

Open Space Project Descriptions for BBB Tax Allocation Consideration (Bed, Board and Beverage)

Upgrades and New Amenities

Schultz Creek Trailhead: Designing new trailhead improvements to enable proper parking, signage of the trail system, delineation of trail access to direct use to approved locations, and the addition of appropriate facilities such as trash service and restrooms. Property acquisition and rights are needed before implementation can occur. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.

Picture Canyon Toilet: Develop a single restroom unit for the public at the Picture Canyon Trailhead.

Picture Canyon FUTS Connection: Work with FUTS to design and build the FUTS connection to the Picture Canyon Trailhead. Property acquisition and rights are needed before implementation can occur. Grant funding could possibly supplement this project.

Picture Canyon Signage Replacement: Upgrade the sun-damaged signage throughout the preserve to match the newest design, including rules signage and other educational information. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.

McMillan Mesa Signage: Design and install signage throughout the preserve to match the newest design, including rules signage and other educational information. Open Space applied for a \$10,000 grant for this project, which, if awarded, could help fund some of it.

Observatory Mesa Fencing: Install wildlife-friendly fencing for the Observatory Mesa Natural Area to reduce unauthorized motorized vehicles, minimize cattle impacts, and inform users that they are entering a protected Natural Area with regulations enforced.

Picture Canyon Fencing: Install wildlife-friendly fencing for the Picture Canyon Preserve to reduce unauthorized motorized vehicles, prevent further mine encroachment, and inform users that they are entering a protected Natural Area with regulations enforced.

Observatory Mesa Trail Plan Implementation: Implement the council-approved trail plan, which includes priorities 1-3 and long-term priorities. The plan would incorporate parking, signage, restroom facilities, unauthorized road and trail restoration, trail maintenance, and trail building. Grant funding could likely be obtained for this project.

Picture Canyon Locus D Trail Spur and Viewing Area: Design and build a trail spur to the Locus D rock art panel to help manage current use and provide another opportunity to view rock art.

Picture Canyon Rio De Flag Bridge Replacement: Replace the current wood bridge with a steel FUTS-style bridge.

Deferred Projects

Picture Canyon Trailhead Entry Road and Parking Lot: Repair/Replace the roadway and trailhead parking for Picture Canyon. The road from the Wildcat Water Reclamation Plant to the Picture Canyon Trailhead.

McMillan Mesa Trail Rehabilitation: This project will evaluate the McMillan Mesa trails and partner with Parks to complete the needed trail repairs and maintenance.

Picture Canyon Trail Rehabilitation: This project will evaluate the Picture Canyon trails and complete the necessary trail repairs and maintenance.

Picture Canyon Property Restoration: Continue restoration work on unauthorized roads and trails that have been ongoing with grant funding. Grant funding will be spent by 5/2025. Expand work to restore vegetation in areas with high infestations of invasive species, such as along the Rio de Flag corridor.

Observatory Mesa Property Restoration: Continue restoration work on forest thinning chip piles, which has been ongoing with grant funding. Grant funding will be spent by 12/2025.

McMillan Mesa Property Restoration: Evaluate property to determine property restoration areas. Work could involve eradicating invasive plants in areas of high infestation, seeding, and completing erosion control in high-use areas.

McMillan Mesa Tree Canopy Buffer: Restore property between the FUTS and the Veteran's home. This would address past impacts, restore vegetation, control erosion, and help create a vegetative buffer. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.

Observatory Mesa Water Tank Restoration: Evaluate earthen water catchment basins to determine the benefits of restoration. Restore high-priority tanks to retain water for wildlife.

Acquisitions

Property acquisitions that support the implementation of the Open Space System could include regional preserves, connectors, and complementary open space to ensure an equitable, livable, walkable, healthy community.

- **Regional Preserves:** Large open space parcels essential to the integrated open space system, such as Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve.

Walnut Canyon: Set aside funds to purchase Section 30, a 638-acre area that could fulfill part of the need for a regional preserve in the southeastern quadrant of Flagstaff.

Walnut Canyon Plus Sections: Set aside funds to purchase Sections 22, 28, and 30, a 1,934-acre area that could fulfill the need for a regional preserve in the southeastern quadrant of Flagstaff. This could possibly be in partnership with Flagstaff's need for affordable housing.

- **Connectors:** Natural corridors that connect the integrated open space system, such as FUTS, washes, hillsides, floodplains, neighborwoods, etc.

Specific 2004 Bond Fund Priority Connectors:

John Wesley Powell (Hoffman Tank): Set aside additional funds to help secure an open space corridor that would connect the Arizona National Scenic Trail between the Forest Service and the Rio de Flag I-40 wetlands. This OS corridor was identified as the number one priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds. Thus, a portion of the 2004 bond fund has been reserved for this location.

Continental 1: Reserve funds to help secure an open space corridor/regional preserve between Continental Park and Picture Canyon. This OS corridor was identified as the number two priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Continental 2: Reserve funds to help secure property around Continental Park that could be used to meet community needs for Park expansion, thus freeing up city property for an open space connection/regional preserve between Continental Park and Picture Canyon. The OSC identified this OS corridor as the number three priority for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Fort Tuthill 1: Reserve funds to help secure a greenway buffer along the existing FUTS trail part of Priority Connector 1a: Walnut Canyon to Ft. Tuthill (Location OS6). This OS corridor was identified as the number four priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Townsend Winona: Reserve funds to help secure an open space corridor between Picture Canyon Preserve and Townsend Winona Road to provide access to Picture Canyon and help create an interconnected system. This OS corridor was identified as the number five priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Fort Tuthill 2: Reserve funds to help secure a greenway buffer along the existing FUTS trail part of Priority Connector 1a: Walnut Canyon to Ft. Tuthill (Location OS7). This OS corridor was identified as the number six priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Picture Canyon FUTS Corridor: Work with FUTS to secure property rights to connect Picture Canyon to the FUTS. Staff are currently working on this 2004 bond fund priority.

Schultz Creek Property Trade: Work with City real estate to complete property trade that would provide necessary space to support the Schultz Creek Trailhead. Staff are currently working on this objective.

General Connector Corridors:

1A: Walnut Canyon to Ft. Tuthill: Allocate funds towards securing property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Walnut Canyon and Ft. Tuthill.

1B: McMillan Mesa to Picture Canyon: Allocate funds towards securing property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between McMillan Mesa and Picture Canyon.

1C: Observatory Mesa to McMillan Mesa: Allocate funds to secure property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Observatory Mesa and McMillan Mesa.

1d: Picture Canyon to Walnut Canyon: Allocate funds to secure property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Picture Canyon and Walnut Canyon.

1e: Observatory Mesa to Fort Tuthill: Allocate funds to secure property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Observatory Mesa and Fort Tuthill.

1f: Inner-city McMillian Mesa to Walnut Canyon: Allocate funds towards securing property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Inner-city McMillian Mesa to Walnut Canyon.

- **Complimentary Open Space:** Smaller open space parcels that provide value to the integrated open space system, such as those that increase equitable open space access, protect critical wildlife corridors, and/or preserve viewsheds.

Complimentary Open Space: Allocate funds towards property acquisition, rezones, easements, etc., that protect smaller open space parcels, which provide value to the integrated open space system by preserving property that supports daily use, equitable distribution, and a livable, walkable, healthy community.