



# Arizona Heritage Alliance

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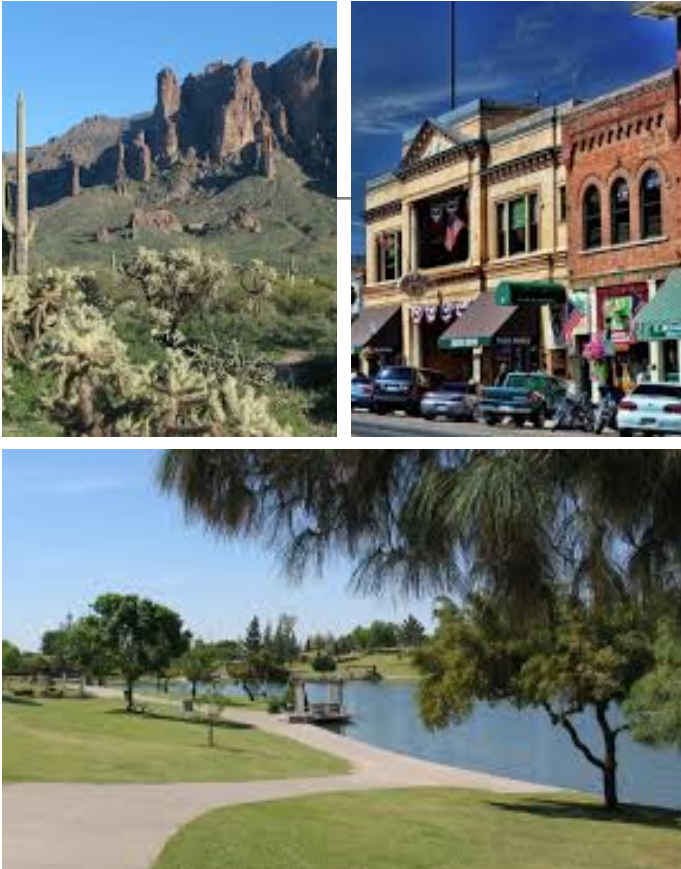
FUNDING THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS HERITAGE FUND  
PROTECTING AND PRESERVING ARIZONA'S HERITAGE

# Who We Are

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- Celebrating our 28th year as a 501-c-3
- Statewide membership
- Funded solely with donations, grants, and memberships
- Enthusiastic Board of Directors and part-time Executive Director
- Dedicated to carrying forward our mission and goals
- Speak at conferences, forums, workshops, etc.
- Maintain regular communications – email blasts, quarterly newsletter, website, Facebook





## Our Mission and Goals

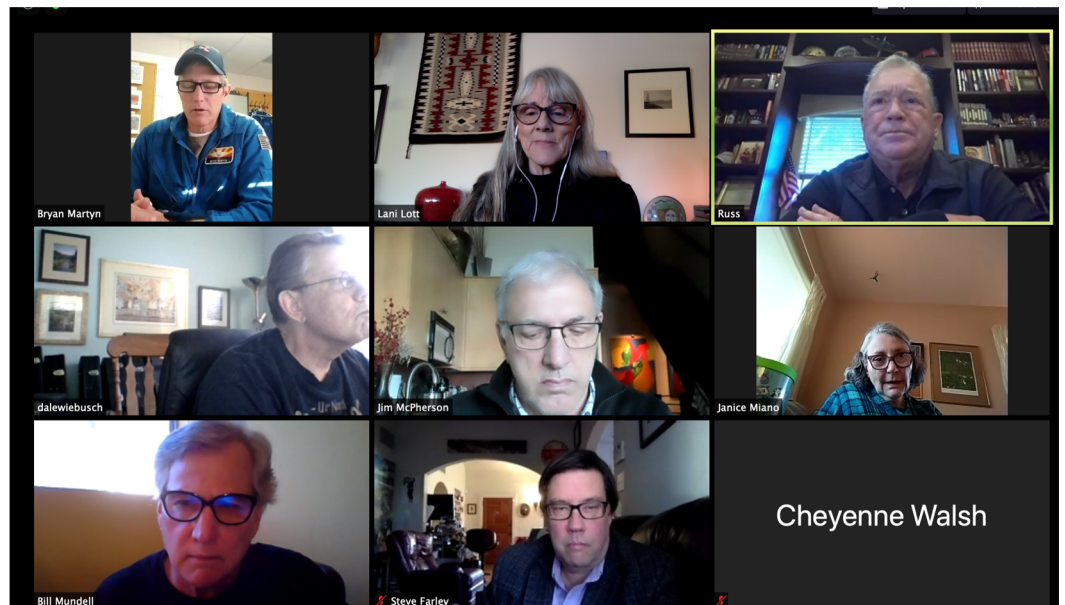
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- **Mission:** To preserve and enhance Arizona's historic, cultural, and natural heritage
- **Goals:**
  - Protect the integrity and voter intent of the Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund
  - Restore and protect the integrity and voter intent of the State Parks Heritage Fund
  - Monitor state legislative and agency activity
  - Educate Arizonans about the benefits of wildlife, open space, parks, and historic/cultural resources

# Our Legislative Task Force

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- Meets with bill sponsors
- Communicates with legislators
- Provides testimony
- Keeps track of progress



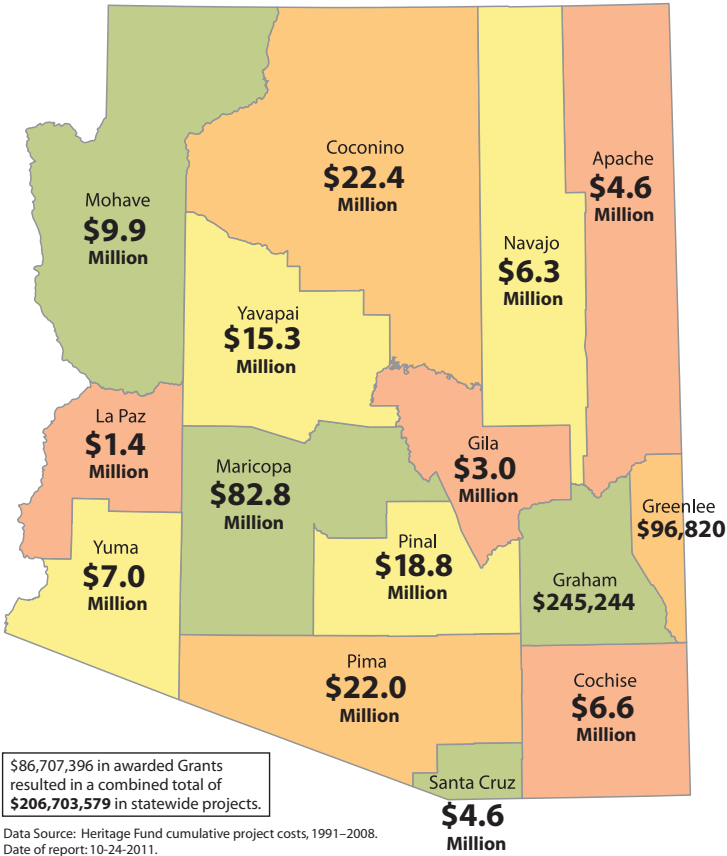
# Arizona Heritage Fund 1990-2010



- ❖ **1990:** Fund created by voter initiative to protect and promote Arizona's natural, cultural, and historic resources
- ❖ **1990 to 2009:** Up to \$20 million in **annual** lottery revenue was divided between Arizona Game and Fish and Arizona State Parks
- ❖ **1991 to 2010:** Over **\$86,707,396** in awarded State Parks Heritage Fund grants resulted in a total of **\$206,703,579** in statewide projects
- ❖ **2010:** Legislation swept the State Parks Heritage Fund and eliminated it from statute to balance the budget. **Game and Fish Heritage Fund** was not impacted and continued to receive \$10 million in **annual** lottery funds to protect endangered species, acquire habitat for the benefit of sensitive species, provide access to outdoor recreational opportunities, and educate the public about wildlife.

# AZ Heritage Fund Grant Project Totals by County

Combined total of Heritage Fund Grant awards and matching funds since 1991 by county. Grants include Local, Regional and State Parks Grants (LRSP), Historic Preservation Grants (HP) & Trails Grants. All of these programs were administered by Arizona State Parks.



Samples of  
Past Projects  
Funded by  
Arizona State  
Parks Heritage  
Fund  
1990-2010



Town of Gilbert  
Grant \$316,631  
Total Project - \$660,000  
(2005)

The Town in partnership with the Gilbert Water Tower Preservation Coalition requested a grant to develop a park at the base of the Gilbert Water Tower in Gilbert's Heritage District. The proposal involved landscaping, lighting, low-level water features, and patio areas.





A wide-angle photograph of the Fort Tuthill Amphitheater at night. The stage is illuminated with warm lights, and a band is performing. A large screen behind the band displays a pink spiral graphic. The audience, consisting of people of various ages, is seated on the grass in front of the stage. The amphitheater's structure is visible, featuring a large, dark, gabled roof supported by pillars. The sky is dark, and the overall atmosphere is that of a community event.

Fort Tuthill  
Amphitheater,  
Coconino  
County, built  
with \$500K  
Heritage Fund  
grant (2006)



## Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds, Casa Grande



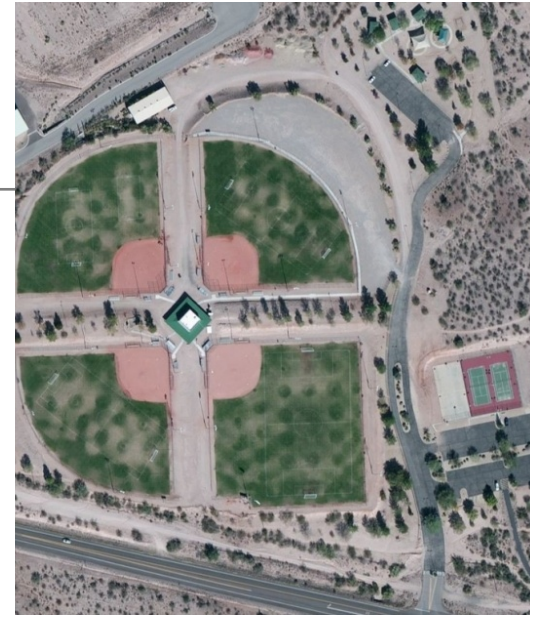
## Coffinger Park Ramada, Wickenburg

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Numerous parks...





...and recreation sites





...and all kinds of trails

# ...archaeological sites

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**Hayden Butte Petroglyphs, Tempe**



**Casa Malpais  
Archaeological Park,  
Springerville**



**Mesa Grande,  
Mesa**

**Rex Allen Museum, Willcox AZ**



...then  
there's  
history

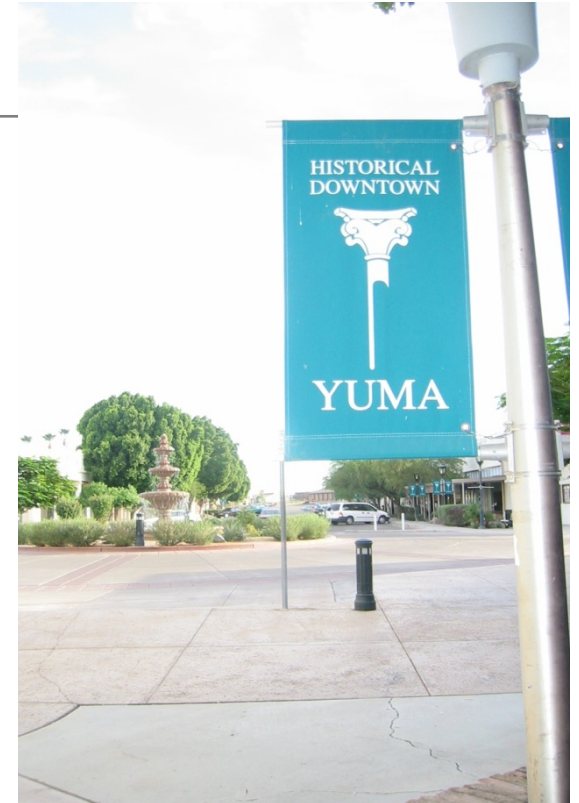


**San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson AZ**



**Silver King Hotel, Florence AZ**

**Historic Downtown Yuma AZ**





# Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund 2010 - 2019



- ❖ **2010 – 2018:** Each year our legislative champions introduced a bill to restore the State Parks Heritage Fund, but it never made it to the Governor’s desk. We also considered another citizens initiative, but that proved to be too expensive
- ❖ **THEN in 2019:** Two separate bills **HB2701**, sponsored by Rep. Osborne, and **SB1241**, sponsored by Senator Brophy McGee, were introduced with bipartisan support. **SB1241** passed thus restoring the State Parks Heritage Fund to be funded by grants, donations, and appropriations. On **June 7, 2019**, **SB1241 was signed into statute by Governor Ducey.**



# Revised Statute 1241; restores State Parks Heritage Fund



- ❖ **Parks:** 50% on local, regional, and state parks for outdoor recreation and open space development, restoration, or renovation
- ❖ **Historic Preservation:** 30% on local, regional, and state historic preservation projects
- ❖ **Trails:** 10% on local, regional, and state non-motorized trails
- ❖ **Education:** 10% on outdoor and environmental education

# Recognition For Our Efforts 2019



## Arizona Forward's Environmental 2019 Excellence Awards

The Alliance received the  
**"2019 Award of Distinction  
in the Healthy  
Communities: Parks &  
Trails Division"** for  
restoring the State Parks  
Heritage Fund

# Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund 2020



- ❖ **Arizona League of Cities and Town** passed a Resolution to support appropriations for the Heritage Fund.
- ❖ **County Supervisors Association** adopted 2020 Financial Priorities supporting appropriations for the Heritage Fund.
- ❖ **Over 45 City Mayors and County Supervisors** signed-onto a letter expressing their support for the Heritage Fund.
- ❖ **Received the 2020 Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award** for restoring the State Parks Heritage Fund. The award is presented to individuals, organizations, and projects that represent outstanding achievements in preserving Arizona's historic and prehistoric cultural resources by the State Office of Historic Preservation and the Arizona Preservation Foundation.

# Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund 2020



- ❖ Senator Brophy McGee introduced **SB1350**. This would put the \$10M State Parks Heritage Fund back into the Lottery beneficiary “waterfall” perpetually.
  - ✓ Heard in Senate Appropriations. Gowan amended from \$10M to \$1M; passed 8-1
  - ✓ **March 2:** Senate Rules
  - ✓ **Then COVID-19 struck...**
  
- ❖ Rep. Osborne introduces **HB2551**. This was a one-time appropriation of \$10M.
  - ✓ **January 30:** Passed House Land & Agriculture unanimously
  - ✓ **February 19:** Passed House Appropriations 9-1
  - ✓ **February 25:** House Rules
  - ✓ House passed 54-6
  - ✓ **Then COVID-19 struck...**

# Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund 2021



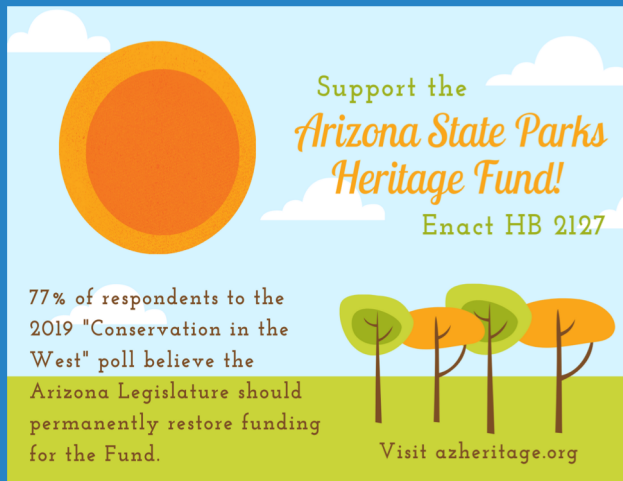
## ❖ HB 2127 appropriation; state parks; heritage fund

- Appropriates \$10M from general fund in FY 2021/22 to the State Parks Heritage Fund
- **Sponsored** by Rep. Osborne (R-Dist 13)
- **Co-sponsored** by Representatives:
  - Blackman (R-District 6)
  - Bowers (R-District 25)
  - Chavez (D-District 29)
  - Cook (R-District 8)
  - Dunn (R-District 13)
  - Hernandez (D-District 3)
  - Jermaine (D-District 18)
  - Lieberman (D-District 28)
  - Nutt (R-District 14)

## ❖ SB 1384 state parks; lottery; heritage fund

- **Sponsored** by Senator T. J. Shope

# Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund Talking Points 2021



- ❖ 77% of respondents to the 2019 “Conservation in the West” poll believe the Arizona Legislature should **permanently restore** funding for the Fund.
- ❖ Investing in our parks, trails, open spaces and historic sites, which **contribute billions each year to our economy**, is key to the recovery of our cities, towns, and tribal lands.
- ❖ Arizona’s outdoor recreation and tourism-based jobs and the businesses they support, will be key to **stimulate our economic and aid our post-pandemic recovery**.
- ❖ The importance of our state’s parks, trails, open spaces has become more evident as we work to **overcome the social, health and economic hardships** caused by COVID.

# Thank you!

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