

The Land Use and Water Challenge

Arizona is navigating significant uncertainty around water availability, requiring local jurisdictions to fundamentally rethink water use and to assume new leadership roles.

Historically, planning for water resources and land use have been conducted separately. Yet the way we build directly impacts our water supply and demand.

Communities can "grow water smart" by collaborating to identify and implement strategies that resolve their water resource challenges.



Growing Water Smart Workshops

This workshop brings water and land use decision-makers in your community together as a team to collaborate on long-term water security. Gain a range of public engagement, planning, communication, and policy tools to ensure your team can realize its water conservation, watershed health, and community resilience goals.

Location: Online Workshop

Date: 3–4 days in June, 2021

Costs: No cost to all accepted teams

Eligibility: Arizona counties and municipalities

Communities participating in this program gain:

Insight. A better understanding of how land use and climatic trends impact water supply and demand at local, state, and basin levels.

Flexibility. The strategies and tools to integrate water and land use planning to better adapt to change and uncertainty.

Engagement. Decision makers from multiple disciplines, departments, agencies, and organizations commit to common goals around water.

Clarity. Clear and concise language to communicate critical community goals around water to gain community and decision maker support.

Collaboration. Regional professional relationships with peers.

A path forward. An action plan tailored to your community's needs.

"Arizona Growing Water Smart was a fantastic experience. Hearing from other cities reinforced our need for action: integrating land and water is a real issue and it's universal!"

Lacey James

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