



Available Conservation Programs and Funding

Arizona Association of Conservation Districts

District Training Program

2018

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service



- ❧ **Environmental Quality Incentive Programs (EQIP)** and **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)** provides funding for structural and management conservation practices on agricultural land.
- ❧ **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)** promotes coordination between the NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners.
- ❧ **Technical Assistance Program** provides landowners with science-based conservation planning and technical expertise (e.g., engineering and biological) unique to the region and land use type.
- ❧ **Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations and Watershed Rehabilitation Program** can assist local sponsors to carry out activities for soil conservation; flood prevention; conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water; watershed surveys; and dam rehabilitation.

Arizona State Forestry



- ❧ **Wildland Fire Hazardous Fuel Grant** to reduce hazardous fuels to protect Arizona communities.
- ❧ **Community Challenge Grant** encourages and promotes citizen involvement in supporting long-term and sustainable urban and community forestry programs at the local level.
- ❧ **Invasive Plants Grant** helps manage invasive noxious plants that threaten forested, woodland, or rangeland areas in Arizona.
- ❧ **Western Bark Beetle Initiative** to integrate pest management to mitigate future tree mortality caused by bark beetles.
- ❧ **Biomass Enterprise Grant** to use wood energy.
- ❧ **Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant**, which helps with fire management and prevention activities such as training, equipping, and organizing rural fire departments.

Arizona Game and Fish



❧ **Wildlife Conservation Fund (WCF) Grant Program.** The WCF Grant Program supports projects that help conserve, enhance, and restore Arizona's diverse wildlife resources and habitats for present and future generations.

❧ **Heritage Fund Program** is available for non-profit organizations. Heritage funding goes toward conservation efforts such as protecting endangered species, educating students and the general public about wildlife and the outdoors, and creating new opportunities for outdoor recreation

Arizona Department of Water Resources



☞ **Arizona Water Protection Fund**
(AWPF) provides grants to private, local, state, federal, and Indian agencies for the protection and restoration of rivers and streams.



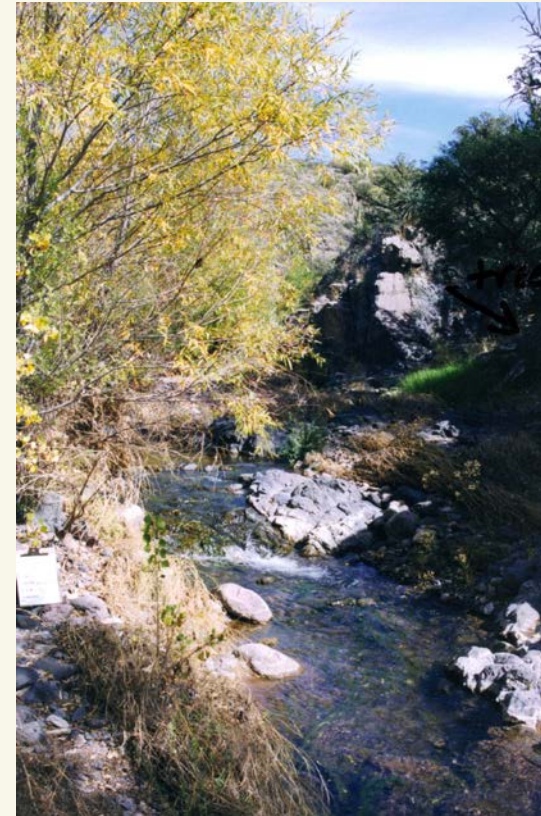
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Hereford NRCD Horseshoe Draw Project

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation



∞ National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides funding on a competitive basis to projects that sustain, restore, and enhance our nation's fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats.



US Fish and Wildlife Service



❧ **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

provides restoration assistance and funding to landowners to restore habitat for trust species such as migratory birds, anadromous fish, and declining animals and plants.

❧ **Landowner Incentive Program**, funded

by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and administered through the Arizona Game & Fish Department, provides funding of up to 75% of the costs for private landowners to protect, enhance, or restore habitats that benefit at-risk species.

Other Programs and Grants Are Available



- ❧ Many other state, tribal, and federal programs and grants are available to help provide cooperators with technical and financial assistance.
- ❧ Districts are authorized to enter into agreements with federal, state, tribal, county, and municipal governments to help implement their conservation programs

