

Reactions to the plan to pave West Granite Creek Park as a Parking Lot

from Dexter Neighborhood Residents

(and other Prescott citizens)

There is an apple tree that will be destroyed if the park is paved. My family noticed the scrawny tree 2 years ago and started caring for it. We love visiting the tree, and watching it thrive. We are expecting it to bear fruit next fall. - Caroline Williams

West Granite Creek was the site of our city's very first Nature Niños event! What incredible joy seeing over 100 children & caregivers exploring the trickling creek, meandering the trails, and playing in the shade of the cottonwoods—No screens, no judgments, just children in nature making childhood memories with friends and family! This park is so special to so many and our accessible community greenspaces are already extremely limited. It's vital we preserve every bit we can so we can continue to ensure healthy opportunities for play, discovery, relaxation, recreation and more for ourselves and generations to come!

- Ellen Bashor

Please consider the children and invest in this park as a local resource for families instead of a commercial endeavor. - Zoe McCaffery

Kids playing in the creek.

- Sabrina Swab

That's our park!!

- Johanna Hawley

Cool shade on hot summer days - Jewel Brighten

Sitting under the cottonwoods with a group of mamas while children run happy and free.

- Stephenie Thompson-Rush

This park is the Soul of our community. We live, breathe, walk, play and explore along this watershed trail. It is for all of us and our future generation as respite from the busy pace of urban living. WQCP is an absolute gem for our neighborhood, and it deserves our stewardship. - Colleen McHorney

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Walking with other mamas and babies on the trails between the tall trees. Enjoying the greenscape. - Kathryn Dominguez

West Granite creek park was the first park I went to with my dog when I first moved to Arizona in 2019. I was amazed to see such a beautiful green park with so many families and pets happily and safely exploring and playing. I love this park and would be devastated to see any part stripped for a parking lot. We have enough places for cars already!! - Kacey E. Griffin

I have enjoyed participating in the granite creek clean up with my kids - we all get so much benefit from that activity and from having this wonderful green space run through our town! I also love the walking access from the main park all the way through town. It's a total gem!
- Joy Geoff

A beautiful trail and park which we frequently enjoy! - Vicki Johnson

Keep it a park!! Don't pave the park! - Melanie Gano

My kids love playing in and around the creek, it's so beautiful and peaceful there. A paved parking lot would destroy all of that. It would change the temperature, the energy, there'd be pollution roll off into the creek, etc.
- Laurel Dickinson

I was part of a young mother's group that would walk their babies in strollers every Wednesday to (West) Granite Creek Park for years. We raised our children at this park. We would like to preserve its beauty.
- Leslie Erin Harris

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I love walking there with my dog and the feeling of undisturbed nature.

- Jovita Fine

... (this) park has always been a gathering place for kids and adults alike to enjoy nature in the middle of our busy town. - Elaina Pagliasotti

I will always cherish the memories of walking my toddlers along the trail from mile high middle school to granite creek park looking for cool bugs, snakes and ravens. - Nicole Lund

The riparian vein of Granite Creek and its confluence with Miller and Butte Creek is an important natural space in the midst of the city... That there is already parking available to the west side of the former Sam Hill warehouse makes this destructive move unnecessary.

- Jay Ruby

My daughter was home schooled and we did her graduation at the park.

- Frederick Kester

To see the development of a paved parking area on the park would be yet another loss of our green spaces that seem to dwindle away with the years, just as the childhood memories of its magnificence. - Isaac Nache

I took my young daughter here most every day when I moved here in the 1990s. I have done creek clean up here, Tai chi, yoga, picnics, concerts. - Teresa Manning