

## WHAT WILL THE PARKS VISION 2030 ACCOMPLISH



- Provides a **blueprint** to position the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department as a recognized leader in delivering regional parks, open space and trail opportunities, and experiences
- Creates a **plan** that will set forth appropriate park systems, structure, and policies
- **Affirms** that the county's regional park system will continue to remain one of the finest park systems in the United States amidst record setting growth
- **Aligns** with the county and regional planning efforts

## GREAT PARK SYSTEMS



- Provides **value** to communities by celebrating the natural and cultural heritage of the areas
- Provide **quality recreational benefits and opportunities**
- Provides **economic development opportunities** by promoting tourism to the area
- Are **guided by a compelling vision** that supports the mission, guides management strategies, and aligns with the vision and direction of the region

## IMPORTANCE OF A PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN



- Planning that protects and conserves high quality natural desert places
- Planning that promotes transparency, engagement, and partnerships
- Planning that connects people and nature through outdoor recreation opportunities





# IMPORTANCE OF A PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

## WHAT IS THE LEGACY?



- In 1965 the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors in collaboration with local, state, and federal leaders and concern citizens adopted the first Maricopa County Regional Park System Plan in response to unprecedented growth.
- Accordingly, the Plan identified the importance of protecting large unspoiled regional parks to preserve our natural heritage for future generations.
- The parks were to serve as a retreat and an escape from the busy urban environment.
- The plan and the people who developed it left us a legacy of regional parks and open spaces that are recognized nationally as a model for integrating natural spaces in a growing urban region.

Now, it's our turn! As we continue to grow exponentially, it's time to develop our own legacy. As development continues to push outward from the urban core we need to develop a plan to better protect the open spaces we have, develop new opportunities for a growing population, and envision the next generation of park and open space opportunities for the future.

Parks Vision 2030 is about continuing the legacy!

### PARKS VISION 2030 – CONTINUING THE LEGACY

## PLAN ELEMENTS

*Balancing People and Place*

**PEOPLE**



**PLACE**



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