



PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is located off of State Route 87 between Gilbert and North Val Vista Drive, in Maricopa County, Arizona. The reservation is surrounded by four fast-growing cities (Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa and Tempe). The community is experiencing an increase in criminal activity such as illegal dumping, trespassing and littering due to its proximity to these four cities.

Property Information

The site was native desert land prior to the late 1950s and early 1960s, when it was developed as a gravel pit and dragway for recreational and competitive drag racing. The dragway property is approximately one mile long and currently consists of native desert land and two large asphalt pads. The gravel pit property to the north is approximately 10 acres. Operations at the Beeline Dragway ceased in January 1979, and the dragstrip was demolished in the 1980s. After the dragway closed, the majority of the debris from the demolition, including concrete, asphalt and general building materials, was placed in the gravel pit. This property was selected for Brownfields technical assistance due to its current blighted state and potential contamination issues, as well as its potential for redevelopment to aid the community.

Property Information

Address State Route 87
between Gilbert and
N. Val Vista Dr.

County Maricopa

Size Dragway - 63 acres
Gravel Pit - 10 acres

Technical Assistance Recipient

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Technical Assistance

EPA provides technical assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify cleanup options and costs. An EPA-funded environmental assessment was conducted to assess the property for contaminants of concern that included asbestos, metals, volatile organic carbons and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. No contaminants of concern were detected in site soil samples above environmental levels of concern. In addition, the debris and trash throughout the dragway and buried in the gravel pit were determined to be nonhazardous construction debris and household wastes. **Recommendation:** Dispose of debris at an appropriate permitted landfill prior to redevelopment of the property.

Future Use

The tribe plans to restore the property to its natural state and reuse it for cultural ceremonies and open space. Redevelopment of the property will help with the public health and safety threats that abandoned facilities pose, such as illegal dumping.



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