

4. COMMUNITY WELL-BEING



INTRODUCTION

The strength of the community relies on the well-being of all of its members. A healthy, livable community provides both necessary physical and social infrastructure. Although physical features, such as walkability, good quality housing, and access to open space and recreation facilities can encourage people to make healthier choices, community well-being relies on more than just a city's physical form. "Soft" infrastructure, such as health and human services, faith-based resources, non-profit partnerships, and social relationships, are equally important and collectively help people achieve their basic needs and reach their full potential. (NEW)

High-quality, safe housing is one core aspect of community well-being. Scottsdale embraces housing options for people living and working in the city; people at different life stages and income levels; and people with various social and physical needs. Scottsdale also values housing that enhances the character, diversity, and vitality of the city, and respects the Sonoran Desert environment. Proactive maintenance and improvement of the existing housing stock; encouragement of context-appropriate infill housing; and continued commitment to community safety and sustainability will ensure Scottsdale's neighborhoods continue to thrive in the future.

Another critical aspect of community health are recreation facilities and programs that enhance the social, psychological, and physical well-being of citizens. A well-managed, interconnected system that provides active and passive recreational opportunities should be available to all ages, on a year-round basis. In addition, open spaces are not merely desirable, but are integral to the community's overall physical and social well-being.



The Community Well-Being Chapter represents Scottsdale’s continuous efforts to enhance community health, safety and vitality through, not only improvement of physical assets, but also the community’s social and health conditions.

ELEMENTS IN THIS CHAPTER:

- Healthy Community
- Housing
- Recreation
- Safety

“Recognizing that general health and well-being connect to the quality of living environment, we visualize a community whose neighborhoods are firmly established, safe, and healthy.”

- Scottsdale Visioning Health and Human Services Committee (1992)

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HEALTHY COMMUNITY ELEMENT

- Goal HC 1** Healthcare and human services
- Goal HC 2** Healthy, local foods
- Goal HC 3** Wellness and healthful living
- Goal HC 4** Life-long learning
- Goal HC 5** Diversity and inclusion
- Goal HC 6** Accommodate senior citizens
- Goal HC 7** Foster caring community

HOUSING ELEMENT[‡]

- Goal H 1** Diverse housing options[‡]
- Goal H 2** Meet local socioeconomic needs[‡]
- Goal H 3** Generational housing options[‡]
- Goal H 4** Prevent housing discrimination

RECREATION ELEMENT[‡]

- Goal R 1** Quality recreation facilities
- Goal R 2** Joint use recreation facilities
- Goal R 3** Recreational diversity[‡]

SAFETY ELEMENT[‡]

- Goal S 1** Prevent hazards[‡]
- Goal S 2** Prepare for emergencies
- Goal S 3** Emergency response
- Goal S 4** Disaster recovery
- Goal S 5** Airspace/transportation safety
- Goal S 6** Flood impact protection
- Goal S 7** Crime prevention
- Goal S 8** Hazardous materials

[‡ = State-required]