



# PRESCOTT CREEKS

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Dear Friend,

What a year 2020 has been! Thank you for your ongoing support in this difficult time. It ensures long term protection of our creeks and healthy waters for all.

Have you ever walked the trails in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve? Experienced the stillness of this special forest right next to Highway 89, the majesty of the large cottonwood trees, the variety of birds, creatures, and plants? These things are rare treasures, unique to the Prescott area.

**Your contributions work to restore and preserve the creeks, waterways, and surrounding natural places that add so much to our quality of life.** During this season of giving, [please consider making a year-end contribution to help in the work ahead.](#)

COVID-19 created setbacks for Prescott Creeks. Our interactions with you were greatly reduced with the difficult decisions to cancel our community events such as the press conference celebrating completion of the Miller Creek Public Restroom and the annual Silent Auction associated with the Tilted Earth Festival. And, for the first time in nearly 3 decades, Prescott had to do without the Granite Creek Cleanup. Prescott Creeks did what many of you have done – it concentrated less on the outward, in-person interactions and events, and looked inward to better serve you in pursuit of a mission to achieve healthy waters and clean waters in central Arizona.

But look what was accomplished with your help...



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The mission of Prescott Creeks is to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona for the benefit of people and wildlife through protection, restoration, education, and advocacy.



In the last year, your contributions have enabled Prescott Creeks to:

- Secure protection for Watson Woods Riparian Preserve with a renewed lease with the City of Prescott through the year 2045
- Advance partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers through the In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program – a program to extend restoration efforts in the Preserve through creation of credits for use by Clean Water Act permit holders who may be required to compensate for the permitted loss of wetlands or streams in Arizona
- Maintain on-the-ground non-native vegetation (weed) management working with volunteers and partner organization the Arizona Conservation Corps
- Continue and expand the American Kestrel program in partnership with the AZ Game & Fish Department and Prescott Audubon Society
- Transfer management of the Miller Creek Public Restroom to partner Coalition for Compassion & Justice
- Host a first-ever Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup
- Bolster Prescott Creeks personnel with four new members to the Board of Directors and with one new staff position to guide protection, restoration, education, and advocacy work
- Rejoin the Prescott Chamber of Commerce to build business support for watersheds and clean waters
- Convert to a new database with tools to communicate with you more effectively
- Update the Prescott Creeks website – [www.PrescottCreeks.org](http://www.PrescottCreeks.org) – to be more user-friendly
- Expand social media presence to broaden community reach



Despite a challenging 2020, the needs are still here with much work ahead. Your support will translate into restoration of the Preserve, long term protection efforts, water quality activities, and education programs. You are invited to stop by the Preserve, to renew and develop your own relationship with its wild, diverse beauty, so close to the heart of Prescott. Seek the rejuvenating and healing power of nature and the mutually beneficial relationship between humans and the natural world. Then join Prescott Creeks in preserving it!

***Thank you for including Prescott Creeks in your giving this year.*** Your support says that you are thankful for local creeks and the quality of life they provide.

Your tax-deductible donation will ensure that healthy waterways and accessible wild places will be a part of the landscape of our community for generations to come. Donations can be made online at [www.PrescottCreeks.org/Donate](http://www.PrescottCreeks.org/Donate) or by using the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

Michael Byrd  
Executive Director

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