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Greetings!



Every 10 years, Yavapai County must update its Comprehensive Plan. This Plan is a state-required policy document that guides future growth and development in our County. Now, the County is asking for your assistance with a survey. *This survey represents the first opportunity for residents to let the County know how they feel about a number of the most important issues it will address in the Comprehensive Plan in 2022.*

For those of us who aspire to live in a County that places high value on the environment, on sustainability and resiliency, and on ensuring that growth is well-managed, we need a County Comprehensive Plan that emphasizes those values.

Click here to take the survey. It will only take 10-15 minutes to complete, but it will be well worth your time. This is your opportunity to step up and become part of the vision for growth and development in Yavapai County. Specifically, the survey will help the County identify key areas of interest and concern related to development, such as:

- Land use
- Transportation
- Water resources
- Open space
- Energy
- Environment
- Cost of development
- And more

Read more about the Comprehensive Plan here. This Yavapai County website also gives residents an opportunity to get on their email list for notifications about activities around the Plan.

KSB urges all residents of Yavapai County to take a few minutes out of their day to complete this important survey. Please share this information with friends and family in the area.

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Recycle efforts remain challenging, at best, as our throw-away society becomes more careless. Couple that with misappropriation of funds (taxes collected) and it becomes a steep, uphill climb. Image from Global Water Forum.

Sign a Petition to Reappropriate Funds to Support AZ Recycling

As part of a project to identify how to reinvigorate Arizona recycling, given that many municipalities have been forced to curtail their recycling efforts due to lack of funding, researchers have recently found that the real problem is misappropriation of funds collected.

Arizona has been collecting the **landfill disposal fee (A.R.S. 49-836)** without properly appropriating the funds collected. Half of the money (millions) raised through this fee is intended to finance the **recycling fund (A.R.S. 49-837)**, which provides cities, nonprofits, and industry leaders with grants that promote recycling. Cities are one of the main contributors to these landfill fees, but it's become apparent that they are paying into these funds without getting the support they are meant to provide. Policymakers are diverting this money elsewhere instead of using it to help municipalities start and/or innovate their recycling programs.

Why is this important? With the implementation of China's "National Sword" policy in 2018 that banned the import of 24 types of waste, the U.S. has had to adjust in different ways. China had been the primary importer of our recyclable materials. For Arizona, it left municipalities scrambling to manage increasing recyclables and no options to manage or send this waste. Municipalities have had to reduce services or halt recycling programs altogether.

Keep Sedona Beautiful asks you to consider signing a letter to the Arizona state legislature, requesting that they fully finance the recycling fund so that municipalities can reinvest in their recycling programs throughout the state. You can access the letter and sign it here: <https://forms.gle/y8uAHQyvU8YUd6zdA>.

After signing, please feel free to share this with others who you believe would support this effort.



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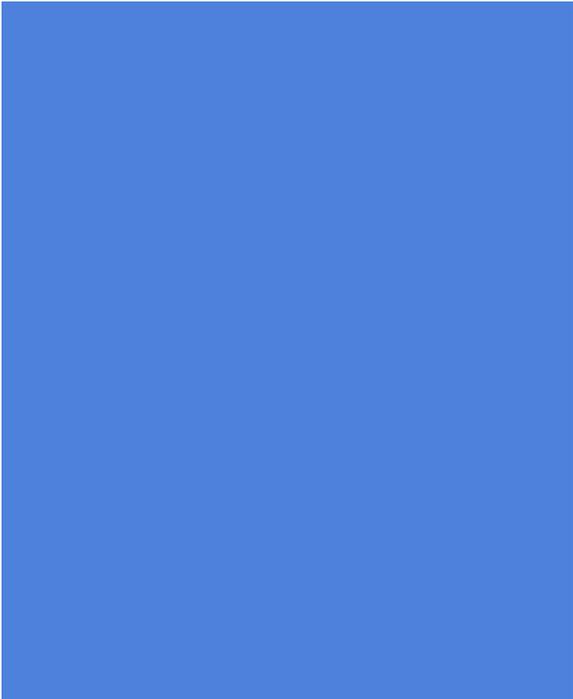


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Mike Koopsen has always been passionate about the natural world and the beauty that surrounds us.

Seeking out the awesome beauty of nature brings with it the adventure of exploration and the wonder of seeing things in a special light. Mike's award-winning images have been published in books and magazines, as well as newspapers, and have been used in many brochures, videos, and web sites.

Mike hopes his images will inspire others to seek out a richer, more personal connection with nature, and increase everyone's awareness of the fragile and precious nature of our environment and the need to protect it so future generations can enjoy the wonder he has been blessed to experience.



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