



The Creekside E-News

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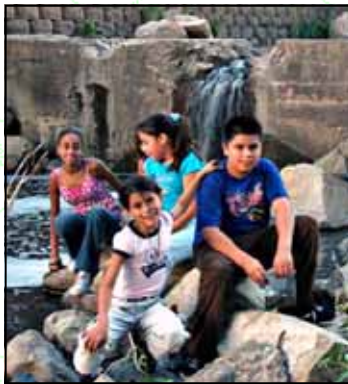
Celebrating 20 Years

Read about Prescott Creeks' first [20 years](#) of work to improve water quality, restore habitat and celebrate the watershed of central Arizona in today's Prescott Daily Courier. We look forward to the next 20 years!



Water Quality

Prescott's 300+ miles of wastewater collection infrastructure relies primarily on gravity to transport solid waste to the primary wastewater treatment plant located above Watson Lake at the base of the watershed. Many of the sewer lines, sewer mains, and utility holes are located in the creek beds or adjacent to the creeks. This becomes an acute water quality problem if a pipe leaks or breaks or if sewage overflows at a manhole. With some of this infrastructure as old as 120 years and even recent infrastructure in need of upgrades, sewer overflows are not entirely uncommon. For more information see Amanda's blog on [Paying the Price for Cleaner Water](#).



Watson Woods— Continuing the Restoration



The planting is done! Since last month, lots of volunteers took lots of cuttings (over 3,000!) and got them into water for soaking. Fann Environmental and Natural Channel Design companies moved massive amounts of dirt and rock to recover from the damage caused by last year's floods and

also to make Granite Creek better able to withstand similar events in the future. Read more about the restoration work in [Dirt From the Field](#)

Your Support Matters

Your donations are a vital part of the work Prescott Creeks does on behalf of cleaner water and improved habitat. Over 90% of your donation goes to support project work in the central Arizona watershed.



[Donate Here to Support the Creeks](#)

Granite Creek Cleanup 2011

The 2011 Granite Creek Cleanup will be held on **Saturday, April 23rd**. This year we are doing something a little different. The idea is to remove from the waste-stream the reusable trash that is collected and repurpose it



Water heater near Granite Creek in Watson Woods

to create art, which will eventually be displayed as part of an exhibit. Our goal is to create recognition and conversation about the amount and type of trash that is ending up in the local system of creeks and lakes. For more information, give us a call or join us for a [planning meeting](#).

Opportunities



Make It A Day On Not A Day Off
Martin Luther King, Jr. believed 'everybody can be great because anybody can serve.' For this 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, find out more about participating this **January 17th** at www.ycvp.org.

Help Plan the 3rd Annual Run for the Creeks
Meet at the Prescott Creeks office (119 Grove #A) on Tuesday, January 11th at 4:30—5:30 pm. For more information call (928)445-5669

