

Hello Friend,

Over a month in and it seems to be a lackluster monsoon for 2020. Perversely fitting for the year... However, the beginning is not always indicative of how things end. [August and September of 2014](#) provided the third & fourth largest flows on record for Granite Creek as measured just upstream from Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Despite cancelling this year's Granite Creek Cleanup, Prescott Creeks is hopeful. Four key volunteers are highlighted for their ongoing service and we are sharing good news about Watson Woods Riparian Preserve! We are reaching out to you, our core supporters, as well, by [asking for your help](#) to bridge the [COVID-19 funding gap](#) that is now becoming apparent.

Granite Creek Cleanup - Cancelled

At the end of July, the Prescott Creeks Board of Directors and Staff made the call to cancel the 2020 Granite Creeks Cleanup. Concerns surrounding COVID-19 were at the root of the cancellation. At the outset of the COVID-19 Crisis Prescott Creeks rescheduled the event for September with hopes that the world would be in much better shape by then. Staff worked extensively with potential participants, partners, and sponsors to adapt the event to accommodate strategies to keep everyone safe with social distancing. Ultimately uncertainty with community COVID conditions and trends over the summer led to a full cancellation of the event this year. Visit www.PrescottCreeks.org/Cleanup to view the Press Release and see a full list of Partners and Sponsors for the event. We couldn't do it without them.



Photo by: Michelle Souza

Thousands of community members have turned out for the Granite Creek Cleanup since the 1980s. In the mid-1990s, Prescott Creeks was just another participant – largely focusing efforts at the newly created Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. In 2007 organizers asked Prescott Creeks to host the event. Since that time almost 6,000 people have removed over 97,000 pounds of trash from local creeks, lakes, and trails.

Save the Date:
2021 Granite Creek Cleanup
Saturday April 17th, 2021



Unplanned Setbacks



Rescheduling the Cleanup decreased sponsorship support, yet the planning continued for the now cancelled event. Your generous contributions will make a difference in helping meet our goal of \$5,000 to overcome the financial confusion that COVID-19 has provided. Prescott Creeks is a strong and resilient organization because of your support – the key to protecting our wild places and their waterways.

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Volunteer Spotlight

We would like to recognize our lovely, dedicated, and skilled volunteer office staff, who have kept Prescott Creeks up to date and detail oriented with 1,200 hours of behind the scenes work. Our sincere thanks go out to Mary Jo Dhein, Annie Resnick, Cindy Vaughn, and Chris Brooks for their years of service, positive energy, hard work, and upbeat office attitudes. [Read more.](#)

50 Years at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve

Prescott Creeks has extended its lease for Watson Woods Riparian Preserve with the City of Prescott to the year 2045! The original lease had a 25-year term that matured on July 27th. The lease had a provision to extend for an additional 25-year term, thus continuing the collaborative effort between the City of Prescott and Prescott Creeks to protect the rare cottonwood/willow riparian forest found there.

Significant accomplishments at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve include completion of the Comprehensive Plan – the first management plan for the Preserve (1996). Coordination with the City of Prescott to construct the Prescott Lakes Parkway Bridge so that Granite Creek and its floodplain were minimally impacted (1997-2002). Creation of the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve In-Lieu Fee Program – where certain Clean Water Act permittees can buy credits to compensate for the loss of wetlands or streams in the Verde and Salt River Watersheds. Payments made to the Program result in enhancements to Granite Creek (2002-Present). Ecological restoration of Granite Creek and its floodplain (2009-2013). We're looking ahead to the next 25 years with additional restoration, more water quality improvement, better wildlife habitat, and increased opportunities for education and inspiration. [Read more about Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.](#)



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Prescott Creeks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona for the benefit of people and wildlife through protection, restoration, education, and advocacy.

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