Activity 4 Personal interviews

Use the questions below to interview someone you know who was living in Tucson 50 years ago, or more. This interview should help you get a sense what Tucson was like in the past and how it has changed. What do changes in population, development, wildlife and rivers tell us?

Record your interviewee’s response to each question on a separate sheet of paper. Review these questions before your interview and include additional questions on the bottom (or back) if there’s anything else you want to ask.

Interview Questions

1. What years have you lived in Tucson?

2. What areas of town have you lived in?

3. What are three (3) ways in which these areas have changed since you’ve lived in them?

4. If you grew up in Tucson, where did you play when you were little? Where was the closest open space (undeveloped) and what was there?

5. What wildlife do you remember seeing? What was common? What was uncommon?

6. Describe any big floods in the Santa Cruz (or other Tucson rivers). When did they happen? How did they affect the city? Did they have any impact on you personally?

7. When you first moved or lived in Tucson, where were the city limits? What surrounded the city?

8. How do you think Tucson has changed the most? What is responsible for these changes?

9. What are the important issues in Tucson today? What does Tucson need to deal with to sustain its community? Do you have any suggestions on what Tucson as a community needs to do?

After the interview talk to your interviewee about your ideas about the pressing issues in Tucson today and listen to what he/she has to say about them. Record the issues that you raise with the interviewee, in addition to his/her response.