



## BLACK CANYON HERITAGE PARK

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Dear Ann,

At Black Canyon Heritage Park, we're always working to improve and enhance the riparian habitats we steward. One of the key projects underway this year is updating the park's perimeter fencing - a crucial step in protecting the delicate ecosystems and the species that call them home.

### DEFINITIONS

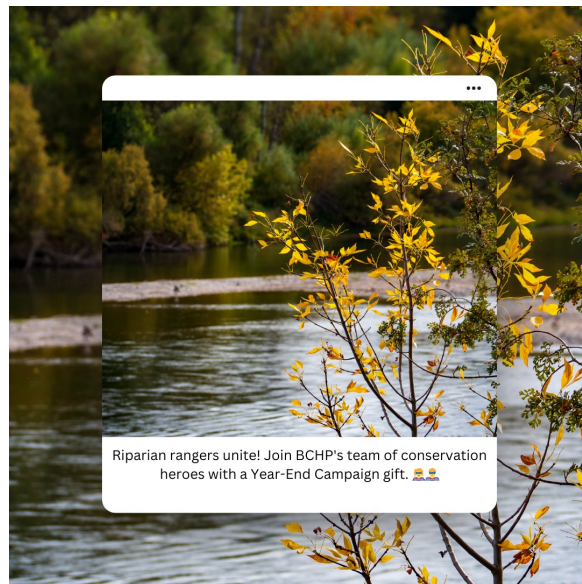
**Riparian:** *Relating to the interface between land, pond, and a river or stream, often characterized by vegetation and ecosystems that depend on the presence of water.*

**Habitat Steward:** *Person that conserves, restores, and maintains natural environments to support the well-being of wildlife and ecosystems.*

### Why is fencing so important?

#### It helps us:

- Manage access to sensitive habitat areas, reducing human disturbance to wildlife
- Create safer spaces for visitors to enjoy the park's trails and amenities
- Prevent entrance by stray livestock and dogs (particularly on the river side), which can degrade vegetation and soil health



Picture below shows the path work in progress and finished. There's some other temporary fence improvements on the river side **but we need funding for a permanent fix.**



Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, we've made significant progress on this project. So far, we've:

- Completed a comprehensive assessment of the park's existing fencing infrastructure
- Added cabling along nature path minimize off-trail disturbance
- Identified priority areas for repair, replacement, and new installation
- Begun fence improvements on south (river side).

**But there's still more to be done.** To fully realize our vision of a secure, sustainably managed riparian sanctuary, we need to:

- Replace the river fence with a 6-foot high fence (dependent on getting funding)
- Install new gate and signage for traffic control
- Establish a long-term maintenance fund to ensure the fencing remains effective for years to come

When you give to BCHP's Year-End Campaign, you're not just supporting a fence - **you're investing** in the long-term health and resilience of one of Arizona's last great riparian treasures.

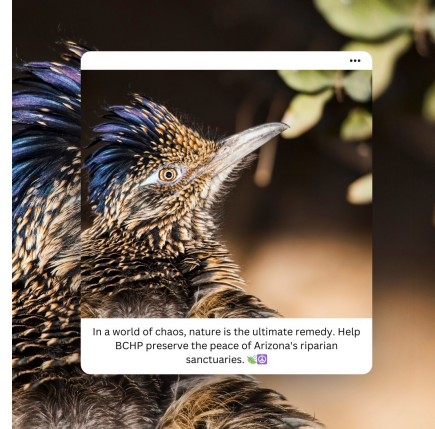
### Will you help us continue this critical work?

Every contribution brings us closer to our goal of a fully protected, thriving riparian ecosystem.

**Thank you for being a part of this journey.**

With gratitude,

Bob Cothorn, Chair  
Black Canyon Heritage Park *(a subsidiary of Black Canyon City Community Association)*



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