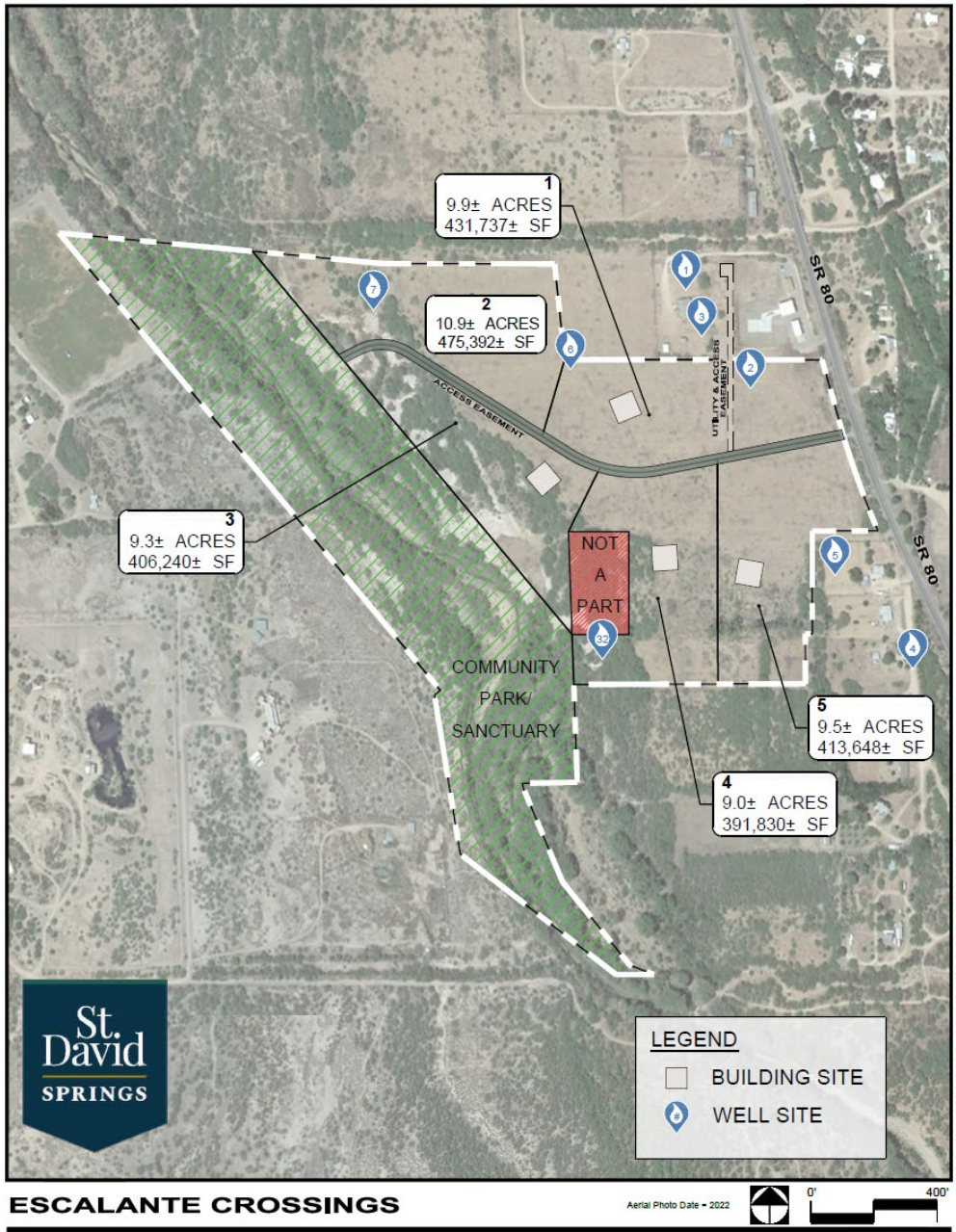


Escalante Crossing. Bordering both sides of the San Pedro River, Escalante Crossing offers estate lots with access to a private river park in a nationally recognized bird corridor. Artesian water, mesquite bosque, and a preserved riparian environment make this one of the most emotionally compelling properties in the portfolio. The Escalante River Park is a birder's paradise and a wonderful and relaxing river edge park for family gatherings. Most proposed lots have private wells.



The Escalante Crossing private River Park extends 3/8 of a mile from north to south and includes both sides of the river.



This water-rich land is home to more than 100 species of native birds and provides temporary shelter for more than 250 species of migrant and wintering birds (plus 120 native species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles).

National Audubon Society has named this section of the San Pedro River an Important Bird Area. It is on one of the four major north-south migratory bird corridors of the southwestern United States.

Learn more about this amazing stretch of land at St. David Springs. Learn about the [Escalante Crossing River Park Sanctuary](#) abutting the San Pedro River in a park like setting along the banks of the San Pedro.

What if you could go back in time more than a century and visit the place you live now? Ever wonder what it would look like?

You can and the key to this “time travel” is a geological feature called a “cienega” — essentially another name for wetlands.

Long ago, the San Pedro River was actually a chain of cienegas maintained by beavers! It only became a river when the abundant beaver population was reduced in the mid 1800s and the waters “channelized” into a steady flow.

The mesquite's history and value to Desert Dwellers goes far back in time. Mesquite *bosques* (Spanish for small forests) reach their greatest development near desert rivers or where their long roots can reach ground water. This rich woodland plant community near a river provided the mission community with wood, medicine, and foods essential to life.

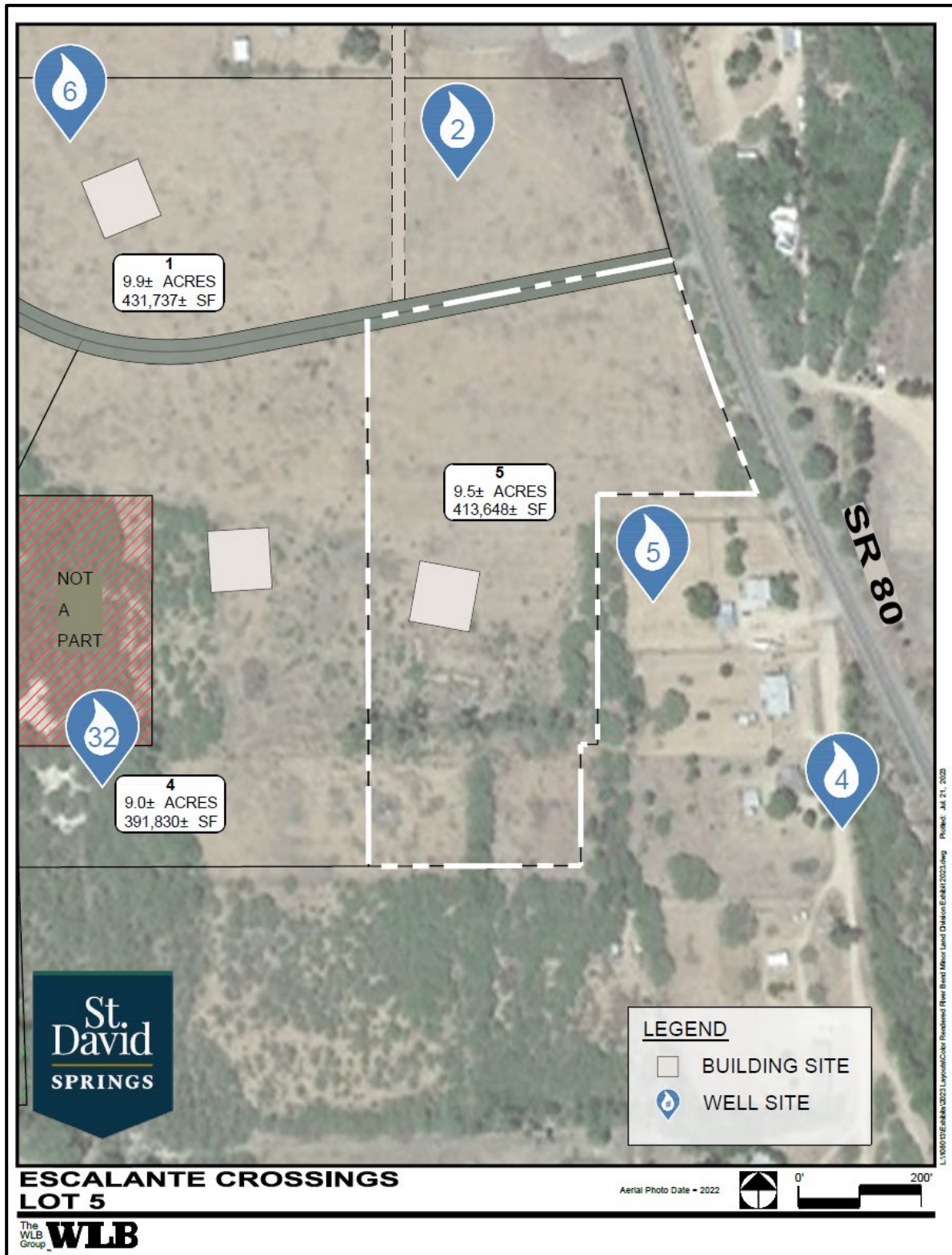


The tiny mesquite flowers, rich sources of pollen and nectar for wildlife, are crowded onto long spikes called catkins. Although the principal bloom normally occurs in spring after the winter rainy season, a second bloom of lesser intensity may occur in response to the summer monsoon rains.

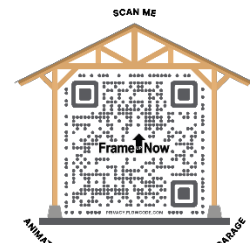
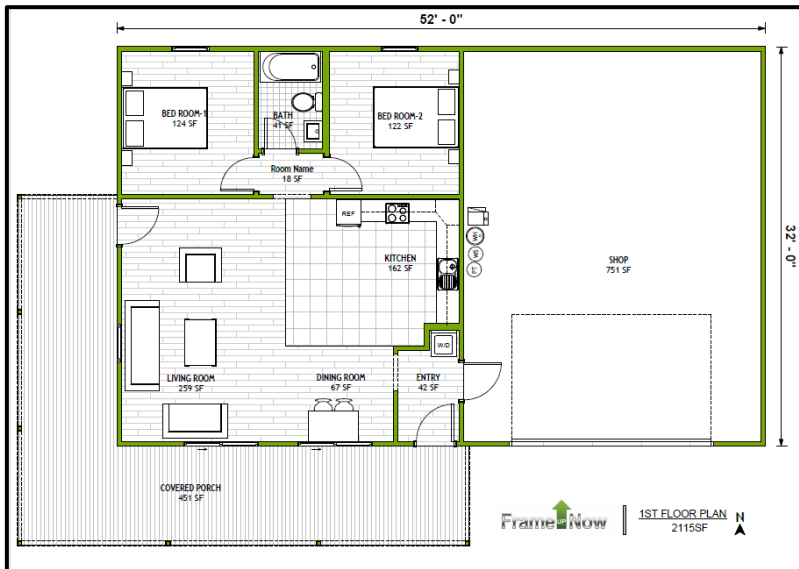
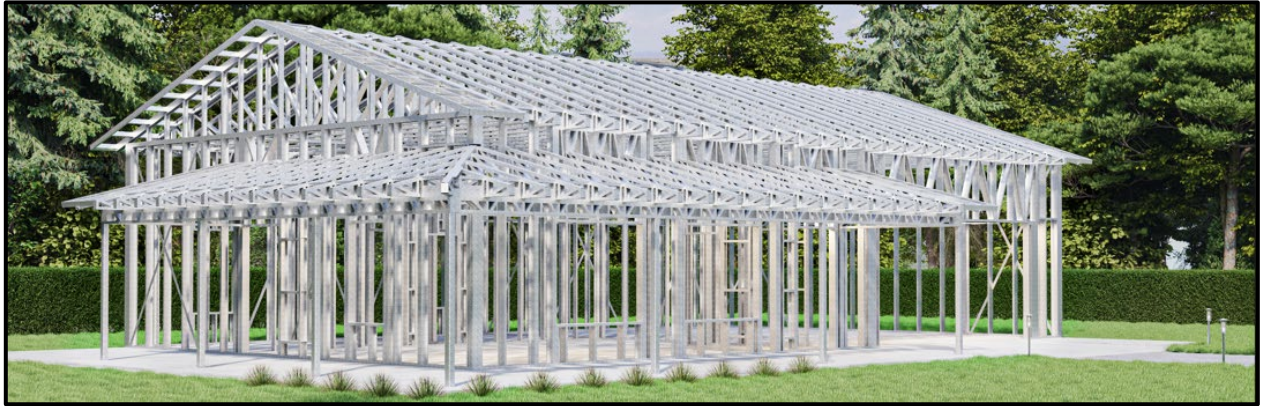
When fertilized, the flowers form long green fruits that resemble string beans. These grow and mature through the summer months. The ripe beans are tan color and sweet. A second harvest of mesquite beans is usually possible in the fall as a result of the summer bloom. Mesquite beans last on some trees well into winter.

The beans can be eaten at all stages of their growth. They were an important food for the natives and settlers, who ate them as a vegetable when green, and ground the pods into flour when ripe.

Lot 5 – 9.5 Acres of rich farm land and a mature stand of mesquite.



Add a Barndominium to a lot and enjoy a farm friendly home.



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