

MILWAUKEE RIVER GREENWAY A DECADE LATER

***“CoronaNote”:** This place is especially critical and important now, during the COVID19 crisis and the Governor’s Safer at Home order. . .providing an outdoor space for both physical and mental health in our community. Thank you for your care and support of this resource – and RRF – as we continue to ensure our urban greenspaces are protected and restored and vibrant for us all. Be well and safe everyone!*

Conservation overlay legislation was passed on May 25, 2010 by the City of Milwaukee (and the Village of Shorewood prior to that) to protect the Milwaukee River valley, over 800 acres of greenspace just a mile from downtown for all to enjoy. In response to a clear-cut on the river’s edge, a grassroots effort led by RRF, Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee Riverkeeper and the National Park Service Rivers and Trails began to conserve the VIEWSHED. Milwaukee’s Central Park newspaper was published as a community visioning tool to build engagement and support of this natural resource here in the city. An excerpt from that publication here:

IMAGINE

You walk along the Milwaukee River on a recreational path winding six or so river miles from the city limits at Silver Spring Drive to the harbor at Lake Michigan; a soft pedestrian trail uniting suburban Glendale and Shorewood to their Milwaukee neighbors. This river path then zigzags through Riverwest, along Brewers Hill and the Beer Line B, past Park

East through downtown and the Third Ward to the lake front. The cool river water bubbles over the rocks through a protected park bringing our neighborhoods and communities together.

LAND & WATER Milwaukee’s Central Park

Sheltered above by silver maple, cottonwoods and black willow, you cannot see or hear the activity of the densely developed neighborhoods nearby. What you notice instead are the deep blue spikes of blue vervain against the delicate lavender joe pye weed growing along the riverbanks. Pedestrian bridges unite east and west at North Avenue and at Locust

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UPCOMING EVENTS

POSTPONED — BUT SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO — STAY TUNED FOR VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact the RRF office at 414-271-8000
All events listed on our website: www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org

JUNE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
3:00 – 7:00 PM

Bonus hike with Vince on:

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
3:00 – 6:00 PM

Turtle Park at RRF, 2134 N. Riverboat Road.
Celebrated with the Natural Resources Foundation – theme: Milwaukee’s Socialists.

AUGUST & OCTOBER FULL MOON HAPPY HOURS

5:00 – MOONRISE

AUGUST 3
STURGEON MOON

OCTOBER 1
HUNTER’S MOON

Turtle Park at RRF, 2134 N. Riverboat Road.
Watch for updates on our Facebook page.

AUGUST FALL PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Support River Revitalization Foundation through our Fall Plant Sale! On Saturday, August 29 at Turtle Park, 2134 N. Riverboat Road, you can purchase native plants for your yard or green space!

Fall weather is ideal for planting perennials for many reasons:

- The cooler temperatures prevent heat stress and allows the plant to focus energy on root growth.
- Greater rainfall aids in strong root establishment before entering winter dormancy.
- Infestations of pests decrease later in the year.
- Best of all, you get to watch the new plants bloom right away in the spring!

Fall is for plant lovers!

FORB (WILL RESUME WHEN POSSIBLE)

RRF stewardship staff is still in the field safely doing land and habitat restoration activities along the Milwaukee River. We miss our FORB volunteers, and hope to see you soon.

RIVER REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION
FORB
FOSTER OUR RIPARIAN BIODIVERSITY
Volunteer with RRF!

Improve wildlife habitat
Remove invasive species
Establish native plants
Maintain trails
Collect seeds
Control erosion

MONDAYS: 2-4PM
FRIDAYS: 1-4PM
1st & 2nd SATURDAYS: 9AM-12PM*
*Feb-Nov

Orientation required. To RSVP, email us at volunteer@riverrevitalizationfoundation.org

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AUGUST RESCHEDULED! WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

“KIWI OPEN”

The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee Foundation’s annual Kiwi Open Fundraising Golf Outing at Western Lakes Golf Club in Pewaukee, WI has been rescheduled for Wednesday August 19th, 2020. Cost per foursome is \$540 or \$140 per individual golfer.

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at 10:30 a.m., shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. Attend the open bar social hour beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Your support of our outing helps us offer services that impact children, the environment and adults with disabilities, as well as many other community service projects. For details or to sign up, call 414-276-1331 or email kiwanismke@sbcglobal.net.



RIVER REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM The River Revitalization Foundation was created to establish a parkway for public access, walkways, recreation and education, bordering the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic Rivers; to use the rivers to revitalize surrounding neighborhoods; and to improve water quality.

Thank You!

- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- \$25
- Surprise Us

Enclosed is my/our gift of \$ _____
Checks should be made out to River Revitalization Foundation.

Give securely online:
www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org
click on the “DONATE” tab.

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Email _____

Please remit to: River Revitalization Foundation, 2134 N. Riverboat Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53212

“JOIN” RRF FOR THE ANNUAL GARLIC MUSTARD PULL-A-THON

Steward In Place

Please consider doing your own *Garlic Mustard Pull-a-Thon* in your back yard or making a donation to our team, by visiting <https://sewisc.org/garlic-mustard-pull-a-thon/pull-a-thon-teams/3-river-revitalization-foundation>. RRF was the back-to-back champion in 2017 and 2018, pulling just over 17,000 lbs collectively! It is vital to invest in the preservation of these verdant greenspaces that are limited in densely populated urban areas.



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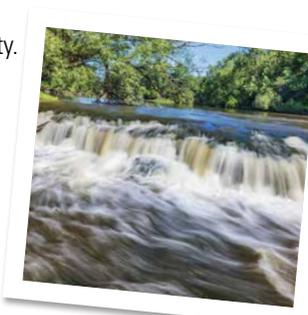
Street, creating a series of loops for runners, hikers, dog-walkers, and commuters. This path is networked to the Oak Leaf Bike Trail and the Milwaukee Urban Water Trail at multiple sites. Landscaped access points that are handicap accessible link the river to urban gardens, parks and city sites.

Finally, you reach the Riverwalk District where views of downtown unfold, a contrast to the upstream wooded stretch. Here you find public access to retail, entertainment, and dining.

You are part of a Milwaukee celebrating its sense of place; a place where fresh water is central to its identity.

IMAGINE

This path meanders alongside anglers enjoying the improved water quality and fish habitat, canoers and kayakers exploring the natural beauty around the fast flowing water. You see picnickers along the banks and bikers pausing from an afternoon ride. School children at Riverside Park are taking river samples and delighting in amphibian discoveries. At various sites citizen scientists are monitoring water quality. Increased public access has made the river once again a safe social and recreational gathering place. The greenway restores the river as nature’s gathering place too. This urban corridor is home to the Butler’s gartersnake (a State protected species), the red fox, and white-tailed deer. Overhead a Cooper’s Hawk flies away with a humble vole. A spawning salmon jumps below while migratory birds follow the waterway on a longer commute. You are discovering a shifting natural landscape in the heart of Milwaukee.



IMAGINE

This corridor unites the river’s rich working past with its economic, recreational, and sustainable present. Historical markers note former boathouses, tanneries, swimming schools, and resorts with distinctive signage and corridor emblems. Still home to Wisconsin Paperboard and other industries, the river maintains its working character through environmental improvements and management. The city has helped industrial sites employ storm water best-management practices and ensured attractive riverfront facades and landscaped setbacks. Residential property values have increased and nearby retail districts are booming as people come to enjoy this lively corridor.

The river corridor is the backbone for our city’s green infrastructure as we move into the 21st century. Just as our sewers, roads, and buildings enliven modern life and commerce, we now see that green parks, gardens, and waterways must equally sustain our urban life. We nurture this urban wilderness and its connection to our spirit. It is a magnificent place of beauty and refuge in the heart of Milwaukee.

FROM IMAGINATION TO REALITY

We can imagine our Milwaukee River always remaining like this. Making our imaginings come true and stay true into the future is going to take planning and work. This paper offers ideas on how we can make our imaginings come true.

Through implementation of a Greenway Master Plan, much has been accomplished in the 10 years since this paper was published and is a community amenity that is embraced and cherished by all who live here. Our hope is to continue this effort as a collective voice to ensure this remains a healthy, sustainable, accessible and inviting place for all who live here, including the critters!

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Watch for the roll out of our new Membership / Benefits opportunity to keep
RRF and all of our neighbors and nature healthy and strong!**

RRF MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Coming soon to a greenspace near you!

Protect the lands you love

As Milwaukee's urban rivers land trust, the River Revitalization Foundation is committed to preserving, connecting, restoring, and protecting Milwaukee's river watersheds and greenspace as vital resources for all living things. Your contribution directly supports our efforts and ensures these lands will be protected and loved by present and future generations.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

All members receive *River Rewards* which include: a seasonal newsletter, invites to special events (including an exclusive members-only event), volunteer updates, educational info on urban greenspaces, recognition in print materials, and an RRF Member sticker

Student/Senior (65+) River Rewards

Partner River Rewards

Supporter River Rewards + water bottle

Steward River Rewards + water bottle + patch

Protector River Rewards + water bottle + patch + tshirt

Preserver River Rewards + water bottle + patch + tshirt + mug

See back of form for membership levels and further instructions

**This is a non-voting membership program*

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