

## ~ Friends of Granite Creek Park ~

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please keep our Greenways car-free.

We at Friends of Granite Creek Park would like to voice support for regaining the riparian open space that is West Granite Creek Park. This walkway from the Dexter Neighborhood, and from shopping at the Depot Marketplace, back downtown is used by many of our neighbors and friends to get somewhere without the noise and danger of oncoming traffic.

Since the barriers were removed to parking on our riparian greenway, designated as open space by the City of Prescott well over twenty years ago, that has changed. If the city were to pave this area, the traffic would only increase and speed up, further dismantling the concept of the greenway trail experience.

We would like a full open public discussion of parking options in already paved areas nearby and a commitment to revegetate and regenerate the ecosystem there that is currently being degraded.

Thank you, Laurel Freeman on behalf of Friends of Granite Creek Park.