

## **REGIONAL PLAN POLICIES**

### **1. LAND USE ELEMENT REGIONAL PLAN POLICIES**

#### **A. Administration:**

##### **1. Map Interpretation Policies:**

- a. Comprehensive Plan maps are created using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) digital information from a variety of sources. Based on best available data and practices, digital files and hard-copy maps may contain errors of accuracy, completeness, or timeliness. Precision may change over time as new technologies and sources of data are implemented. Maps are for general reference and are not intended for project level planning. Consult with staff to confirm Land Use Intensity categories and other considerations for specific areas. Revised hard-copy maps will be produced several times a year or periodically.
- b. As annual amendments and other changes to Comprehensive Plan maps are approved, the official electronic version of Comprehensive Plan map layers on the Pima County GIS data server will be updated. Archival electronic versions of these map layers will be created, at minimum once a year, at the end of each yearly amendment cycle.
- c. The following policies apply to the interpretation and amendment of planned land use category boundaries which are based on hydrologic features.
  - 1) The use of a wash centerline as a map boundary is for cartographic purposes, washes shall be considered as whole entities in the rezoning process, in accordance with applicable County regulations and procedures. The centerline of the wash, as it existed on the date a rezoning or similar action is approved by the board, shall be the land use category boundary.
  - 2) Where a natural wash is shown as a polygon, precise location of its boundaries, as determined by detailed studies accepted by the county, shall be the land use category boundaries.
  - 3) Where a Resource Conservation [or “Resource Transition” per Regional Plan Policy 1(A)(4)(d)] map boundary is based upon approved floodplain limits, amendment to such boundary which redefines the mapped floodplain may be requested following a FEMA Letter of Map Revision application or other detailed hydrologic study accepted by the county, and shall be processed as a Minor Revision to the comprehensive plan with public hearing.

##### **2. State Conceptual Land Use Plan Coordination:**

*Growing Smarter Plus* statute requires the State Land Department to work with the Pima County Planning and Zoning Commission regarding integrating the State’s conceptual land use plan into Pima County’s Comprehensive Plan. The intent is a cooperative integration of the State land use plan into Pima County’s Comprehensive Plan.

