

**Arizona Preserve Initiative (API)**  
**Project Status Report**  
**April 10, 2002**

**Summary of Petitions and Applications:**

- 29** Petitions to reclassify Trust Land as suitable for conservation have been received totaling approximately **103,928** acres.
- 14** Petitions have been totally or partially reclassified totaling **37,739** acres.
- 1** Petition has been closed without action. The **963** acres is included in the City of Scottsdale's pending petition.
- 1** Petition totaling **18,386** acres, has been withdrawn by Pima County.
- 13** Petitions are in process or are awaiting action to begin the reclassification process, totaling **36,222** acres; one petition has been partially reclassified with action pending on remaining lands.
- 3** Sale applications are pending totaling **1,716** acres.
- 5** Land sales totaling **1,612** acres, adding **\$26,068.200** to the permanent Trust Funds.
- 0** Land leases

**Petitions for Conservation Reclassification - Status:**

1. File No. 35-102151 by Arizona Board of Regents for 320 acres on Tumamoc Hill; Pima County.
  - Reclassification order issued May 13, 1997.
  - Coordination Plan approved by the Land Commissioner on March 28, 2000.
  - Sale application has been filed - see Applications for Purchase or Lease Filed: #1.
2. File No. 35-102652 by the City of Scottsdale for 2,762 acres within the McDowell Mountain Preserve; Maricopa County.
  - Reclassification order and 5 year withdrawal order issued on January 21, 1998.
  - No coordination plan required.
3. File No. 35-102124 by Desert Foothills Land Trust for 25.76 acres along Cave Creek; Maricopa County.
  - Reclassification order and 5 year withdrawal order issued on January 21, 1998.
  - No coordination plan required.
  - Property sold on February 5, 2001 - see Lands Sold or Leased: #3.

4. File No. 35-102093 by Superstition Mountains L.L.C. for 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.
  - Withdrawal Order extended one year to October 19, 2002.
  - No coordination plan developed.
  - No sale/lease application filed.
5. File No. 35-102854 by Desert Foothills Land Trust for 560 acres at Go John Canyon; Maricopa County.
  - Reclassification order for 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 500 acres reclassified on August 11, 1998.
  - No coordination plan required.
  - Sale application filed on part of the property - see Applications for Purchase or Lease Filed: #3.
6. File No. 35-102521 by Goldie Brown Ranch for 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 9,963 acres was issued on January 21, 2000. This order also denied reclassification of 1,649 acres.
  - On June 12, 2001, order amended to reclassify an additional 3,414 acres and deny 202 acres.
  - These orders were corrected by order dated April 4, 2002, showing 13,331 acres reclassified and 1,898 acres denied.
  - Reclassification Order being drafted to reclassify 13 acres back to “commercial” for a proposed City of Phoenix water storage facility.
  - No coordination plan required.
  - Sale application filed on portion of the property - see Applications for Purchase or Lease Filed: #2.

8. File No. 35-102480 by Town of Fountain Hills, McDowell Park Association and Fort McDowell Indian Community for 1,312.68 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 35 acres of land from conservation for use as a future school site, leaving 1,277.68 acres as classified for conservation.
  - No coordination plan required.
  - No sale/lease application filed.
9. File No. 35-103450 by City of Prescott and the Town of Prescott Valley for 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 784.26 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 # 35-103743 by Maricopa County for 317.10 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 Granite Mountain area of north Scottsdale; Maricopa County.
  - Petition submitted January 7, 1999.
  - Reclassification order issued August 27, 2001 for 13,071 acres. This order also denied reclassification of 3,493 acres.
14. File No. 35-105026 by Pima County for approximately 10,879 acres involving approximately 6,445 acres in the Tortolita Mountain, Park Addition, and approximately 4,334 acres in a proposed Tortolita east biological corridor; Pima and Pinal Counties.
  - Petition submitted July 6, 1999.
  - Petition was amended on April 28, 2000 and November 6, 2001.
15. File No. 35-105027 by Pima County for approximately 18,386 acres in the Tortolita alluvial fan including some Ironwood forest; Pima County.
  - Petition submitted July 6, 1999.
  - Petition was amended on April 28, 2000 and 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 19,410 acres adjacent to the White Tank Regional Park; Maricopa County.
  - Petition submitted September 30, 1999, amended August 4, 2000
  - 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 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 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 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 320 acres.
  - Action was not taken on 280 acres pending future consideration.
20. File No. 35-105793 by Pima Trails Association for 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 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 564 acres along the Agua Fria River; Maricopa County.
  - Petition submitted December 4, 2000.
23. File No. 35-106481 by Town of Carefree for 40 acres on the south side of Cave Creek Road near the Carefree Airport.
  - Petition submitted February 27, 2001.
24. No. 35-106557 by Lake Havasu City for 78 acres at Black Rock Glove in Mohave County.
  - Petition submitted March 30, 2001.
25. File No. 35-106671 by Pima County for 67.24 acres at Valencia Road and I-19 in south Tucson.
  - Petition submitted May 15, 2001.
26. File No. 35-106672 by the Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai County for 2,764 acres on the east side of the City of Prescott, along the Yavapai strip.
  - Petition submitted May 17, 2001.
27. File No. 35-107039 by Pima County, for 100 ac. adjacent to Tucson Mt. Park on the west side of Tucson.
  - Petition submitted Nov. 6, 2001.
28. File No. 35-107270 by Eddie & Maria Lopez and others, for 20 acres East of Hounton Road, identified as the Historic Esmond Railroad Station in Tucson within Pima County.
  - Petition submitted March 7, 2002.
29. File No. 35-107300 by the City of Flagstaff for 3,408 acres around Flagstaff.
  - Petition submitted Aril 5, 2002.

### **Applications for Purchase or Lease Filed:**

1. File No. 53-105094-35; Pima County, applicant for purchase of 320 acres reclassified under petition 035-102151.
  - Being processed by the Land Department for sale.
  - Sale approved by the Board of Appeals on May 5, 2000.
  - Sale canceled on October 17, 2000 and will be rescheduled at a future date.
2. File No. 53-106768-35 City of Phoenix, applicant for 1,336 acres of the land reclassified for conservation under petition 35-102495.
  - Being processed by the Land Department for sale.
3. File No.53-106920-35 Desert Foothills Land Trust, applicant for 60± acres of land reclassified for conservation under petition 35-102854.

### **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 035-102854.
  - Sale was held on October 31, 2000. Desert Foothills Land Trust was the successful bidder at \$1,365,000.
2. File No. 053-105601-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 640 acres of the land reclassified for conservation under petition 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 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 35-102854.
  - Sale was held December 18, 2001. Desert Foothills Land Trust was the successful bidder at \$2,323,200.00.
5. File No. 53-106375-35; City of Phoenix, applicant for 765 acres of the land reclassified for conservation under petition 35-102495.
  - Sale was held December 21, 2001. City of Phoenix was the successful bidder at \$12,245,000.00.