

Prescott's Creeks

the reason we're all here



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■ Mission Statement

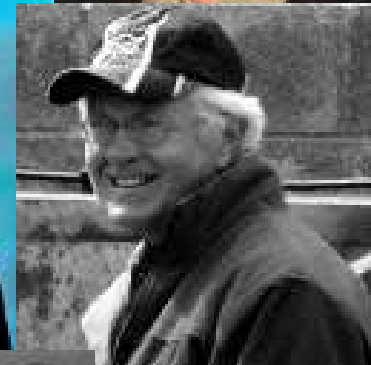
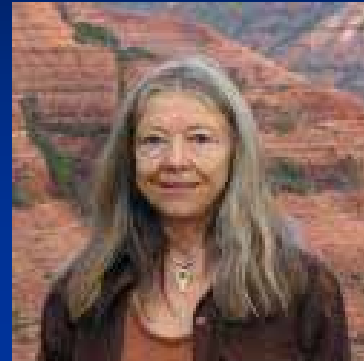
Prescott Creeks is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission to protect and celebrate the ecological integrity of the Granite Creek Watershed riparian systems and associated wetlands through conservation, restoration and education.

— Preserve, Restore , Celebrate —

Board of Directors

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Staff

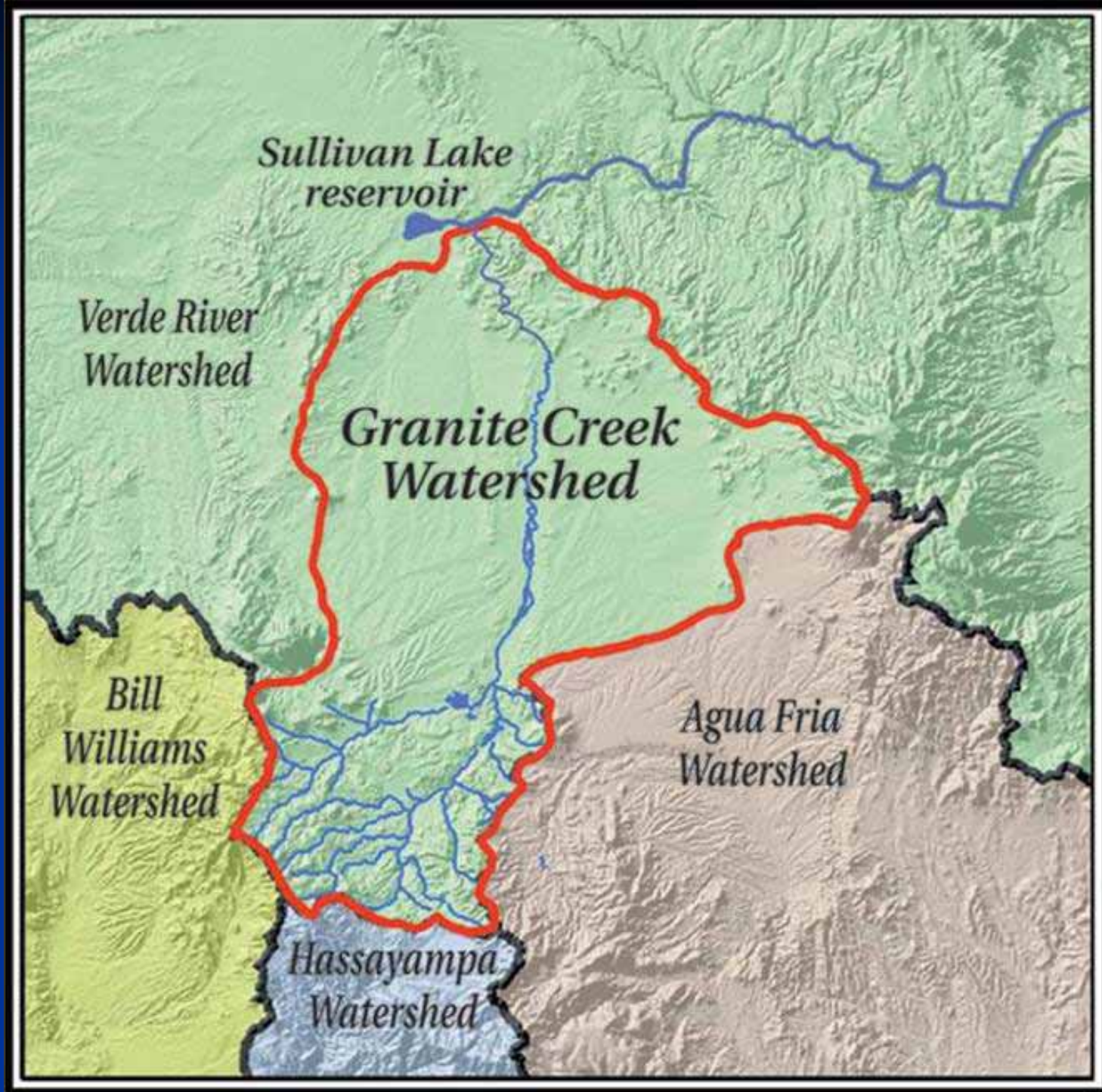


■ Fulltime

- Michael Byrd
- Ann-Marie Benz
- Jay Crocker
- Amanda Richardson

■ Other

- Nathaniel Hoag (VISTA)
- Kris Crocker (VISTA)
- Ian Thompson
- Colin Thompson
- Kim Sieb



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Why creeks & riparian habitat?

- The keyword is “Diversity”
- Approximately 75% of Arizona’s wildlife depends on healthy riparian areas
- Riparian areas constitute less than 0.5% of the state’s land area
- Riparian areas are “disappearing” at an alarming rate



Riparian Habitat Provides:



- Shady, cool, moist habitats
- A wide diversity of wildlife
- Food, water, shelter
- Travel corridors
- Improved water quality and quantity

Habitat



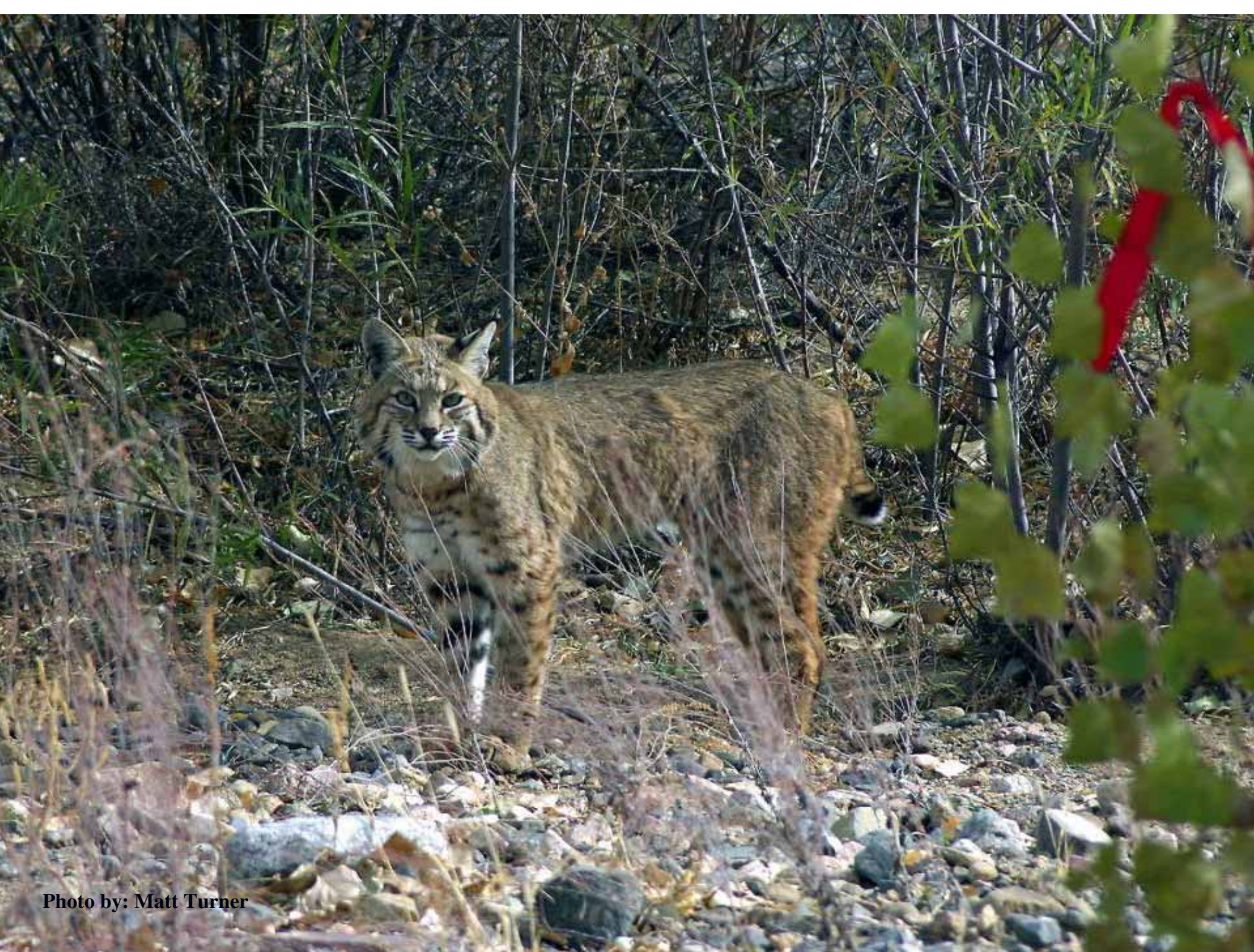
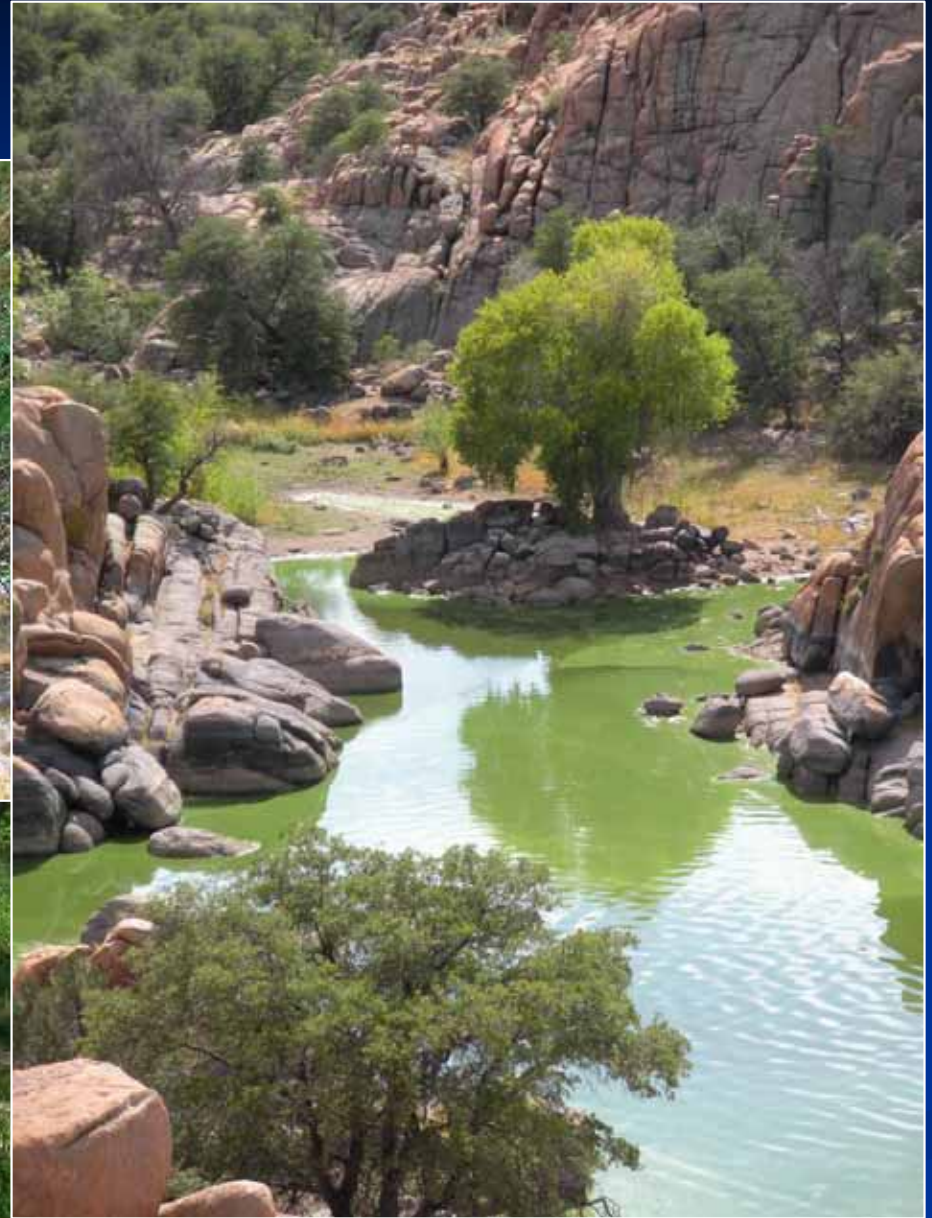


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Water Quality



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Restoration



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Monitoring & Planning



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Community Involvement & Education



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Why choose Acker Park's creek?

- Close
- Beautiful
- Needs attention
- Easy access
- Restrooms available
- No known water quality issues
- Variety of projects available
- Creeks are an important part of our community



From Rimsurfer.com



Activity Ideas

- Cleanups (including the annual GCCU)
- Hikes
- Bird watching
- Star gazing
- Mapping creeks
- Speakers
- Discussions—water quality, habitat values, etc...
- Movie nights



Cleanups



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Safety First

- Leave any car batteries, barbed wire, needles, or other materials of concern in place and notify the City or Prescott Creeks of location.
- Natural debris should be left in place.
- If you encounter a suspected homeless camp, evaluate if it appears inhabited (tent sites, medicines, food, etc...). If inhabited, please avoid the camp. If it appears abandoned, proceed with the cleanup.
- Strange discharges into the creeks should also be reported to Prescott Creeks and/or the City.
- For large trash (cars, couches, etc...) please notify Prescott Creeks and/or the City.

Thank you

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