



Verde Village Community Connection

Pond Discussion Meeting

September 16, 2026

Your Presenter: Jeff Raible

- *Almost a Native of AZ*
- Village full-time resident since 2019
 - Property owner since 2013
 - Well owner
- Small business owner
- Volunteer
 - VVCC (Treasurer, since 2022)
 - Verde Historical Society / Clemenceau Museum
 - Phoenix/Goodyear Airport Superfund Site CAG
 - Litchfield Park City Council
- Engineer

Meeting Objectives

- ***Background***

- What is The Pond
- Why are we here?

- ***Researched Options***

- Pros & Cons

- ***VVCC High Level Plan***

- Plan alternatives

- ***Next Steps***

Background

**“If you don’t understand the problem,
you’ll never find the right solution.”**

– Peter Drucker

**“If I had an hour to solve a problem,
I’d spend 55 minutes thinking about the
problem and 5 minutes thinking about
solutions.”**

– Albert Einstein

What is “The Pond?”

↑ North



The Pond

What is “The Pond?”

- Location: 3901 E Del Rio Dr (VV Unit 4)
- Parcel 406-15-439
 - Land: 4.22 acres
 - Water: 3.0-3.5 acres
- Established early 1970s for
 - Fire protection
 - Recreation
 - Amenity (help developer sell lots)
- Animals have been contributed by community members *(without permits or approval)*
 - Majority fish: Carp
 - Domestic fowl & turtles

What is “The Pond?”

✓ Community Amenity

- Frequent visitors (including non-residents)
- Provides recreation opportunities
- Moderates local temperature & humidity
- One of three Verde Village ‘crown jewels’
 1. Community Center
 2. Nature Preserve
 3. Pond

How is “The Pond” maintained?

- **Volunteers**

- Trash pick-up & other public negligence
- Shrubbery & tree trimming
- Dead animals
- Clean Ditch & run Pond’s water pump

- **Water:** pumped from the Cottonwood Ditch

- Water permit: \$ 860/year
 - Electricity: \$2,200/year
- } ~ \$3K/year
(= 50 memberships)

➤ Pump located on Comanche Dr

Who coordinates Volunteers and pays for the Pond's water?

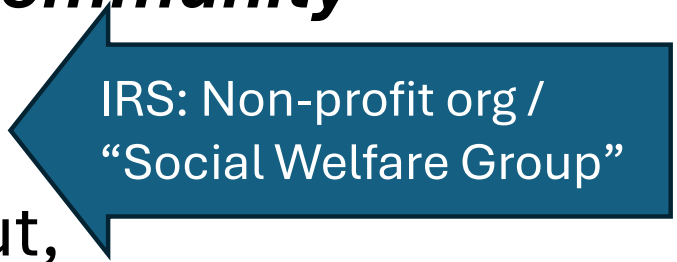


Verde Village Community Connection

(the VVCC)

What is the VVCC?

- Verde Village Property Owners' Association
 - dba **Verde Village Community Connection**
 - Emphasize mission: **Connect Community**
- Established 1972: 501(c)(4)
 - 1970s: Community being built out, but roads & infrastructure inadequate
 - Developer: **Queen Creek Land & Cattle Co.**
 - Pool built 1971; Pond in early 1970s
 - Pond established for fire suppression & recreation
 - 1980s: Significant community support
 - Community Hall built 1982
 - Approaching 1,000 members



IRS: Non-profit org /
“Social Welfare Group”

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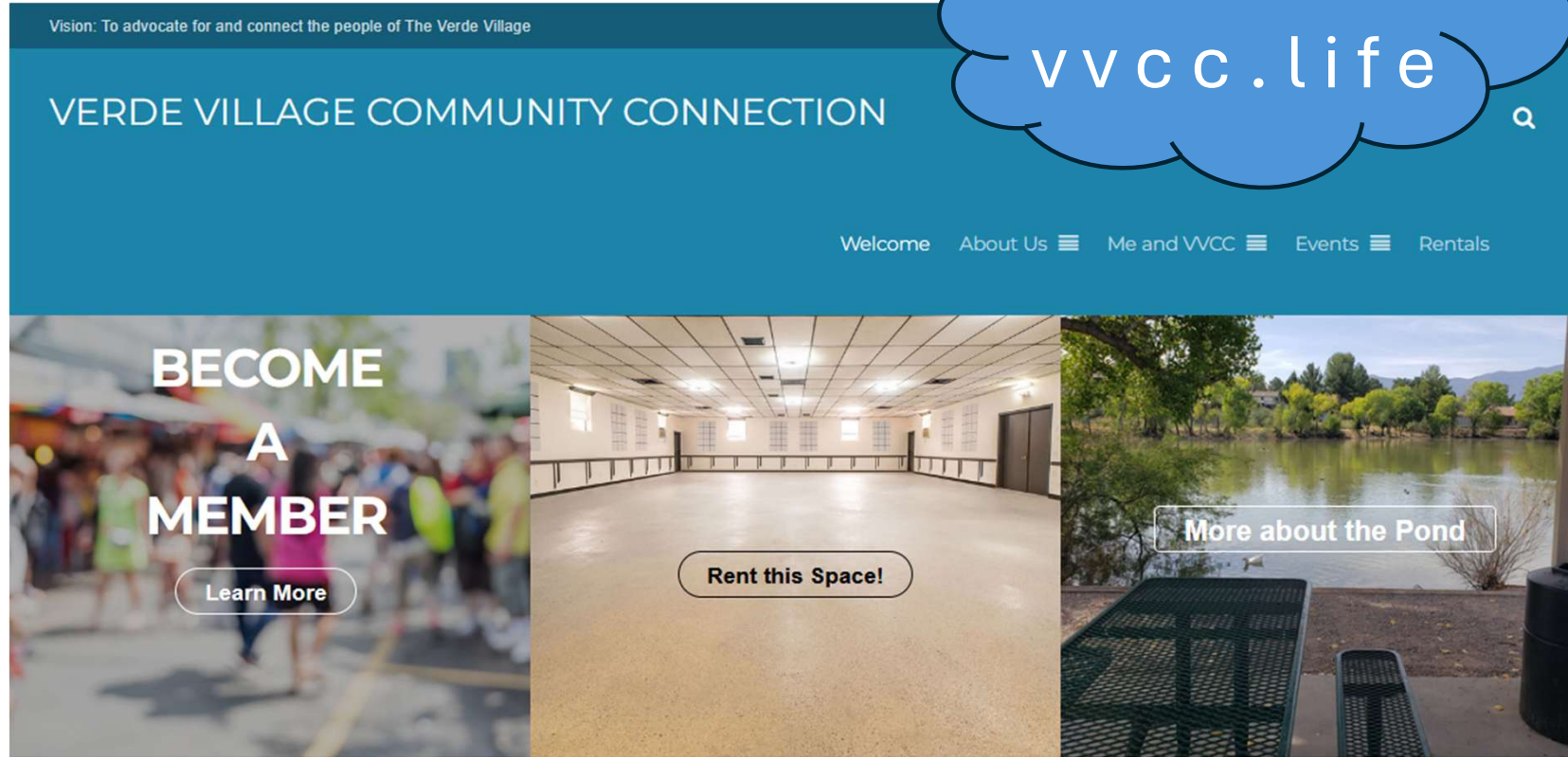
- NOT an HOA
 - Membership (dues): NOT COMPULSORY
 - No active CC&Rs (all lapsed after 50 years)
- Home Owners' Associations (HOAs)
 - Can enforce community rules, maintain shared amenities, and **collect fees** for upkeep
 - Have the **authority** to impose fines for violations of their governing documents

What is the VVCC?

- Member-driven organization
 - \$60/year membership fee
 - Membership Types
 - **Legacy** members own property in platted Verde Village
 - **Associate** members
 - Currently ~52 members = \$3,120
 - Board of Directors (9 current members) / monthly
 - President elected @ March Membership meeting
- Property owner
 - Currently 6 parcels
 - Recent years: gifted or sold 5 parcels

What is the VVCC?

website:
vvcc.life



LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

POND FOLLOW-UP SEPT 16

[More](#)

AUGUST 12, 2026

NATIONAL HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP SEPT 19

Join us and volunteers across the country in cleaning up our roadsides. Last year volunteers removed 3,700 pounds of trash from along Arizona's roadways in a single day.

What is the VVCC's Purpose?

- The Association has the responsibility to **steward the property and goodwill of the Association** and, under certain circumstances, can **be a voice and central contact** for the residents and property owners of the unincorporated community known as Verde Village
- The **mission** of the Association is to **build community among the residents of Verde Village**
- The Association will use reasonable efforts to **inform and engage** the Verde Village community regarding matters of common interest, as well as, **manage and maintain the property owned by the Association for the benefit of the Verde Village community**, all as resources allow

How are the VVCC's Finances?



Headlines

- Decades-long decline in Memberships & Income
- Ever-increasing expenses: ongoing liabilities

Year	Net Income (Loss)	Notes
2017	5.8K	Incl transfer fees
2018	(6.0K)	Incl transfer fees
2019	(22.5K)	(COVID)
2020	18.9K	Incl sale of parcel; Pool reopened (post-COVID)
2021	9.2K	Significant membership & dinner, pool income
2022	0.4K	Strong membership & pool income
2023	5.7K	Strong membership & pool income
2024	(8.1K)	Dwindling memberships & pool; strong rentals
2025	(18.4K)	Moderated rental; major investment in Comm Hall

How are the VVCC's Finances?

2025 Summary (\$K)

Revenue Sources	Income
Memberships	5.6
Pool	5.2
Facility Rentals	19.5
All Other	2.4
Total Income	32.7

Expense Categories	Expense
Depreciation	3.5
Community Engagement	4.2
Insurance	10.6 *
Repairs & Maintenance	13.3 **
Utilities (incl CDA water)	15.9
All Other	4.7
Total Expenses	51.2

i.e., a **Net LOSS of \$18.4K**

* Normal Annual insurance: \$18.2K

** Includes Community Hall reno

2017-25 average: \$1.7K

➤ Average excluding parcel sales: **(\$4.6K)**

Where is the VVCC headed?

- Headwinds:

Themes impacting a community-focused mission

- Community members' focus on **family, job, economy, social media**
- Challenge to attract/retain impactful **Volunteers**
- Effort & \$\$\$ required to plan/host **Programs & Activities**
- Community fragmentation: awareness/interest in **Programs & Activities**
- Challenge raising \$\$\$ (“*what’s the **value** for me?*”)
- Legacy commitments / liabilities that require \$\$\$

Where is the VVCC headed?

- Strategic Planning (2025-26)
 - Board evaluated its trajectory & made decisions intended to **increase income** + **reduce liabilities**
 - Invested \$26K in Community Hall to increase rentals
 - No business loan could be obtained
- Closed Pool
 - Significant volunteer coordination
 - Negligible net revenue 2022-2025
- Partnerships
 - Nature Preserve

VVCC Strategic Initiatives / 2026

- Strategic Partnerships

- **Friends of the Verde River**

- River Center: \$20K/year lease for Community Center
(*except for Pool area*)
 - Gifted Verde River parcel (33+ acres)



- **Lions Club**

- Growth Tower Project: \$14K/year lease for Pool area
(*payments to commence 2028*)



- Community Engagement

- Pond Resolution

Why is the Pond at a Crossroads?

- January 2022
 - The Cottonwood Ditch Association (CDA) resolved to curtail VVCC's right to its water by February 2026
- January 2024
 - CDA extended VVCC's permit to February 2029
- 2025-26
 - VVCC engaged in research and gauging community & governmental entity support options
- 2026:
“VVCC has resolved that there is no viable solution to maintain the Verde Village Pond as a large, open body of water...”

No Pond?

This organization has been considering filling in the Pond since at least 1981

➤ 45 years

No Pond?

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- June 23, 2026 VVCC Board Meeting

The VVCC has...

- ✖ No proven water source beyond Feb 2029
- ✖ No financially prudent means of acquiring and maintaining a new water source
- *The VVCC wishes to transform the parcel to a new community-focused use*

AZ & Verde River Water Rights

- Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-141
 - *The waters of all sources ... whether perennial or intermittent ... belong to the public and are subject to appropriation and beneficial use....*
 - **Arizona Surface Water Code** (June **1919**), now known as the Public Water Code, provides that a person must apply for and obtain a **permit** and certificate to appropriate (use) surface water and that beneficial use shall be the basis, measure, and limit to the use of water within the state
 - Surface water is subject to appropriation and beneficial use, governed by the doctrine of **prior appropriation**, which grants rights to the first person to put the water to **beneficial use**

AZ & Verde River Water Rights

- Gila River Adjudication

- Prior to 1919, the right to use surface water in AZ could be acquired by simply “appropriating” or putting the water to beneficial use ... and providing some type of notice of the use
- Water rights in the Verde Valley (and in much of AZ) have not yet been fully “**adjudicated**,” i.e., determined by a court
 - In most cases, **a property owner cannot be certain** about the details of a property’s *water right*
 - **The Gila River Adjudication will ultimately determine the validity, extent, and priority of all claimed rights**

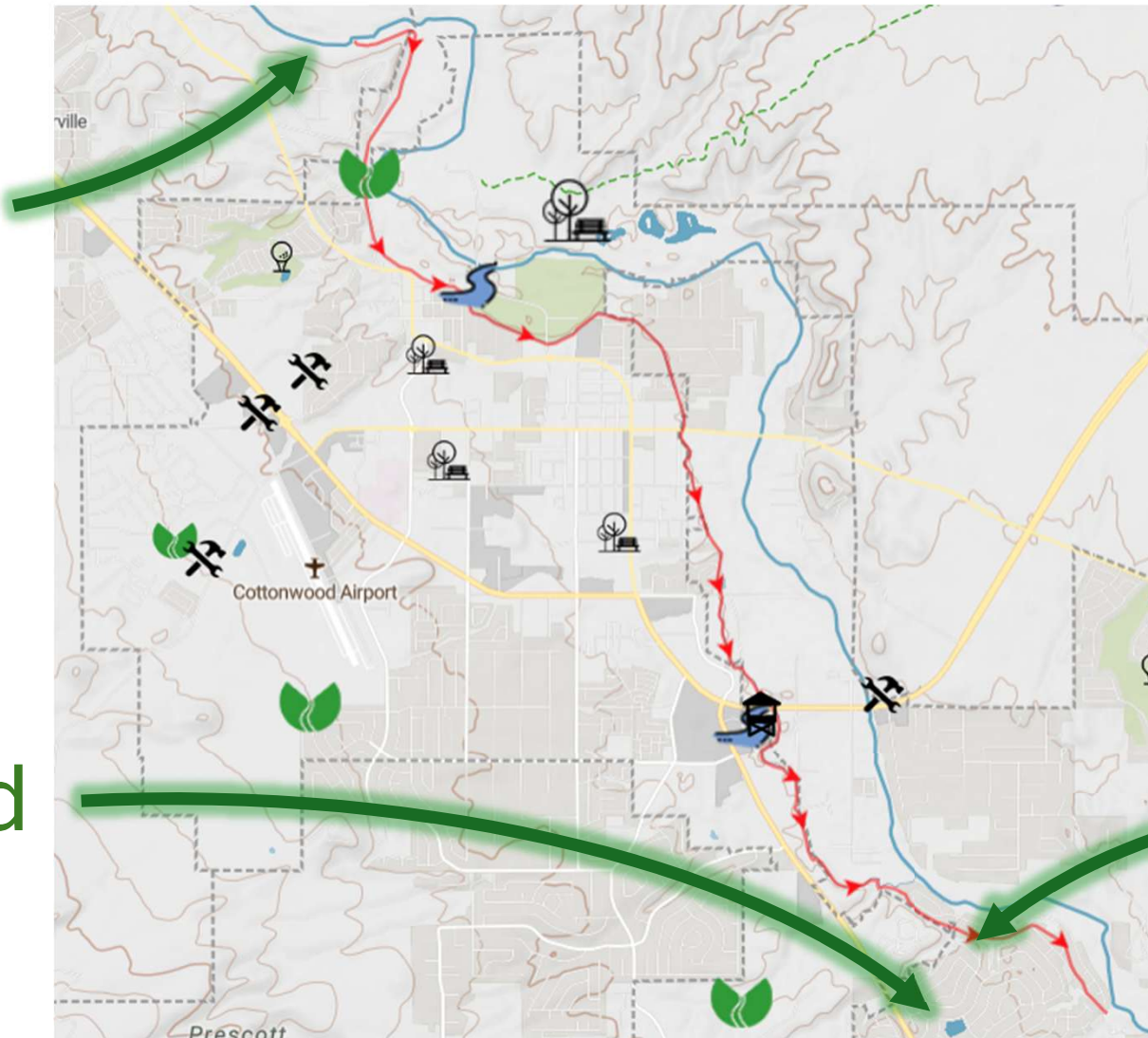
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- Cottonwood Ditch Association (CDA)
 - CDA's **Claimed Priority Date** regarding surface water from the **Verde River** is **December 1877**
 - *Pre-dates the State of Arizona!*
 - Created to supply water to farms & ranches on the right bank (south & west side) of the Verde River
 - ***Rights belong with the property*** & cannot be sold or transferred
 - ***VVCC had been extended a permit*** by CDA in 1974
- Out of concern for protecting their rights to surface water, the CDA decided to terminate VVCC's permit

AZ & Verde River Water Rights

- Cottonwood Ditch Location

Cottonwood
Ditch begins
near Tuzigoot



The Pond

CDA water
to Pond is
pumped
from here

What's been done so far?

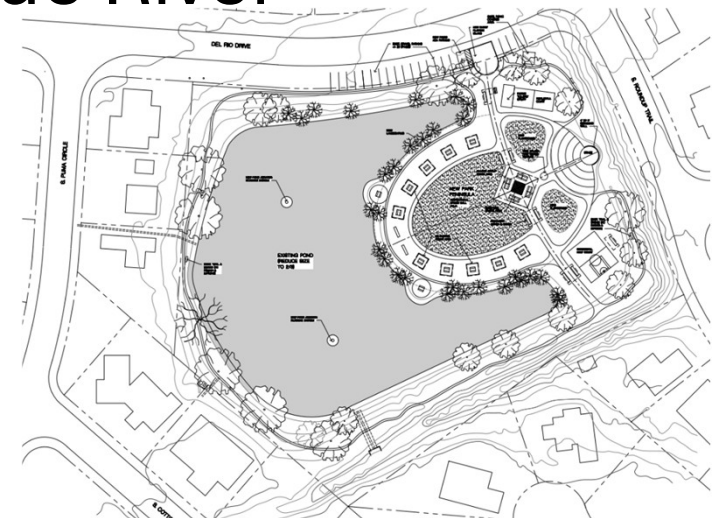
Prior Efforts

- 1981: ***A Plan for Recreation***
 - Formal analysis by the University of Arizona
 - Community survey / Top Priorities include
 - ***Build clubhouse where lake is presently***
 - ***Fill in the lake***
 - Recommendation: make more usable/enjoyable
 - Eliminate the Pond, or
 - Lessen the size of Pond
- 1990s & 2000s:
 - Many documented concerns about the cost of maintaining the Pond

What's been done so far?

Prior Efforts *(continued)*

- 2017-18
 - VVPOA / Supervisor Randy Garrison Collaboration re: Gifting the Pond to Yavapai County for a park
 - County's overriding concern: the ***integrity of the Pond's structure***
- 2021-22: Friends of the Verde River
 - Used grant funding to create concept designs for a community park with reduced size of Pond



What's been done Recently?

Most Recent Efforts (2024-26)

- Received extension of CDA water shut-off
- Community Surveys
- Community Pond Committee
- Research
 - Other water sources
 - Opportunity to gift the Pond
 - Requirements of eliminating the Pond

What's been done Recently?

Extension of CDA shut-off

- January 2024 annual CDA board meeting, VVCC's mitigation plan was presented & request made to delay shut-off
- Request granted:
shut-off date was extended to **February 2029**

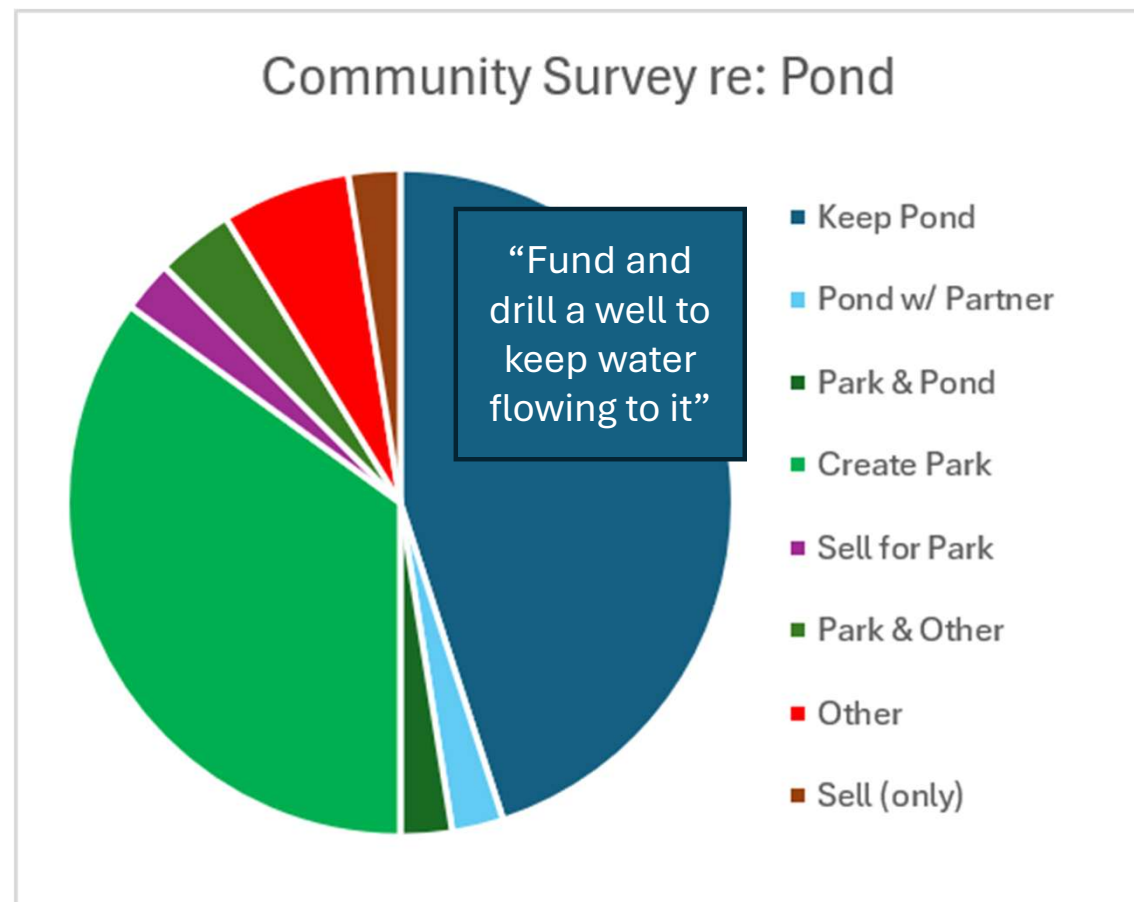
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Community Surveys

- Conducted annually
 - Directional results:
Survey participants choose to respond

- Recent years' response re:
Keep the Pond?

➤ ***Even split between
Keep as a Pond
and Create a Park or
Other Facility***



What's been done Recently?

Community Pond Committee

- Community members & VVCC representatives held series of meetings
- Focus on
 - Near-term Pond management & mitigation issues
 - Long-term water sourcing options
- Generated ideas helped guide VVCC's research

What's been done Recently?

Research

- Other water sources
 - City of Cottonwood
 - Well
 - Run-off → retention basin
 - Treated effluence
- Opportunity to gift the Pond
 - Yavapai County
- Partnerships with other entities
- Fundraising

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Researched Options

Other Water Source: City of Cottonwood

- Pros
 - Nearby infrastructure
- Cons
 - Ongoing cost of City water
 - unit cost
 - volume
 - **City will not support**

Researched Options

Other Water Source: Drill Well On-Site

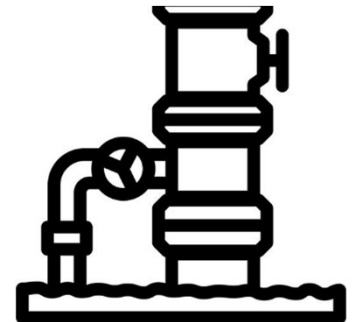
- Pros

- No reliance on other entity
- **May** be a permanent solution

- Cons

- Cost to Install
 - \$20-25K: Drill Well
 - \$30-35K: Pump system
 - \$2-5K: Electricity service
- Cost to operate & maintain
 - \$3-4K/year

Estimate for an exempt,
low-production well



- ***No guarantee VVCC will retain right to water***

Researched Options

Other Water Source: Divert from VVCC Well

- Pros
 - Uses existing well
- Cons
 - Cost to upgrade well & install new pipe infrastructure
 - \$5+K: Update existing well & pump
 - \$10sK: Install new pipes from Comm Center to Pond
 - Would need easements established
 - Cost to operate & maintain
 - \$3-4K/year
 - ***Diverts water from Verde River subflow zone***
 - ***No guarantee VVCC will retain right to water***

Researched Options

Other Water Source: Divert from Existing Well

- Pros
 - Modified use of existing pump/pipe system
- Cons
 - Reliance on homeowner (+ easement)
 - Cost to Install
 - \$5-50K: Update existing well & pump
 - Cost to operate & maintain
 - \$3-4K/year
 - ***Diverts water from Verde River subflow zone***
 - ***No guarantee VVCC will retain right to water***

Researched Options

Other Water Source: Utilize run-off

- Pros
 - No drilling or pumping required
- Cons
 - COST: Requires significant grading & landscaping to create an effective retention basin
 - *Would require a permit*
 - *Would likely require a civil engineering firm*
 - Creates new **liability issue** for VVCC
 - Unlikely enough water can be collected
 - ***No guarantee VVCC will retain right to water***

Researched Options

Other Water Source: Use treated effluence

- ***Verde Village Wastewater Facility Report:*** analysis completed 2023
 - Recommendation on a central wastewater treatment facility & sewage collection in order to abandon community's ~4,500 septic tanks
- Would require creation of **Sanitary District**
 - See Community Park Maintenance District: the same effort would be required, likely to include the entire Verde Village
- Would require multi-year (10+) effort

Researched Options

Opportunity to Gift the Pond: Yavapai County

- Pros
 - County has greater resources
 - Opportunity for first District 3 regional park
 - *Process for community input on park design*
- Cons
 - County will not accept parcel with the Pond
- Dependencies
 - Community Development Block Grant funding
 - Funding cycle (NACOG)
 - Yavapai County: begins January 2028

Researched Options

Partnership may include
gifting the Pond parcel

Partnership with another entity

- VVCC is open to partnership with any business or organization that demonstrates it has the skills and financial resources to implement a solution that benefits the Verde Village community
- Example organizations
 - North American Land Trust:
“Committed to conserving and restoring natural and cultural lands for present and future generations”
 - Audubon Arizona / Tucson Audubon Society:
A network of sites identified as critical for the conservation of native bird populations and other biodiversity
 - New “Save the Pond” non-profit
... that demonstrates sufficient organizational and financial strength (if someone can be found to create & lead this entity)

Do not offer
\$\$\$\$\$\$
solutions
to sourcing
water

Letter of Support



To – Verde Village Property Owners Association
4855 Broken Saddle Drive
Cottonwood, AZ 86326
928-646-6505

From – The Nature Conservancy
522 Finnie Flat Road #E-622
Camp Verde, AZ 86322

July 13, 2022

Dear Verde Village Property Owners Association

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) would like to express our support for converting the Verde Village Property Owners Association (VVPOA) pond to a low water use park. TNC understands the final decision of the ponds lies with the POA and its community. While we will not participate in your decision making, TNC has a track record of securing funding for projects that help to protect the flows in the Verde River and can provide support in any way that is needed by the POA.

TNC has been working in the Verde Valley for over 10 years focusing on projects that improve water efficiency and protect the flows in the river. We have implemented projects ranging from agriculture projects that reduce water use to stormwater projects that reduce the flood risk and slow the flows to allow for infiltration into the ground and eventually to the Verde River. TNC has been able to provide funding, grant support, qualified consultants and contractors, and project management support to all our projects.

With adjudication process moving forward, we expect more clarity in water rights in the coming years. This is the best opportunity to start re-thinking and redesigning our open space with the unprecedented funding and grant opportunities available. TNC can provide support for grant application and provide match if needed.

Depending on the final decision of the community, TNC can provide financial support depending on available funding. For any further questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Selena Pao

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Verde River Project Manager- Rural Communities
928-679-0075
spao@tnc.org



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Researched Options

Community Park Maintenance District (CPMD)

- Special taxing district created under Arizona law for the purpose of maintaining existing community parks
 - If approved, fees would be collected by County (property tax)
- Would require
 - Someone to spearhead effort
 - A legal description of the proposed district
 - An impact statement
 - A proposed Board of Directors for the CPMD
 - Approval of a petition to create the CPMD, signed by
 - Owners of a majority of the taxable property units in the proposed district
 - Persons owning collectively a majority of the assessed valuation of the property in the area of the proposed district

Researched Opti

CDA is protecting its own rights w/in context of Gila River Adjudication

DOESN'T SOLVE THE ISSUE

Ask for *another* Ditch Water Extension

- 1877: Cottonwood Ditch Assoc (CDA) created
 - Surface irrigation for hay, grass and vegetable crops
 - Shares are joined to land (Cottonwood & Bridgeport)
- 1974: a **permit** for water was issued to VVPOA
 - VVPOA has never been a CDA share holder
 - Some records indicate the permit was intended only to initially fill the Pond, not become a regular source
- 2022: CDA decision to halt water to non-ag uses
 - deadline to phase out water use: Feb 2026
 - VVCC obtained extension to Feb 2029

Researched Options

DOESN'T SOLVE THE ISSUE

Sell the Community Park Parcels in Units 6 & 7

- Raise funds by selling parcels reserved for parks
- Pros
 - Raise \$\$\$ by liquidating existing VVCC assets
- Cons
 - Time & Effort ... & Buyer Interest
 - Limited value: zoned residential, but with Park overlay
 - Would require County removal of Park designation
 - Not a long-term financial solution
 - 2 local neighborhoods impacted

Recap of Major Concerns

- No guaranteed long-term water source
 - Current supply of water ends January 2029
 - Solutions that may create a new water source cannot guarantee their long-term use
- No fiscally viable solution
 - WVCC not have the \$\$\$ to create a new water source
 - WVCC supports not just the Pond
 - No other businesses or organizations have offered \$\$\$
- Opportunity to gift to Yavapai County is time-sensitive
 - **If we miss this time window, almost guarantee blight**

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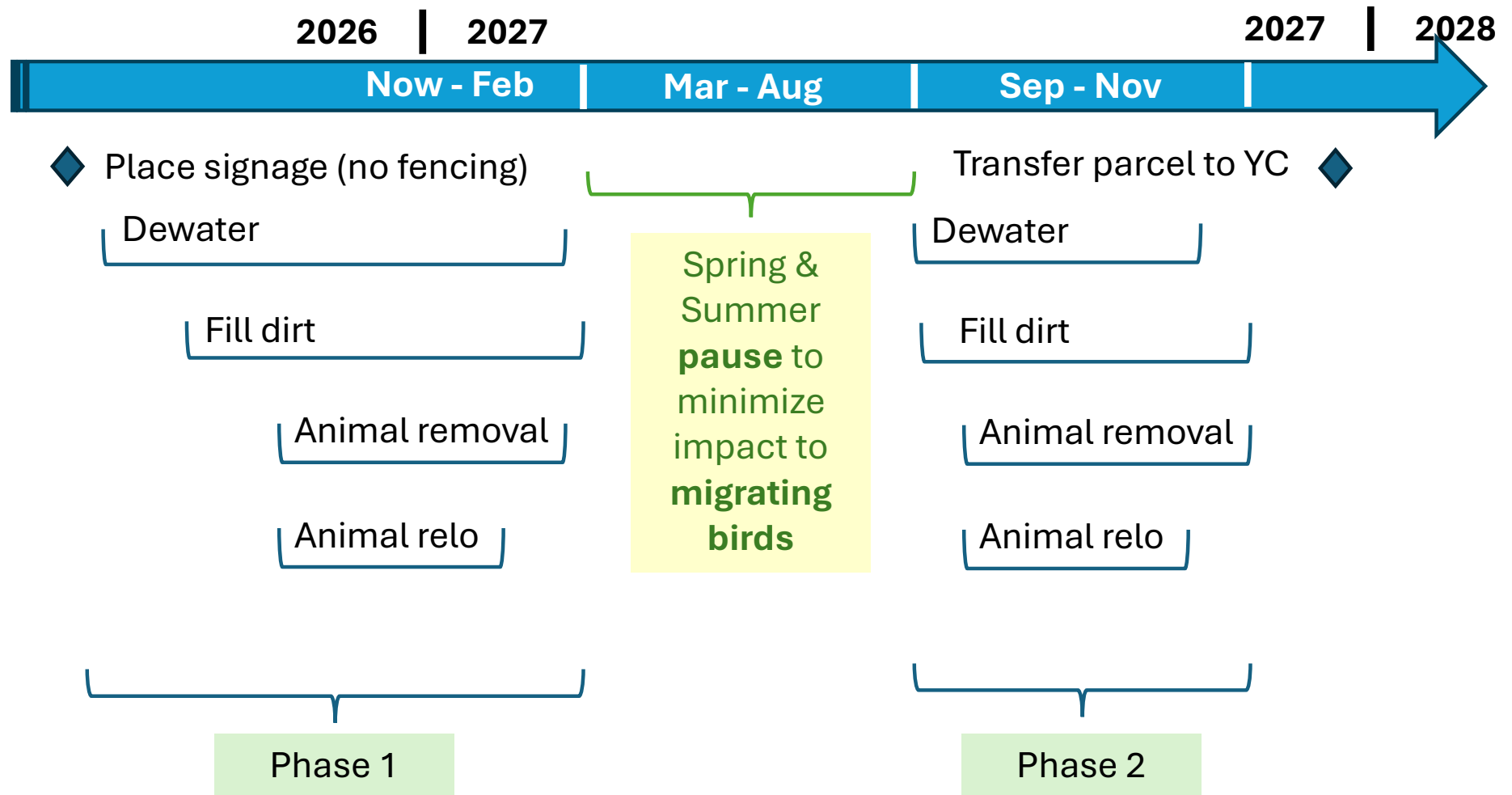
VVCC High Level Plan

- Dewater the Pond
- Fill Pond with dirt
- Relocate animals that can be saved
- Transfer parcel to Yavapai County

VVCC High Level Plan: Activities

Activity	Detail	Volunteer Perform?	Permit Req'd?	Notes
Dewater Pond	Place signage	Yes	No	Notices & caution tape (do not impede animal access)
Dewater Pond	Halt water input	Yes	No	Evaluate evaporation rates
Dewater Pond	Discharge water to wash	If req'd	Yes	Concern: water quality; consider only if evaporation rate is problematic
Fill Pond	Deliver fill dirt	No	No	Confirm volume & timing of available of 'free' dirt sources
Fill Pond	Equipment & operators to spread dirt	Yes?	YES	Confirm availability (schedule) of operators
Fill Pond	Timing of activities: Sep 1 to Feb 28	n/a	No	Ensure no impact to migratory bird nests
Animal Relocation	Fish cannot be relocated		No	Predominant fish is carp which is non-native and cannot be relocated; Cannot relocate desirable fish without health assessment (= significant cost)
Animal Relocation	Fowl, Turtles, etc.	Yes	No	Confirm availability (schedule) of volunteers and people/organizations to receive rescued animals

WVCC High Level Plan



Activity Options Researched

Requirement of Eliminating the Pond: Dewatering

- Dewatering is an actual word
 - “The removal of water from a location”
 - Often a critical component of construction projects; removing water improves the stability of soils
 - *No permit is required*
- Options
 - Evaporation & leakage
 - Controlled pumping into boundary wash (south side of Pond)

Activity Options Researched

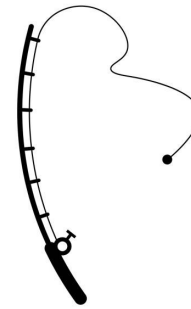
Requirement of Eliminating the Pond: Dirt In-Fill

- As dewatering progresses, add fill dirt
 - Gradually reduce the Pond footprint
 - Cover muck and organisms
- Free fill dirt is available
 - Requires coordination of delivery & grading resources with progress of dewatering
- *A permit is required*

Activity Options Researched

Requirement of Eliminating the Pond: Fish Removal

- Transfer Option
 - Only **permitted** species may be transferred, and only after **testing** has confirmed their **health**
 - **Carp** – the majority fish in the Pond – is **never permitted**
- Elimination Options *(no permit required)*
 - Community Fishing Derby
 - Applied Chemicals
 - Dewatering +
 - Allow scavenger access
 - Burial



Activity Options Researched

Requirement of Eliminating the Pond: Fowl & Turtle Removal

- Transfer Options

- Domestic fowl (ducks) can be relocated
- Wild fowl (ducks, geese, herons, etc.) will find their way to the Verde River
- Turtles can be relocated

- Plan to avoid nesting season

- Meet requirements of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), a federal law that protects migratory birds in the United States

Activity Options Researched

Yavapai County District 3 Regional Park

- Community Development Block Grant
 - Administered by NACOG
 - Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
 - Project must aid in the prevention of blight or solve an urgent health hazard
- Park design
 - Public plays a critical role in park planning
- County resources
 - Cornville: Windmill Park
 - Parks in Dewey, Lake Montezuma, Chino Valley, Prescott & Prescott Valley ...

Other Options?



Next Steps

- Evaluate new ideas
- Develop detailed plan
 - Confirm resources
 - Estimate costs & confirm funding
- Public meeting to communicate the final plan
- Begin plan implementation

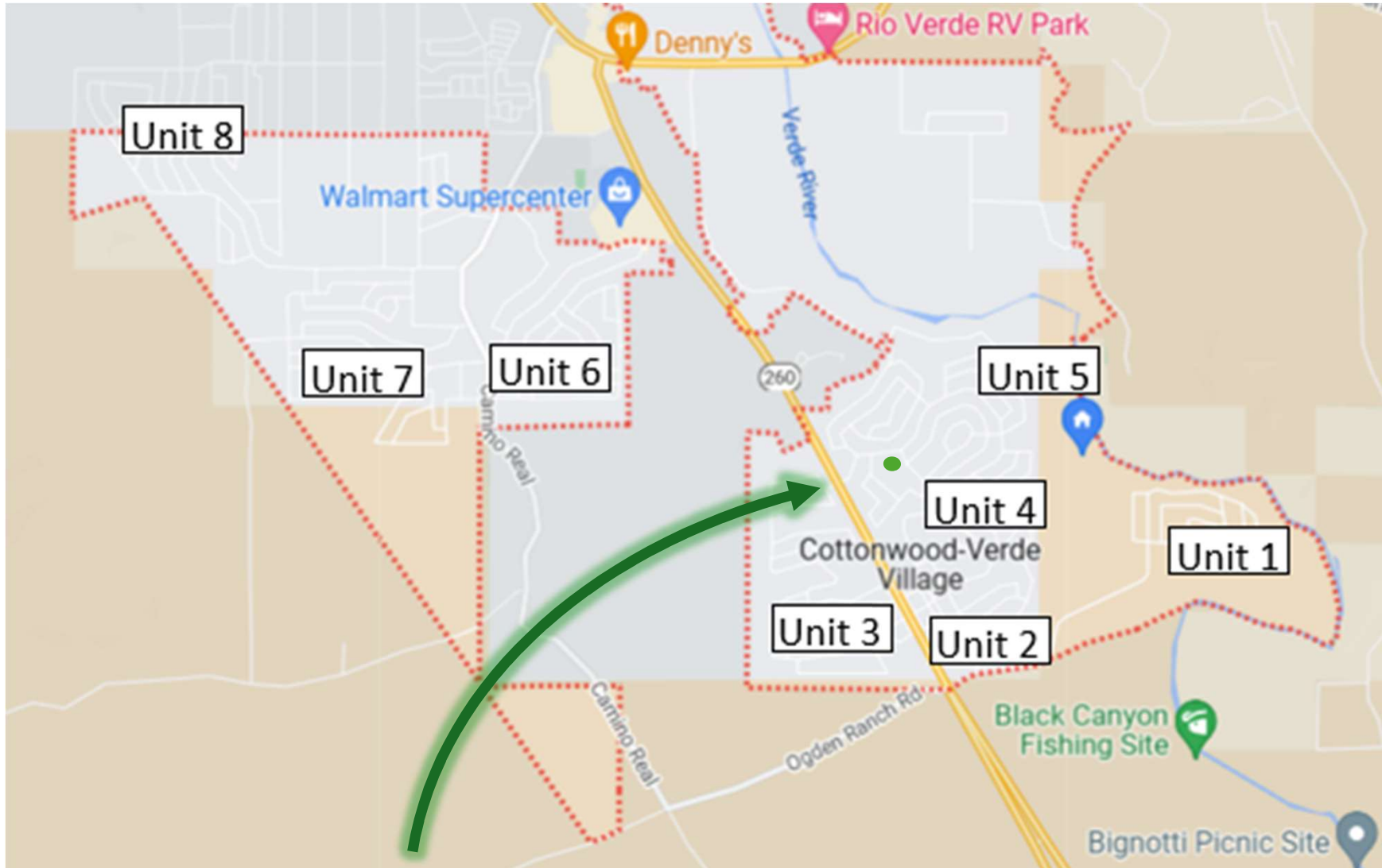
Thank You!



Appendix

- Verde Village Units 1-8 & Pond
- FoVR Pond Design 2021
- FoVR Pond Design 2022
- Yavapai County Permit Analysis
- Salt & Verde River Reservoir Levels

Verde Village Units 1-8 & Pond



The Pond

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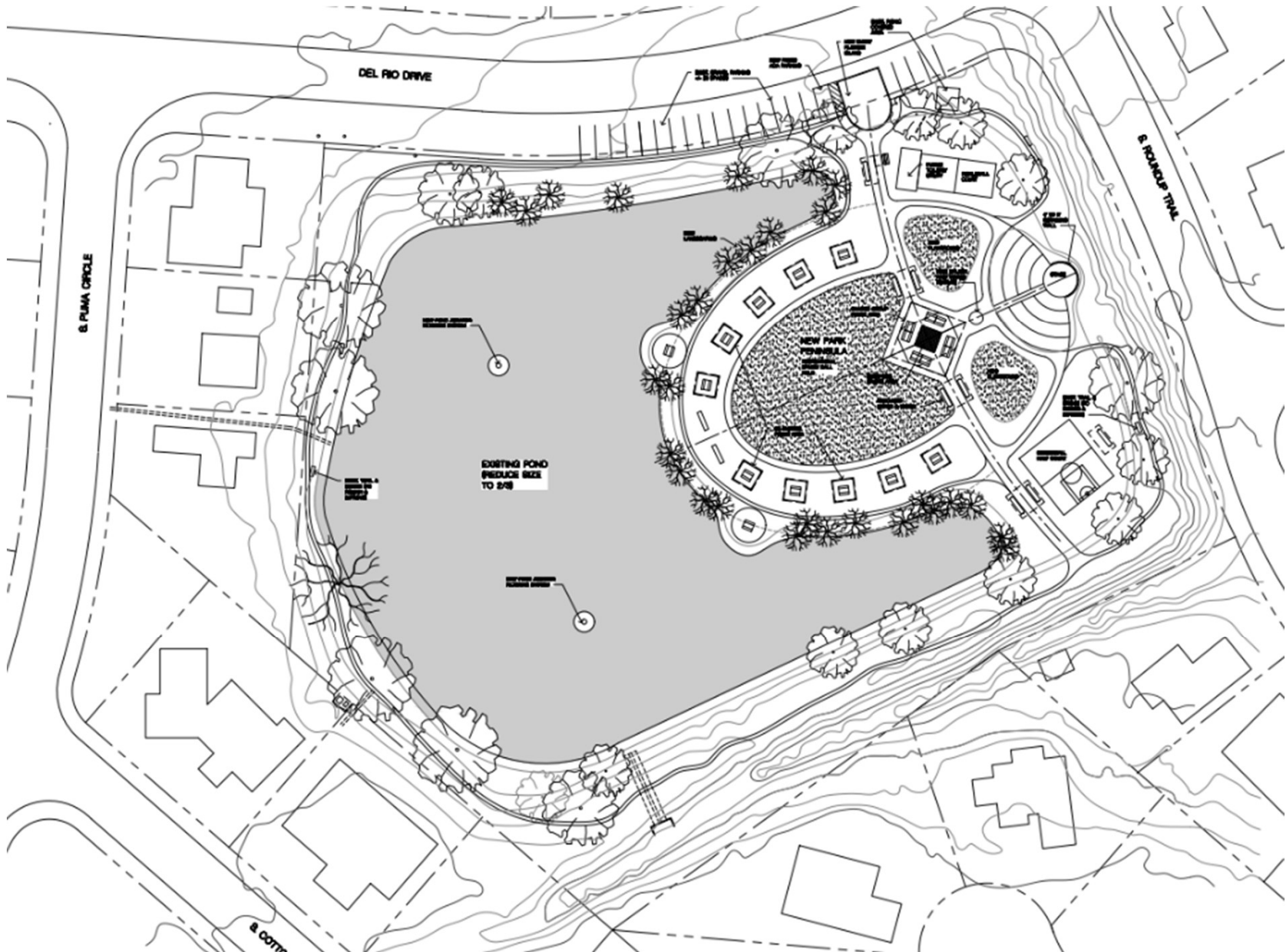
FoVR Pond Alternative Design 2021



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FoVR Pond Alternative Design 2022



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Yavapai County Permit Analysis

Activity	Agency	Permit / Approval	When Required	Notes
Draining pond water (dewatering)	Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)	AZPDES (Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Authorization (likely De Minimis for pond dewatering)	If water is discharged off-site to a wash, ditch, storm drain, or surface water	Recommend preapplication meeting with ADEQ; discharge must meet water quality standards; sediment and turbidity controls required
Construction disturbance $\geq$ 1 acre	ADEQ	AZPDES Construction General Permit (CGP)	If total disturbance equals or exceeds 1 acre	Recommend preapplication meeting with ADEQ; requires NOI, SWPPP, and inspections during construction
Wetland jurisdiction determination	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Jurisdictional Determination (JD)	Recommended when wetland jurisdiction is uncertain	Recommend preapplication meeting with USACE; confirms whether Clean Water Act permits apply
Placement of fill or alteration of wetland soils	USACE / ADEQ	Clean Water Act Section 404 / 401	Only if dredged or fill material is placed into jurisdictional waters or wetlands	Draining alone does not trigger 404; filling or ground disturbance may
Removal/disturbance of migratory birds or nests	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) compliance	If birds are nesting or present during work	Nest removal prohibited; timing restrictions during nesting season March 1 – August 31

Yavapai County Permit Analysis

Activity	Agency	Permit / Approval	When Required	Notes
Wildlife capture or relocation	Arizona Game & Fish Department	Licensed wildlife handler coordination	If fish, amphibians, or other wildlife are removed	Wildlife must be handled and relocated by licensed professionals
Federal environmental review (NEPA)	Lead Federal Agency	NEPA compliance (Categorical Exclusion, EA, or EIS)	If a federal permit, funding, or approval is required	Level of review depends on scope; often triggered by Section 404 permits
Impacts to listed species or critical habitat	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance	If federally listed species or habitat may be affected, or ESA can be triggered by NEPA	May require surveys, avoidance, or consultation; take prohibited without authorization
Impacts to cultural or historic resources	State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) / Lead Federal Agency	National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106	If a federal action or permit is involved	Requires cultural resource review and consultation if resources are present

* Other permitting requirements for the City of Cottonwood and/or Yavapai County not included.

Salt & Verde River Reservoir Levels

Reservoir data	
	% Full
Roosevelt Lake (Roosevelt Dam)	35
Apache Lake (Horse Mesa Dam)	92
Canyon Lake (Mormon Flat Dam)	95
Saguaro Lake (Stewart Mountain Dam)	92
Total Salt system	46
Horseshoe Lake (Horseshoe Dam)	24
Bartlett Lake (Bartlett Dam)	78
Total Verde system	57
Total Reservoir System	48
Total system year ago	54

- As of September 8, 2026