

4 December 2024



Dear Friend,

Thank you! Your support helps protect threatened creeks, restore riparian habitat critical to native wildlife, control pollution, and improve water quality in central Arizona. It is hard to believe that we are already wrapping up the year! Your continued support will create a strong start for healthy watersheds and clean waters in 2025.

Progress!

During the year, Prescott Creeks and its partners have been busy collaborating on several significant actions, including:

- **FOREVER PRESERVED:**
 - An initiative created to garner community support for placing Watson Woods Riparian Preserve (Preserve) into a conservation easement.
 - A major milestone was met when Prescott Creeks partnered with City of Prescott officials to conduct a study session with the City Council about the importance of preserving this area – FOREVER.
 - The study session was a crucial step in the process toward final approval.
 - Surveys and other due-diligence items are largely complete and multiple management and workplans (for additional ecological restoration) are in draft format.
- Granite Creek Cleanup: the April 'Earth Month' event brought out hundreds of community volunteers who collected almost a ton of trash from fifty locations along Granite Creek and its tributaries – thank you!
- Community and Volunteer Engagement was a focal point with community members volunteering almost 3,300 hours to participate in presentations, creekside tours, habitat restoration, vegetation management, and community education.

Doing Your Part!

None of this is possible without the on-going support of engaged members of our community – *like you!* Your support is essential to the success of all Prescott Creeks' efforts and your financial contributions are needed to advance important work in 2025 – like the Prescott City Council's final approval of the conservation easement for the Preserve. The management lease between Prescott Creeks and the City provides short-term protection for the Preserve, but without a conservation easement, it is not protected in perpetuity (forever) and Prescott Creeks may lose access to millions of dollars in critical project funding.

Your **tax-deductible contribution** helps protect the many benefits that local creeks and their riparian habitat provide to our community. Your generous gift **toward the Prescott Creeks goal of \$24,000** will help ensure our local watersheds are healthy and our waters are clean!



Your donation can be sent in the enclosed envelope, or you can make a donation *securely online* at the Prescott Creeks website. Scan the QR code to the right to go straight to **www.Prescottcreeks.org/Donate**.

Sincerely,

Michael Byrd
Executive Director

*Your Support MAKES
A DIFFERENCE!
THANK YOU!*

PS Future Generations Thank You! Check out the inspired artwork on the back of this letter.



Dear city council,
Please keep
Watson Woods
safe so everyone
can find the beauty
of the plants and
nature. from C.

Future Generations... After visiting Watson Woods Riparian Preserve in the spring of 2024, a local 1st grade class wrote letters, like the one above, in support of the FOREVER PRESERVED initiative!