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Did the City buy the Cultural Park and if so, what are you going to do with it?

Yes, as of Dec. 8, 2022, the City owns the property known as the “Cultural Park.” This is the 41-acre property off Cultural Park Place. It neighbors the Forest Service’s Western Gateway Trailhead, the Sedona Summit and the Yavapai College Sedona Center.

As for future uses, the City knows that this site will need to go through an extensive master planning process that would involve lots of public outreach and community feedback. However, unlike a private owner, the City is in the unique position to value community needs and public benefit with any future uses on this property, without needing to maximize profit. There is current guidance from the Western Gateway Community Focus Area (CFA) that will serve as a foundation for future uses. ([Read this summary of the Cultural Park section of the CFA plan.](#)) Among other things the CFA Plan specifically says open space and workforce and multi-family housing are valued on this site.

Based on the CFA Plan and the City’s Affordable Housing Action Plan, workforce housing on some small portion of the property may be explored as a “phase 1” development prior to the completion of the full master plan for the entire site. That housing would likely be on an outer edge of the property to not preclude any other uses that may be identified in the larger master plan. The property is not zoned for multi-family housing though, so any project would need to go through the extensive rezoning public hearing process with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council.

Will the City bring the amphitheater back?

At this time, the City’s intent is not to reopen the amphitheater. However, the City will be doing a master planning process to identify uses for the site and phases of development.

Will the trailhead and picnic tables stay?

Yes, both the trailhead on the Forest Service land and the ramada, picnic tables, and adjoining parking area will be open. The public will be able to access both of these locations, however it is possible the ramada and picnic tables will be relocated to the trailhead on Forest Service property.

Will the City make the road better?

The City will be making minor improvements to the road, knowing that any future development that will occur at the site will necessitate more in-depth road repair.

Will the property be left open to explore like it is now?

For safety, the City will fence off part of the property, including the portion that the amphitheater is located on. But, access to the USFS trail system including the parking area adjoining the picnic tables and ramada will be open.