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Letter: City master plan

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The vision for Prescott as adopted by the 2015 General Plan, "...reflects the wishes of the people..." and "...throughout the growth periods, Prescott retains its environmental qualities ... extensive open spaces and greater trail connectivity ... riparian areas, and significant vistas" along with a "... responsible attitude to the environment and respect for ... current residents." Part of this vision stated in the Plan is a moderate growth rate to protect important open space areas and wild habitats, in particular the Granite Dells.

On Jan. 28, the Courier quoted Mayor Greg Mengarelli as saying, "With Arizona Eco Development potentially coming into the city this year, I want to do everything we can to preserve as much of the Dells as possible and continue to develop trails." I'm pleased to read that the Mayor reiterated these stated values. He offered an opportunity to review the Open Space Master Plan criteria (part of the General Plan) that states, "As Prescott continues to grow, open spaces will be woven into the fabric of the City. They will create harmony between physical development and the natural environment for the benefit of all Prescott citizens and preservation of open space reinforces pride in our past and contributes to a vision for our future."

As development looms on the horizon, let's make sure the city adheres to our community's wishes as stated in the General Plan: The Granite Dells are our top priority for preservation.

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