



## Friends of the Verde River is preserving one of the last flowing rivers in the American Southwest

Sustaining River Flows  
Restoring Habitat  
Inspiring River Stewards



### Be a River Hero

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**Sycamore Society**

## Planning for Your Future

*Leaving your Legacy*



I am pleased that Friends of the Verde River has chosen to honor those who make a legacy commitment or major current gift through the Sycamore Society.

When my husband and I recently revised our trust, we asked our attorney to include a provision for Friends of the Verde in our estate plan. Like you, we want to ensure that Friends of the Verde River will always be here, working for a healthy, flowing Verde River system. Like you, we value the Verde River system and all it provides.

I invite you to consider joining me and Bruce in preserving the future of our rivers through your own legacy gift commitment. You can make a world of difference! Let's keep the rivers flowing!

Yours,

Nancy L.C. Steele, D.Env.  
Executive Director



## Creating a Legacy for the Verde

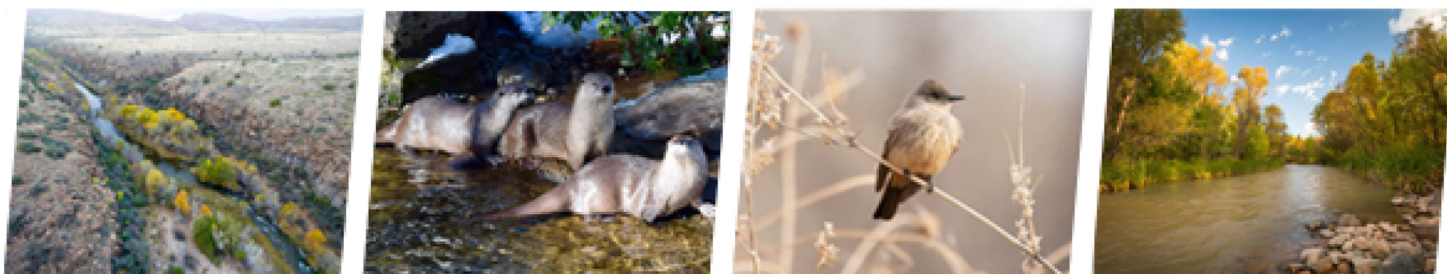
Friends of the Verde River was founded in 2011 to support a healthy, flowing Verde River and all of its tributaries and springs. In our second decade, we remain committed to preserving this ribbon of life in Arizona. Our innovative programs, like the Verde River Exchange and River Friendly Living, will keep water in the rivers. With the support of people like you, Friends of the Verde River continues to fight for the Verde.

## Sycamore Society

The Sycamore Society is our legacy program, open to people like you who commit to document a gift for Friends of the Verde River through their will, trust, beneficiary designation, or other estate planning document, or who make a significant current gift of cash, stock, or Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA.

*"Bruce and I included Friends of the Verde River in our living trust to ensure that Friends of the Verde River is around to work for the Verde River long into the future."*

Dr. Nancy Steele, Executive Director



## How You Can Make a Legacy

There are many ways to provide a future gift for Friends of the Verde River.

A simple declaration in your will or trust will give directions to your trustee or executor. If you already have a will or trust, you can update it with language making a future provision for Friends of the Verde River.

You can name Friends of the Verde River as a beneficiary of some or all of the accounts you own. It might be a retirement account, a life insurance policy, or an investment account. Each account custodian will have a beneficiary form for you to complete if you want to add FVR as a beneficiary.

Donors who make legacy provisions are assured of having access to their assets throughout their lifetimes should something unforeseen occur requiring use of those assets.

## Ways to Give Now

There are many ways to make a meaningful commitment qualifying for membership in the Sycamore Society. Charter members are those who make this commitment by December 31, 2022.

In 2021 you may be able to take advantage of an opportunity to deduct up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for gifts of cash. Check with your tax advisor for current tax reduction opportunities.

You may want to give appreciated securities you have owned for more than a year. By gifting stock directly to Friends, donors bypass capital gains on the appreciation and qualify for a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value as of the gift date. Call 928-641-6013 for DTC account information or go to our website: [verderiver.org](http://verderiver.org)

If you must take a distribution from your IRA, you can have the account custodian direct all or a portion of the distribution to Friends of the Verde River through a Qualified Charitable Distribution. By doing this, you will not have to pay income tax on the portion distributed to Friends.

There are many other ways, of course, to make a current significant gift to Friends of the Verde River. It is always best for you to consult with your own professional advisor on the best and most meaningful way to make a smart, tax-advantaged gift.



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