



# Farmers Investment Co. (FICO)

Overview Presentation
Sahuarita Farms/Continental Farms Specific Plans
Winter 2013





# FICO / Property Overview



### **FICO Properties**

7,000 Acres Total

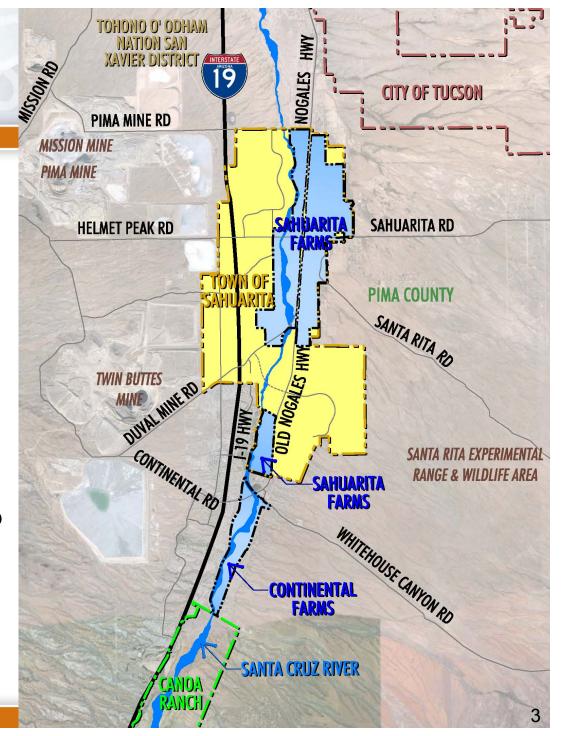
5,900 Acres in Town of Sahuarita

1,100 Acres in Pima County

12 River Miles on FICO Properties (Single Owner)

14 River Miles from Canoa Ranch to Pima Mine Road

Opportunity to Create Regional Amenity







Why Plan?



#### **Growth / Urbanization Pressures**

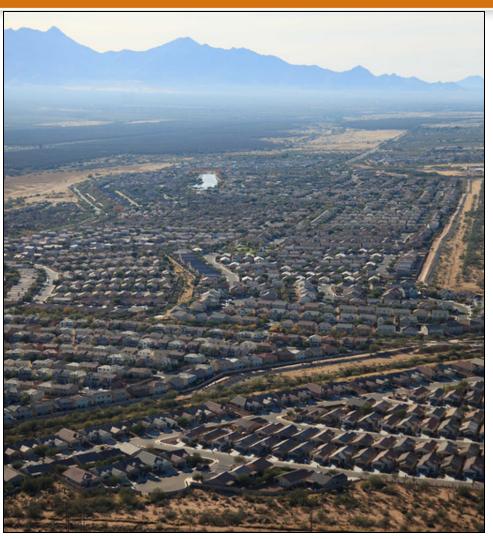
Population Grew by Over 300%

- 1990: Population 17,000

2010: Population 47,000

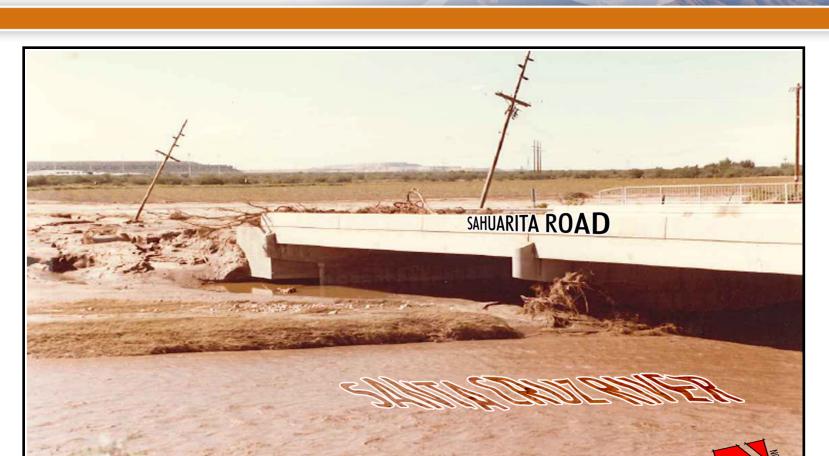


Green Valley



Rancho Sahuarita





Flooding – Public Safety & Property Damage

**1983 Flood** 



# **Approaching Headcuts / Erosion**

- Bank Erosion
- Habitat Damage

Bridge ScourTributary Erosion



Near Pima Mine Road



Pima Mine Road Bridge



# **Long Term Impacts of Headcutting**





Downstream.....Upstream





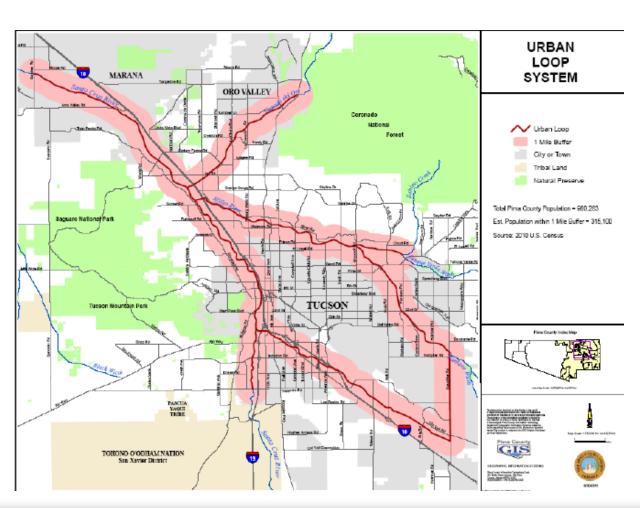
# River Master Plans?





#### **River Master Plans in Southern Arizona**

- A Record of Success
- Community Values
- River Park Facts
  - 1/3 Population < ½ Mile</li>
  - Began in 1970's
  - 55 Miles of River
  - 130 Miles of Paths
  - Planning and Funding Partnerships
    - Corps of Engineers
    - Pima Co Flood Control
    - Local Communities
    - Federal Grants
    - Private Sector





# **Rillito River at Alvernon Way**





Habitat, Flood Control, Recreation, Trails







# Sahuarita Farms Overview



# **Guiding Principles**























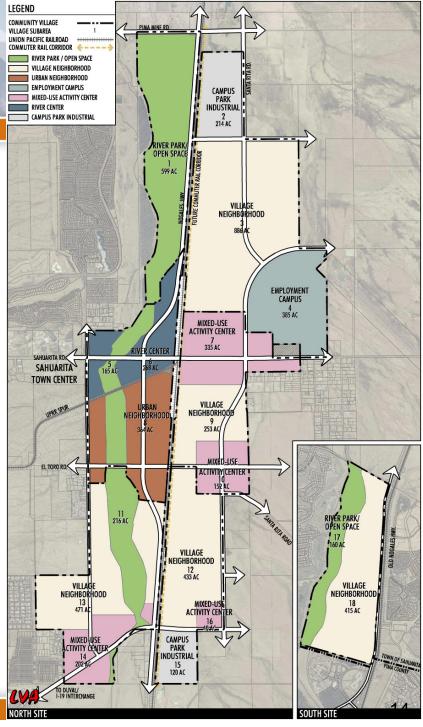
#### Sahuarita Farms Land Use Plan

- 5,900 Acres
- Implement Town General Plan
- Provide a Balance of Land Uses
- Up to 19,000 Residences
- Mixed Use Development: 480 Acres





- Employment / Office:550 Acres
- Campus Park Industrial: 335 Acres
- River Park / Open Space
- Schools, Community & Neighborhood Parks, Community Facilities





### **Open Space and Trails**

- 1/3 of Project is Open Space
- 12-Mile Linear River Park (1,500 Acres)
- Community Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- 50 Miles of Trails
- ¼ Mile Walking
   Distance
- Agricultural Preserves









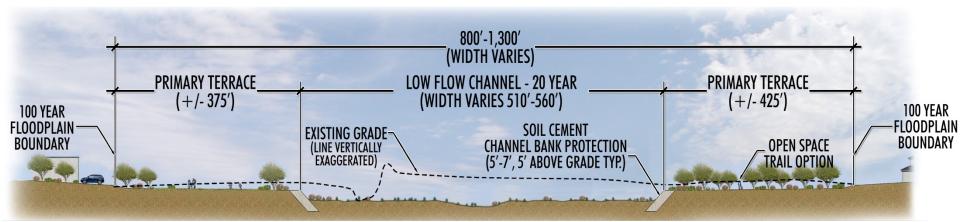




- Broad Upper Terraces (~800 ft)
- Low Flow Flood Channel (~500 ft)
- Typical River Corridor Width of 1/4-Mile











# **Continental Farms**

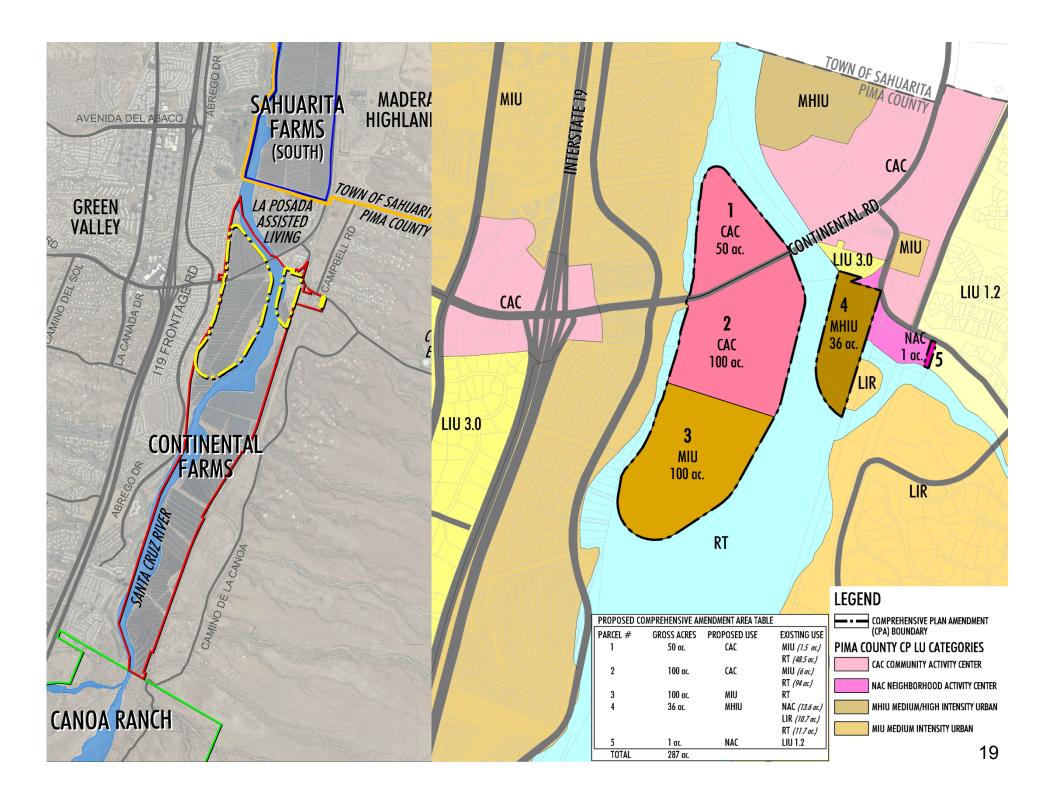










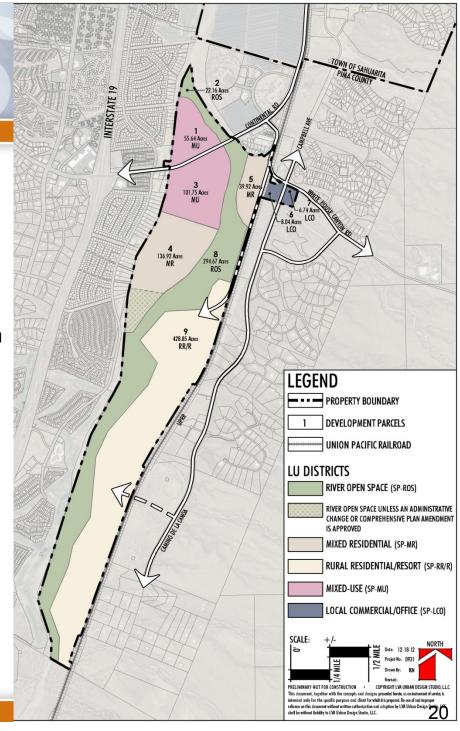




#### **Continental Farms Land Use Plan**

- 1,100 Acres
- Up to 1,500 Residences
- Mixed Use: 175 Acres
- Suburban Residential: 155 Acres
- Rural Residential/Resort: 430 Acres (80% open space)
- River Open Space: 320 Acres

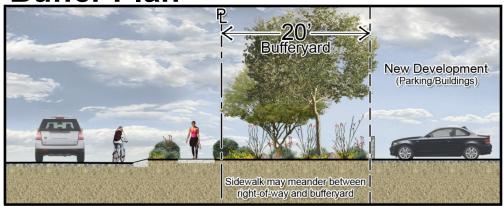




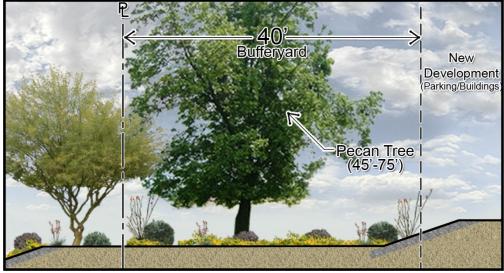




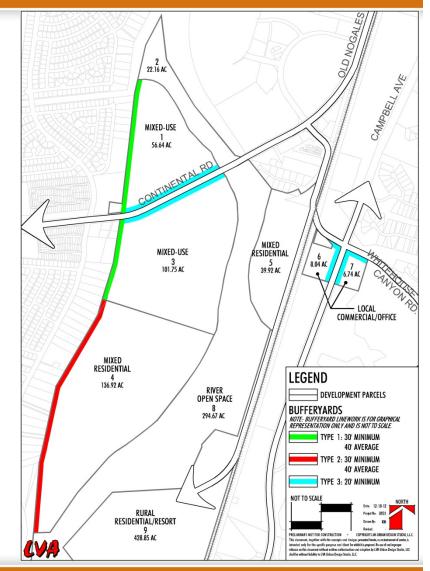
# **Buffer Plan**



Blue lines



Green and Red lines





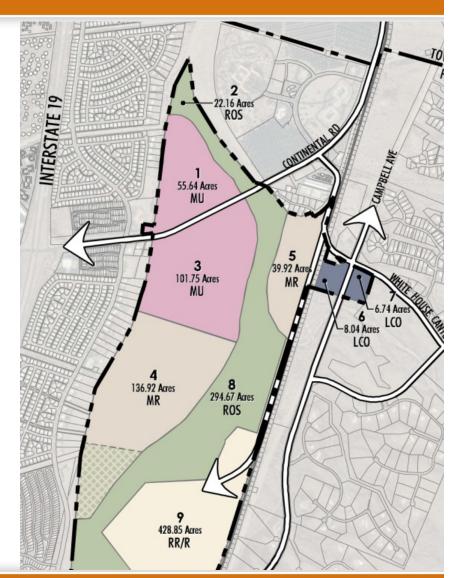
Buffer along Western Perimeter



# **Building Height**

- Maximum Height: 24', except:
- Parcels 1 and 3: Commercial Areas Only: 45'
- Similar to La Posada
- Limited to only:
  - Assisted/Independent Living
  - Medical Facilities
- Buffer with Pecan Trees

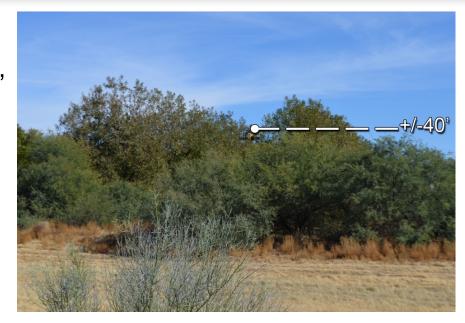


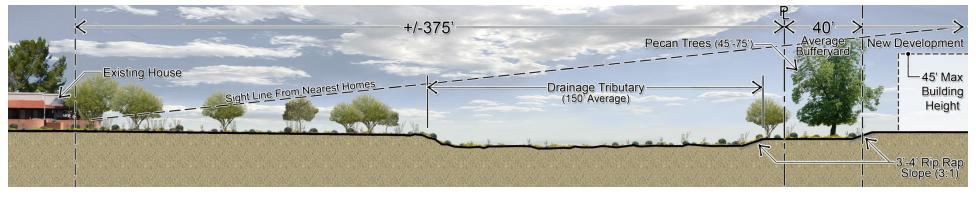




# **Building Height**

- Existing pecan trees average 45' to 75' tall (for agricultural crop)
- Maintain westernmost trees in place
- Distance ~ 400-feet to closest home
- Existing views will be maintained



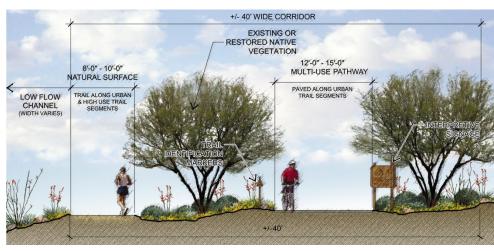


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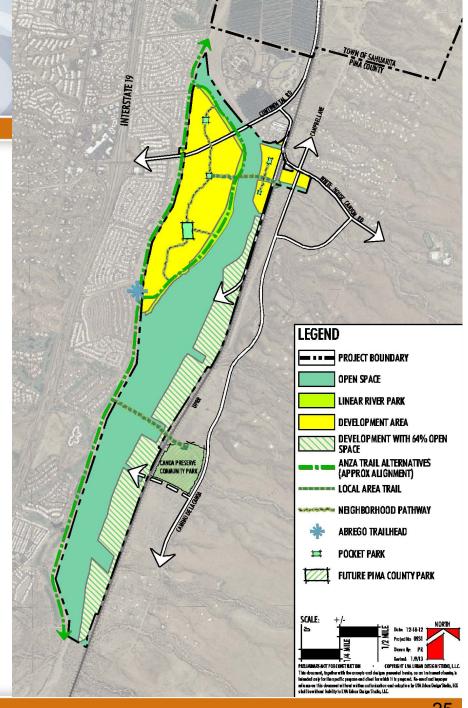


# **Open Space and River Plan**

- 700 Acres Open Space (64%)
- Linear Greenway Park
- Trails and Pathways (Anza Trail)
- Recreational Open Space
- Natural Open Space
- Agricultural Preserves
- Compliance with CLS

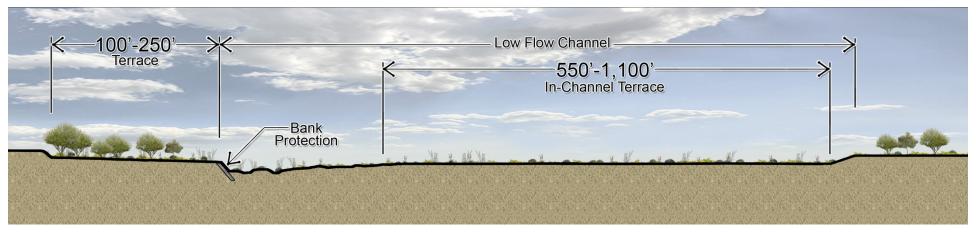


Anza Trail

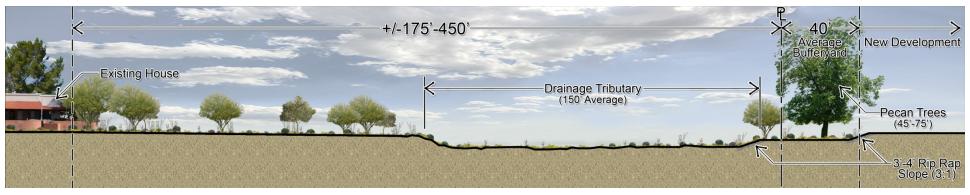




# **Continental Farms River Master Plan Cross Sections Concept**



**Typical River Cross Section** 



West Drainage Tributary Section (West edge of property)



#### **Concurrent Planning Processes**

# Town of Sahuarita & Pima County

- Sahuarita Farms Specific Plan Under Review by Town of Sahuarita
- River Master Plan (RMP) under Review by Town of Sahuarita & Pima County
- Continental Farms Specific Plan to Pima County March 2013
- Public Review / Hearings Summer 2013





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