



Client	Location	Area	Date	Services
Sharpe and Associates	Sahuarita, Arizona	2,810 acres	1996	Master Planning Urban Design Lotting Concepts Entitlements

The Planning Center created the master plan for Rancho Sahuarita shortly after the Town of Sahuarita incorporated. Located 20 minutes south of Tucson between Interstate 19 and the Santa Cruz River, the Specific Plan formed the nucleus of this new community including a new town center.

Based on solid, responsible planning concepts, Rancho Sahuarita emphasizes family-oriented residential lifestyles focused on community recreational facilities. This is balanced with employment opportunities and necessary commercial and public services. Rancho Sahuarita has been recognized nationally as one of the best and fastest selling master planned communities in America.

Planning challenges included the impacts of nearby copper mines, railroads and floodprone river areas. These issues, coupled with assisting a new town government in dealing with new growth and development processes, resulted in a planning document that laid the basic framework for the overall community.