislators per Executive Order 97-5 on November 12, 2002.
27. File No. 35-107039 by Pima County, for approximately 100 acres adjacent to Tucson Mt. Park on the west side of Tucson.
- Petition submitted November 6, 2001.
 - Reclassification approximately 100 acres as suitable for conservation purposes on June 4, 2003, by Commissioner Order No. 349-2002/2003.
28. File No. 35-107270 by Eddie & Maria Lopez and others, for approximately 20 acres east of Houghton Road, identified as the Historic Esmond Railroad Station in Tucson within Pima County.

- Petition submitted March 7, 2002.
29. File No. 35-107300 by City of Flagstaff for approximately 3,408 acres around Flagstaff.
- Petition submitted April 5, 2002.
 - Notification of Legislators per Executive Order 97-5 on November 12, 2002.
30. File No. 35-107383 by Coconino County Board of Supervisors for approximately 7,484 acres in the Rogers Lake Area, southwest of Flagstaff.
- Petition submitted April 23, 2002.
 - Notification of Legislators per Executive Order 97-5 on November 12, 2002.
31. File No. 35-108032 by Yavapai for approximately 357 acres west of Highway 89A and north of the Mingus Avenue/Cornville Road extension in Cottonwood.
- Petition submitted February 3, 2003.
32. File No. 35-109613 by the City of Flagstaff for approximately 2,256 acres on Observatory Mesa near downtown Flagstaff; Coconino County.
- Petition filed on January 2, 2004.
33. File No. 35-108131 by North Country Conservancy, Inc., for approximately 3,840 acres (Daisy Mountain) between I-17 and New River Road, and north of Anthem in Maricopa County.
- Petition filed on May 5, 2004.

Applications for Purchase or Lease Filed:

1. File No. 53-105094-35; Pima County, applicant for purchase of 320 acres reclassified under Petition No. 35-102151.
 - Withdrawn per Pima County, April 2003.
2. File No. 53-107470-35; Desert Foothills Land Trust, applicant for 32 acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102854.
 - Withdrawn per Desert Foothills Land Trust, May 2003.
3. File No. 53-107472-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 639 acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102495.
 - Withdrawn per City of Phoenix, October 9, 2002.
4. File No. 53-107813-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 283.58 acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102495.
 - Order No. 092-2003/2004 for Cancellation of Sale issued December 22, 2003.

5. File No. 53-109031-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 563.75 acres of land reclassified under Petition No. 35-102495.
 - Order No. 92-2003/2004 for Cancellation of Sale issued December 22, 2003.
6. File No. 53-109051-35; Pima County, applicant for 67.24 acres of land reclassified under Petition No. 35-106671.
 - Filed April 11, 2003.
7. File No. 53-109236-35; Desert Foothills Land Trust, applicant for 44.76 acres (amended 10-01-03) of land reclassified under Petition No. 35-102854.
 - Filed May 30, 2003.
 - Withdrawn per Desert Foothills Land Trust, December 22, 2003.
8. File No. 53-109257-35; City of Scottsdale, applicant for 398.82 acres of land reclassified under Petition No. 35-102652.
 - Filed June 2, 2003.
9. File No. 53-109625-35; Pima County, applicant for 4,519.24 acres of land reclassified under Petition No. 35-105026.
 - Filed January 15, 2004.
10. File No. 53-109626-35; Pima County, applicant for 100 acres of land reclassified under Petition No. 35-107039.
 - Filed January 15, 2004.
11. File No. 53-108169; City of Lake Havasu City, applicant for 25.20 acres of land reclassified under Petition No. 35-106557.
 - Filed June 1, 2004.

Lands Sold or Leased:

1. File No. 53-105127-35; Desert Foothills Land Trust, applicant for purchase of 65 acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102854.
 - Sale was held on October 31, 2000. Desert Foothills Land Trust was the successful bidder at \$1,365,000.
2. File No. 53-105601-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 640 acres of the land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102495.

- Sale was held on October 31, 2000. City of Phoenix was the successful bidder at \$9,280,000.
3. File No. 53-104971-35; Desert Foothills Land Trust, applicant for 26.77 acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102124.
 - Sale was held February 5, 2001. Desert Foothills Land Trust was the successful bidder at \$855,000.
 4. File No. 53-106307-35; Desert Foothills Land Trust, applicant for purchase of 116 acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102854.
 - Sale was held December 18, 2001. Desert Foothills Land Trust was the successful bidder at \$2,323,200.
 5. File No. 53-106375-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 765 acres of the land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102495.
 - Sale was held December 21, 2001. City of Phoenix was the successful bidder at \$12,245,000.
 6. File No. 53-106768-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 629 acres (amended from 1,498 acres) of the land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102495.
 - Sale was held January 29, 2003. City of Phoenix was the successful bidder at \$11,330,000.
 7. File No. 53-106920-35; Desert Foothills Land Trust, applicant for 60-plus acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102854.
 - Sale was held February 20, 2003. Desert Foothills Land Trust was the successful bidder at \$1,591,000.
 8. File No. 53-107471-35; Desert Foothills Land Trust, applicant for 29.84 (amended May 2003) acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102854.
 - Sale was held September 24, 2003. Desert Foothills Land Trust was the successful bidder at \$955,000.
 9. File No. 53-110959-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 945 acres of land reclassified for conservation under Petition No. 35-102495.
 - Sale was held November 9, 2007. City of Phoenix was the success bidder at \$85,000,000.