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Newsletter of River Fields, Inc.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

GREETINGS, RIVER FIELDS COMMUNITY!

Summer is gradually making its segway into fall, and with it comes our annual fall gala – Celebrating Land, River, and Legacy. Tickets are selling now for the city’s best party with a purpose, taking place Friday, Oct. 24 at 6:30 at Savor at River House on River Road.

You can expect luscious cuisine, music by the Song Sparrows, an auction featuring travel experiences, and the company of like-minded folks passionate about the river. Your ticket purchase helps River Fields:

- Renaturalize our lands along River Road, replacing turf with wildflowers and native grasses to create flood-resilient pollinator habitat;
- Expand our programming with Home of the Innocents to foster environmental connection in teens who need it most;

- Enhance the visitor experience at Garvin Brown Nature Preserve with improved amenities, interpretive signage, wetland restorations, invasive species removal, and native plantings;

protecting this land and water is about more than conservation. It’s about hope. It’s about legacy. It’s about ensuring that future generations can experience the same joy, peace, and wonder that

RIVER FIELDS ANNUAL GALA 2025

CELEBRATING LAND, RIVER, AND LEGACY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24 2025, 6:30PM

SAVOR AT RIVER HOUSE
3015 RIVER ROAD, LOUISVILLE 40207

- Upgrade our digital communications to better engage and inform our community;

- Defend the river and its built and natural heritage from short-sighted development proposals that threaten our shared treasures.

River Fields is 95% funded by people like you—visionary nature lovers who understand that

the Ohio River Valley has offered us. Tickets are available at our events page: <https://riverfields.org/events/>

I look forward to seeing you there, and am grateful for your support of our work.

Warmest regards,

Kristin Faurest
President and CEO, River Fields

OUT IN THE FIELDS

This summer River Fields hosted three students through a summer research program at the University of Louisville Speed School of Engineering. They created a drainage map of Garvin Brown Preserve, consulted with wetlands expert Tom Biebighauser about restoration, and also worked on building an ArcGIS Storymap illustrating the site's features as well as future interpretive signage content and siting. We are grateful to Grace, Shokufeh, Aruna, and Dr. Faisal Aqlan at U of L for the assistance!



IMAGE BY UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

MONARCHS, CANOES, NATURE WALKS, AND MORE!

MONARCH ADVENTURE
SEPTEMBER 20
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m. with monarch butterfly expert Bob Jones to seek out and learn about monarchs at our Garvin

Brown Preserve! This program is open to River Fields members and is free of charge. This two-part program begins with a short lecture presentation at the Waterfront Botanical Gardens classroom, 1435 Frankfort Avenue. From there, we'll all head to Garvin Brown Preserve, 6200 Bass Road, for an interpretive walk in our wildflower fields rich with milkweed, buttonbush and other native plants that support pollinators. Garvin Brown was recently designated as a Monarch Waystation by Monarch Watch, so River Fields is proud to be part of the effort to protect this marvelous and fragile creature. We thank our partners at Waterfront Botanical Gardens for providing us with classroom space. Monarchs are both great pollinators and a critical part of the food web for many creatures. The loss of milkweed plants, winter habitat, and climate change are all



PHOTO OF A MONARCH ON NATIVE BUTTONBUSH AT GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE BY KRISTIN FAUREST

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pushing monarchs to the brink — that's why it's important to protect them by providing food and habitat.

You can learn more about how to help monarchs at <https://www.monarchwatch.org> and you can

register for this program at <https://riverfields.org/event/monarch-adventure-at-garvin-brown-preserve/>



PADDLING ON HARRODS CREEK WITH RIVER CITY PADDLESPORTS

HOME OF THE INNOCENTS NATURE HIKE & PADDLING ON HARRODS CREEK

It's been a great year for programming – in July we hosted River Fields members and also a group from the Home of the Innocents for a nature hike at Garvin Brown Preserve and paddling on Harrods Creek in partnership with River City Paddlesports. Our last program of the year will be a fall tree walk, with time, date, and location to be announced.



NATURE HIKE AT GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE



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SUPPORT RIVER FIELDS!

We're just nearing the end of our summer appeal campaign – this is a critical time of year for us to ensure we can fund our operations to protect 2,300 acres of privately-held conserved lands, maintain 65 acres of land for public use, and be a voice for the river.

If you've never donated to River Fields, why not make this your first gift? And if you're a routine giver – thank you! – please consider making a gift above and beyond what you usually make – so River Fields can go above and beyond for you.



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