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## COUNCIL ADOPTS SAHUARITA FARMS MASTER PLAN

**SAHUARITA, Ariz.** – After several years of planning and collaborative negotiations between Farmers Investment Co. (FICO) and the town, the Sahuarita Town Council unanimously adopted the Sahuarita Farms Specific Plan and Master Development Agreement at its regular meeting on Oct. 12.

The specific plan outlines prudent, visionary master planning and regulatory standards that will guide the development of a comprehensive, mixed-use master-planned community for the FICO pecan groves. The development agreement provides FICO with the rights to develop their property in accordance with the specific plan without revocation, while ensuring that required infrastructure will be financed by the developer.

FICO's plans for its 7000 acres and 12 miles of Santa Cruz riverfront over the next 40 – 50 years include access to and beautification of the river, a route for the Anza Trail, open space and recreational opportunities, improved flood control, public safety, and rehabilitation of some of the native habitat within the river corridor. The plan will gradually evolve FICO's property into a sustainable community attracting residents to live, work, shop and play within a cohesive system of interconnected neighborhoods of villages and activity centers.

Town Manager, L. Kelly Udall, is enthusiastic about the abundance of opportunities the Sahuarita Farms project proposes for the community. He anticipates the Sahuarita Farms development will be "a vibrant community that will celebrate the river, create a sustainable community, build safe, healthy neighborhoods, provide quality education for all ages and honor the heritage of the FICO property."

For specific details regarding the Sahuarita Farms Land & River Master plan see [www.sahuaritafarms.com](http://www.sahuaritafarms.com).

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