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El Rio Wash Restoration Project Breaks Ground

2017 recipient of the Tucson C2E Community Grants Program

Tucson, Arizona, April 10, 2018: Tucson Conserve2Enhance (C2E) is thrilled to announce the groundbreaking of the 2017 awarded project to restore a portion of El Rio Wash in the El Rio Acres Neighborhood. Led by Trees Please, the project aims to restore habitat in the El Rio wash by planting 22 native trees that are adapted to this region. This effort will reduce erosion along the wash and improve the local biodiversity. Community members can learn more about the project and volunteer to help plant the new trees on April 14 and 15, 7am to 12pm and 1 pm to 6 pm (see attached flyer).

The project consists of a series of channels that will harvest stormwater flowing through the wash and direct it to basins around the trees. Initially trees will be planted using Groasis Growboxx plant cocoons that will help establish the trees by creating a consistent microclimate with no evaporation. Once established, the annual rainfall will be sufficient and no irrigation will be needed. “We’re excited to demonstrate the technology Groasis provides, as the grow box will be a useful tool in future projects around Pima County”, said Adrian Marks, Trees Please project manager.

“We were very happy to award Trees Please with a 2017 grant as this is project directly improves conditions along a wash and helps expand visibility of our program as this the first Tucson C2E project on the west side of Tucson” said Mark Burke, member of the Tucson C2E Advisory Council. Tucson C2E aims to fund projects that benefit important riparian areas and urban washes, while emphasizing partnerships, long-term stewardship, and community access to green space.

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Tucson Conserve2Enhance, launched in 2011, connects water conservation to environmental benefit through community action. Funded by community donations, the program is a collaboration of local

utilities, nonprofits, and government agencies. Together we Save Water, Save Rivers, and Build Community. MAKE YOUR DROPS COUNT! www.conserve2enhance.org/Tucson

Tucson C2E 2018 Key Partners – University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, Tucson Water, Sonoran Institute, Pima Association of Governments, Pima County, and Thrive and Grow Gardens.

Trees Please is a non-profit located in Tucson, Arizona whose mission is to support native desert habitat restoration, sustainable living practices, and community interdependence, through educating communities on: the importance of our connection with the environment, the impact we have on our natural environment within our communities, the importance of growing and eating from local sources, and promoting the healing of our planet and its people through: community gardening, horticultural/animal therapy, creative expression, stewardship, and service. At-risk (special needs, handicapped, elderly, low income, displaced children, and mentally challenged) members of our community are priority. Learn more at: <http://aztreesplease.org/>

El Rio Wash Habitat Restoration

Join us in replenishing this natural waterway with native flora
and supporting local wildlife!

APRIL 14th & 15th
7am-12pm, 1pm-6pm

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native trees!

Water-saving
technology, the
Groasis
Waterboxx.



Come learn about
native plants, the
local ecosystem, and
water conservation
techniques.

Volunteers needed! RSVP on AZ Trees Please
Facebook Page or Email Info@aztreesplease.org



LOCATION: El Rio Wash
Corner of El Rio Dr and Aztec

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