



Prescott Creekside E-News

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Granite Creek Cleanup

**Required Pre-Registration Closes Tomorrow
WEDNESDAY 09 APRIL 2025, 5 PM**

**Saturday April 19, 2025
Granite Creek Park | 8 AM – Noon**

8 AM to Noon

- Make a Difference
- Help Clean Up Your Community
- It's **Free!** (*in exchange for a few hours of your service to the community*)
- Cleanup T-shirt for all Participants – *Pre-Registration Required*

This annual event not only cleans up and beautifies the community, it also provides an opportunity for people to come together for a common cause and make a difference.

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2022 Granite Creek Cleanup participants. Image by H. Heartisan.

MORE INFO

Ways to be Involved in the Cleanup

Pre-Registration is required again this year. With an average of almost 500 participants each year, the required pre-registration helps Prescott Creeks get you to the creeks with what you need to make a difference as efficiently as possible.

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Many people are needed to *Help Behind the Scenes* before, during, and after the Cleanup. It's a great way to be involved for those who aren't so keen to tromp around outside getting physical.

Help Behind the Scenes

Already Signed Up?

If you signed up successfully, you should have received a confirmation email immediately after submitting your Pre-Registration or Help Behind the Scenes form. ***If you did not receive a confirmation email in your Inbox, please check your SPAM/Junk folder.***

During the week before the Cleanup, Prescott Creeks will make location assignments and email you critical information about where you've been assigned, where and when you can pick up materials, and other helpful information.

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Please thank them and let them know you support Prescott Creeks, too.

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FOREVER PRESERVED - Update

While you may not have heard much about the [FOREVER PRESERVED](#) initiative recently, rest assured that Prescott Creeks has been working closely with the City on the key elements of establishing a conservation easement at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. In May of last year, Prescott Creeks and City staff provided the Mayor and Council an overview Preserve and In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Programs, highlighted project details for the conservation easement and planned on-the-ground improvements, along with challenges and their solutions. Positive comments from the City elected officials provided the needed direction to continue planning.



Wood Duck in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Image by E. Sanborn.

Prescott Creeks and City staff hope to be back in front of the mayor and City Council this summer with additional information. Working together, a Joint Management Plan (including a Fire Management Plan), new management lease for the Preserve, conservation easement, and work plan for the Preserve are all under development. While not scheduled yet, we will let those who have [signed up for FOREVER PRESERVED](#) updates know once we have a date and time. We hope you'll join us to show your support for Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.

Open Space Protection – Proposition for August 5th Vote

Many believe that a designation and/or zoning as "Open Space" had the effect of protecting properties like Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, much of the Granite Dells, Stricklin Park, and others. However, a simple majority vote of Prescott City Council could result in the sale of one of these community assets.

In March the Prescott City Council took a definitive step to change that. Between December and March, grappled with how best to respond to a Citizen's Petition for a change to the City Charter. The petition is designed to protect City-owned open space properties from sale or a variety of other actions from occurring without approval from voters. After discussions at multiple meetings over the winter, for the proposition to appear on the August 5th, 2025 ballot.

Watch for brochures and additional information from the Granite Dells Preservation Foundation.



A lush wetland habitat in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve - one of the 25 open space properties to be protected with the proposed City Charter Amendment. Image by M. Byrd, Prescott Creeks

Detailed information can be found in several articles and editorials at [The Daily Courier](#).

- [Prescott's open space protection ballot language approved for Aug. 5 ballot – March 26, 2025](#)
- [Three ballot issues for August 2025 primary up for vote by Prescott Council – March 22, 2025](#)
- [Open-space protection charter language gets Prescott Council approval – February 25, 2025](#)
- [Talk of the Town: Overcoming open space objections – February 19, 2025](#)
- [Prescott Council delays decision on open space ballot initiative until Feb. 25 – February 5, 2025](#)
- [Citizen petition denied by Prescott Council, but most members supportive of letting voters decide open-space-protection initiative – January 14, 2025](#)
- [Citizen petition seeks City Charter amendment to protect natural open space in perpetuity – November 25, 2024](#)

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