This listing provides resources that can help you discover ways to foster sustainability in your community by the ways you live, consume, travel, conserve, plan, and design. Please click on one of the categories below to find more information about how to make sustainability happen.

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Get Engaged in Your Community

City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department has a list of neighborhood associations in the Phoenix area, as well as a toolkit providing information on establishing and maintaining a neighborhood association. For the Neighborhood Association directory: http://phoenix.gov/APPINTRO/nbhdassoc.html
For the Neighborhood Association Tool Kit: http://phoenix.gov/NBHDPGMS/toolkit.html

Downtown Voices Coalition is a coalition of stakeholders organized to engage in the process of downtown planning and discuss the effects of future development efforts on their neighborhoods, businesses, and quality of life. http://downtownvoices.org/

Homeward Bound is a grassroots committee of community activists serving metropolitan Phoenix whose mission is to provide housing and economic independence for homeless and low-income families, especially those affected by domestic violence. http://www.hbphx.org/volunteer.htm

Habitat for Humanity promotes home ownership with volunteers building houses in partnership with area residents in need of adequate housing and welcomes volunteers who are committed to eliminating poverty housing. http://www.habitat.org
Below are some of the local Habitat chapters that provide volunteer opportunities.

» Habitat for Humanity Valley of the Sun – serving the metro Phoenix area: http://www.habitataz.org/
» Habitat for Humanity Desert Foothills – serving the communities of Cave Creek, Carefree, north Scottsdale, north Phoenix, Anthem, New River, and Desert Hills: http://www.hfhdf.org/
» Habitat for Humanity Verde Valley – serving the communities of Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Jerome, Camp Verde, Cornville, Rimrock, Lake Montezuma, Sedona, and other nearby communities: http://www.vvhabitat.org/
» Habitat for Humanity Flagstaff: http://www.flagstaffhabitat.org/
» Habitat for Humanity Payson Area: http://www.inpayson.com/pahh/
» Habitat for Humanity Prescott Area: http://www.prescotthabitat.org/
» Habitat for Humanity Sierra Vista Area, Inc.: http://www.sierravistahabitat.org/
» Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley: http://www.hfhww.org/home.html
» Habitat for Humanity Tucson: http://www.habitattucson.org/

Make a Difference is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower people to become engaged, take action and create positive change in their communities. http://www.makeadifference.org
Neighborhood Link Arizona provides links to nearly 1,600 neighborhood websites in Arizona. Neighborhood Link’s mission is to encourage communication, provide resources, and enable connections—on a neighborhood to national scale—by creating a network of websites and related services that empower neighbors to organize information, build relationships, and solve problems. http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/

Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter is the Arizona Chapter of the Sierra Club, America’s oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organization dedicated to protect the communities and the environment. http://www.arizona.sierraclub.org/index.asp

The Grand Canyon Chapter is composed of six groups:

- Palo Verde Group – Central Arizona and greater Phoenix area: http://www.arizona.sierraclub.org/paloverde/
- Yavapai Group – Prescott: http://www.arizona.sierraclub.org/yavapai/
- Saguaro Group – Northern Maricopa County: http://www.arizona.sierraclub.org/saguaro/index.html
- Rincon Group – Tucson: http://www.arizona.sierraclub.org/rincon/

Urban Farm is an environmental showcase home in Phoenix, Arizona, featuring an entirely edible one-third acre farm/yard, rainwater and grey water harvesting, solar applications along with extensive use of reclaimed and recycled building materials. The Urban Farm offers classes, lectures, and tours throughout the year.

City of Glendale provides a list of many opportunities available with the city’s Volunteer Services Program. http://www.glendaleaz.com/HumanResources/volunteers/index.cfm

City of Mesa provides an Outreach Office in the Neighborhood Services Division and lists various ways to support the community. http://www.cityofmesa.org/neighbor/

City of Phoenix lists current volunteer opportunities for people who would like to be involved in youth, human services, public safety, the arts, or the environment programs. http://phoenix.gov/RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY/index.html

City of Scottsdale has a number of opportunities to get involved in the community, from attending board and commission meetings, to participating in parks and recreation volunteer programs. http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/volunteer/volunteeropportunities.asp
Sustainable Leadership

**Sustainable Arizona** is a nonprofit action and educational organization dedicated to building adaptive economies, strong communities, and healthy natural environments. The primary mission is to connect businesses, individuals, and communities throughout the region and provide information, resources, and services needed to achieve sustainable development. [http://www.sustainablearizona.org/](http://www.sustainablearizona.org/)


**Valley Forward**, a nonprofit, public interest organization, brings business and civic leaders together to discuss regional issues and to promote cooperative efforts to improve the environment and livability. [http://www.valleyforward.org/](http://www.valleyforward.org/)

Protect the Environment

**City of Phoenix Brownfields Land Recycling Program** was initiated to stimulate reinvestment in the available commercial land base in the inner city. In addition to describing the program and various projects, the website links to the Brownfield Bulletin, which highlights the 103-acre, 750-home Copper Leaf Project in South Phoenix. [http://phoenix.gov/brownfld.html](http://phoenix.gov/brownfld.html)

**City of Scottsdale** lists 13 key initiatives to building a sustainable city. Each initiative has a full description and related resource links. Initiatives include Water Quality and Conservation, Air Quality, EnviroKidsFest, Eco System, and the Green Building Program. Worth noting are the publications on Green Building, Green Remodeling, and Landscaping Revitalization. One of the projects highlighted under the Project Profile link is the Beaulieu Hydrogen House. [http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Topics/EnvironmentPreservation.asp](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Topics/EnvironmentPreservation.asp)

**Low Impact Living** provides information on how to reduce human impact to the environment. [http://www.lowimpactliving.com/](http://www.lowimpactliving.com/)
**Nature Conservancy in Arizona** is the local chapter of the Nature Conservancy, a conservation organization working with local communities and businesses to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people.  
http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/arizona/

**Phoenix Magazine’s November 2007 issue** provides a list of Arizona green businesses and organizations, including computer businesses that allow employees to work from home, LEED-certified public buildings, businesses that use bike share programs, and other green practices.  
http://www.phoenixmag.com/lifestyle/200711/thinking-green/

**Phoenix: A Sustainable City** is a brochure released by the City of Phoenix Environmental Sustainability Program highlighting sustainable innovations. Some examples in PDF format include the METRO Light Rail, alternative fueled bus system, green building, and water conservation.  

**Scottsdale’s Green Building Program** is used to rate building projects in six environmental impact areas: site use, energy, indoor air quality, building materials, solid waste, and water. It provides information on the design and construction of healthy homes.  
http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/greenbuilding.asp

**Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter** is the local chapter of Sierra Club in Arizona dedicated to conserving and protecting the environmental and energy resources of Arizona. The Sierra Club is America’s oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organization dedicated to protecting the communities and the environment.  
http://arizona.sierraclub.org/

**Slow Movement** provides information, resources, and services for those interested in exploring ecological and sustainable ways of thinking, living, and interacting with the community.  
http://www.slowmovement.com/

**Sonoran Institute** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire and enable community decisions and public policies that respect the land and people of western North America. The Sonoran Desert Program of the Sonoran Institute works to conserve and restore unique natural and cultural assets of the Sonoran Desert, which spans southern Arizona in the U.S. and northern Sonora in Mexico.  
http://sonoran.org/
**Arizona Environmental Recycling (AER)** focuses on recycling and environmental needs of Arizona citizens and businesses. [http://www.azrecycling.com/](http://www.azrecycling.com/)

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore Program** provides additional funding to support the affiliates' house building goals. The Habitat ReStores sell everything from household items to furniture and building material. Please visit their website for local ReStores and information about how to donate building materials and household goods, such as lighting, sinks, bathtubs, furniture, doors, windows, hardware, tools, kitchen cabinets, appliances, home accessories, plus much more. [http://www.habitataz.org/restore/index.php](http://www.habitataz.org/restore/index.php)

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program** allows residents to bring batteries, oil, paints, antifreeze, tires, appliances, electronics, and computers to a city-organized collection event. [http://phoenix.gov/GARBAGE/bopa.html](http://phoenix.gov/GARBAGE/bopa.html)

**PhoenixRecycles** is the city's primary solid waste diversion program. Phoenix Recycles has been recognized as one of the first commingled (i.e., where residents do not have to separate items by commodity) residential recycling programs in the nation. [http://phoenix.gov/PUBLICWORKS/recyclemain.html](http://phoenix.gov/PUBLICWORKS/recyclemain.html)


**Stardust Building Supplies** is an Arizona-based non-profit discount building materials warehouse accepting tax-deductible donations of new and used building materials and supplies from businesses and individuals. [http://www.stardustbuilding.org/index.html](http://www.stardustbuilding.org/index.html)
Drive, Bike and Ride Safely

**Arizona Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Program** provides a wide variety of resources and information about biking and walking in Arizona, including places to bike and walk, important laws and policies, safety issues, maps, and organizations. [http://www.azbikeped.org/index.html](http://www.azbikeped.org/index.html)

**Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists** promotes bicycling usage and safety within the state of Arizona by addressing law enforcement and transportation engineering issues through education, outreach, and advocacy programs, and enhancing the role of bicycling in local, county, and statewide transportation plans. [http://www.cazbike.org/](http://www.cazbike.org/)

**Green Car Club** is designed for owners, potential owners, and enthusiasts of hybrids, battery-electrics, and other environment-friendly vehicles. Membership includes web-based discussion groups, the latest news in green car development, performance data exchange, driving tips, new car reviews, meeting at club-sponsored events, and access to the resources of related organizations. [http://nesea.org/greencarclub/](http://nesea.org/greencarclub/)

**National Center for Bicycling & Walking (NCBW)** is the major program of the Bicycle Federation of America, Inc. (BFA), a national, nonprofit corporation established in 1977 whose mission is to create bicycle-friendly and walkable communities. NCBW provides bicycle and pedestrian advocates and professionals, transportation engineers and planners, public health specialists, and others with easy access to the information, training, tools, and experts they need to foster active living through community design. [http://www.bikewalk.org](http://www.bikewalk.org/)

**Phoenix Metro Bicycle Club/Greater Arizona Bicycling Association** provides ride information, including schedules and a hazards hotline, for bicyclists in the metro Phoenix area. [http://www.sportsfun.com/gaba/index.html](http://www.sportsfun.com/gaba/index.html)

**Phoenix Neighborhood Circulator Service** is a free transit service that runs daily and is available in five communities in Phoenix–Ahwatukee area, Maryvale/Desert Sky area, North and Northeast Phoenix, and the Sunnyslope area. More circulator service is being planned, as budget allows. [http://phoenix.gov/PUBLICTRANSIT/circulator.html](http://phoenix.gov/PUBLICTRANSIT/circulator.html)

**ShareTheRide.com** is a free ride-matching service, providing an easy way to find others who are interested in sharing the ride to work in a carpool or vanpool. Or you can find somebody to bike with to work. [http://www.sharetheride.com/](http://www.sharetheride.com/)
**Valley Metro** provides public transportation alternatives for the greater Phoenix metro area. Highlights of Valley Metro services include local, express, and rapid commuter bus service, neighborhood circulators, dial-a-ride, vanpool service, online carpool matching system, assistance to local businesses to help them meet the Maricopa County trip reduction goals through alternative modes of transportation (bus, carpool, vanpool, bike, telework, etc.), and METRO light rail, scheduled to begin service in December 2008.

http://www.valleymetro.org/default.asp

**Zipcar** provides low-emission, fuel-efficient vehicles for use by members. Zipcar members reserve a vehicle for use, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for an hourly or daily rate. Zipcar also partners with universities, one of which is Arizona State University, and provides self-service access to cars on campus for students and staff.

http://www.zipcar.com/

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**Arizona Chapter of the National Safety Council** gives tips on maintaining safe communities. http://www.acnsn.org/

**Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)** presents four main strategies along with guidelines for design and use of the built environment, which may lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime. These four strategies include natural surveillance, territorial reinforcement, natural access control, and target hardening. http://www.cpted-watch.com/

**CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) Security Consultants** provides suggestions on how businesses and site designers can incorporate the four principles of CPTED. http://www.cptedsecurity.com/cpted_design_guidelines.htm

**Garfield Neighborhood in Phoenix** serves as a model of a Phoenix-area community’s efforts to make their neighborhood safe as part of a Weed and Seed program.

http://www.lisc.org/content/publications/detail/852/
International CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) Association offers various resources on local efforts to reduce crime through design. http://www.cpted.net/resources.html

Phoenix Police Department utilizes a number of methods to encourage neighborhood safety, including its Block Watch and Crime Free Multi-Housing programs. http://phoenix.gov/POLICE/tesu_main.html

Support Local Economies

Arizona Community Farmers Markets Group is an association of Valley markets supporting direct, sustainable commerce between local area farmers and producers and their surrounding community. The website provides a current calendar including time and date for individual AZFM farmers markets with links to their individual pages for more detailed information as well as a list of what produce is usually available. http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/

BALLE is an international alliance of independently operated local business networks whose mission is to catalyze, strengthen, and connect these networks to build strong local living economies. http://www.livingeconomies.org

Downtown Phoenix Public Market, a program of Community Food Connections, is a non-profit organization that brings small-scale agriculture, and local artists and crafters together in the heart of the city. http://www.foodconnect.org/phoenixmarket/

Farm-Fresh and Sun-Ripened in Arizona is a directory of farmers markets as well as local farms in Maricopa County that sell their produce. This information is compiled by University of Arizona, Tucson. http://ag.arizona.edu/crop/counties/maricopa/veggies/farmfresh.html

Local First Arizona is a coalition of local and independent business owners throughout Arizona. The website also includes the “Small Wonders” map—a guide to local shopping and dining destinations in Central Phoenix. http://www.localfirstaz.com
Create Beautiful Spaces

*Creating the Built Environment: Issues and Trends in Design* was developed from a series of roundtable discussions involving over 200 design professionals. Numerous examples show how integrated, planned approaches to the design of public spaces encourage social interaction, stimulate creativity, and build community.  


**Livable Communities: An Evaluation Guide** is a research report prepared in 2005 for the AARP Public Policy Institute, by Arizona State University’s Herberger Center for Design Excellence. The aim of this report is to empower groups of older volunteers to better understand their communities and work to improve them. The guide includes chapters on: transportation, walkability, safety and security, shopping, housing, health services, recreation and cultural activities, and other community services. 

http://www.aarp.org/research/housing-mobility/indliving/d18311_communities.html

*Placemaking on a Budget: It’s All about Creating Places for People, by People* is a presentation that defines what it means to “placemake” on a budget, identifies good placemaking projects and resources, and outlines how to implement placemaking programs. The presentation was made at the 2001 American Planning Association’s National Planning Conference in New Orleans by Susan Jackson, AICP and Al Zelinka, AICP (RBF/Urban Design Studio)—the authors of *Placemaking on a Budget: Improving Small Towns, Neighborhoods, and Downtowns Without Spending a Lot of Money* (2006).  


*PlaceMatters* works to contribute to the growing body of knowledge and practice in the field of decision support, public engagement, and sustainable design by joining others in creating, using, experimenting with, applying and sharing tools, processes and ideas in on-the-ground projects across the country.  

http://www.placematters.org/

**Project for Public Spaces** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people create and sustain public places, such as parks, civic centers, public markets, mixed-use developments, squares, and waterfronts. It provides planning and design services, and place-making training.  

http://www.pps.org/
Arizona Office of Smart Growth provides statewide technical assistance and training to Arizona’s municipalities, counties, and tribal communities in areas such as smart growth, sustainability, land-use planning, development, zoning, infrastructure, public participation, and strategic planning.
http://www.azcommerce.com/SmartGrowth/

Armory Park Del Sol is a solar home community in downtown Tucson. Two parks, a community garden, landscaped common areas with spacious sidewalks, and close proximity to businesses help foster a sense of community, pedestrian- and bike-friendly environment, and a commute-free lifestyle.
http://www.armoryparkdelsol.com/index.htm

Civano Tucson Solar Village is an 820-acre development in the southeastern section of Tucson that was built using the principles of sustainable development and traditional neighborhood design. It is intended to be an exemplary demonstration of cost-effective, resource-efficient development practices, where energy use and waste will be reduced while economic efficiency is increased.
http://www.terrain.org/unsprawl/5/

Cohousing Association of the United States (Coho/US) promotes the cohousing movement, supports individuals and groups in creating communities, provides assistance to completed groups for living together in community, and creates networking opportunities for those involved or interested in cohousing. http://www.cohousing.org

Five Arizona cohousing communities are listed in the Coho/US directory:

» Manzanita Village, Prescott: http://www.manzanitavillage.com/
» Milagro Cohousing, Tuscon: http://www.milagrocohousing.org/
» Mogollon Rim Zane Gray Mountain Cabins, Phoenix: http://www.cohousing.org/directory/view/20647
» Sonora Cohousing, Tucson: http://www.sonoracohousing.com/

Great Communities Collaborative provides tools and resources for regional and site planning to create vibrant neighborhoods with affordable housing, shops, jobs, and services within convenient walking distance to transit. http://greatcommunities.org/
Growing Smarter Guiding Principles for Arizona, prepared by the Governor’s Growing Smarter Oversight Council in September 2006, reports a set of principles to help Arizona not just grow, but reach for the next level in developing quality growth. These principles are grouped in six categories: Responsibility and Accountability, Preservation of Community Character, Stewardship, Opportunity, Infrastructure, and Economic Development.


National Association of Home Builders has compiled several Smart Growth Case Studies, offering examples of mixed-use communities, infill development, cluster housing, open space development, and traditional neighborhood development (TND). http://www.nahb.org/page.aspx/category/sectionID=635

Project for Livable Communities (PLC) is a nonprofit organization in metropolitan Phoenix. Membership includes professionals in urban design, public health, physical activity, journalism, and education. PLC fosters livable communities by addressing three major community components of the environments in which we live and work—Healthy Design, Safe Design and Sustainable Design—and focusing on the best practices of each. http://www.projectforlivablecommunities.org/

Smart Growth website is a subset of the Sustainable Communities Network (SCN) and supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Smart growth is town-centered, transit and pedestrian oriented; has a mix of housing, commercial, and retail uses; and preserves open space and other environmental amenities. This website provides resources, news, publications, and networking opportunities related to smart growth. http://www.smartgrowth.org

Sustainable Communities Network website is developed to increase the visibility of what has worked for other communities, and to promote an exchange of information to help create community sustainability in both urban and rural areas. The website resource sites include topics, such as Living Sustainably, Creating Community, Growing a Sustainable Economy, Protecting Natural Resources, Smart Growth, and Governing Community. http://www.sustainable.org/
**Compact Development**

**Affordable Housing Design Advisor** provides information for those involved in affordable housing to help create well-designed affordable homes. Not only does it include the what, why, how, and tools for high quality, affordable design, but it also provides over 200 detailed examples of various dwelling types in different parts of the country. [http://www.designadvisor.org/](http://www.designadvisor.org/)

**California Department of Housing and Development** produced a colorful report of eight myths of affordable and higher density housing with corresponding facts. This resource also profiles a number of California case studies of compact development. [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/mythsnfacts.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/mythsnfacts.pdf)

**Environmental Protection Agency** published *Protecting Water Resources with Higher-Density Development*, which details environmental impacts to water resources from growth and community development. The article states community growth can have a profound impact on stream, river, and lake quality and availability. Development that uses land more efficiently allows a community to grow and protect its water resources. The EPA believes that increasing development densities is one strategy communities can use to minimize regional water resource impacts and preserve open space by minimizing land disturbance. [http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/water_density.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/water_density.htm)

**Livable Communities Coalition** is a network of leaders, citizens, organizations, institutions, and businesses whose purpose is to promote smart growth housing principles, especially in city core areas. Their user-friendly website gives an overview of compact development and provides examples of successful projects. [http://www.livablecommunitiescoalition.org/](http://www.livablecommunitiescoalition.org/)

**Local Government Commission’s Community Design** page reports how existing patterns of urban and suburban development weaken our quality of life and offers 18 community design elements that foster compact development and livable communities. [http://www.lgc.org/community_design/index.html](http://www.lgc.org/community_design/index.html)

**National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)** provides resources about land development topics, such as mixed-use and compact developments, and how the inclusion of residential with commercial developments and other uses can feature affordable and market rate housing, retail, office, and cultural spaces within the same building or block. [http://www.nahb.org/page.aspx/category/sectionID=219](http://www.nahb.org/page.aspx/category/sectionID=219)

**National Multi Housing Council (NMHC)** is a national association representing the interests of the larger and most prominent apartment firms in the U.S. In conjunction with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and the Sierra Club, they developed a compact development model: *A Plan for Tomorrow: Creating Stronger and Healthier Communities Today*. Topics raised are sprawl costs, economic competitiveness, environmental protection, transformation of declining neighborhoods, and efficiency. [http://www.nmhc.org/Content/ServeContent.cfm?IssueID=580&ContentItemID=3423&siteArea=Topics](http://www.nmhc.org/Content/ServeContent.cfm?IssueID=580&ContentItemID=3423&siteArea=Topics)
Housing Affordability Solutions and Innovations

**Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset**, an exhibition by National Housing Museum, explores how the new emphasis on design excellence in affordable housing has yielded encouraging alternatives that create substantial assets for both residents and their communities. [http://www.nbm.org/exhibitions-collections/exhibitions/affordable-housing.html](http://www.nbm.org/exhibitions-collections/exhibitions/affordable-housing.html)

**Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness** is an organization that helps to increase awareness, provides assistance to local communities, and offers workshops and an annual conference. [http://www.azceh.org/](http://www.azceh.org/)

**Arizona Department of Housing** assists in developing tools to benefit and promote housing for working families and community revitalization in Arizona. [http://www.housingaz.com/](http://www.housingaz.com/)

**ASU Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family** is involved in research, educational outreach, advocacy, and design innovation and supports organizations, neighborhoods, and professionals in their efforts to improve the growth of quality affordable homes and sustainable communities. [http://stardust.asu.edu/](http://stardust.asu.edu/)

**Drachman Institute** is a research and public service unit of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at University of Arizona dedicated to the environmentally sensitive and resource-conscious development of neighborhoods and communities. [http://www.drachmaninstitute.org/](http://www.drachmaninstitute.org/)

**Homes for Working Families** works to increase access to homes within reach of working families by partnering with employers, policymakers, and civic leaders to advance meaningful policy change at the local, state, and national levels. The website provides information on programs, policies, and partnerships that make housing more attainable for a greater number of families. [http://www.homesforworkingfamilies.org/](http://www.homesforworkingfamilies.org/)

**HousingPolicy.org** is an online guide to state and local housing policies, developed and maintained by the Center for Housing Policy, the research affiliate of the National Housing Conference. The purpose of HousingPolicy.org is to collect and provide examples of proven solutions for expanding the availability of homes for working families and others in your community. The site includes easily accessible information geared toward state and local decisionmakers and designed for general use regardless of background. [www.housingpolicy.org](http://www.housingpolicy.org)
National Association of Home Builders provides several links to resources on housing affordability. In addition, the report, Research on State and Local Means of Increasing Affordable Housing, offers several innovations to consider.

http://www.nahb.org/fileUpload_details.aspx?contentTypeID=3&contentID=91006&subContentID=138628

Regional Task Force on Quality Workforce Housing was established to address the issues affecting the affordability and availability of workforce housing in the metro Phoenix area and in the state of Arizona. The task force’s mission was to convene community leaders (public and private) to thoroughly assess the state of workforce housing in Maricopa County, Arizona, and develop a comprehensive, integrated Regional Housing Plan. http://www.rwhousingtaskforce.org/

Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse (RBC) provides information on the state and local regulatory barriers faced in the creation and maintenance of affordable housing. The clearinghouse is hosted by HUD USER, the primary source for federal government reports and information on housing policy and programs, building technology, economic development, urban planning, and other housing-related topics.

http://www.huduser.org/rbc/

Employer-Assisted Housing Affordability Solutions & Innovations

Fannie Mae developed this document to include information about employer-assisted housing programs and how businesses can excel in providing competitive programs to help families attain housing. http://www.seacoastwhc.org/EAH-Fannie%20Mae.pdf

Homes for Working Families prepared Understanding Employer-Assisted Housing: A Guidebook for Employers to provide a straightforward examination of employer-assisted housing options and give employers practical guidance on how these programs work. The publication also includes a detailed how-to section to help employers begin to create their own employer-assisted housing programs.

http://www.homesforworkingfamilies.org/solutions/housing/guidebook/

National Association of Realtors’ Home from Work Program focuses on an employer-assisted housing (EAH) program in Arizona designed to assist employers in developing an EAH benefit to help their employees purchase a home. This website provides “The Home from Work Tool Kit,” including a complete set of documents and presentations for REALTORS® to use when working with employers on the program.

http://www.aaronline.com/HAW/
Local Information and Data Resources

2007 Arizona’s Housing Market: A Glance is a comprehensive report of Arizona housing data prepared for the Governor’s Housing Forum by the Arizona Department of Housing. A report is produced annually for the Governor’s Housing Forum.


Community Vital Signs is a partnership between Valley of the Sun United Way and the Maricopa Association of Governments. This partnership collects data from numerous sources and makes it available to the community. This report presents selected data in an organized format and is ideal for a wide array of users, including planners, residents, organizations, and policy makers.


The U.S. Census offers local housing and socioeconomic data from the Quick-Facts Page. The most current census data is taken from the 2006 Community Survey. This survey’s data set can be adjusted from national level to city, providing a smaller subset of data.

» For Arizona: http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/04000.htm
» For Maricopa County: http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/04/04013.htm
» For the City of Phoenix: http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/04/0455000lk.htm

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