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Public Restroom Collaborative to Improve Surface Water Quality

On March 19th Prescott Creeks and project partners will discuss the importance of the Miller Creek Public Restroom to surface water quality and to the community. The Restroom was constructed in February of 2019 and opened for use in April of 2019. With major funding from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), the Miller Creek Public Restroom project represents an innovative approach to water quality improvement involving a diverse group of partners. The public is invited to attend:

3/19/2020 | from 1 – 2:30 pm | Miller Creek Public Restroom | 531 Madison Ave., Prescott AZ 86301

Project Background: Downtown Prescott features multiple flowing creeks listed as “impaired” (polluted) for well over a decade. Miller Creek was targeted by local stakeholders for a water quality improvement project. Prescott Creeks brought together the Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ), the City of Prescott, and the Butte Creek Restoration Council at Prescott College to install a publicly accessible restroom adjacent to Miller Creek on Madison Ave. Major funding for the project was secured from the ADEQ - Water Quality Improvement Grants Program with matching contributions from each partner.

CCJ ‘donated’ the property on which the publicly accessible restroom sits, and they perform day to day operation of the restroom. The City of Prescott covered permitting and impact fees for the project and is providing staff support for educational and outreach elements of the project. The Butte Creek Restoration Council is monitoring water quality in Miller and Butte Creeks. Water quality samples collected before and after restroom construction will assist in assessment of project effectiveness.

“Our reasons for partnering with Prescott Creeks starts with creek health and extends to community health,” stated Paul Mitchell, Executive Director for CCJ when the project started. By providing a comfortable, accessible spot for the people to go to the restroom, we should achieve cleaner water in our creeks.

Prescott Creeks is a local nonprofit organization with a mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona. Established in 1990, Prescott Creeks works in the community to find and implement practical solutions to local resource issues. Other water quality improvement projects led by Prescott Creeks include the Whipple Street Detention Basin, the Prescott Community Center Rain Gardens and Basins, and ongoing ecological restoration Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.
