

Urban Villages

The urban villages are based on the Phoenix General Plan which was adopted to guide the urban form of the city while meeting the community's desires for a well-planned city with a sense of place. Three key principles of the General Plan are:

- ✓ balance housing and employment
- ✓ concentrate intensity in village cores
- ✓ promote the unique character of each village

Each village has a core which serves as the focal point of the village by combining the most intense land uses with a great variety of uses. By providing a mix of employment, housing and retail opportunities, this village "downtown" creates a physical identity for the residents. It should also serve as a gathering place with pedestrian activity and a focus for the local transportation system. The core should reflect the character and land use intensity of the village it supports.

Village Planning Committees

Each village has its own village planning committee which represents the interests of local residents. The village planning committees helped develop the General Plan for Phoenix. They review and comment on General Plan amendments, zoning ordinance text amendments, and rezoning requests and sometimes assist the City of Phoenix Planning Department in developing plans for areas within the village. The committees are a vital link between the community and city decision makers.

Village planning committees are volunteers appointed by City Council and their recommendations are advisory in nature. The Council strives to create well-balanced committees which represent the people who live and work in all segments and geographic areas of the village. The 15-21 members of each village committee typically meet once a month in the evening. Some also have active subcommittees.

How to Participate

All village committee meetings are open to the public. Their agendas can be found on the Internet at: www.phoenix.gov (Public Meeting Notices and Agendas). Each committee is staffed by a planner who can provide additional information about attending meetings or becoming a member. For more information call the Phoenix Planning Department at: (602) 262-6882.

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AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS VILLAGE

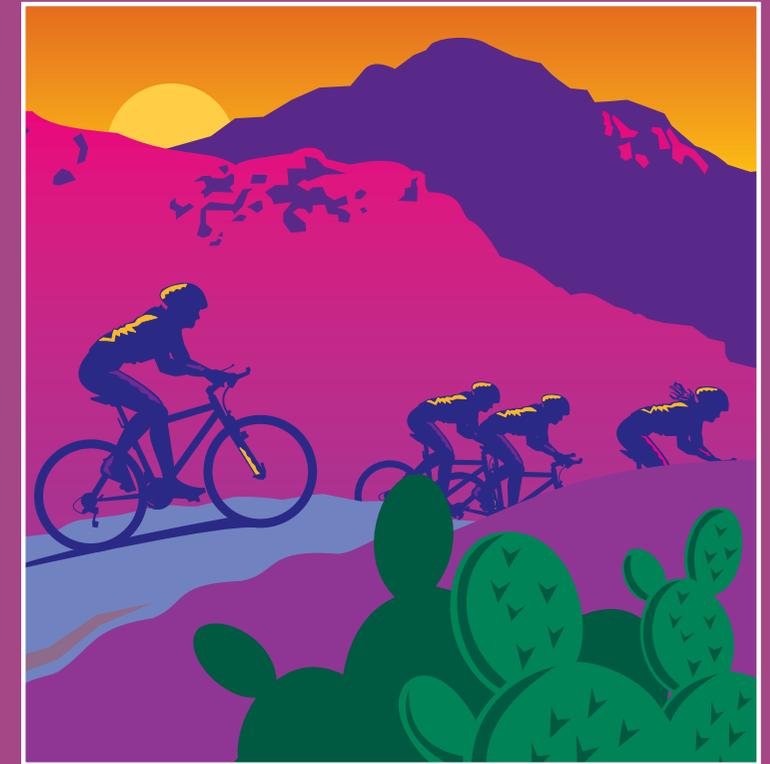
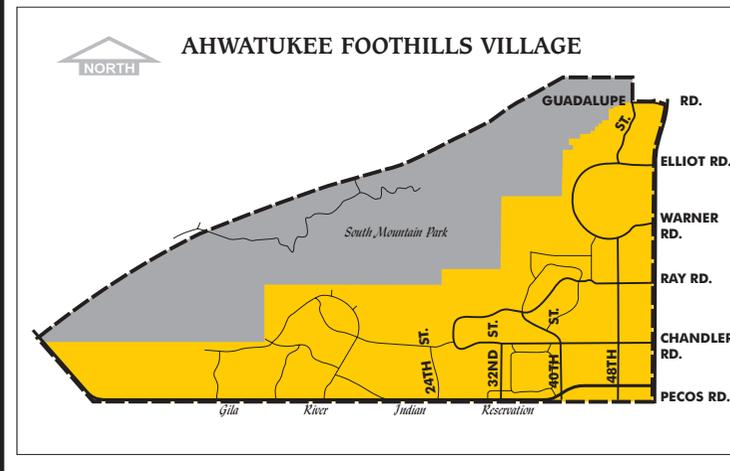
VILLAGE SIZE: 35.8 sq. miles

VILLAGE CORE: 48th St., North of Ray Rd.

PRESENT & PROJECTED* SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

Population		Households		Employment	
2000	2020	2000	2020	2000	2020
76,194	85,418	29,072	31,838	19,335	22,307

*Source: Village Area - Village GIS Coverage, Phoenix Planning Department, March 2002
Population and Households: Census 2000, U. S. Census.
Projections - Maricopa Association of Governments; Whole Traffic Analysis Zones, 2003 Interim Population and Employment Projection Data.



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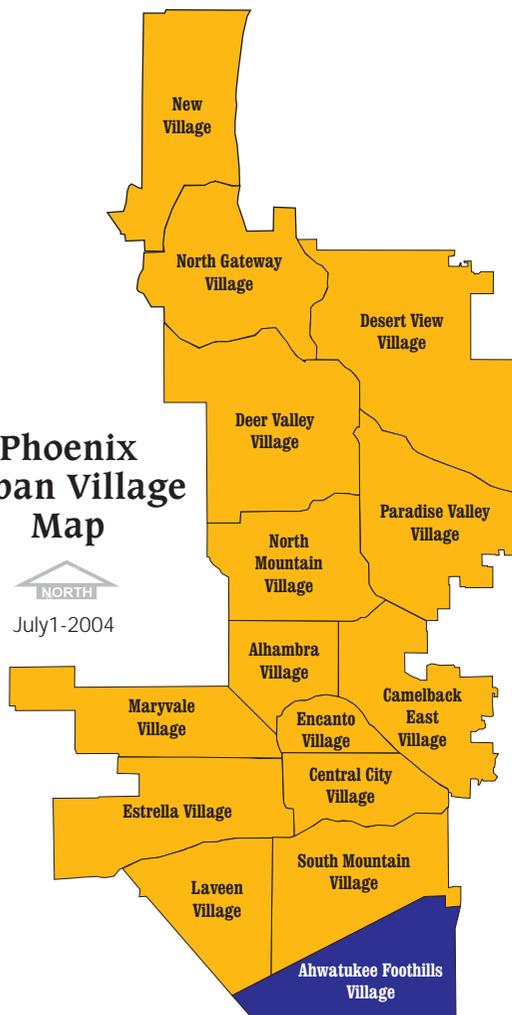
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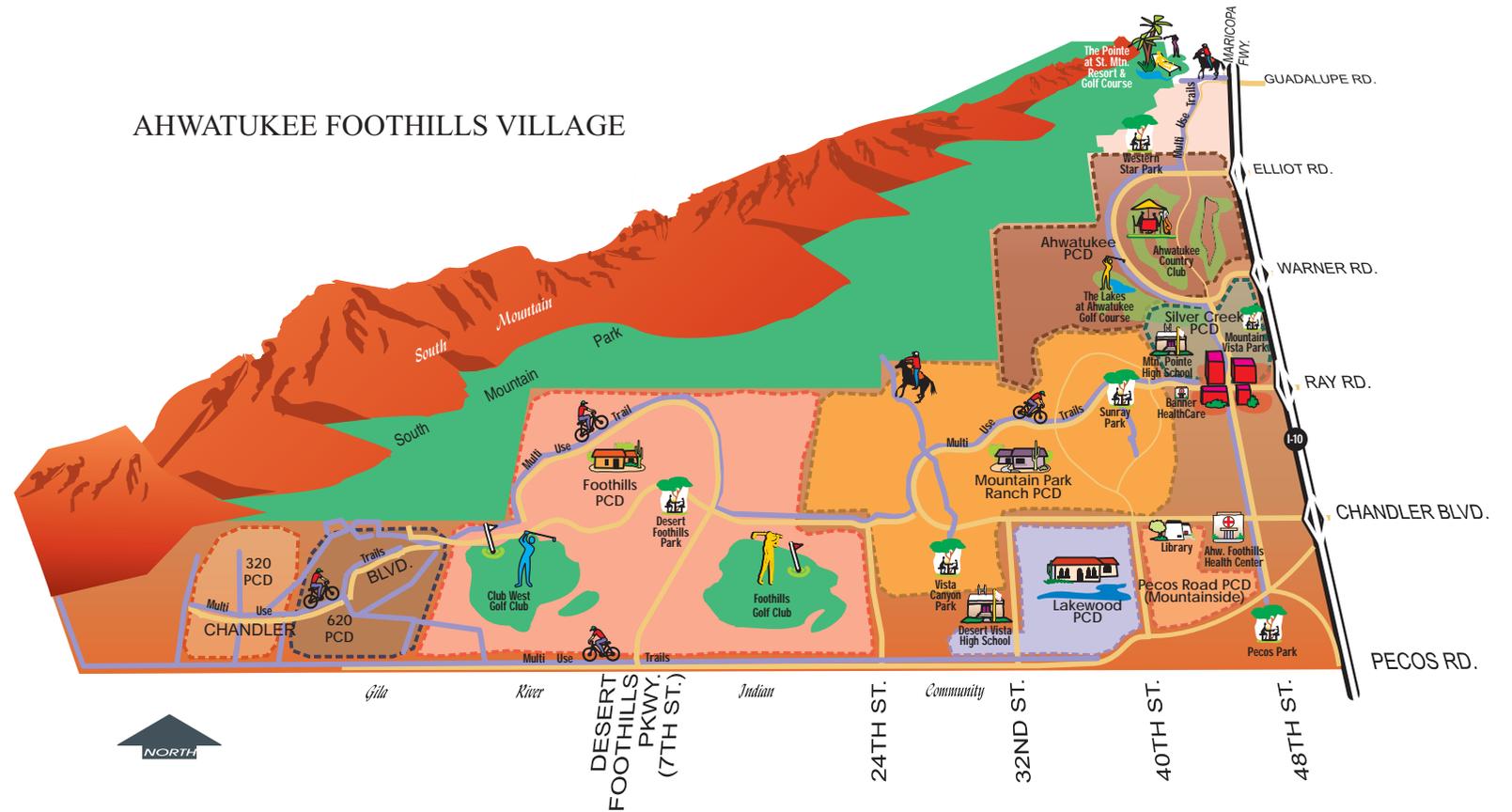


Phoenix is a growing city with a population of over 1.3 million people and a planning area of over 600 square miles. Meeting the demands of a diverse and increasing population takes thoughtful planning and active citizen participation. The Phoenix City Council and Planning Commission have divided the city into 15 planning areas called urban villages in order to work better with the community on planning and development issues. The goal for each village is to offer a variety of housing, job opportunities, education, recreation, and shopping facilities.

Phoenix Urban Village Map



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The Ahwatukee Foothills Village is bounded by I-10 to the east, South Mountain to the north and the Gila River Indian Community to the west and south. Although most people are only aware of Ahwatukee Foothills for its planned community development, the village has its own history. The village is named after the once existing Ahwatukee Ranch which was one of the most beautiful and lavish houses when it was built in 1922. The ranch's landscaping included cacti, citrus, date palms and flowers.

The word "Ahwatukee" is derived from the Crow Indian language meaning "house of my dreams." Many of the residents moved to the village to their own dream house and raise a family in the serene desert setting. The Ahwatukee Foothills Village is known for its family atmosphere and is served by the Kyrene and Tempe Union school districts except for the portion west of 19th Avenue which is in no school district boundaries. The area includes many special features such as:

- ✓ master planned communities with golf courses and lakes.
- ✓ numerous washes and trails for hiking, biking, walking and jogging.
- ✓ extensive use of desert landscaping in the planned community setting.
- ✓ view and access to the South Mountain Park Preserve.
- ✓ Pecos Park Community Center and customer service center.