

Sustainable Funding Options to Support Freshwater Conservation and Riparian Restoration

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With generous financial support from the Walton Family Foundation, the Tamarisk Coalition (TC) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) have teamed up to explore sustainable funding options to support comprehensive freshwater conservation and riparian restoration in the Colorado River Basin.

Both the TC and TNC have produced reports summarizing our respective research on the subject of sustainable funding. While these documents were produced with the Colorado River Basin in mind, the information presented is intended to serve as a general reference applicable to a variety of freshwater conservation finance challenges. The hope is that these documents prove to be helpful references for conservation practitioners and watershed and other natural resource managers as they begin to develop sustainable funding strategies to support specific freshwater conservation and riparian restoration goals.

The Tamarisk Coalition and The Nature Conservancy developed these reports independently although both address potential sustainable funding mechanisms and strategies. The reports, which take somewhat different approaches for evaluating the multitude of options and existing case study examples, make similar recommendations regarding strategies most likely to contribute to long-term success. However, neither report is intended to provide an exhaustive assessment of all potential sustainable conservation financing options. Please contact either organization should you have any questions about these reports.

Tamarisk Coalition: Sustainable Funding Options for a Comprehensive Riparian Restoration Initiative in the Colorado River Basin

<http://www.tamariskcoalition.org/FundingResources.html>

The Nature Conservancy: A Compendium of Financing Sources and Tools to Fund Freshwater Conservation

<http://www.conservationgateway.org/file/compendium-financing-sources-and-tools-fund-freshwater-conservation>

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