



# Background.

## Following the plan.

The City of Maricopa, to improve the quality of life in the community and encourage private investment and revitalization in the City's core, in 2009 completed and adopted a Redevelopment District Area Plan. This plan provides a 20-plus year guideline for the revitalization strategy of a 3.1 mile area, and was developed through the utilization of extensive public input.

There are three neighborhoods within the redevelopment district area that were noted as needing clean-up assistance. Old Town Neighborhood One consists of four blocks with 16 lots per block on an east-west orientation. Old Town Neighborhood Two consists of two blocks and ½ blocks with single and double-wide mobile homes and stick built homes on three streets. Old Town Neighborhood Three appears to be the oldest and abuts commercial streets or activity on three sides. It consists of five blocks of various shapes.

Based on recommendations in the Plan as well as comments from Redevelopment District Citizens Advisory Committee members, grant funds were sought for an initial cleanup effort and received from the Gila River Indian Community in September of 2009.

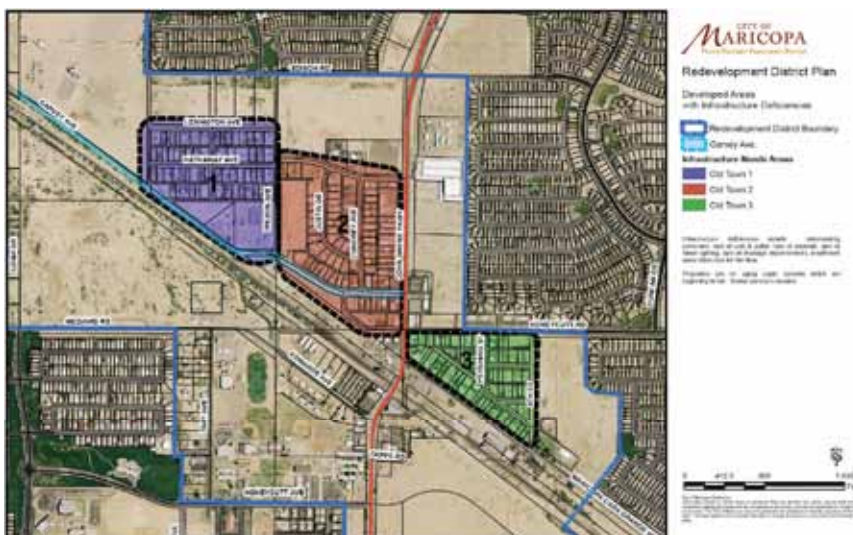
## Community driven.

The effectiveness of this cleanup effort was made possible due to the significant involvement of members of the Redevelopment District Citizens Advisory Committee (RDA Committee). The RDA Committee is a group of individuals dedicated to the success of the Redevelopment District Area Plan, and the continued involvement of community stakeholders in all decision-making. Committee members, appointed by the City Council, represent Redevelopment District Area residents, business or property owners, as well as some Ex-Officio representation to ensure the inclusion of important community organizations.

Members include:

Joe Hoover - Committee Chair  
Bob Gillespie – Committee Vice-Chair  
Kevin Treacy – Committee Secretary  
Renate Chamberlin  
Will Dunn  
Alma Farrell  
Brian Foose  
Don Pearce  
Jake Romero  
Bill "Waz" Wasowicz

Committee meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of the month, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.



# Cleanup strategy.

The Redevelopment District Area Cleanup effort included two main phases: general area cleanup activities comprised Phase I, and the initiation of efforts in satisfying specific resident requests for assistance comprised Phase II.

Phase I was further divided into three separate cleanup efforts, to ensure a focus on resident assistance and maximum cleanup opportunities.

Each "Old Town" area as identified in the RDA Plan was given its own week of special attention.

The cleanup events occurred as follows:

- Old Town Area 1: Feb. 21 - 27
- Old Town Area 2: Feb. 28 - March 6
- Old Town Area 3: March 7 - 13

On the Saturday prior to each cleanup week, the Redevelopment District Citizens Advisory Committee Members hosted a neighborhood get-together with refreshments, information and applications for funding of outdoor home improvements.



*District Committee volunteers share hot dogs and information.*

During each cleanup week, the current activities took place:

- TUESDAY - recyclables picked up at curb
- WEDNESDAY - Curb trash day; anything residents brought to the curb was removed
- THURSDAY - large item pickup (trailers, appliances, etc.)



## Cleanup project budget.

General Labor:	\$3,031
Recycling Labor and Fees:	\$4,800
Uniforms (T-shirts and safety vests):	\$1,551
Heavy Equipment Rentals:	\$2,527
Roloff Rentals:	\$7,356
Landscaping Services:	\$5,000
Weed Killer:	\$1,076
Signage:	\$536
Supplies:	\$373
Construction:	\$1,600
Demolition/Removal work:	\$7,000*
Housepainting:	\$3,000*
Paving Materials:	\$9,800*
Misc.:	\$2,350*

*(items with \* are currently in process)*

# Trash and recycling.

During the three weeks of bulk garbage cleanup, the following amounts of trash were removed from the locations listed:

444414 W. Maricopa Ave  
-61.83 tons

19916 N Condrey Ave  
-20.34 tons

Roosevelt and Lexington  
-52.17 tons



*Example of some of the refuse removed.*

Volunteers working with the Recycling Association of Maricopa noted the following amounts of recyclable materials removed from the Redevelopment District Area at the conclusion of the effort:

Tires Removed  
-783 (171 with rims) + 62 Bike Tires

Appliances Removed  
-26 (8 with refrigerant)

Electronics Removed  
-62 (49 TVs/Monitors)

Car/Truck Batteries  
-5

Miscellaneous Scrap Metal Removed  
-approximately 44 cubic yards

**To complete this cleanup, 159 volunteer hours were generated, and over 25 residents participated directly in efforts.**



*"During the RDA clean up effort, I had the opportunity to work side by side with Tony, Bob and several other city workers, they are a terrific group of people to work with, they went above and beyond to clean things up. Kudos to those city workers."*

*-Renate Chamberlin, Redevelopment District resident and Citizen Advisory Committee Member*



## Resident assistance.

In addition to these general cleanup activities, the Redevelopment District Area Plan noted many dilapidated and blighted structures and other items in disrepair in the area that can cause health and safety risks. Throughout the cleanup event activities, residents were provided Applications for Special Projects, on which they could list requests for assistance on their properties if they did not have the physical or financial capacity.

A number of requests came in, seeking assistance for items such as an ADA Accessible ramp to be added to a home, house-painting, landscaping assistance, cleanup and abatement of graffiti and weeds, and more.



## Redevelopment District Cleanup: Application for Special Projects

The Maricopa Redevelopment District Area has been fortunate to receive a grant from the Gila River Indian Community for cleanup activities and improvements to the District. The Citizens Advisory Committee representing the District is working hard to ensure that all property owners are able to benefit from this program. In addition to the community cleanup events that will remove trash and recyclables free of charge, portions of the grant funds are being set aside for special projects related to the improvement of the external appearance of properties in the area. Examples include painting of homes, repair or installation of fencing, landscaping assistance, large debris removal and more.

- If you are interested in being considered for a project, simply complete the form below and return to any Committee member or City staff member. The Committee will review all applications, evaluate and select projects to be completed.
- Work for projects selected will be contracted by the City on your behalf using grant funds.
- Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered as funds remain available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Example of a special assistance request form.*

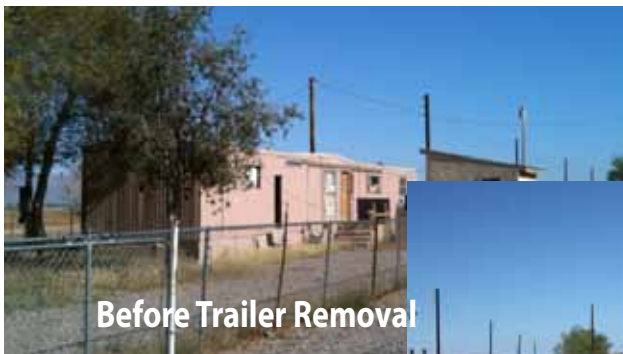
Special request projects completed using grant funding also included:

1. Construction of ADA Accessible ramp to Redevelopment District Area home for a local disabled veteran, as well as widening of interior home doorways and the addition of stairs to the back of the home for safety issues. This project was completed on June 30, 2010.
2. Purchase of A/B roadway material to be used to smooth alleyways behind homes in Old Town 1 and also diminish the negative impacts of dust and dirt to the residents in the area.
3. Repainting of residential home in Old Town 3 neighborhood.
4. Complete demolition and removal of blighted trailer and shed (pictured below) on personal property in Old Town 1 per request of the property owner. (photos below)

## Future plans.

While this report demonstrates considerable achievements in removing blighted conditions in the Redevelopment District Area, significant concerns still exist that the Redevelopment District Citizens Advisory Committee hopes to have the funds to address in the near future.

1. Painting of several residential homes. These homes are the property of long-time residents who desire an improvement to the look and quality of their neighborhood, but do not have the physical or financial means to do so.
2. Removal of over 2,000 tires that have accumulated in the area over time due to illegal dumping. These tires are an extreme fire hazard and have become the unsafe play area for many neighbor children. In addition to the removal of the tires, measures will be added to prevent access for further illegal dumping.
3. Identification of and removal of additional blighted structures throughout the Redevelopment District Area. This will not only improve upon safety in the Area, but improve property values for current owners.
4. Creation of Design Standards Manual to ensure that new development in the Redevelopment District Area is held to the standards that the community wishes to see in its City core.



**Before Trailer Removal**



**After Trailer Removal**



**Housepainting**

City of Maricopa staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the Gila River Indian Community for its generous contribution which made this effort possible. In addition, it would like to express its gratitude to the countless residents of the Redevelopment District Area and volunteers who participated in making this a success.

Special appreciation also goes to the Recycling Association of Maricopa.



## **Acknowledgements.**

