



West Granite Creek Park is NOT a Parking Lot!

November 3, 2026
City Council VOTE:
Please end the parking
lot threat and restore
the entire park and trail
to safe and car-free.

Why destroy the park entry and endanger Greenways Trail users

when
ample safe
parking in
already
paved
areas is
available?





Lovely Entry

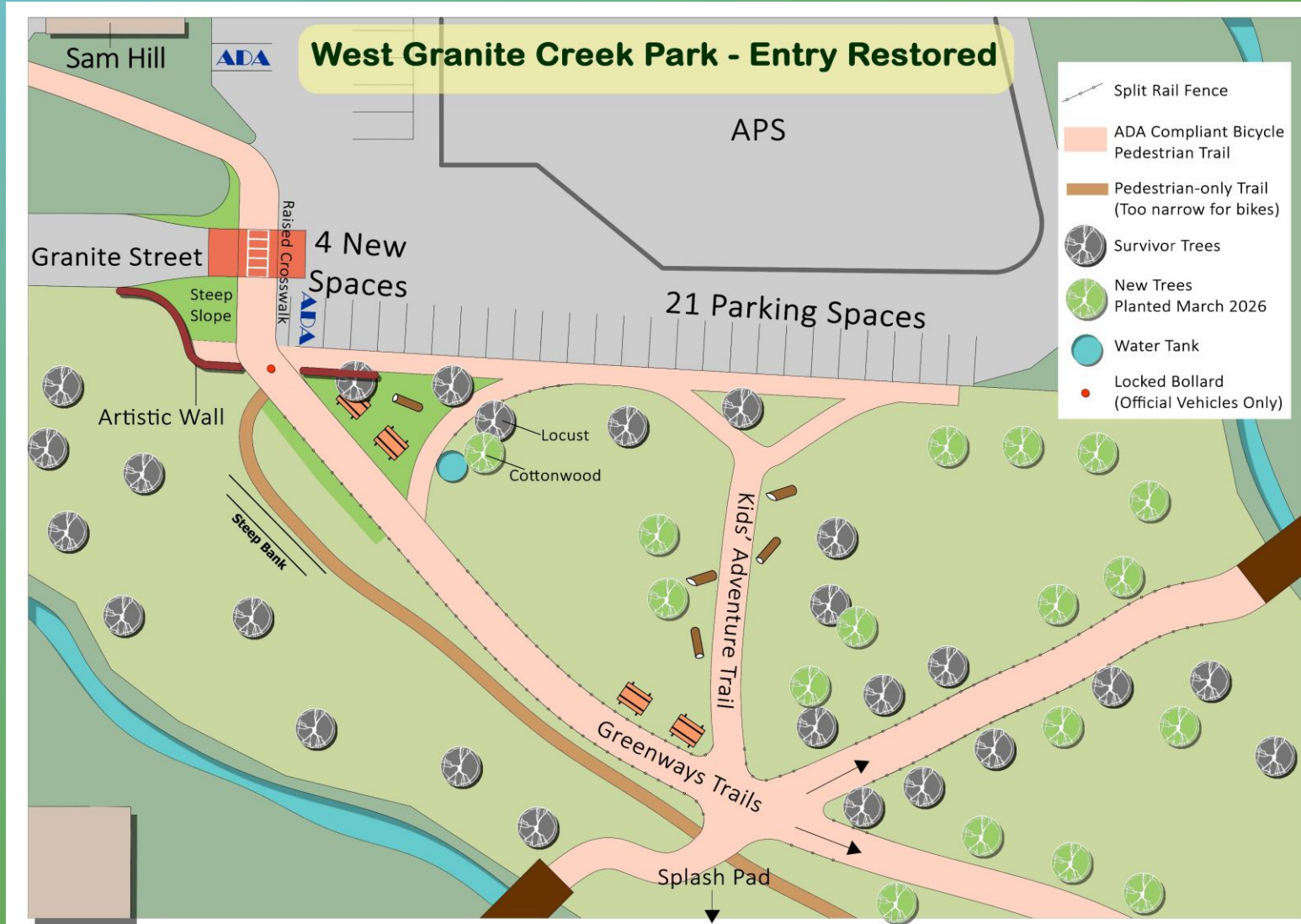
**or
Dangerous
Wasteland**



Striped for parking or drop-off,
pavement area is the same.

Car-free Community Alternative

- Greenways Trails meet federal ADA and bike/ped standards (10' wide and legal grades).
- Single-lane raised crosswalk – slows cars to less than 10mph; fully accessible to emergency vehicles.
- ADA parking next to park entry.
- Cost to City: less than \$30,000.
- Completed by spring 2027.



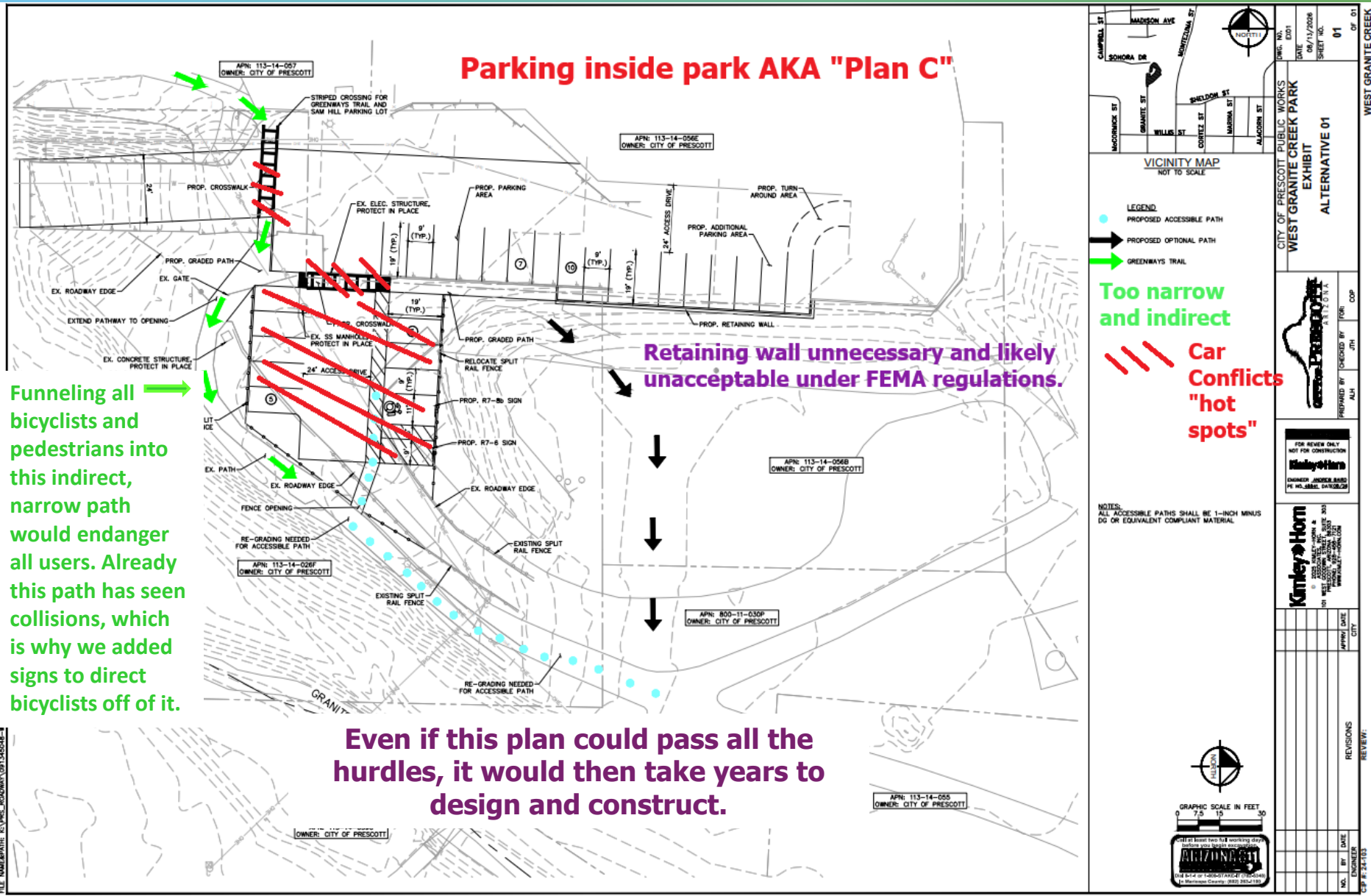
or Car Danger

- High-speed car conflicts across both wide-open crosswalks and within paved area.
 - Proposed trail DOES NOT meet federal ADA or bike/ped standards.
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- Loss of 4 new parking spaces results in a net gain of only 2-3 spaces.
 - Cost to City: \$500,000.
 - Completion unlikely before 2029.



Both Drop-off and Parking Plans Destroy and Endanger the Park Entry (same paved area)

Proposed trail does not meet federal standards



Danger

Cars in the park and next to the trail endanger trail users and children.



This girl dashed from the splash pad into the unapproved parking lot with a towel over her head. Similar scenes would occur if the park entry were turned into parking.

Fiscal Irresponsibility

Spending **\$500,000 of taxpayer money for a net gain of 2-3 parking spots** that would destroy the entry to the park and trail and endanger park users.

Not Necessary

Ample parking is available outside of WGCP for the splash pad, which is only open 3-4 months each year.

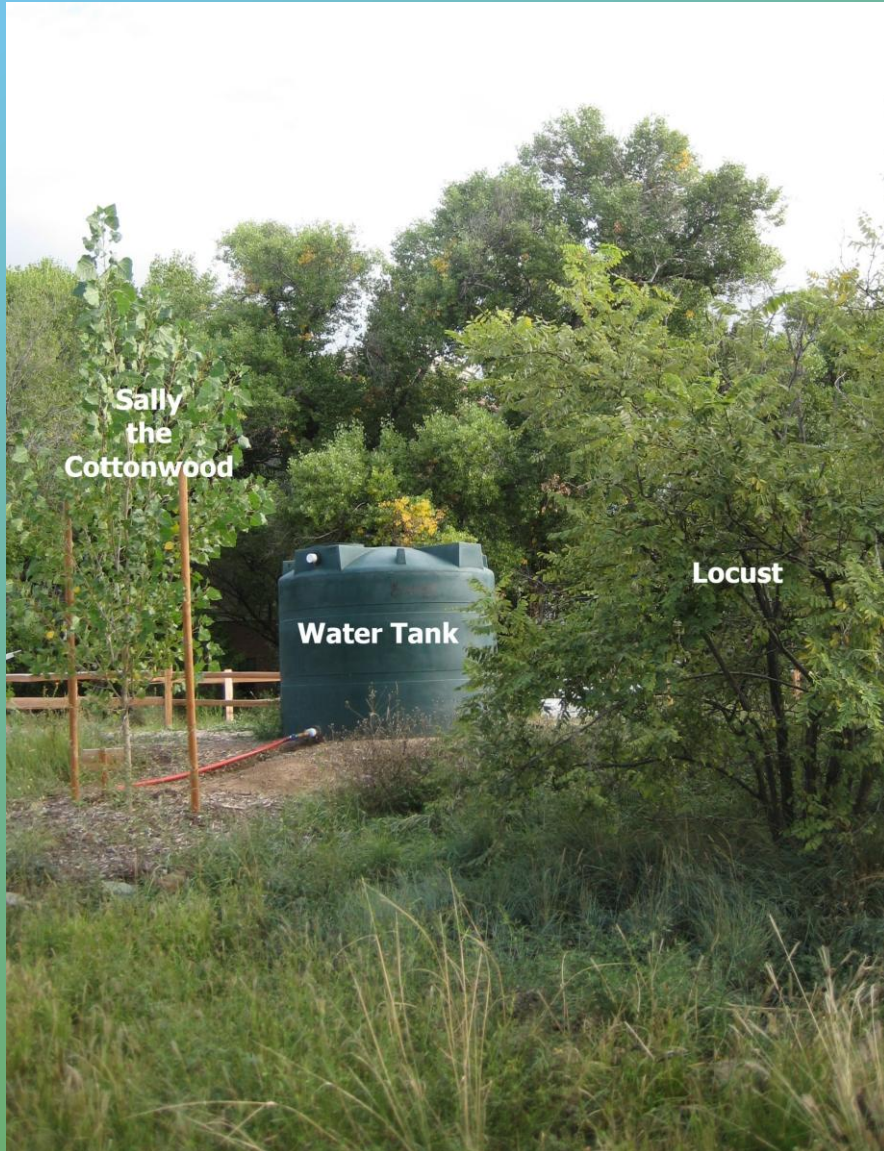
Loss of Locust, Water Tank, and New Cottonwood (would be) Tragic

Paving would require their removal.

LOCUST: Planted by volunteers with donated funds and materials in 2001.

WATER TANK: Installed by the City in spring 2026 for volunteers to water new trees. First 21 new trees need to be watered until spring of 2028. This fall, 12-16 new cottonwoods and willows to be planted, replacing those that were cut down for the parking lot. These new trees will also need to be watered temporarily for two years to ensure survival.

NEW COTTONWOOD: Planted by volunteers with donated funds and materials in March 2026, named “Sally” by children on May 2, 2026.



Let's build a car-free park

safe from car danger for children and trail users

This?



Aggregate Pavement
(example)

or

This?



Park Entry Ideas
(example)

instead of another wasteland parking lot

that would invite speeding cars, destroy the park entry, and kill cherished trees
for a net gain of only 2-3 more parking spaces!

**Why destroy this last
section of park for a net
gain of only 2-3 parking
spots that would cost
\$500,000 of taxpayer
money?**

Budget to complete the restoration of West Granite Creek Park to natural and car-free:

INCOME (not including volunteer labor*):

• City of Prescott	\$29,000
• Donors & Sponsors (as of Oct. 2026)	\$8,500
• Materials to be donated	\$10,000
Total:	\$47,500

EXPENSE:

• Pavement improvement (no new)	\$15,000
• Parking space restriping	\$1,500
• Entry improvement	\$10,000
• Trails – completion & surface	\$5,000
• Raised crosswalk across Granite St.	\$6,000
• Signs – parking & park info	\$10,000
Total:	\$47,500

Other improvements like the Kids' Adventure Trail, picnic tables, education amenities, etc. will be added as more funds are raised by the coalition.

* 2025 value of hourly volunteer rate for Arizona is \$35.27 (Independent Sector).



January 2001, volunteers building the bridge that now leads to the splash pad.

Budget to complete the restoration of West Granite Creek Park to natural and car-free:

Does not include **RETAINING WALL** or extension of linear parking area into the park because:

- It would destroy more park land.
- It is not necessary – cars have had no trouble entering and exiting the linear parking area.
- Addition of signs like those posted downtown, will discourage vehicles that would not fit well.
- It is unlikely to pass FEMA scrutiny.



Built by the Community

1998 - 2001

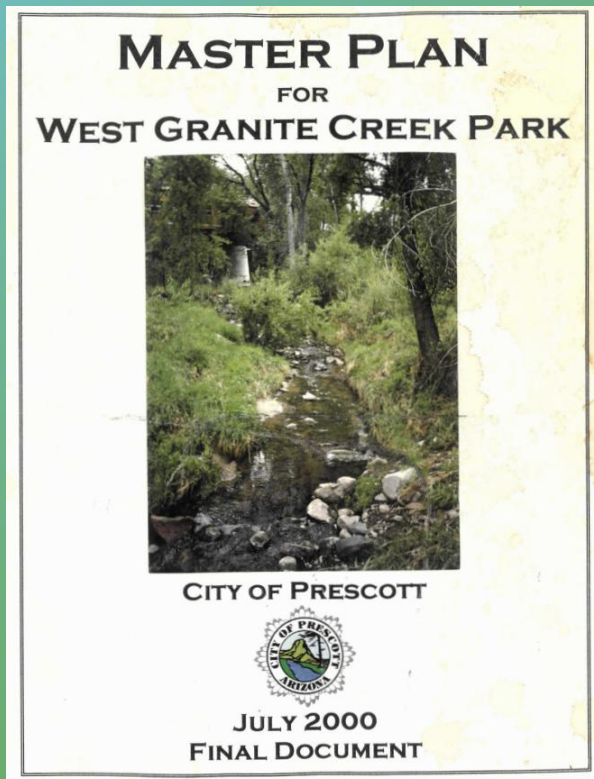
Volunteers, donors, businesses, and nonprofits:

- Created the car-free design in the Master Plan.
- Cleaned up site and added nutrient-rich soil for plantings.
- Planted native trees and plants.
- Built this first section of Greenways Trail with donated materials.



Protected by the City

- **July 2000** City Council passed Resolution No. 3274 as part of the [Master Plan](#) protecting the park as natural, car-free open space (NOS).
- **February 11, 2025** Council rejected parking lot plan and chose to restore the park and trail to its original design outlined in the Master Plan.



Restored by the Community

2024 - 2026

- Coalition re-formed to restore the park and trail.
- Donor funds paid for tree planting, gravel removal, handmade signs, and split rail fence.
- Volunteers dug, raked, planted, installed, and beautified the once blighted area.
- Volunteers continue restoration, care, maintenance, and tree watering.

~ Over \$14million and countless volunteer hours contributed since 1998~

In Collaboration with the City



Restoration celebration with City leaders and coalition volunteers, donors, and sponsors May 2, 2026



City staff and coalition volunteers work together planting 21 new trees in March 2026

Celebrated Together

West Granite Creek Park Coalition (as of Oct. 2026):

- **Community organizations:** Dexter Neighborhood residents, Friends of Granite Creek Park, Green Mountain Center for Sustainability at Prescott College, Natural History Institute, Parents for a Car-free West Granite Creek Park, Prescott Alternative Transportation, Prescott Audubon Society, and Prescott Creeks.
- **Business sponsors:** Biel Foreign & Domestic Repairs, Chain Reaction Physical Therapy, Dunn's Tire & Automotive, EMI Printworks, Frontier Dog & Co, Granite Orthopaedics, High Gear Bike Shop, Ironclad Bicycles, Jonny's Tree & Landscaping Co., Madshirtz, Nick's Feed Your Face, Powersports Outlet, R Blume Underground, Restored Hope Hand Therapy, Soul Ride Bike Shop & Taproom, and The Lookout.
- **And: City of Prescott** (please continue your support)

Why the Entry Remains Unrestored

The entire park was blighted by the parking lot construction, which was never approved by City Council.

We were asked to leave the entry area near Granite St. unrestored due to the request for a drop-off there.

Our coalition has restored most of the park and trail.

Please allow us to restore this remaining section of park and trail free from the dangers of cars, as we've done with the rest of the park.

**We continue our commitment to
work with the City to restore
our natural car-free park and,
this time, protect it forever!**

**West Granite Creek Park
Coalition:
PrescottBikePed.com**

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