

100-ACRE WOOD BIKE PARK

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LAND AND LOCATION

Where is 100-Acre Wood?

The 100-Acre Wood Bike Park is located at 2801 S. Alvernon Way near the entrance to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB). The site is bounded on the west by Alvernon Way, on the south by Golf Links Road, on the east by Swan Road and on the north by the Roberts Neighborhood.

Who owns the property?

The (+/-) 100-acre site is owned by the United States of America and is managed by the United States Air Force. A right-of-way easement between the United States Air Force and the City of Tucson opened the site up for public use by allowing the City of Tucson to develop, operate and maintain the proposed community bike park.

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Who made this project come true?

The 100-Acre Wood Bike Park represents 20+ years of dreaming, planning and collaboration among the City of Tucson, Pima County, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona State Parks and the bike community including: the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists (SDMB), The Trek Foundation and countless community members who have invested in the vision of an accessible urban bike park that provides safe but challenging trails and features for riders of all ages and skill levels.

PROJECT HISTORY

What's the history of the project?

1990s-2010s: Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (now Pima County Parks and Recreation and Pima County Conservation Lands and Resources) and the City of Tucson incorporated the idea of an urban bike park into long-range planning documents and assessed site suitability.

2014: The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, the United States Air Force, and the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department began the master planning process for 100-Acre Wood. Local healthcare organizations contributed significantly to the effort with monetary grants that enabled the initiation of the planning and development effort. Grants were received from Banner/University of Arizona Medical Center, Carondelet Heath Network and Tucson Medical Center.

2016: The United States Air Force and the Planning Department of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base worked with the City to execute a lease agreement recognizing the community benefits of the project.

2018: *The 100-Acre Wood Community Bicycle Park Master Plan* was adopted by the City of Tucson.

Early 2019: Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists and Hilride advanced additional planning followed by on the ground improvements in 2019.

Early 2020: The new trail enhancements and features quickly gained popularity but their growing use came to a halt in early-2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic hit. People were no longer out and about on site and the lack of activity combined with increasing numbers of people experiencing homelessness and settling at the site led to the eventual closure of the bike park.

Present Day: Recognizing the ongoing need to provide accessible opportunities for folks to recreate and get outside within the city, community partners have reinvested in the future of the bike park and in 2024, new grant funding and Trek Foundation support was secured to reactivate the site with new trails and features and reopen it for the community.

PROJECT FUNDING + TIMELINE

How much funding is available for the bike park?

~\$340,000 has been allocated for design and construction of trails and bike features at 100-Acre Wood. The project is supported through funding from an Arizona State Parks Heritage Grant, the Trek Foundation, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists, Athletic Brewing as well as numerous community donors.

What is the timeline for the project?

The project is currently in the community engagement, construction documentation and service outreach phase. Construction is anticipated to start in Fall 2025.

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

What outreach has been done for 100-Acre Wood Bike Park planning?

Have you hosted or participated in any stakeholder meetings for this phase of park design?

As part of the master planning process, seven (7) stakeholder meetings were held with representatives from Tucson Parks and Recreation, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Pima County Natural Resources Parks and Recreation, Tucson Mayor's office, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists, International Mountain Bike Association and Tucson Department of Transportation. A community meeting was held on July 20, 2017, and was attended by 39 people. Tucson Mayor and Council adopted the master plan in July 2018. The master plan was funded completely from private funding by the three major medical providers in Tucson: Banner Health Care, Carondelet Health Care and Tucson Medical Center. Since 2018 when SDMB began fundraising to help fund the trails, 53 individuals donated \$13,342.48 to build the trails. In addition, SDMB has received two other grants: \$1,000 from Long Cares (Long Realty) and \$20,000 from Athletic Brewing Company.

To move the project from planning into design development and construction, Parks and Recreation staff have met with representatives from Davis-Monthan Airforce Base, Pima County, internal City Departments, neighborhood associations, and members of the biking community to help inform the project parameters and vision.

To engage residents in the design process, Parks and Recreation co-hosted a virtual public meeting on January 30, 2025, with representatives from Housing First and Tucson Police Department. The team introduced the capital project and updated the community about outreach efforts underway through Housing and Community Development's Housing First team and community partners. About 95 community members attended and shared their thoughts. A recording of the meeting is posted on the project webpage with Facts and Questions (FAQs) that were developed based on input received from the community.

Following the meeting, Parks and Recreation circulated an online survey from January 30- February 20, 2025, to

learn more about community hopes and desires for this upcoming phase of improvements. 298 community members participated in the survey and the results are posted on the project webpage.

The team used the preferences shared by the community to develop a new concept plan for the site and posted it to the project webpage with a video walk-through and second online survey that circulated from May 3-May 25, 2025. 163 community members participated in the second online survey to provide feedback on the design and share preferences on what they'd most like to see built.

An open house will be held on Thursday, July 24 at Parks Therapeutic Recreation Center (1000 S. Randolph Way) from 5:00-6:30 p.m. to answer any questions the community may have about service outreach, encampment closure, maintenance, operations, enforcement, or the design.

The team is using the collective insights shared through community outreach to finalize the design and move into construction documentation.

How do you get the word out about upcoming community engagement opportunities?

To notify the community about the first public meeting, Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) was used to deliver bilingual (English/ Spanish) flyers to neighboring zip codes, and the event was promoted via the Parks and Recreation Department's social medial channels, Nextdoor and on the project webpage. Flyers were also emailed to community-based organizations and neighborhood groups.

For subsequent meetings, Parks and Recreation has promoted events via our social medial channels, press releases, Nextdoor, the project webpage, the opt-in project listserve, and community-based organizations and neighborhood groups.

How do you distribute surveys?

Surveys are advertised in the bilingual flyers and signs posted in nearby parks, promoted during events, linked on the project webpage, and shared with neighborhood associations and residents on the opt-in project listserve.

PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

When will the park be open?

The park will be open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. Parks may adjust hours in the summer to extend the riding time and make use of additional daylight.

Who can use the park?

Parks are for everyone, and 100-Acre Wood Bike Park is no exception. Features will be designed to match the priorities of residents of all ages, abilities and interests. Visitors are expected to adhere to park rules and City policies, which will be posted on signs throughout the park.

How will the bike park and features be maintained?

The bike park will be maintained through a unique partnership between the City of Tucson's Parks and Recreation Department and Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists (SDMB).

City maintenance duties at 100-Acre Wood will include site tidy-up, emptying trash, tree and shrub maintenance, debris removal, graffiti abatement, protection of natural and cultural resources and enforcement of all Parks and Recreation codes and policies.

SDMB will maintain all bike trails and associated features.

The City is collaborating with SDMB to develop a shared Operations and Maintenance Plan.

ACCESS + PARKING

How can I access 100-Acre Wood Bike Park?

Bicyclists and pedestrians can access the site from the Aviation Bike Path which extends along the southern boundary of the site. This pathway connects to existing walkways along Swan Road near the northeast corner of the site. The Aviation Bike Path also connects to “The Loop” multi-use path via the Palo Verde Greenway/ Tucson Diversion Channel Path to the Julian Wash Greenway segment of “The Loop.”

Will on-site parking be provided?

On-site parking will not be provided at this time and is not permitted on Golf Links Road or Alvernon Way. Nearby parking options include the Veteran’s Memorial Plaza to the west, or the Todd M. Harris Sports Complex and Freedom Park Center to the east which both connect to 100-Acre Wood via the Aviation Bike Path.

PARK AMENITIES

What amenities will be provided at 100-Acre Wood Bike Park?

Amenities for the park are to be determined through the design process but may include interpretive signage, benches, trash cans. Parking, water fountains and restrooms will be accessible at nearby Freedom Park Center and the Todd M. Harris Sports Complex.

HOUSING FIRST APPROACH

What is the Housing First model?

The City of Tucson uses the Housing First model, a client-centered, equitable, and collaborative approach to homelessness resolution. The focus is on providing permanent housing to individuals experiencing homelessness without preconditions such as sobriety or employment.

While Housing First is non-punitive, accountability can mean ensuring participants engage in voluntary services by fostering trust and motivation, not coercion. The focus remains on housing stability and supporting individuals in a dignified way, while holding systems, staff, and participants accountable to shared goals. Incorporating accountability ensures the program maintains effectiveness, fairness, and long-term sustainability.

How will you address encampments at 100-Acre Wood Bike Park?

The City developed an *Encampment Resolution Protocol* to provide overall guidance and vision for approaching and triaging resources for encampment resolutions. It was developed with various departments with input from the City of Tucson and Pima County. The protocol intends to put the work in the right hands when working with unsheltered persons, addresses the need of the community, and outlines the roles of the departments and community-based organizations.

The Encampment Resolution Protocol aims to address homelessness through a service-first approach. This means prioritizing engagement and offering housing options and support services before resolving an encampment site. Balancing the needs of the unsheltered population with community concerns regarding safety, property, and the environment is paramount.

At 100-Acre Wood, a diversity of agency and non-profit service providers have partnered with the City to advance a **coordinated housing and outreach initiative** to assist unsheltered community members ahead of planned park construction. Together, the team has been working on outreach, service provision, remediation and encampment resolution in zones:



When a zone is scheduled for outreach and encampment resolution partners work together to offer humanitarian aid and shelter services to those who will accept them.

To date, the City and community partners have successfully closed encampments in Zones 1, and 2. Service outreach and encampment closure in the remaining Zone 3 is anticipated to be completed in Fall 2025.

Service outreach and encampment closure was completed in Zone 1 on May 24, 2024, as part of the City's coordinated encampment response strategy. Outreach happened daily starting February 1, 2024, lasting approximately 100 days. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base required access to Zone 1 for PFAS remediation efforts as part of their environmental restoration responsibilities. Outreach in the area is conducted by a multi-agency team, including CBI (crisis intervention and behavioral health), Primavera (housing and homelessness services), Our Family Services (youth and family support), Pima County Health (public health and medical outreach), CODAC (mental health and substance use treatment), Hope Inc (peer support and recovery services), Community Medical Services (medication-assisted treatment), El Rio (primary medical care), the VA (veteran services), La Frontera (behavioral health and housing support), and independent outreach partners offering a range of assistance and connections to care.

Zone 2 was decommissioned on March 18, 2025. The closure was the culmination of coordinated outreach and cleanup efforts aimed at ensuring the health and safety of both the unsheltered population and the surrounding community.

Over an 8-week period leading up to encampment closure, a collaborative outreach strategy was implemented involving multiple community partners, including the Pima County Health Department (PCHD), Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS), Primavera Foundation, City of Tucson Outreach, and Community Bridges. Outreach services were consistently provided on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, totaling approximately 35 hours of direct engagement.

Key services provided during this period include:

HEALTH and HARM REDUCTION:

PCHD offered on-site STD testing and harm reduction resources to individuals at the encampment.

SHELTER and SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: Outreach teams from OPCS, Primavera, COT, and Community Bridges worked closely with individuals to connect them with shelter options and supportive services.

CLEANUP and SAFETY:

Environmental Services conducted site cleanup following the encampment closure. Tucson Police Department personnel were also present to ensure a safe and orderly process.

At its peak in January 2025, Zone 2 of the park hosted over 40 structures. Thanks to sustained and respectful outreach and communication efforts, the number of remaining structures was reduced to just 7 by the day of encampment closure.

The City of Tucson and partners remain committed to a compassionate and coordinated approach to encampment response and will continue to prioritize both public health and individual dignity as they collaborate to decommission Zone 3 this fall. Starting July 2025, Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH), the City and over a dozen non-profit and agency service providers are leading a coordinated effort to offer expanded outreach, services and housing opportunities leading up to encampment closure.

What outreach has been completed at 100-Acre Wood Bike Park to date?

The City and partners have been actively involved at 100-Acre Wood Bike Park for a total of approximately **1,815 hours** to date.

The City team, including Encampment Protocol, CORE, TPD ODM and EGSD were out monthly in 2024 conducting census gathering, outreach (shelter, detox, social service help) and environmental service pick-up. Partner agencies (e.g. CBI, Primavera, Our Family Services, Pima County Health, CODAC, Hope Inc, Community Medical Services, El Rio, the VA and La Frontera) have complemented outreach with additional visits to provide social services (medical, shelter, substance use, etc).

Starting in January 2025, the collaborative team shifted to weekly outreach to continue to build relationships and offer an array of services.

Since the initiation of the TPCH effort in July, the frequency of engagement has increased to 4 days per week (5 hours per day) and will continue until the remaining zone (Zone 3) has been decommissioned and a construction start date has been set.

What is the timeline for completion of service outreach and encampment resolution at 100-Acre Wood?

When the City is preparing to complete service outreach and encampment closure at 100-Acre Wood Bike Park we provide notice well in advance through on the ground-outreach. The exact timeline for encampment closure in Zone 3 will depend on the construction timeline. Once the project goes out to bid (anticipated in Summer 2025), Parks will coordinate carefully with Housing First to initiate the Encampment Resolution Protocol. Notice will be no less than 72 hours but could be up to 14 days to accommodate the size and scope of the park.

How will the City ensure that new encampments don't develop on site?

The City will follow the Encampment Protocol discussed above and use a coordinated, interdepartmental response among Parks and Recreation, Housing First, Environmental Services, and the Tucson Police Department to address new or developing encampments on site. Community members are encouraged to use the channels shared above to report potential encampment activity at 100-Acre Wood. In addition, Parks has a new dashboard that enables park supervisors to receive reports on encampments, address the concerns and if needed have outreach and clean-up remediation posted and completed in a more expedient time frame if the Director of Parks and Recreation determines that flagged activities demonstrate an improper use of the park.

What organizations and agencies are involved in the Encampment Resolution Protocol?

The protocol is a collaborative effort involving various City of Tucson departments, Pima County departments, and community-based organizations, all working together to provide services and support to unsheltered individuals and resolve encampments effectively. Organizations working on this effort include:

City of Tucson Manager's Office

Pima County Administrator's Office

City of Tucson Mayor and Council

Pima County Board of Supervisors

Pima County Office of Housing Opportunities and Homeless Solutions

City of Tucson Housing and Community Development

Pima County Community Workforce Development

Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness

- Continuum of Care
- Coordinated Entry
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Pima County Public Health Department

City of Tucson Police Department

City of Tucson Parks Department

City of Tucson Fire Department

City of Tucson Environmental and General Services Department

City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility

City of Tucson Courts

City of Tucson Attorney's Office

City of Tucson Public Safety Communications Department

City of Tucson Informational Technology Department

Pima County Justice Services Department

Pima County Parks and Recreation

Pima County Flood Control

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality

Emergency Management for City of Tucson & Pima County

Homeless outreach providers, including peer specialists

Emergency shelter providers

Transitional housing providers

Permanent housing providers

Public housing authorities

External Outreach Partners for substance misuse, behavioral health, mental health resources, and medical care:

- Old Pueblo Community Services
- Community Bridges, Inc.
- La Frontera
- Community Medical Services

- El Rio Health
- Catholic Community Services
- Hope, Incorporated
- The Haven
- Primavera Foundation
- Homeless ID Project
- Esperanza En Escalante
- Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

What resources are provided to unsheltered persons?

Housing Navigation and transport

Emergency Shelter

Medical service needs

Mental Health support

Justice Service help

Food/Nutrition SNAP benefits

SOAR applications for SSI/SSDI assistance

How can I report future encampments?

Constituents concerned about residents living in an encampment may report the location via the website www.reportencampments.tucsonaz.gov, by calling 311, or by scanning the QR code provided below.



SAFETY AND SECURITY

How will you ensure safety and security at the park?

Safety and security are top priorities for the City of Tucson and project partners. We strive to be a good neighbor, and we work closely with local law enforcement and emergency personnel. Safety guidelines and contact information will be posted on signs throughout the park and the City will maintain a presence on the site through regularly scheduled maintenance and partner programming. We'll coordinate closely with the Tucson Police Department throughout the design process to make sure the park facilitates future patrols, and once the park is open we encourage all park users to report concerns to park staff by calling 311 or using the mobile 311 app, contacting the [Tucson Police Department](#) and/or 911 in the case of an emergency.

CONTACT

How can I stay informed?

If you would like to receive e-mail updates about the project, please contact Capital Planning + Development Project Manager Stephanie Kopplin: stephanie.kopplin@tucsonaz.gov. Parks and Recreation will also post design concepts, survey links, survey results and timeline updates to the project webpage:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Parks/100-Acre-Wood-Bike-Park>