

Dear AZSITE User,

As of January 19, 2012 a SHPO Project layer and a SHPO Site layer were added to the AZSITE GIS mapping application. These layers are based on the topographic quads in the SHPO office. This was done to reduce the number of consultant's visits to the SHPO office as part of literature/background research. In the future, any additional SHPO information, such as report titles and links to site information, also will be incorporated into AZSITE. At present, there is no information associated with the site or project shapes on these layers other than the number(s) and label(s) present on the SHPO topographic maps.

When you search on AZSITE, activate the SHPO layers and see if all shapes on them are duplicated on the conventional AZSITE project and site layers. If so, there is no need to come to SHPO to investigate these shapes. (You still may need to visit the SHPO office to conduct research for project narratives, historical site information on the county road maps, historical surveys and structures, NRHP documentation, and further research in the SHPO library.) If there are shapes on the SHPO layers that are not on the conventional AZSITE layers or there are discrepancies that cannot be resolved online, you should come to SHPO to further investigate these projects or sites. We will soon produce an explanatory key for the SHPO layers that will explain the source of the shapes found, as well as creating hyperlinks from known shapes to site and project information, much as the conventional AZSITE layers now have. In addition, if you have information on sites or projects, or note discrepancies, please let Rick Karl at AZSITE know (email azsite@email.arizona.edu or phone 520-621-1271).

Thank you for your efforts to conduct professionally responsible and accurate cultural resources investigations in Arizona. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rick at AZSITE or Jim Cogswell at SHPO (email jcogswell@azstateparks.gov or phone 602-542-7142).