

RURAL / AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION



This designation consists of lands that are sparsely developed, with mainly natural areas, agricultural production and very low-density residential as the primary uses. These areas are located around the periphery of the Green Valley Area boundary. Floodplain areas may also retain their rural character over the long term given their unsuitability for land development.

Development Types

- Agricultural uses
- Residential homesteads
- Public/institutional uses
- Parks and public spaces, nature preserves, and passive recreation areas

Characteristics

- Rural character from wide open landscapes, with minimal sense of enclosure and views to the horizon unbroken by buildings in most places.
- Scattered residential development on relatively large acreages, resulting in very high open space ratios and very low site coverage, and providing greater detachment from neighboring dwellings than in single-family residential areas.
- Typically no centralized water or sanitary sewer service available. Also much greater reliance on natural drainage systems, except where altered significantly by agricultural operations or regional storm water management projects and/or infrastructure.