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TUCSON MAYOR JONATHAN ROTHSCHILD AND COUNCIL MEMBER SHIRLEY SCOTT TO ATTEND MAY 9 CONSERVE TO ENHANCE ATTURBURY WASH DEDICATION

Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Ward 4 Council Member Shirley Scott will attend the Tucson Parks and Recreation and Conserve to Enhance (C2E) program's May 9 dedication event at Lincoln Regional Park's Atturbury Wash, the site of the first-ever C2E-funded riparian enhancement project (9 a.m., 8280 E. Escalante Rd.).

Located in Southeast Tucson, Atturbury Wash is an important riparian area where a number of native plants have been lost because of drought conditions and erosion of the wash bed. The Tucson Audubon Society recently restored the wash with the help of a Tucson C2E grant, funded by C2E participants who have donated money based on their home water savings, and by Tucson Water customer donations via the Riparian Enhancement and Open Space check box on Tucson Water bills.

Volunteers planted 50 native trees and shrubs throughout the one-acre riparian enhancement site, created a raised trail system, and installed five rainwater harvesting basins and a drip irrigation system to provide water to the new plants. Irrigation water is provided by the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, which manages Lincoln Regional Park. The recent restoration work also provided additional habitat for the many animals that make Atturbury Wash their home.

The completion of the enhancement project will be celebrated on May 9 at 9 a.m. with a dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting event. Mayor Rothschild will participate in the dedication and congratulate the C2E program, the Tucson Audubon Society and the community on restoring some of Tucson's most valuable desert landscapes.

The Atturbury Wash restoration site is the first of several projects to be completed using funding from C2E grants since 2012. Current community enhancement projects include Henry Elementary, Mitchell Park, and the Northwest/El Cortez Neighborhood. These projects are near completion, and when finished, will help enhance the health of Tucson's urban waterways and native habitats and provide gathering spots for the community to learn about and enjoy our natural environments.

To learn more about the C2E program, visit conserve2enhance.org.

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Conserve to Enhance (C2E) Atturbury Wash Dedication

Join us to celebrate the completion of our first-ever C2E enhancement site, Atturbury Wash!

This one-acre project was recently completed by Tucson Audubon Society with the help of a Tucson C2E grant. Volunteers planted 50 native trees and shrubs, created a raised trail system, installed five rainwater harvesting basins, and setup a drip irrigation system for the new plants. Come see the results of their amazing efforts! Mayor Rothschild will participate in the dedication and ribbon cutting event alongside representatives from the C2E program and Tucson Audubon Society. Light refreshments will be provided.

When and where?

Friday, May 9 at 9 a.m.

Lincoln Regional Park's Atturbury Wash (8280 E. Escalante Rd.)

The Atturbury Wash restoration site is the first of several projects to be completed using C2E funding. To learn more about these sites and how you can participate in the Tucson C2E program, visit:

www.conserve2enhance.org



Volunteers from Tucson Audubon Society, Watershed Management Group, and the community planting native trees and digging rainwater harvesting basins at Atturbury Wash. Photo credit: Kendall Kroesen, Tucson Audubon Society

C2E is Enhancing Tucson's Urban Washes and Riparian Areas

Atturbury Wash is home to the first Tucson Conserve to Enhance (C2E) riparian enhancement project. C2E helps improve urban washes and riparian areas throughout our community by providing funding for local organizations to do enhancement work like what you see here.



Atturbury Wash before (left) and after (right) Tucson C2E enhancement efforts.

Photo Credit: Kendall Kroesen, Tucson Audubon Society

This Tucson C2E site was made possible by C2E participants and...

