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Pinal County Residents Sign Up For Community Design Workshop March 2-May 20

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Planning For County's Future Attracts City/County Officials, Stakeholders and Concerned Citizens

PHOENIX, Arizona – A popular 12-week interactive course aimed at creating a model sustainable community in the desert is seeking interested participants. Sponsored by the Sonoran Institute, the Pinal County Community Design Academy (CDA) is open to all members of the community with an interest in promoting quality design and development in the Superstition Vistas area and in learning ways to positively influence the county's future growth.

"Pinal County: Connecting & Designing Communities" includes 12 classes scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday from March 2 to May 20, 2009, in Florence (the exact location will be announced prior to the first class). Cost is \$45 per person. Participants will explore a range of design topics – balancing future growth with conservation, principles of Southwest regional architecture, the role of state trust lands, sustainability and green building, urban redevelopment, in-fill and growth at the city's edge, local planning and zoning policies and leadership strategies for successful implementation.

"The Pinal County CDA is one of a series of local design workshops sponsored by Sonoran Institute in an effort to encourage local officials and residents to work together in promoting sustainable land and water policies," said Dave Richins, SI's Sun Corridor Policy Director.

To register for the Pinal County CDA, March 4-May 20 in Florence, e-mail SI's Fernanda Falbo at ffalbo@sonoran.org or call (602) 393-4310 ext 7.

The nonprofit Sonoran Institute has inspired, informed and enabled community decisions and public policies that respect the land and people of western North America since 1990. The Institute helps communities conserve and restore natural and cultural assets and manage growth and change through collaboration, civil dialogue, sound information, and big-picture thinking.

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