# Arizona Water Watch Citizen Science Water Quality Program















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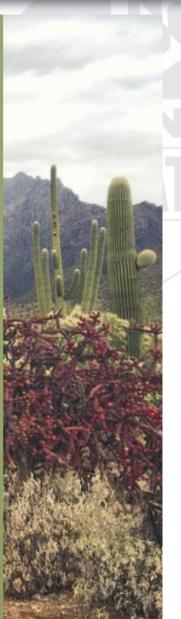




#### Water In Arizona









# CITIZEN SCIENCE TO THE RESCUE!



#### Arizona Water Watch



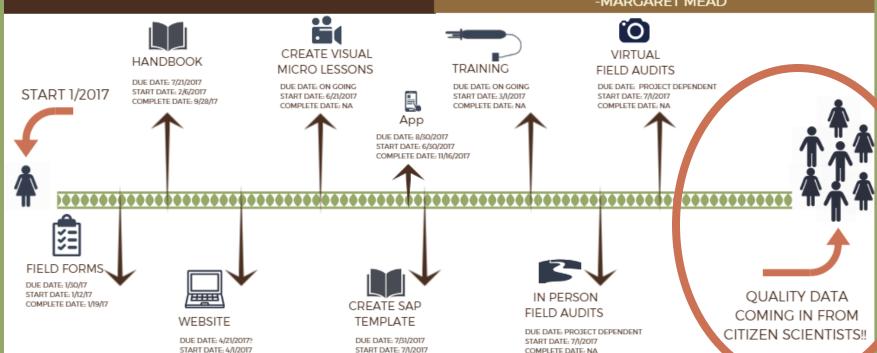
## ARIZONA WATER WATCH CITIZEN SCIENCE PROGRAM

PROVIDE RESOURCES AND GUIDANCE TO **VOLUNTEERS IN ARIZONA. ALIGN ADEQ** MONITORING GOALS WITH LOCAL GROUPS' NEEDS AND COLLECT DEFENSIBLE HIGH QUALITY DATA!

COMPLETE DATE: 4/24/2017

**NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF** THOUGHTFUL CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.

#### -MARGARET MEAD



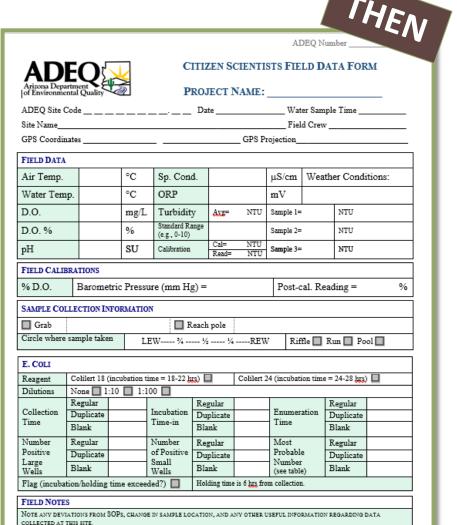
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## Resources: Visually Friendly Field Forms

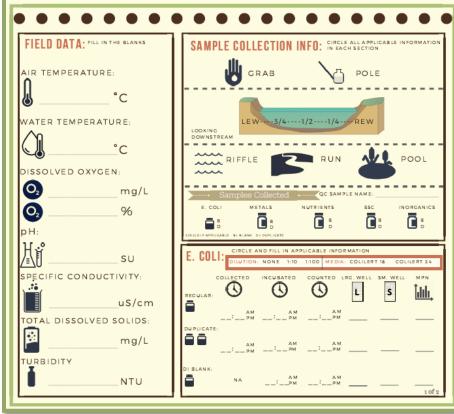
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#### Resources: Handbook



#### **Handbook Snippets:**

- Increase Visuals
- Breakdown Form Details
- Label Equipment
  - Calibration Details Step by Step
- Updated Annually
  - Change Is Inevitable!



### Resources: SAP/QAP



FY17 Sampling and Analysis & Quality Assurance Program Plan for Friends of the Tonto and Tonto NF





#### Verde River



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Sampling and Analysis & Quality Assurance Plan for

The Verde River

Ambient Water Quality
Fiscal Year 2017
Sampling Season March through December











#### Friends of the Tonto and Tonto NF

Arizona Water Watch and Analysis & Quality Assurance Plan f Butcher Jones, Saguaro Lake

Ambient Water Quality
Fiscal Year 2017 & 2018
Sampling Season June-September 2017





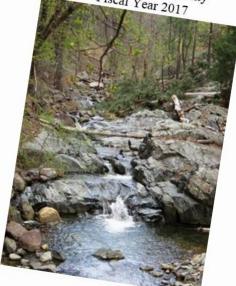
FY17 Sampling and Analysis Plan for Butte Creek

# Butte Creek Restoration Project



Butte Creek Restoration Council Sampling and Analysis Plan for Butte Creek

Ambient Water Quality Fiscal Year 2017



#### Resources: Training



#### Annual Training!

- Volunteers prefer to learn where they are sampling
- Do best with inside watch and learn.
   THEN outside practice
- Probes are difficult
- Notebooks provided
- Cheat sheets help









#### Resources: Audit checklist



- Credible data is important!
- Audits help verify proper sampling techniques are being used
- Typically done within the first few months after training
- Virtual field audit is an option too!





#### Arizona Water Watch App



- Released in November 2017
- Uses Survey 123 platform
- Built in-house
- Takes ~ 3 minutes to complete
  - Yes/ No Questions
  - Photos
  - Comments





## Download the **free** mobile app and instantly help **protect AZ waters**

1

Download **Survey123 for ArcGIS** (iPhone or Android) free from your app store



2

Visit

bit.ly/azwaterwatchapp

3

Select **Open in the Survey123 field app** and complete a test survey

4

Visit azdeq.gov/programs/azww for other volunteer opportunities

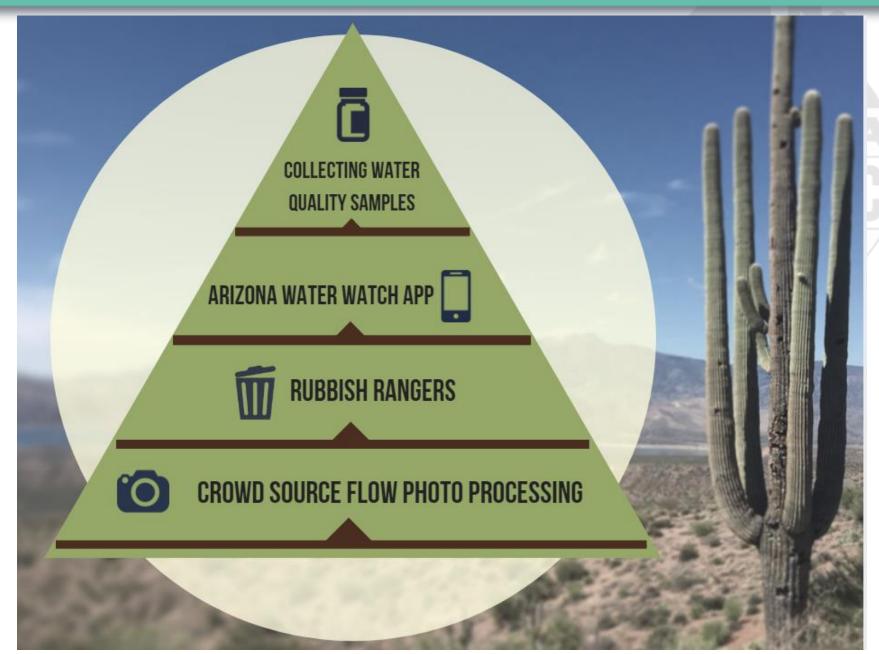


Go to a waterbody, take photos, make observations and submit. It only takes a few minutes!

Data will be interpreted, approved and posted to an online data map for analysis and research. Your contributions allow ADEQ scientists to better discover and analyze water quality issues at the source.

## Multi-Level Volunteer Opportunities





#### Volunteers and Credible Data



## ADEQ SURFACE WATER

# MONITORING

#### **WATER QUALITY**



#### **FLOW**



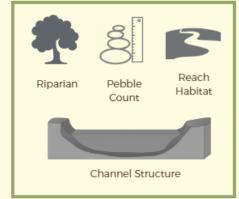
#### LIVING ORGANISMS



#### **WET DRY MAPPING**

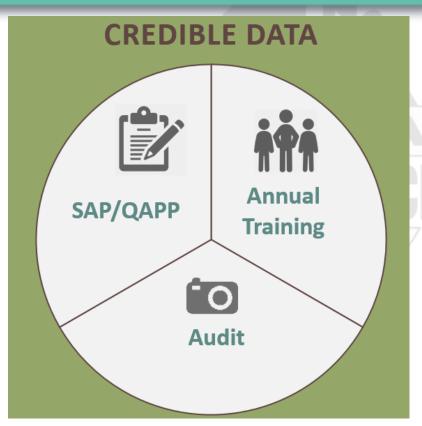


#### **ECOSYSTEM**



#### **IMPLEMENTATIONS**



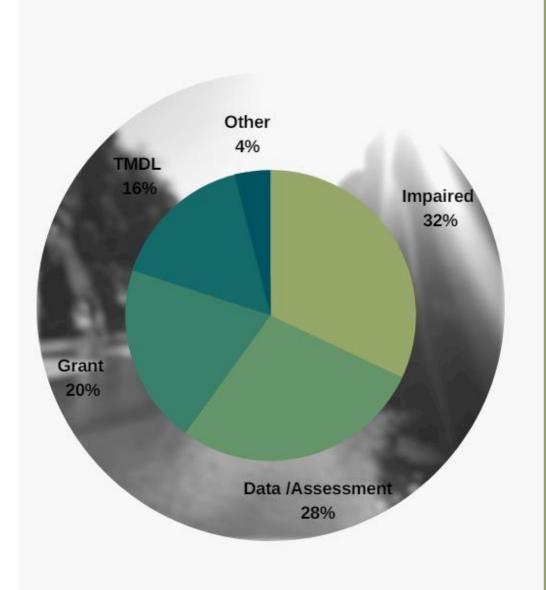


#### Volunteer Needs:

- Training
  - Handbook, micro-video lessons, etc.
- Scientific Equipment and Supplies
  - Loaner Library
- Study Design Assistance

## Sampling Purpose Breakdown







#### Volunteer Recognition







ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## CITIZEN SCIENTIST

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

for an outstanding season collecting over 200 water quality data records and aiding in the protection of Arizona's streams!

Given this 10th of November, 2017





MEGHAN SMART

ADEQ Citizen Science Coordinator

## How Can Citizen Science Help You?





- Equation for success!
- Think Outside the Box!
- How can citizen science help you?



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### Questions?





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