

# Envision 2020 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

## HUACHUCA CITY MEETING SUMMARY October 6, 2007

Number of Participants: 15

What changes are expected to impact the area?

### Local themes

- Traffic
- Water
- Fate of Fort Huachuca
- General growth and its impact on infrastructure
- Future of Sands ranch
- Zoning changes

### County-wide perspectives

- Growth pressure
- Water—quality, scarcity
- Destruction of grasslands

What characteristics of the area should NOT be changed?

### Local themes

- Rural landscape
  - Open spaces
  - Mountain vistas—height of buildings don't obscure views
  - Dark night skies
  - Low population density—RU4, large residential lots
- Water conservation
- Support for the Fort
- Scenic quality of Hwy. 82
- Preservation of ranching/horse properties
- Preservation of wildlife corridors

### County-wide perspectives

- Rural character
- Vistas, scenic routes
- Natural vegetation
- Existence, viability of Fort Huachuca
- Clustering (macro) in existing population centers
- Property owners rights
- Dark night skies

What do we fear or hope for as the community changes or grows?

### Local themes

#### *Hopes*

- Continued water availability
- Sustain Fort Huachuca
- Improved roads—larger share of state road tax money
- Better county enforcement of zoning regulations

### *Fears*

- Water taxation
- Water sustainability
- Fort closing
- Haphazard growth
- Crime associate with growth

### County-wide perspectives

#### *Hopes*

- Water balance per basin
- County control over lot splits

#### *Fears*

- Short sighted policies with respect to water
- Agriculture use is self destructive
- Incompatible land use
- State dominates county water policy
- Indiscriminant density
- Unrestricted power line corridors
- Air pollution

What are your ideas for how the community should change or grow?

### Local ideas

#### Economic Development

- Town Center around Hwy 82/90 intersection
- Keep industrial development out of residential
- Limit commercial growth to Hwy 90 with restrictions
- County enforcement of business licenses and codes

#### Residential

- Maintain RU4 residential areas

#### General ideas

- Adopt the Whetstone Community Plan
- Limit building on Hunts Ranch Road
- Clean up eye sores—better county enforcement of violations
- Plan for recreational need/area
- Preserve Hwy. 82 as a scenic route—no more businesses
- Plan for education & healthcare needs
- Control appearance and location of cell/microwave towers

### County-wide ideas

- Active water management area
- Limit population growth to achieve water sustainability per basin
- Provide incentives to focus development around existing population centers

What are the most important principles to adhere to as the community grows?

- Maintain the rural character of the area
- Balance growth with sustainable water resources
- Balance between competing interests
- More consideration given to the greater good, not just individual interests

Also mentioned

- Protect property owner rights and follow court precedents