



# Va Shly'AY Akimel, AZ

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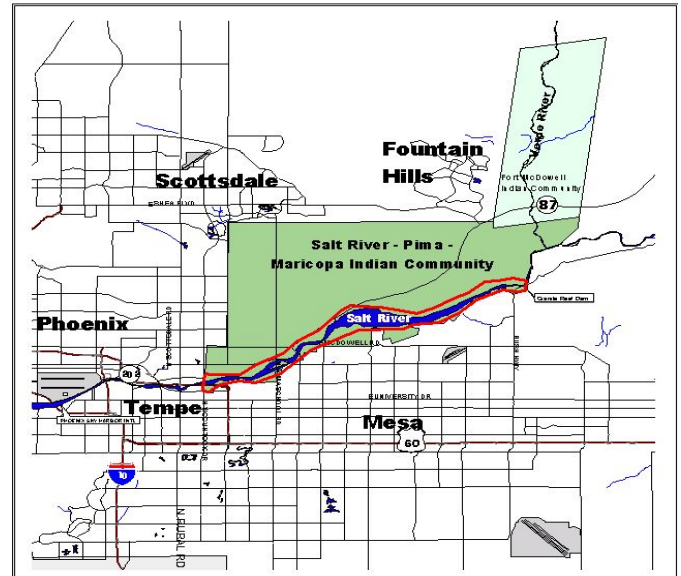
**LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:**

Va Shly-Ay Akimel (Pronounced va sha lai akimel) project area is located along approximately 14 miles of the Salt River on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian community between Ganite Reef Dam and SR 101 Bridge in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The project includes reshaping of the river channel to providing a low-flow channel and terraces, construct of new drainage channels, irrigation diversions, and pipelines, a groundwater well to water vegetation, a grade control structure at Gilbert Rd, a recreation plan consists of trails, a cost-shared monitor and adapt management plan.

The project would restore and improve approximately 1,487 acres of habitat.

In Arizona over 90 % of riparian areas have been lost. The project provides connectivity with other Corps Salt River Projects.



**AUTHORIZATION:**

Flood Control Act 1938  
(Gila River & Tributaries); House Resolution 2425, dated 17 May 1994; WRDA 07, Section 1001 (6), TPC

**ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2021:**

Continue coordination with the non-Federal sponsor on conceptual planning to resume design efforts or re-initiate a feasibility study.

**FY 2022 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

With optimal funds, work with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) and City of Mesa to resume project efforts, either by continuing design efforts or reinitiating a feasibility study.

**ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

The Corps provided completed design to SRPMIC and the City of Mesa in 2012 and 2015. The City of Mesa completed a south bank trail design and trail construction. SRPMIC Tribal Council and Community has submitted a Letter of Interest (LOI) to resume project efforts.

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:**

Senators; Sinema and Kelly; and Congresspersons Biggs (AZ-05), Schweikert (AZ-06), Gallego (AZ-7), and Stanton (AZ-09).

As of: 01 Feb 21

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

**PED**

Estimated Federal Cost	\$3,750,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$1,250,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$5,000,000
Allocation thru FY20	\$3,709,000
Allocation for FY21	0
President's Budget for FY22	0
House Report for FY22	0
Senate Report for FY22	0
Balance to Complete After FY21	\$41,000 <sup>1/</sup>

<sup>1/</sup>Potential cost increase.

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