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Adamson-Catino Trail Nearing Completion. After almost three years of waiting, the Adamson-Catino Trail in Green Valley is now making terrific progress. The long-awaited canopy under the UPRR rail line has finally been finished by Ashton Contractors, and the rail line's "no trespassing" signage (outside of the canopy) is now up as well. The 1.5 miles of trail has been cut on FICO property, and the trail segment on the UPRR property has been staked out and constructed built by Neil (with a bunch of terrific Green Valley volunteers) last week. The 1.1 miles of loop trail on Canoa Preserve Park property has been trimmed up and made ready for the installation of signage, which has been designed and will be produced by the Pima County Print Shop. We expect to be done (or mostly done) with this trail project by the end of April or early May.

New IGA for Kennedy Fiesta/TMP Trails Park. The new inter-governmental agreement (IGA) for the Kennedy Park Fiesta Area/TMP Trails Park has been finished by staff, and is headed to the Pima County Board of Supervisors and the Tucson City Council for ratification. Once done, the IGA will make way for the Explorer Trailhead to be renovated, and a new trails park (with a new, shorter name) to be constructed, half on the Kennedy Park Fiesta Area, and half on the eastern edge of Tucson Mountain Park. We're anxious to get this new facility going, and the trails community is ready for some new events to be held as well (especially the trail runners).

San Juan Trails Park Cleanup. At 80 acres in size, our San Juan Trails Park will be our smallest trails park, but it will be a great addition to its neighborhood, whose residents would like to use it for leisurely hiking and trail running. When done, the park will feature a loop trail 2.05 miles in length, and it may feature a small parking area as well (we will also recover 1.76 miles of unsustainable trails, and make .63 acres of new open space). We cleaned it up for two days in early March (lots of blowing trash), and replaced several sections of fencing before that. It's ready to be surveyed for biological and cultural resources, and then we'll start on trail construction. We'd like to have it completed sometime next fiscal year.

CAP Tangerine Trailhead will be open this FY. We almost finished the CAP Tangerine Trailhead more than a year ago, but access issues delayed its opening. We waited for Marana to have its new Adonis Road finished, but a developer backed out of paying for it, causing Marana to scramble to find sufficient extra funding. But their scrambling paid off, and the road access challenges should be handled by the first of May. Then we'll make sure the signs are in place and all the details are taken care of, and we can open the trailhead and seven miles of the CAP Trail (from Tangerine Road to the county line). In addition, Pinal County's Kent Taylor has 10 miles of CAP Trail finished beyond that, so we'll have a full 17 miles of CAP Trail for you in 2021.

New TMP West trail signs and trailhead signs installed. We're happy to announce that the western part of Tucson Mountain Park has had its trail signs installed, making TMP's trails now 100% signed, and all of the trailheads have had their signs installed as well. So for the first time in 92 years, TMP has all of its signage in place. Hallelujah.

Volunteer opportunities! Our Trails Coordinator, Neil Stitzer, is taking on volunteers for trail construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation, so if you'd like to do it (or learn how it's done), send him an email at neil.stitzer@pima.gov. No experience necessary. Thanks!