

IDEAS TOO GOOD TO LOSE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

TRRG Initiative of Sustainable Neighborhoods through Planning

Identified during neighborhood associations' self-assessment of area and neighborhood plans
Spring/Summer 2018

I. Man-Made

- A. Reduce the heat island effect by increased open space and vegetation, decreased or treated paving and roof surface, and other proven strategies
- B. Reduce light and sound pollution and protect view sheds, all which contribute to a neighborhood's residents' quality of life
- C. Mitigate the placement and appearance of cellphone towers
- D. Do not intensify the impact of DM's or TIA's flight operations over residential areas
- E. Provide safe, secure, and clean easements, including alleys and cut-through walkways
- F. After getting "green space," ensure maintenance of it
- G. Provide for more parks and recreational uses in our community
- H. Preserve all the green space which is currently in place—repurpose for new use which is recreational but do not use for development

II. Natural

- A. Address rainwater concerns, including flood control strategies, water harvesting techniques, and storm water drainage
- B. Preserve tall trees during construction or reuse of property; if unable to preserve, replace with saplings on site or at another location to have no loss of number in the neighborhood's residential areas; provide shaded walkways by planting and maintaining street trees
- C. Use native plant species which can thrive in increasing heat.
- D. Encourage "backyard habitats" and other public and private oases for urban wildlife
- E. Retain mountain views

Major Topics—How can a neighborhood make a significant contribution to preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of Tucson's unique southwestern desert environment? How does our community balance infill development and appreciation for the values of open space before there is no open space left?