

## **Proposition 103: Our Lands, Our Schools (State Trust Land Reform)**

*Purpose Statement: To permit the State of Arizona to plan and manage state trust land now and in the future in ways that promote well-planned growth, conservation and sound stewardship in a manner consistent with the mission of the trust, addressing issues that together with the increased resources devoted to the management and planning of state trust lands, will increase the value of state trust lands to the long-term benefit and protection of the trust and its beneficiaries.*

- **Permanently protects approximately 570,000 acres of natural, cultural and historical values**
  - State Trust Lands located throughout the state (*includes a portion of Daisy Mountain and a portion of the New River watershed in the Anthem-Desert Hills-New River area.*)
  - Lands remain as Trust holdings unless sold for fair market value without auction.
- **Makes the Arizona Preserve Initiative (API) constitutional and allows for sale of lands reclassified for conservation at full fair market value without going to auction**
  - API was signed into law in 1996 and funding approved by the voters in 1998. A 2003 legal challenge has stopped any sales other than by auction.
  - It will be possible for the scope and funding of API to be expanded through the statutory process without additional constitutional amendments.
- **Allow for non-monetary forms of payment:**
  - Forms of ascertainable value that can be demonstrated in the appraisal, including agreements with regards to future land uses or the provision of infrastructure, but not including any exchange of land.
- **Allow the continuation or renewal of any lease, right-of-way, or other use of permanent conservation lands that was in existence as of the effective date of this section.**
- **Allows for disposition of rights-of-way or easements for non-monetary value without advertisement or auction and for non-monetary value.**
  - Applies to rights-of-way or easements for roads, trails, rail, drainage, flood control, buffer zones, national security or utility or other ancillary uses;
- **Improves state and local planning**
  - Requires the state land department to work with the respective planning city, town, and/or county in planning for lands to be sold for development.
  - Requires local government to handle state trust land the same as private lands.
- **Funds the State Land Department**
  - Allows a portion of proceeds to be used to enhance, maintain, or protect the value of state trust lands.
  - Requires the State Land Dept. to produce an annual report detailing how funds used to benefit the trust.
  - Level of the funding determined by the legislators based on need and availability in the state's budget.
- **Contingent upon amending Arizona-New Mexico Enabling Act to reflect the will of the voters on or before December 31, 2014.**

**HELP!!!** Help North Country Conservancy (NCC) do its share to get this initiative passed:

- ✓ Contact NCC at 623-742-6514 or [info@daisymountain.org](mailto:info@daisymountain.org)
- ✓ Donate to NCC to provide its share of effort to get the petition on the ballot. Donations can be done using PayPal at [www.daisymountain.org](http://www.daisymountain.org) or providing a check made out to NCC (515 E. Carefree Highway, #638, Phoenix, AZ 85086-8839).