

# GRANITE CREEK CLEANUP SUCCESS - THANKS TO YOU!

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Hi Friend,

You are receiving this email because you made a difference today at the 2019 Granite Creek Cleanup. *Thank you!* It was a pleasure to work with the 534 community volunteers who turned up at Granite Creek Park to achieve a common goal - making Prescott and its many creeks a bit nicer for all to enjoy.

The result is **1.41 tons of trash** and approximately **8 tires** were removed from the creeks. **1 acre** of wetland habitat in the heart of the City was also **improved** at the **Whipple Basin** green infrastructure project (next to Taco Bell at the “four-points” intersection by the hospital). Trash was collected, Siberian elms were removed, and cattails in the channel were thinned out to accommodate flows. **450 cubic feet of debris** was removed from the basin. *Wow!*



## Granite Creek Cleanup by the Numbers

With a 30-some year history, the Granite Creek Cleanup is a highly anticipated spring event that protects nature and controls pollution. With 13 years of event leadership from Prescott Creeks, almost **6,000 people** have been engaged as participants. They've **removed 48.7 tons of trash and debris** from the creeks. (That's 97,400 pounds!) Attendance this year (534) was 17% above average (460 people) and 34% more than last year (400 people). The sum value of 6,000 volunteer hours at this event over 13 years is a whopping **\$287,000** (\$39,778 this year)! Volunteers do make a difference.

Trash and debris collected, by weight, has gone up and down over the years. 2007 saw a high of 7.8 tons with



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an overall downward trend through 2016 when we only saw 0.8 tons come in. Since then we've gone up and down with the last two years coming in at 1.24 tons (2018) and 1.41 tons (2019). The ideal "go-home" conditions for this event are that we work ourselves out of a job. While we know that's not likely any time in the foreseeable future, we are adding in stewardship projects that take a closer look at improving conditions in and around the creeks. Whipple Basin, mentioned above, was designed to improve surface water quality by filtering out pollutants. Built in 2013, this is the first maintenance conducted there and monitoring results have shown that the basin reduces pollution between its inlet and outlet by 50%! Look for more of these projects in the future.



### **Creeks Connect Community**

Not only does the Granite Creek Cleanup clear trash and debris from our local waterways, the Creek Cleanup offers a great opportunity for people to get outside and connect with community and an amazing resource that is unique here in the Southwest. Prescott has 10 or more flowing creeks (depending upon how you count them) that are critical to people and wildlife. The creeks are where wildlife finds shade, water, food. And these creeks are why Prescott is where it is. Granite Creek was the place people wanted and needed to be almost 160 years ago. Now, efforts are underway to "revitalize" the Granite Creek Corridor in the downtown, restore habitat in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, and improve surface water quality throughout the Granite Creek Watershed. Clean and healthy creeks are good for the soul and good for the community too.

Thanks so much for working together at the Granite Creek Cleanup this year.

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