



Features

The Riverside County Vision builds heavily on the value of its remarkable environmental setting. That theme applies here as well. The Highgrove setting is especially situated to capture distant mountain views in almost every direction. That quality is evident in the functions and features that are unique to Highgrove and found in this section, as can be seen on Figure 2, Physical Features. The hills, mountains, and watercourses that frame this area also serve to contain urban development in the more developable portions of the landscape. The Box Springs Mountains provide a habitat for many native species, while the more distant mountains provide a scenic backdrop.

SETTING

The Highgrove area is a wonderfully distinct place. From the lush riparian corridor of the Springbrook Wash, to the slightly undulating flatlands and citrus fields of Highgrove, to the dramatic rolling terrain and rugged outcroppings of the Box Springs Mountains, this area is truly a wondrous and diverse haven for nature and a special location for human habitation.

UNIQUE FEATURES

Box Springs Mountains

Located in the central portion of the planning area, the Box Springs Mountains are the area's most prominent natural feature, with its rugged terrain and rock outcroppings. The mountains are part of the larger Box Springs Reserve, a mountainous 1,155-acre reserve extending to the City of Moreno Valley. The reserve is characterized by rock outcroppings, sage scrub, chaparral, and grassland areas, and serves as habitat for several species of plants and animals. It is owned and managed by the Riverside County Parks and Open Space District.

Springbrook Wash

Springbrook Wash is a prominent riparian corridor, roughly paralleling the southern edge of the community of Highgrove. It enjoys a wide variety of plant and animal life and, because of its linear nature, is an important linkage in the habitat system.