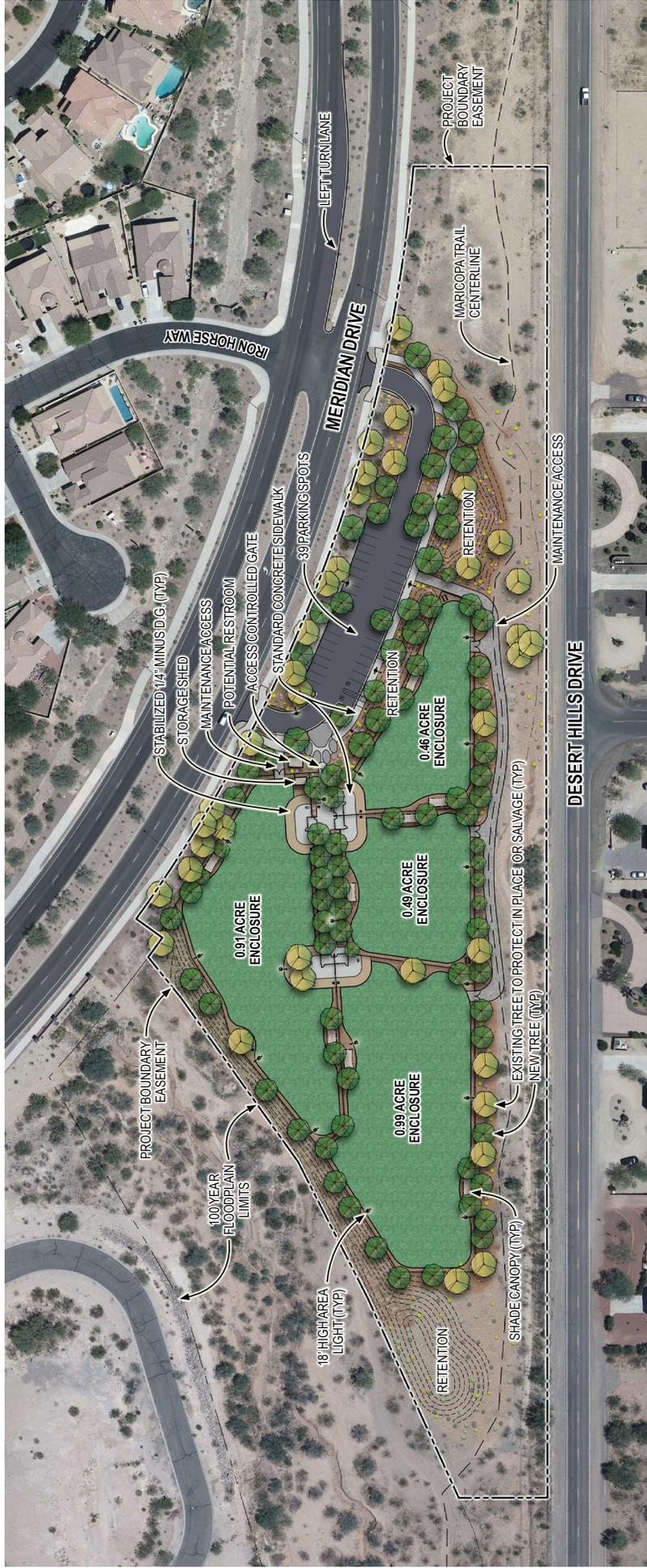


- **How was it decided that Anthem would get a dog park?** After the completion of Opportunity Way Park in 2016, the Anthem Community Council (ACC) conducted a public Facilities Master Plan Process in 2016-17, and invited residents to submit proposals for future recreational projects to enhance Anthem's quality of life. Through community input opportunities from a series of public meetings and survey forms, the ACC Board of Directors approved four new recreational projects in May 2017, including a dog park to be constructed in 2019, following completion of the Community Center remodel (2018) and the Pickleball Courts (which opened in January 2019). At the Board meeting in June 2018, the Board selected the Meridian Drive site for the new dog park.
- **What features will the dog park include?**
 - Four off-leash areas with natural grass for large/active dogs, small/passive dogs and turf recovery;
 - Shade features, furnishings, water fountains and paw spray station at the exit;
 - A controlled-access gate for registered Anthem residents;
 - On-site parking;
 - Dark sky-compliant LED lighting for night-time use;
 - Fencing; galvanized chain link, double-gated entry/exit;
 - Sidewalks and separate maintenance access ways;
 - Extensive landscaping (including salvaged trees);
 - 6" sand base and underground drainage to promote healthy turf;
 - Retention basins;
 - A left-turn lane on Meridian Drive; and
 - The realignment of the Maricopa Trail to south of the dog park.
- **How is the dog park being funded?** The design and construction costs for the dog park and the other approved Master Plan projects are being funded by the ACC's Enhancement Fund, which is generated from a 1/4-of-1-percent fee earned on each home re-sold in Anthem. The annual operating costs for the dog park will be funded by the ACC's Operating Fund. The Board approved a modest annual membership fee to offset some of the registration and operating costs (see next question).
- **How will residents access the dog park?** An electronic fob access system and annual registration process ensure that Anthem residents who use the dog park acknowledge receipt of the park rules and user conduct obligations, sign a liability waiver, and verify that their dogs are licensed and current on vaccinations.
- **Will non-Anthem residents be allowed to use the dog park?** This privately funded dog park is limited to Anthem residents for at least the initial years of operation, to assess the park's utilization and capacity.
- **What will happen to the Maricopa Trail, and the existing pedestrian path that connects Meridian Drive and Desert Hills Drive?** The Maricopa Trail has been realigned in a broad corridor along the south side of the dog park, and the pedestrian path will be realigned around the east side of the dog park.
- **What will be done to buffer equestrian trail users when they ride past the dog park?** The width of the trail corridor, "caution" signs to alert trail users as they approach the dog park, and sensitive fencing and landscaping are all design features to safely accommodate the dog park and the Maricopa Trail.
- **What will the operating hours be for the dog park?** Park hours are May-August, 5:30 a.m.- 9:45 p.m. and September-April, 6 a.m.-9:45 p.m. (weather permitting). The dog park will be closed each Wednesday until noon for scheduled maintenance.
- **Will residents' assessments increase because of the dog park and other Master Plan projects?** The last ACC assessment increase was in January 2014. The ACC's forecast models indicate that a modest assessment increase will be needed in 2020 or 2021 to balance the Operating Fund, due to cumulative cost pressures associated with multiple years of mandatory minimum wage increases; a projected increase in major service contracts; rising expenses associated with maintaining an aging infrastructure; an increase in annual contributions to the Reserve Fund to account for new amenities such as the Civic Building, Opportunity Way Park, Pickleball Courts, and the future dog park; operating costs for these new amenities; and upward trends in utility rates and insurance premiums, among other inflationary factors.



EACH ENCLOSURE INCLUDES:

- 14' X 10' VESTIBULE
- (1) DOG DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- (1) DOG WASTE STATION
- (2) SHADE CANOPIES
- (2) BENCH
- (1) TABLE
- (1) TRASH RECEPTACLE