



***Friends of Prescott Preserve***  
***Our MISSION and GUIDING PRINCIPLES***

**Adopted by Friends of Prescott Preserve and Oswit Land Trust:**

**July 1, 2026.**

- 1. NAME:** The name of this volunteer group shall be ***Friends of Prescott Preserve***.
- 2. PURPOSE:** *Friends of Prescott Preserve* exists to support the ongoing operations and special projects of Prescott Preserve through fundraising, volunteer involvement and community engagement.

*Friends of Prescott Preserve* shall:

- Build community awareness and encourage support for the ecological restoration, habitat conservation, and long-term stewardship of Prescott Preserve.
- Serve as ambassadors for Prescott Preserve within the community.
- Support educational programs focussed on land stewardship, wildlife habitat conservation, and protection of the native desert ecosystem.
- Raise funds to support the Preserve's day-to-day operational needs and special projects.
- Plan and support fundraising activities, donor appreciation events, memberships, and sponsorship opportunities.
- Encourage volunteer participation and community partnerships that benefit Prescott Preserve.
- Maintain a *Friends of Prescott Preserve Steering Team* to help guide and organize activities and events.

- 3. RELATIONSHIP TO OSWIT LAND TRUST:** *Friends of Prescott Preserve* operates in partnership with and under the guidance of Oswit Land Trust. All activities should support and align with the mission, policies and goals of Oswit Land Trust.

*Friends of Prescott Preserve* will have a leadership team known as the ***Friends of Prescott Preserve Steering Team*** (*Steering Team*), whose role is to plan, organize and guide the group's activities.

The *Steering Team* will work closely with designated Oswit Land Trust staff and under the oversight of the Oswit Land Trust Board of Directors.

The *Steering Team* will provide an annual summary of activities and fundraising efforts to the Oswit Land Trust Board and *Friends of Prescott Preserve* members.

- 4. MEMBERSHIP:** Membership in *Friends of Prescott Preserve* is open to anyone who supports the mission of Prescott Preserve through an annual financial contribution in an amount of their choosing, subject to any minimum donation level established by the *Steering Team* or Oswit Land Trust.

Membership opportunities and benefits may include:

- Social gatherings.
- Educational seminars and presentations.

- Guided preserve walks and restoration updates.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Invitations to *Friends of Prescott Preserve* fundraising events.
- Member appreciation events.
- Other Preserve related events organized by the *Steering Team* or Oswit Land Trust.

**5. LEADERSHIP:** The *Friends of Prescott Preserve Steering Team* will:

- Consist of at no fewer than three (3) members and no more than seven (7) members.
- Include designated Oswit Land Trust staff and community members who support the mission of Prescott Preserve and bring helpful experience in fundraising and community engagement.

**6. MEETINGS:** *Friends of Prescott Preserve Steering Team* will meet regularly, typically monthly or every other month, or more often as needed. The meetings may be held in person or online.

**7. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT and FUNDRAISING:** All funds raised by *Friends of Prescott Preserve* will be managed through Oswit Land Trust and handled according to the nonprofit's financial policies and procedures.

All funds raised through *Friends of Prescott Preserve* will be used to directly support identified Prescott Preserve priorities and needs.

Oswit Land Trust will provide regular financial updates to the *Steering Team* and an annual financial report to the *Friends of Prescott Preserve* membership.

**8. ETHICS and CONFIDENTIALITY:** All *Prescott Preserve Steering Team* are expected to:

- Follow all legal and ethical fundraising practices.
- Act in good faith and in the best interests of Prescott Preserve and Oswit Land Trust.
- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest.
- Respect the confidentiality of donor information and internal organizational matters.

**9. DISSOLUTION:** If *Friends of Prescott Preserve* is dissolved, all remaining records, funds and assets will remain with Oswit Land Trust for Prescott Preserve-related purposes.

**10. REVIEW and AMENDMENTS:** The *Friends of Prescott Preserve* Mission and Guiding Principles may be updated or amended upon recommendation of the *Friends of Prescott Preserve Steering Team* and approval by the Oswit Land Trust Board of Directors.