



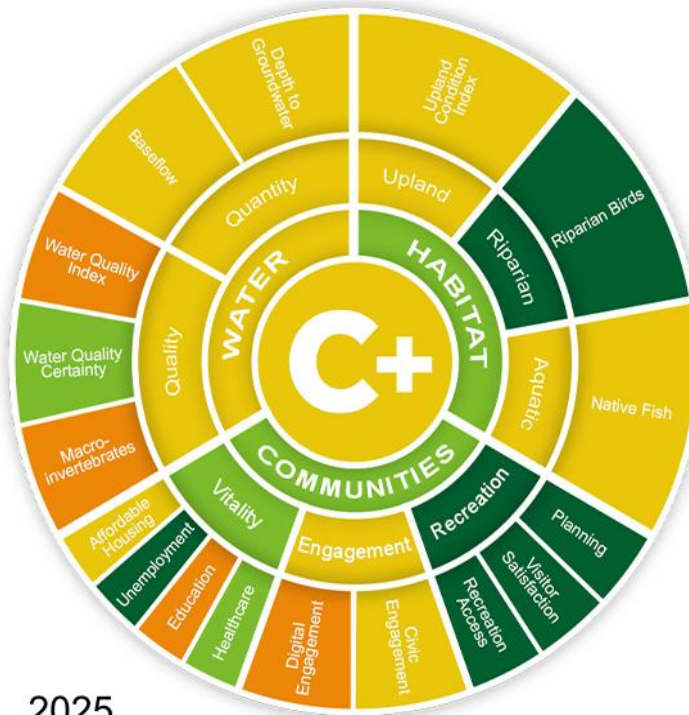
Did you see our Executive Director, David Gressly, on FOX 10 Phoenix?

David joined to talk about our newly updated Verde River Watershed Report Card and some the work we're doing to help restore and protect the Verde River. This news segment gives us a powerful opportunity to reach people in the Phoenix area who may not yet know about our work.

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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.

We're Hiring!



Are you looking for work, or know a student who is? Friends of the Verde River has paid AmeriCorps positions available focused on environmental education and conservation. **Applicants must apply through NAU and select Environmental Literacy Corps (ELC) on the application.** Learn more and share with someone who might be a great fit!

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