



Riverwoods Preservation Council

A group of resident volunteers

dedicated to preserving the ecological heritage of the community.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Whenever we come home, we think about how lucky we are to live in Riverwoods. Perhaps you do, too. Our Village is a collection of diverse areas worth preserving. Since 2006, the RPC has worked closely with our local officials and other volunteer organizations to do just that. We need your help.

Ecological matters affect all of us to some degree or another. We have a common interest in such issues as maintaining or increasing property values, keeping water safe and plentiful, reducing the cost of services such as garbage pick up, mitigating property flooding, and controlling pest-related disease. These are *our* issues, not someone else's.

We feel it's important for Riverwoods to have an organization such as the RPC that is citizen volunteer-based and acts here where we live. Our focus is on the health and future of Riverwoods' ecology. We formally seek your financial support once a year and now is that time.

What has the RPC done this year?

- Completed the first rain garden in our pilot program studying natural methods of handling standing water in our community.
- Presented extremely well-attended programs on water management issues, native plants and local snakes and amphibians.
- Sponsored a very successful shoe and eyeglasses recycling campaign.
- Conducted the annual Riverwoods Roadway Cleanup.
- Encouraged residents' use of Village cost-sharing programs for planting native trees, shrubs and understory plants (and saw a substantial increase in use).
- Arranged sale of our guide *In Our Own Backyard* through Chicago Botanic Garden.
- Published reports on Village Board meetings and articles in the Village Voice.

What will the RPC do in the future?

- Work with the Village to study woodland health in order to maximize the effectiveness of preservation programs.
- Determine whether Village property across from Village Hall hosts rare plant species and recommend next steps.
- Develop educational materials and programs for the Village's Woodland Preserve & Demonstration Center near the corner of Deerfield and Saunders Roads.
- Maintain rain garden near police station as a demonstration site.
- Investigate "green" infrastructure opportunities in the Village.
- Seek ways to recycle materials that are not currently part of our Village collection system, monitor ongoing recycling rates in the Village and again conduct a shoe and eyeglasses recycling drive.
- Present free programs relating to local ecological topics.
- Continue to encourage the use of the Village cost-sharing forestry and ecology programs, send Board reports and submit relevant articles to the Village Voice.

Riverwoods is a dream town with a lot of community pride. We aren't going to let it slip away. Please complete and return the form on the back of this letter with your tax-deductible contribution. Thank you!

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Yes, I want to support the RPC in its efforts to preserve the Riverwoods we know and love! Enclosed is my check for:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other \$_____ **Join at a level of \$100 or more and receive a 10% discount on most plants sold next spring by the Plant Sale Committee.**

I have enclosed my employer's matching contribution form

Please make your check payable to the **Riverwoods Preservation Council**, and mail it to the RPC at P.O. Box 122, Deerfield, IL 60015. *The RPC is an independent, resident volunteer-run non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.*

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street Address: _____

Email address: _____

Each household in Riverwoods should have received from the Village one copy of the RPC's woodland guide, *In Our Own Backyard*. If you would like to purchase an additional copy or copies at \$14.95 each, please add the appropriate amount to your check. Thank you!