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PRESS RELEASE

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO RECEIVES A \$20,000 POWER UP GRANT FROM THE PNM FUND

A PNM Power Up Grant to the Environmental Education Association of New Mexico (EEANM) supports the Tijeras Creek Rehabilitation Project, where Tijeras Creek flows through the Village of Tijeras, NM.

The grant will provide resources to continue with improvements in the creek's water quality and the reduction of erosion and stormwater management problems. It expands educational opportunities, increasing the number of field trips for high school science classes and community workshops for local volunteers. The field trips and workshops will provide hands-on experiences with green infrastructure, suppression of invasive plant species, and improvements in soil health and stabilization.

Project manager James M. Brooks, the founder and president of Soilutions, Inc. and Adaptive Terrain Systems, welcomes partners Querencia Green and the EEANM during the year-long project. Brooks notes, "We are extremely grateful and encouraged by the opportunity PNM has given us to go forward with this project, which will help it be especially meaningful for the students, as well as residents, business owners, and our local land and water management institutions."

The Power Up Grant initiative is a \$500,000 investment in the communities PNM serves across the state. The purpose of the grant initiative is to fund innovative projects that improve the quality of life and help build stronger communities in New Mexico.

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