Historically, ranching has probably been the single greatest determinant of a definable urban boundary in eastern Pima County. While over half of our 2.4 million acre region appears to be open, unused land, virtually all of this open space is used in ranching, an extensive but low-intensity land use. Through the conservation of working ranches that surround the Tucson metropolitan area, vast landscapes of open space are preserved, natural connectivity is maintained, and the rural heritage and culture of the Southwest are preserved.

LEGEND

- Ranch Lands
- Existing Reserves
- Incorporated Jurisdictions
- Ranch Conservation District Boundary

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