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Overview

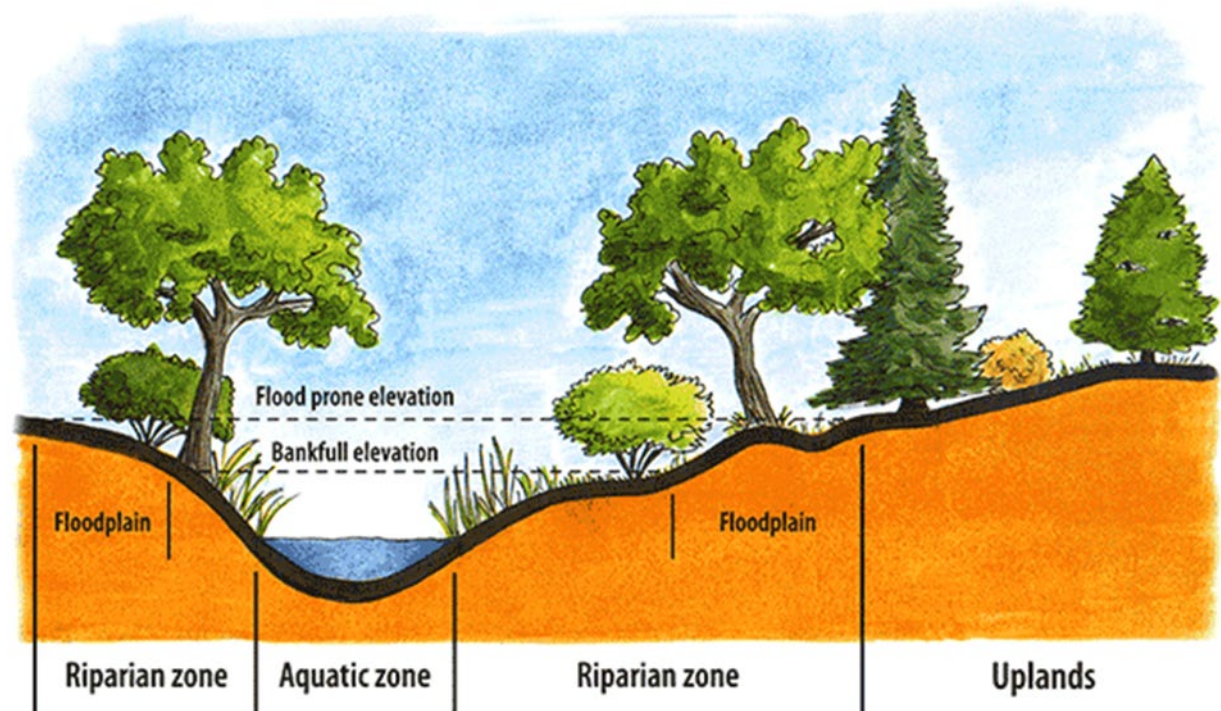
- BLM River Pathways Program
- Phoenix Rio Salado project – Restoring Salt River habitat
- Right of Way Grant – City of Tempe
- Gila River – Hazardous Fuels reduction & Riparian restoration



BLM River Pathways Program

Youth Outreach

BLM partners with the Rio Salado Audubon Center to host field trips for local area high school students. This field trip takes them to the riparian area along the Salt River to teach them about the riparian habitat & monitoring/bird surveys



Phoenix Rio Salado project – Restoring Salt River habitat



The restoration of the dry Salt river channel will bring a riparian open space feature to the growing Laveen and Estrella Planning Areas.

Rio Salado Oeste will provide a habitat and recreational connection to the desert riparian habitat corridor created by the Rio Salado and Tres Rios Projects.

By connecting the seven-mile gap between the two projects, Rio Salado Oeste will enhance the unique recreation and education opportunities for residents and out-of-town visitors.



Right of Way – City of Tempe

In May of 1997, the BLM issued a Right of Way Grant to the City of Tempe for 63 acres, located on the North bank / East end of Tempe Town Lake.

The Right of Way was issued for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a dam, reservoir, detention basin, operations building and recovery well, multi-use paths, scenic overlooks and shade banks, providing increased access for aquatic based recreational activities on the lake.



Gila River Hazardous Fuels reduction & Riparian restoration

Riparian Restoration

- Increased Wildlife Habitat and Plant Biodiversity (habitat mosaics)
- Preparing for Salt Cedar Beetle Arrival
- Soil Salinity Remediation
- Increased water availability in floodplains and hydrologic function of the river



Health and Human Safety

- Fuel breaks
- Firefighter Safety
- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) safety
 - Homes (farms), Major Highway, 500 Kv Lines, Heavily Used Area by Public
- Wildfire Response (BAER - >90% of treatments due to wildfire)