

## Ariel Stone

Inspiring and promoting an increased tree canopy in the Valley

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### Bio

Ariel is an Arizona native, having grown up in downtown Phoenix. She recently graduated with a BS in Nonprofit Leadership and Management, and has always had a passion for both nonprofit management and environmental sustainability. She began volunteering within nonprofits at a young age and

continued volunteering at many great places through college, including environmental organizations such as The Nature Conservancy. She volunteered with Trees Matter (formerly VPA) while a freshman at ASU and is glad to be able to come back as part of the team and help make Trees Matter fulfill its mission every day.

Ariel values the importance of trees and other plants native to the desert southwest, and is particularly interested in ensuring that they thrive in a rapidly growing urban setting. While she's excited to see how fast Phoenix has been growing both culturally and economically in recent years, she believes Trees Matter can have a great impact on making sure this growth happens in the most sustainable way possible. Ariel's favorite tree is the *Citrus sinensis* particularly because of its orange blossoms.