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Newsletter of River Fields, Inc.

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PHOTO BY JOHN NATION

AFTER THE FLOOD

Dear River Fields community,

Our beloved Ohio River has brought us historic flooding, and our hearts are heavy for all in our community who have been impacted by this devastating natural disaster. River Fields protects and stewards 65 beautiful and fragile acres along the Ohio River Corridor, and we are now facing what will likely be the most expensive cleanup in our organization's 66 years of operation. Of greatest concern is our crown jewel, Garvin Brown Nature Preserve, where we have planned nature programming with teens in foster care from the Home of the Innocents and where we have just begun a master plan with our landscape architects. Other impacted properties include lands along River Road where we have planned re-naturalization efforts this year to replace turf with wildflowers and native grasses.

We didn't count on a flood of this scale bringing all these plans, built on hope and optimism, to a standstill. You can see from the drone image and the picture of the aftermath what we're facing. But we aren't going to let it stop us, if you help.



IMAGE OF GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE BY OWEN RONALD

Your donation will make a tremendous impact as we work to clean up and restore our lands and get back to our mission of protecting, advocating, and educating about the river and its natural and cultural treasures. We've been doing this for 66 years, and we know the river is an unpredictable force. But we also know that we have a generous

community that cares about the beautiful acres we've worked so tirelessly to protect and steward. We will not let this flood stand in the way of our mission to protect, preserve, and enhance as we have done for 66 years.

You can donate securely online here:
<https://riverfields.org/ways-to-give/>

Or send a check to:

River Fields
1201 Story Avenue
Louisville KY 40206

Thank you for your generosity!

Kristin Faurest
President and CEO, River Fields



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DRONE IMAGE OF GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE BY **BOB HOWER**

WILDFLOWERS, PADDLING, AND MORE!

Program registration is open! Between now and July, we've got a wildflower walk at Wolf Pen Branch Mill Farm, a tour of the historic Edyalmoor Estate, (both pictured here) a paddling adventure with River City Paddle Sports, and an interpretive nature walk at our beautiful Garvin Brown Preserve. Remember that your purchase of a ticket supports our partnership with teens in foster care at the Home of the Innocents (also pictured here), who also take part in our programs. Have a great educational experience outside while doing good! Email kristin@riverfields.org if you have questions.

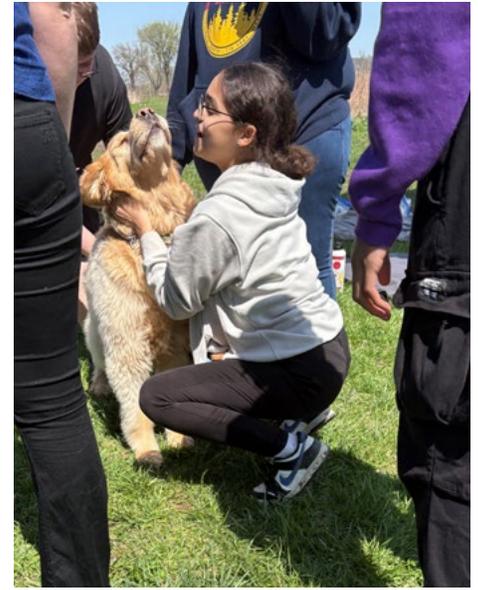


IMAGE BY **HOME OF THE INNOCENTS**

**WOLF PEN BRANCH MILL
FARM WILDFLOWER WALK
MAY 10**

**PADDLING TOUR WITH RIVER
CITY PADDLE SPORTS
JULY 12**

**EDYALMOOR ESTATE TOUR
MAY 25**

**GARVIN BROWN NATURE WALK
JULY 19**



IMAGE OF WOLF PEN BRANCH MILL FARM BY **JOHN NATION**



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[River Fields: A Voice for the River](#)
— KERTIS



ARTWORK BY **NOE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

RIVER FIELDS PARTNERSHIP WITH NOE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

River Fields is proud to partner with art students at Noe Middle School, who chose us for their spring service project. Check out

some of the initial images they created inspired by John Nation's photos of River Fields properties! We hope to use their talents on our website and social media and also for merch like t-shirts, mugs, water bottles, and the like. Stay tuned for the final products in May!

