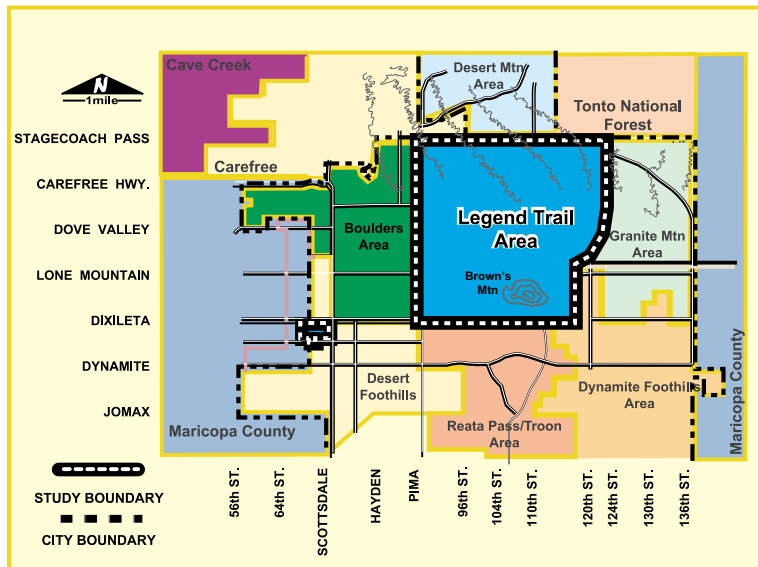


LEGEND TRAIL/BROWNS MTN CHARACTER AREA

General Description of the Area:

The area is bounded on the north by Stagecoach Pass Road, on the east by a regional drainage divide and the 112th Street section line, on the south by the Dixileta Road section line, and on the west by Pima Road. The northwest corner of the area abuts the Town of Carefree and the northeast corner abuts the Tonto National Forest.



Overview of the Area:

Small, individual hills and mountains occupy the east-central part of the area, and most of the rest of the area has rolling to gently sloping terrain, often scattered with boulders and rocky ground. Several large and incised washes run parallel from the northeast to the southwest across the area, the largest of which is the upper portion of Rawhide Wash. The area shows the effects of decades of ranching as well as some scarring due to brush fire damage.



Character Features and Elements:

The area is at the upper end of the Indian Bend Drainage Basin and has views of the area mountains. The local terrain provides a great variety of settings and orientation. Much of the area has been affected by major brush fires in the early 1990's. The only built area currently is the Legend Trails development. The buildings are most often either of a Mediterranean or Pueblo style. Building colors are typically deep tans and browns. Community structures incorporate stonework and the landscaping is predominantly composed of native desert materials.



How This Area Fits into Community:

The area connects several existing and emerging neighborhoods in the northern part of the city. Except for the few hills and mountains, views of the area from adjacent properties are fairly limited.