

## EXHIBIT F RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND ASPECTS

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*State the extent, if any, the proposed site or route will be available to the public for recreational purposes, consistent with safety considerations and regulations, and attach any plans the Applicant may have concerning the development of the recreational aspects of the proposed site or route.*

### **Existing Conditions**

Regional recreation information near the Project Red Hawk (Project) Site and surrounding areas was gathered from Maricopa County, the City of Mesa, Arizona and the Town of Gilbert, Arizona. Regionally, Maricopa County has a diverse geography, which offers a multitude of recreational opportunities. The terrain within the large county ranges from the broad, sloping alluvial plain south of the Phoenix metropolitan area to rugged mountain formations within areas of the southern portion of the county like the Sonoran Desert National Monument, and also in the eastern portion of the county, within the Tonto National Forest. Within the broad area of Maricopa County, there are also regional and local parks associated with various mountain ranges such as the Estrella Mountains, South Mountains, Phoenix Mountains, McDowell Mountains, Utery Mountains and the Santan Mountains.

The recreational activities more specific to the Project area are limited and include a sports complex (Paloma Soccer Complex, owned by the Paloma Community Church) to the east, Wild West Paintball and Airsoft Park to the southeast, golf courses to the north, sports complexes to the south and west and sports fields to the associated with schools in the area and a few neighborhood parks, greenbelts, and catchment basins (see **Figure F-1**).

As discussed in **Exhibit A** (Project Location and Land Use) and depicted on **Figures A-1** and **A-2**, the Project Site is under the jurisdiction of the City of Mesa.

### **Proposed Project**

The Project Site abuts an existing transmission line corridor to the north, the Roosevelt Water Conservation District (RWCD) Canal and the Maricopa County Flood Control District Channel to the west, Elliot Road to the south, and Sossaman Road to the east. There are no Maricopa County open space lands near the Project Site. The only recreational facilities within 1,000 feet of the Project Site are the Paloma Soccer Complex to the east and Wild West Paintball and Airsoft Park to southeast and a neighborhood open space park/greenbelt to the north. There are additional recreational facilities within the vicinity of the Project Site that include two golf courses: Superstition Springs Golf Club and Sunland Village East Golf Course. There are two sports complexes within one mile of the Project Site to the south and west and sports fields associated with the schools in the area.

### **Potential Effects**

The Project Site will not be available for public recreational purposes, but the Project would not preclude recreational uses in the area around the Project Site. The Project Site would not infringe upon open space and recreational lands. The Project would follow the development plan approved by the City of Mesa during the construction phase.

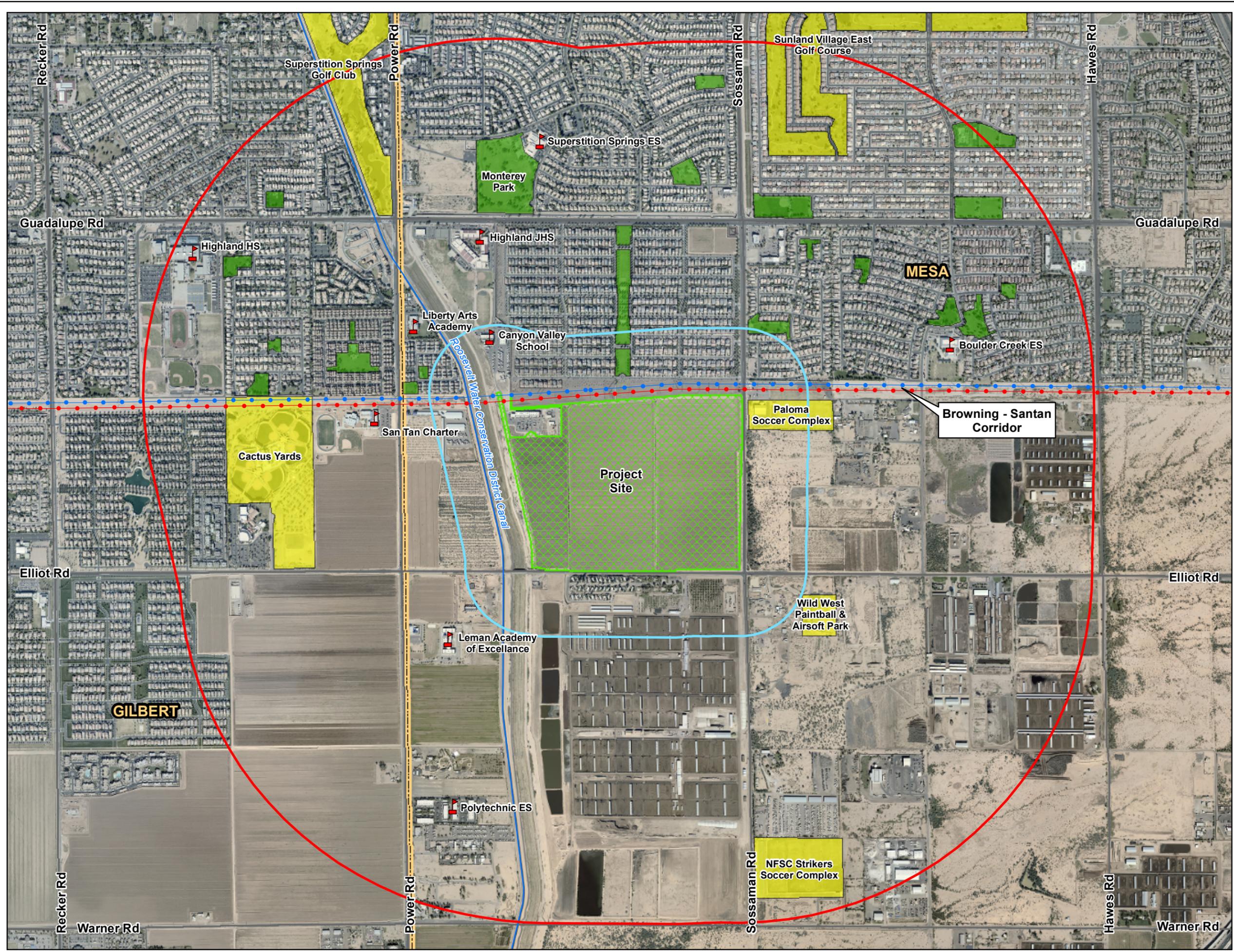
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**Legend**

-  School
-  Existing 500 kV Transmission Line
-  Existing 230 kV Transmission Line
-  Major Road
-  Canal
-  Municipal Boundary
- Project Components**
-  Project Site
-  1,000-Footer Buffer of Project Site
-  1-Mile Buffer of Project Site
- Recreation**
-  Recreational Facility
-  Neighborhood Park

SPCS NAD 83, AZ Central, US Ft.  
 Data Sources: BLM, City of Mesa, ESRI, Maricopa Co., Pinal Co., SRP, Town of Gilbert, USGS.



**PROJECT RED HAWK**  
**EXHIBIT F-1 RECREATION**

Map Extent: Maricopa County, AZ

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