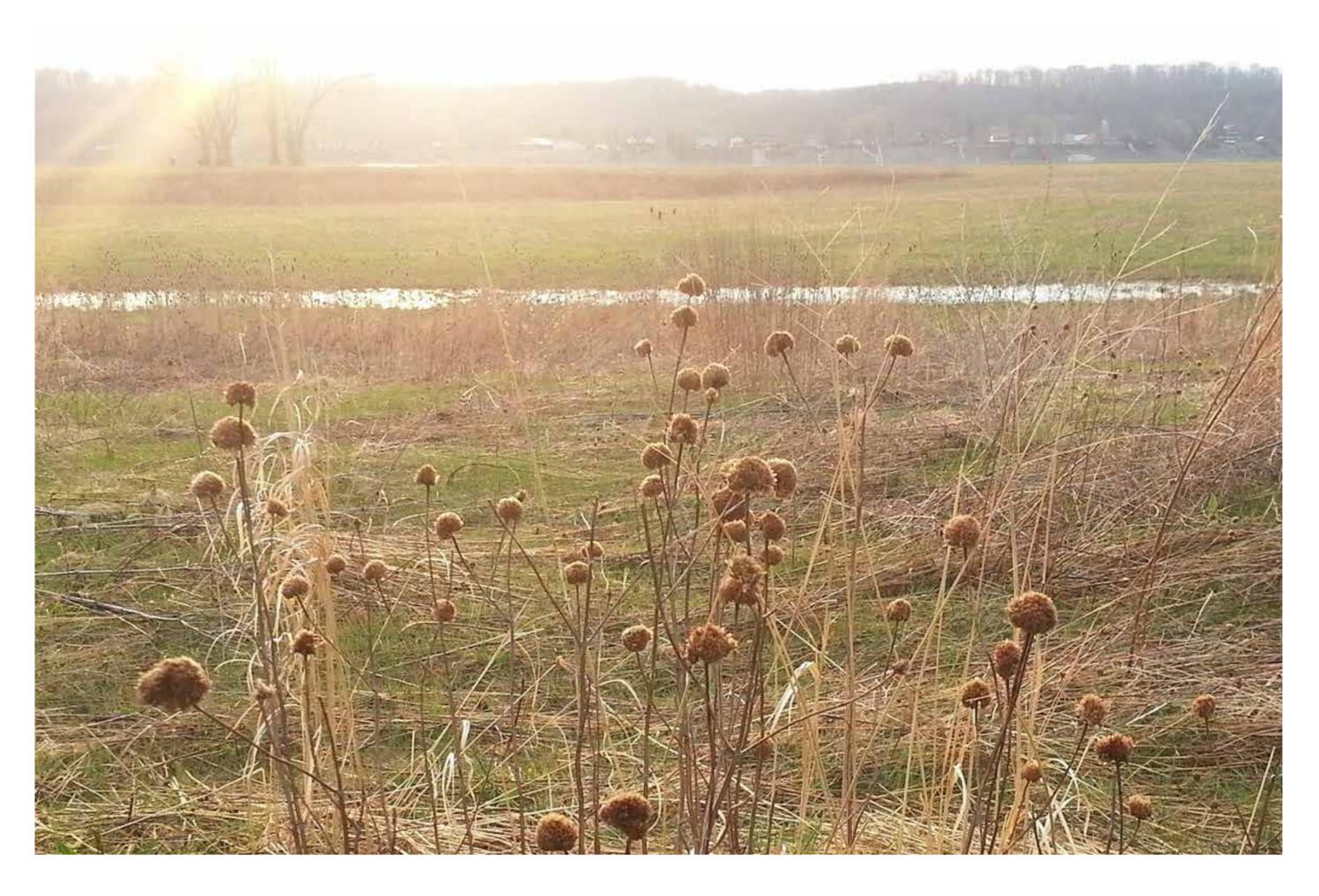


Garvin Brown Preserve

Garvin Brown Preserve is a 46-acre nature preserve that is owned and preserved by River Fields. Garvin Brown Preserve is open to the public from dawn until dusk daily.



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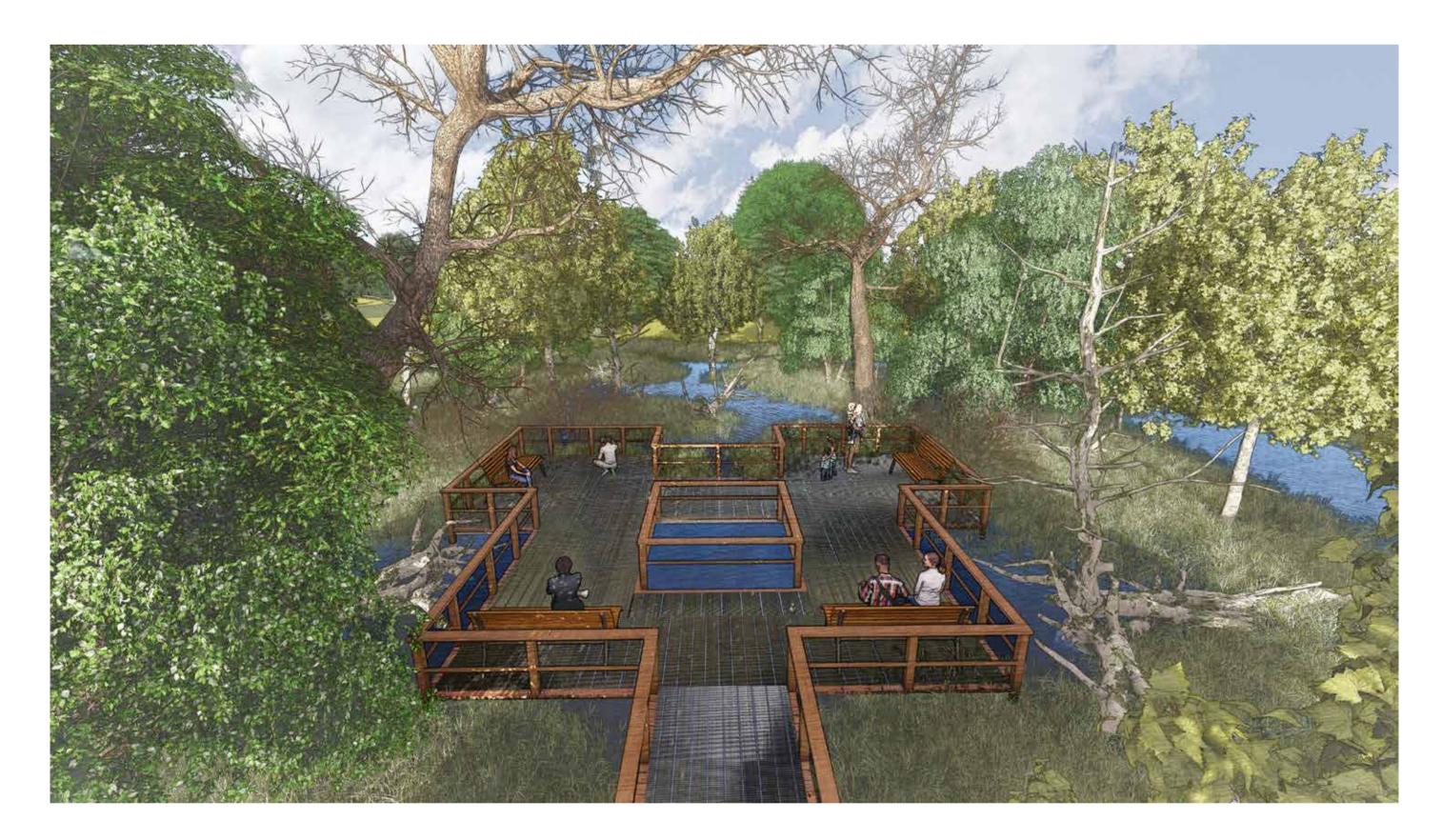
Directions To Garvin Brown Preserve

To access Garvin Brown Preserve, take River Road to Bass Road and continue on Bass Road until you come to entrances to two parking lots. Park in the paved parking lot on your right – near Hays Kennedy Park's soccer field (and away from the pavilion). At the far end of the parking lot, follow the path that crosses Hays Kennedy land for about 800 feet until you come to the small gate at the entrance of the Preserve.

Garvin Brown Preserve Master Plan

Garvin Brown is a publicly-accessible wonderland with so many incredible features for just 45 acres – wetlands, woods, wildflower meadows and unfettered river views – but we think it can be even better! We commissioned landscape architect Kristin Booker at Booker Design Collaborative to develop a master plan for the preserve with features like viewing platforms and a seating pavilion. Check out the design documents here! The estimated cost for the full plan is about \$1.4 million, which we hope to raise from private donors through a capital campaign.

Email kristin@riverfields.org if you'd like to know more!





Garvin Brown Preserve

Master Plan

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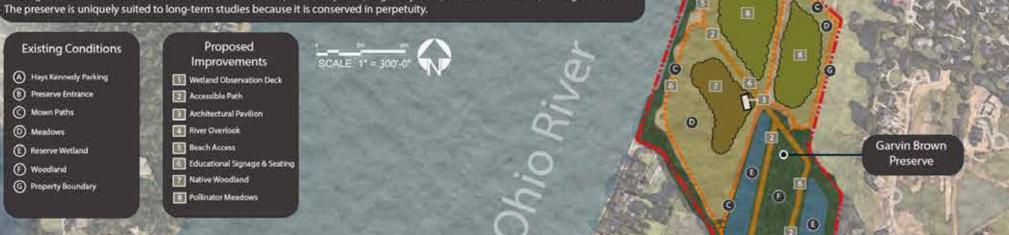
At 45 acres, Garvin Brown is the largest piece of land that River Fields owns outright. Once a family farm, it now offers wetlands, meadows, riparian woods, open fields, and rare and spectacular open views to the Ohio River. Garvin Brown has long been a beloved destination for birders, hikers, picnickers, river enthusiasts, and dogwalkers. But we at River Fields believe that it has the potential to be a wonderland, unique to our region for nature interpretation, wetlands experiences, and inspiring examples of pollinator-friendly planting. With this plan, we hope to improve the nature preserve with boardwalks, decks, paved trails, contemplation spots, shade and picnic structures, educational signage, and improved connection with our beautiful river. River Fields is excited to work with our generous supporters and donors over the next few years to realize this vision and make Garvin Brown your new favorite place to connect with water, trees, wildlife, and one another.

Initiatives

-The River Fields EQIP grant is providing the crucial startup funding needed to begin improving pollinator habitat in the floodplain meadows and forest health and tree diversity in the wooded areas and wetlands.

-Vibrant meadows and healthy forests will attract and support more birds, butterflies, and wildlife, which will in turn enhance the experience of visitors to the preserve who come for the quiet, open, natural vistas.

-River Fields is cooperating with University of Louisville researchers who hope to establish long-term monitoring sites and investigate environmental issues related to urban wetlands, invasive species, migratory birds, and flood resilience, among others. The preserve is uniquely suited to long-term studies because it is conserved in perpetuity.







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