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# Conservation Through Turf Conversion

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# Drought Response Plan

- Created to comply with SNWA Drought Plan and Model Ordinance
- Water Conservation Goal = 5% reduction in annual usage for calendar year 2003 (Drought Plan Initiative Began)
- Bench Mark every year from 2002 to compare water usage reduction.



# Drought Response Plan Components

- Maxicom
- Flexible Watering Schedule
- Irrigation System Maintenance
- Turf Reduction Program
- New Landscape Development Requirements
- Water Usage Reporting and Analysis
- Employee Training
- Public Education

# Turf Reduction

- Non-Recreational Turf
  - Turf in that is primarily for aesthetic purposes such parking lot islands, street medians and parkways, and other small areas that can not be used recreationally will be identified and scheduled for removal.
- Sports fields, large open play areas, or areas that can be used by the public for picnics or family gatherings are exempt.

# Turf Reduction Program

- Removal of non-recreational turf areas in order to reduce water consumption
- Methods for Completion:
  - Community resources
  - Contractors
  - In-house staff
  - Grant and other funding sources
- Zero impact to Parks Operating Budget

# Turf Reduction Process

- Identification
- Planning & Design
- Approval & SNWA Application
- Turf Removal
- Curbing
- Irrigation retrofits
- Planting
- Rock Mulch
- Documentation



# Conversion Figures & Savings

<b>CALENDAR YEAR</b>	<b>Amount (SF)</b>	<b>Amount (Acres)</b>	<b>Annual Water Savings (Gal)</b>	<b>Annual Water Savings (AF)</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>113,951</b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>6,267,305</b>	<b>19.23</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>513,577</b>	<b>11.79</b>	<b>28,246,735</b>	<b>86.69</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>275,887</b>	<b>6.33</b>	<b>15,173,785</b>	<b>46.57</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>85,531</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>4,704,205</b>	<b>14.44</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>160,042</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>8,802,310</b>	<b>27.01</b>
<b>2008*</b>	<b>24,415</b>	<b>.56</b>	<b>1,173,403</b>	<b>4.12</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,173,403</b>	<b>26.94</b>	<b>64,537,165</b>	<b>198.06</b>

\* Through August 2008

# 1,173,403 Square Feet of Turf



Equivalent to Amount of Turf  
found in 21 Football Fields!

# 63,537,165 Gallons Per Year



Equivalent to the Amount of Water it  
would take to fill 97 Olympic Sized  
Swimming Pools!

# Conversion Projects



**Before**





**After**





**Before**





**After**





**Before**





After





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# Summary

- Drought Response Plan
- Turf Conversion
- Total Savings & Sustainability

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