Arizona Counties

The state of Arizona is divided into 15 counties. You’ll want to contact your local county officials if you are interested in working on a regional level or on a project that falls outside your city’s limits. Projects on a county level could include research on water tables and water flow, or working to reduce the amount of plastic bags distributed by businesses located outside a city’s boundaries.

 Counties in Arizona

Tucson is located in Pima County. Other nearby counties include Cochise County (Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca), Pinal County (Casa Grande, Eloy, and part of Marana), Santa Cruz County (Nogales), and Maricopa County (Phoenix).

The Pima County Board of Supervisors is the elected body of the county consisting of five members that provide direction to the County Administrator and the county’s various departments. They work to ensure safe communities, nurture economic development, sustainably manage natural resources, and protect public health. Board members also oversee the delivery of municipal services and approve the county budget.

Pima Association of Governments

In addition to the Pima County government, there is a regional designated planning organization called the Pima Association of Governments (PAG). PAG members include all eight jurisdictions located within Pima County (cities of South Tucson and Tucson; the towns of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita; Pima County; the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; and the Tohono O’odham Nation), plus the Governor-appointed Pima County representative of the Arizona State Transportation Board.

PAG supports regional planning efforts to enhance mobility, sustainability and livability in all of the member communities. PAG oversees long-range transportation planning and is the region’s water quality management planning agency, lead air quality planning agency, and solid waste planning agency. This will be the organization you will need to engage if you would like to implement large-scale policies or projects that affect the future of the Tucson metropolitan area.