Earth Grant: Demonstration Project

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**FACILITATION TRAINING**
Provided by SDR (Southwest Decision Resources) on September 30th, 2022.

**SOUTHWEST ADAPTATION FORUM**
Event hosted by multiple agencies of the Southwest, among them SDR from October 10th to October 12th, 2022.

**PLAN TUCSON OPEN HOUSE**
The City of Tucson had their Open House to start the renewal of the Plan of the City of Tucson.

**SOUTHWEST DECISION RESOURCES RETREAT**
All three of SDR’s offices came together in Tucson for mapping the company’s interests and goals for the next year.

**PLAN TUCSON COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**
The City of Tucson had multiple community workshops in different locations around the city to be accessible to many citizens and their needs.
This was the first step in my internship. I was trained in meeting facilitation and note-taking, this gave me the tools to successfully work in a facilitation company and fulfill all my responsibilities. Having this training was not only useful for this internship, but it will also enhance my work on every aspect of my future work.
Hosted by the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC), the South Central CASC, USDA Southwest Climate Hub, and Southwest Decision Resources, SWAF was held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM. SWAF began in the afternoon of October 10th, and ended in the afternoon of October 12th, and built on the work started at the 2018 and 2021 SWAFs, further exploring topics relevant to adaptation practitioners in the Southwest, such as cultural burning, drought, and ecosystem transformation.
During the first phase of community outreach in Spring 2023, Tucson residents will be asked to share their priorities and vision for the future of our City. Plan Tucson will be on the ballot for voter approval in November 2025. Plan Tucson held an Open House on January 19, 2023. Participants who attended the event could stop at various stations involving numerous City departments to explore and share input on various environments surrounding Tucson.
During our SDR retreat, I got the chance to meet everyone in-person after a long time of seeing them through a screen. This retreat allowed SDR to see the growth that has been made and all the accomplishments of the team. New goals were set and different discussions took place. Overall, it was amazing to get the chance to work with everyone and create new relationships.
Community workshops had as a main objective to gather comments, feedback, concerns, and wants from the community. The City committed to a clear approach that builds trust, diversity, and unity.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Receive every view, voice, and experience of our community with respect.

CENTER EQUITY

Purposefully and respectfully seek, value, and uplift historically underrepresented voices.

FOSTER AUTHENTIC PARTICIPATION

Provide community members with ample meaningful opportunities to be involved.

PRIORITIZE SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY

Ensure a range of locations, times, methods, and languages are available.

BUILD UP AND COLLABORATE

Incorporate recent planning outcomes into the update to reflect current priorities.