



Date: January 19th 2021

Memorandum To: All Concept Review, Zoning Pre-application Meeting and Formal Zoning Applicants

Regarding: Use of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Environmental Review Tool (ERT)

From: Steve Abraham, Planning Manager 

On November 18th 2020, The Pinal County Board of Supervisors authorized the use of the ERT as an evaluative tool to analyze a potential zoning proposal's impact on riparian areas and biological habitat in Pinal County. The purpose of the ERT is to graphically illustrate the location of Riparian Areas and Sensitive Biological Habitat areas and in partnership with the AZGFD identify any potential mitigation measures early in the proposal development phase.

To this end, Pinal County Planning staff will be providing a basic map with riparian and habitat data to all Concept review (CR) and Zoning Pre-application meeting (Z-PA) applicants and requiring a ERT report with all formal zoning submittals.

As part of the Formal Zoning review the Submitted ERT report will be forwarded to the AZGF for an in depth analysis and recommendation. Planning Staff will seek to incorporate these recommendations, as applicable, and present to information to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

We have provided a "how to" manual that illustrates an easy procedure to generate a ERT report through use of online resources.

Planning Staff thanks you in advance for helping preserve Pinal County's Riparian and biological habitat resources.

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