

Landscape Committee Goals

The Sunrise Committee Landscape Committee has developed a long-range plan for renovating our common areas. This plan was the result of extensive door-to-door meetings with HOA members and from canvassing our neighboring HOAs. The goal is to move toward a more natural desert landscape that has a diversity of plants that are drought tolerant. Most of our Fairfield HOA neighbors are well underway with this process.

When Fairfield built in the 70s and 80s, the eleven Sunrise HOAs received free water from Pima County during the construction and home-selling phases. This allowed them to use inexpensive non-native plants like oleanders and junipers, which required lots of water. Once the HOAs were incorporated, the HOAs were stuck with these high water demand plants. Over the ensuing years, our HOA neighbors have worked to remove and replace these plants with a diverse array of drought tolerant native plants.

Here are pictures of some of the renovated common areas in Sunrise Mountain Ridge. Similar renovation has been done in Sunrise Mountain View Estates and Sunrise Territory Estates (our closest neighbors).



The goal is to accomplish most of this work in the next 5 years. We are starting with high visibility areas like the pool and the two HOA entrances. Over time, we will rebuild or move rock waterways, add a diverse array of new native plants, and add “streetscape” landscape rock (seen in two of the pictures above) along Territory Drive. We switched from AAA to Infinity Earthworks because Infinity includes renovation work for the same labor cost as AAA.

The exact timing of when different phases will be done is dependent on many factors, including funding. However, it will take longer if we continue to have emergency distractions for Infinity Earthworks (removing dead plants thrown into common areas). This is why we need everyone’s support and patience. Infinity will spend 3/4 of their time doing maintenance work on different areas of the HOA, on a rotating basis (similar to AAA). They will spend 1/4 their time doing renovation work, which includes rockwork, planting new native plants, trimming mesquite trees, and building and maintaining a nursery of plants for relocation. We should start to see significant improvements within a year, but this can be best accomplished if we can keep a focus on this effort.

Infinity Earthworks and the Landscape Committee will be posting progress reports that will be available on the [Home Appearance and Landscaping Page](#) of the Sunrise Canyon HOA website. Infinity will also present more details of their activities at our upcoming Annual Meeting on November 21st. The Landscape Committee’s plans are flexible and are open to input from HOA members. All proposals will be evaluated for how well they benefit the HOA community as a whole. Areas of higher visibility will have higher priority. In the long run, these renovation activities will significantly improve the aesthetics of the HOA community, and the property values of our residences.

The Landscape Committee
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