



The Creekside E-News

Protect * Restore * Celebrate

Watson Woods Restoration Project

Watson Woods Riparian Preserve is a 126-acer preserve that has historically been degraded by activities like sand and gravel mining, illegal dumping, and firewood cutting. Over this next year, community members from all walks of life will come together to restore this oasis in the desert!

The projects goals are to enhance and restore the Granite Creek water quality, channel function, and existing riparian habitats, as well as create new riparian habitat. Community involvement and education is a large component to the projects success.

Activities associated with these goals include: creek and flood-plain reconstruction, tree harvesting (cutting), planting and irrigation, seed planting, trail building, exotic weed removal, and trash removal.

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Thoughts, Quotes & Terms

“One is not born into the world to everything but to do something...”

Henry David Thoreau

Terms

Watershed - The natural boundaries of a region where water drains into.

Riparian - The place where water and land meet.

Harvesting Begins!

The season to harvest is upon us. Prescott Creeks is seeking community volunteers to assist in harvesting over 15,000 riparian trees.

Harvesting will be done throughout the months of December and January. Tasks will include cutting, pruning and transporting branches to designated locations. Volunteers must be able to walk on uneven ground, bend down, and lift 20 lbs or more. Training will be provided to learn about the harvested plants, proper pruning techniques and other safety rules.

While the restoration project is physically demanding all ages, backgrounds and physical abilities are welcome. If you are unable to participate do to physical limitations please contact Renee to discuss additional ways you can help.

Calendar of Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers and staff harvesting first round of trees for the Watson Woods Restoration Project.



YEI helping plant native seeds near Pee Vine Trailhead.

Events & Outreach

Date	Time	Activity
1/19/09	9-5	Martin Luther King Day Service Day
04/18/09	8-10 am	Earth Day Granite Creek Clean-up

Restoration Work

Volunteers will be assisting with the harvesting of local trees.

Date	Time	Date	Time
12/13/08	8-5	12/20/08	8-5
12/14/08	8-5	12/21/08	8-5
12/15/08	8-5	12/22/08	8-5
12/18/08	8-5	12/23/08	8-5
12/19/08	8-5		

Interested in volunteering?

Know a group, club, organization or company who would enjoy spending time together while helping better our community?

If so, please contact

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