

Impacts Across Time

"A river is the report card for its watershed".

~Alan Levere, Connecticut Department for Environmental Protection

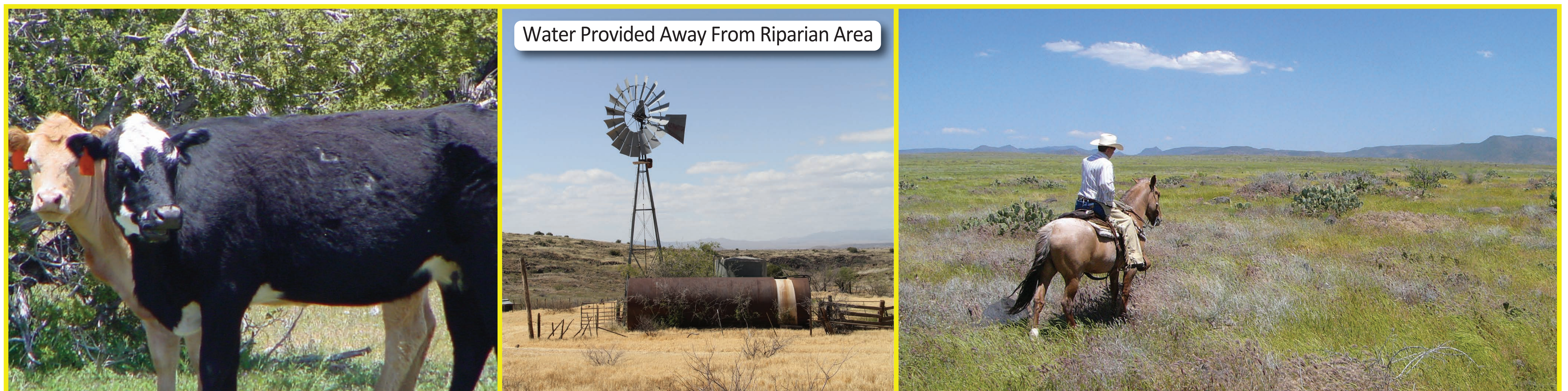
Pre-Historic Use

Agricultural terraces and checkdams in the upland, like Perry Mesa, would have reduced rainfall runoff into streams and may have slowed water table recharge for the river.



Ranching

Balanced administration of grazing livestock plays an important role in minimizing impacts to sensitive riparian areas and streams, and excluding cattle from these areas requires dedicated ranchers.



Development

Reduction of ground cover, higher water use and the introduction of hazardous materials can result in more polluted runoff and less aquifer recharge.

