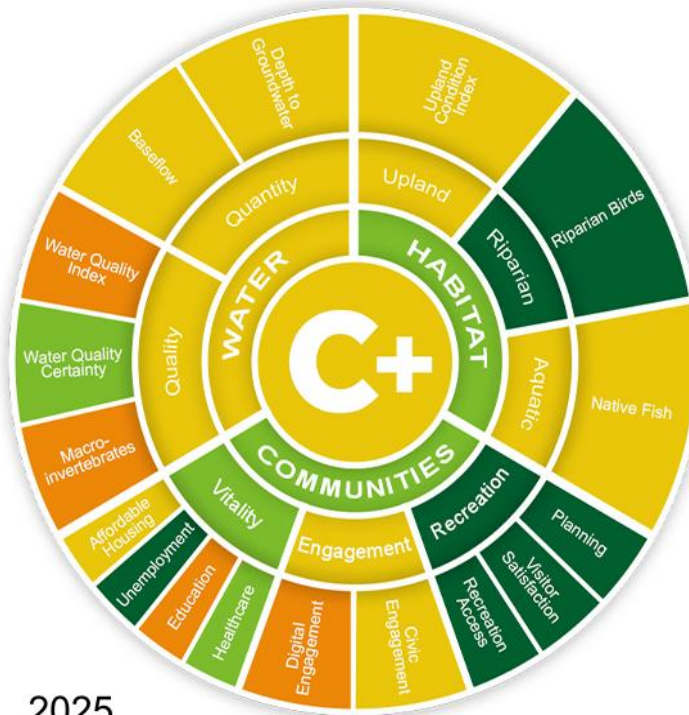


Verde River Watershed Report Card Update

Progress and Work Ahead



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2025

VERDE RIVER WATERSHED REPORT CARD

Grade scale

A Very good (100–80%)	C Moderate (59–40%)	F Very poor (19–0%)
B Good (79–60%)	D Poor (39–20%)	U Unscored

After years of work and collaboration, the highly anticipated [2025 Verde River Watershed Report Card](#) is here. **The update shows progress in the health of the watershed, while also making clear that there is still more work to do.**

“What we are seeing is real progress in the Verde River watershed,” said Kimberly Schonek, Water Program Director for [The Nature Conservancy in Arizona](#). “By restoring upland areas, we’re strengthening the entire system’s ability to absorb rainfall, reduce erosion, and withstand drought and wildfire. This helps improve wildlife corridors and support the animals that rely on these lands.”

Restoration work across the Verde River Watershed is helping heal its landscapes, according to the newly released report.

“The Verde River flows from Prescott to Fountain Hills, and supports agriculture and wildlife, and provides drinking water for more than 3 million people in Arizona,” said [David Gressly](#), the Executive Director of Friends of the Verde River. “The report card helps communities understand how the watershed is changing over time and where we should focus restoration and conservation efforts.”

Updated every five years, the report card is a science-based tool developed by Friends of the Verde River and The Nature Conservancy in Arizona, along with regional partners. It measures watershed health using indicators related to land, water, wildlife, and community well-being.

MLK Day of Service

Give Back to the Verde River



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Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by joining us for a Day of Service on Monday, January 19. Volunteers from across the Verde River watershed will come together to care for our lands and waters.

Choose from in-person projects like trail cleanups, riverbank restoration, planting native trees, or picking up litter at local parks. You can also host your own community cleanup and share your impact with us. We are also looking for photographers to help document the day!

Together, we can honor Dr. King's vision of community, give back to nature, and make a lasting difference.