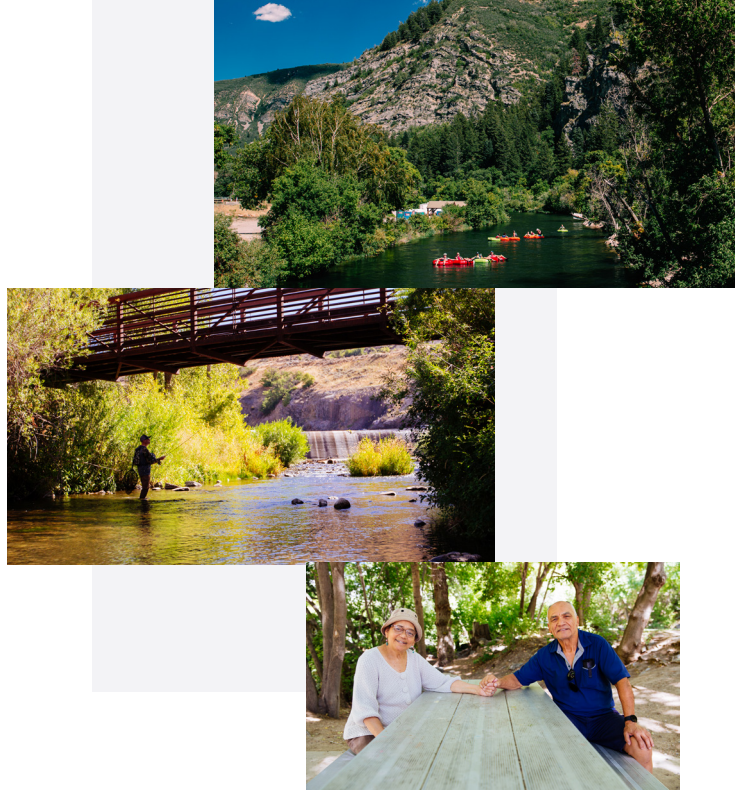


Meta's goal is restoring more water than we consume globally in 2030

Water is a finite resource — every drop matters. That's why our water stewardship program focuses on minimizing data center water use, restoring water to local watersheds and being transparent with our water data.



Minimizing water use

We are proud to build some of the most sustainable data centers in the world. Our data centers minimize water use and prioritize on-site water efficiency in a number of ways, including:

- Using cooling technology that is more water efficient than the industry standard.
- Landscaping with native and/or drought-resistant vegetation.
- Capturing and infiltrating rainwater on site.
- Incorporating water-saving fixtures and technologies within data center facilities.



Water restoration

As we work toward our goal to restore more water than we consume globally, we are investing in water conservation and restoration projects that:

- Restore local habitats that promote biodiversity and recreation.
- Boost water supply and reliability.
- Enhance water quality.
- Provide safe drinking water.



Transparency

We share progress toward our 2030 water positive goal and our water use in our annual [sustainability report](#). We will also continue to publicly share aspects of our data center cooling technological and efficiency advancements through the Open Compute Project.



Prioritizing sustainability

In addition to our water stewardship program, the operations of our data centers and offices have already reached net zero emissions, and their electricity use is matched with 100% clean and renewable energy. To meet this goal, we add new wind and solar projects to the same grids as our data centers, and renewables use significantly less water than fossil fuel generation.

Putting billions of gallons of water back into local watersheds

As we work toward our goal to be water positive in 2030, we support water conservation and restoration projects that:

Restore local habitats that promote biodiversity and recreation

Healthy rivers, forests, and wetlands can increase the water table and support fish and wildlife habitat. We support projects that reconnect stream channels to their historic floodplains, reduce stream bank erosion, and restore off-channel wetland and meadow habitats, such as the Comanche Creek Restoration project in partnership with the National Forest Foundation in New Mexico.

Boost water supply and reliability

Using water more efficiently increases water security and helps communities and ecosystems get the most out of their water resources. We support projects that help reduce demand for agricultural water use by modernizing irrigation systems to reduce seepage losses, such as the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) System Conservation projects in Arizona.

Enhance water quality

We support projects aimed at improving water quality, such as the Richland Creek Wildlife Management Area project — in partnership with Ducks Unlimited and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department — that created a wetland water treatment system to improve water quality before it reaches municipal water users. We also support projects that remove nutrients like nitrate that negatively impact water quality and fish and wildlife.

Provide safe drinking water

Where water access, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) is an issue in the watersheds where we operate, addressing this shared water challenge is an important part of Meta's water stewardship program. We are proud to support the work of DigDeep on the Navajo Nation to fund water systems for Navajo families that don't have access to water in their homes.



We partner with third-party organizations that verify our water restoration projects and publish their report on our sustainability page.

You can find the [2023 report here](#).



Meta supports projects led by:

- American Forest Foundation
- Amigos Bravos
- Arbor Day Foundation
- Arizona Department of Water Resources
- Audubon New Mexico
- Bonneville Environmental Foundation
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Central Utah Water Conservancy District
- City of Prineville
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Crooked River Watershed Council
- Deschutes Land Trust
- DigDeep
- Ducks Unlimited
- Eagle Mountain City
- Ingram Meadow
- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Litman Foundation
- Mason Lane Ditch Association
- Middle Deschutes Watershed Council
- National Forest Foundation
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
- Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority
- Stream Dynamics
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Trout Unlimited
- US Bureau of Reclamation
- US Forest Service
- Village of Los Lunas
- Watershed Artisans