

Update from the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division from their most recent quarterly newsletter, Vol1. 23. Issue 1, April-June. (<https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/documents/osd-newsletter-volume-23-2021.pdf>)

Tijeras Arroyo

The Open Space Division is pleased to announce three new acquisitions in the Tijeras Arroyo/Manzano area since the beginning of 2020 totaling over 100 acres. Most of these parcels were identified as priorities in the Tijeras Arroyo Biological Zone. In 2007, Open Space developed the Tijeras Arroyo Biological Zone Resource Management Plan, intended to protect natural and cultural resources and wildlife habitat in the largest arroyo in the city. Readers may recall that two additional properties were purchased in this Bio Zone in 2018 as well. The OSD is excited to continue working to protect the important resources in this area, and thank our crew for their tireless work building and moving fences! An additional purchase is a smaller parcel that bridges the gap between the Route 66 and Manzano/Four Hills Open Spaces, providing the opportunity for one contiguous trail network and wildlife corridor. Anyone interested in learning more about the important of protecting the Tijeras Arroyo Biological Zone can find the updated 2014 plan on our website at cabq.gov/openspace.

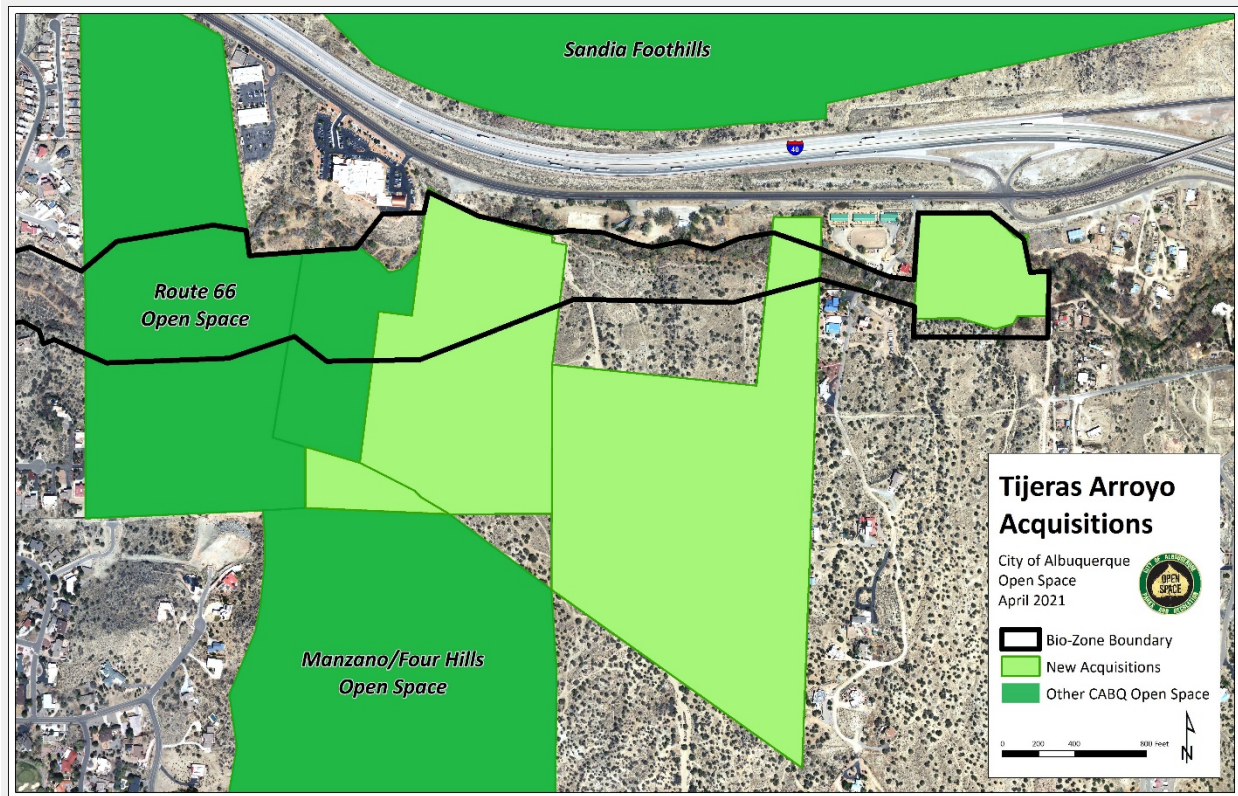


Image provided by Tricia M. Keffer, Planner/Open Space Division

Rusty's note: The heavy black lines define the limits of the Bio-Zone acreage deemed to be critically important to maintain wildlife access to migration paths and permanent water supplies in the Tijeras Canyon arroyo. The easternmost "New Acquisition" block (immediately west of the town of Carnuel) is the newest acquisitions to date. According to Tricia Keffer, with the Open Space Division, the outline of this new block is not completely accurate and will be better defined in the near future. As pictured, the

block is south of old Hwy Rt 66 (now Rt 333), immediately east of Caballo de Fuerza Rd and west of the entrance/exit at I/40 and Rt 333. The eastern boundary continues along the west side Herrera Rd SE while the southern boundary seem to follow an old fence line dirt road that starts on the east side at the intersection for Hererra Rd SE and Silver Hills Rd SE and then wanders westward to the NE corner of the subdivision just south of the Caballo de Fuerza stables.

The City is continuing in its efforts to infill the ownership along the Tijeras Canyon Arroyo Biozone.