



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:

This is a report of what the RPC has done in the past year, and what we plan to do next year. Since 2006, the RPC has steadily become an increasingly influential organization in our Village.

Issues with environmental impacts continue to arise in the Village. The Village Board plans to discuss deer movement and fences with experts before reconsidering changes in the fence ordinance. We believe that deer fences are the most humane way to manage deer and preserve the woodlands. In addition, the Village has initiated a discussion regarding the installation of a municipal water system in south Riverwoods. The construction of this type of system may have an impact on our woodlands that should be considered as part of the decision process.

We feel it's important for Riverwoods to have an organization such as the RPC that focuses on the health and future of Riverwoods' ecology. We seek your financial support to fulfill our goal of attaining and preserving an ecologically sound balance of animals, plants and development in Riverwoods.

What has the RPC done this year? We conducted the annual Riverwoods Roadway Cleanup Day, and have assumed ongoing responsibility for this event. We presented a public program on planting native trees, canopy thinning and the expanded Village forestry and invasives removal programs. We have published bi-monthly reports on Village Board meetings and articles in the Village Voice. We are performing a "census" of the largest and oldest trees in Riverwoods.

What will the RPC be doing in the future? We are planning to conduct a pilot project involving ecologically-sensitive methods of handling standing water in our community. As a follow up to the RPC's woodland health study, which concluded Riverwoods' woodlands are under great stress, we will continue to work with the Environmental and Forestry Committees of the Village Board on a proposed woodland management plan and other programs. In the spring, we will join with other local communities to sponsor a program on wildlife management. We will present an additional program in the spring on regenerative prairie burning and planting native shrubs and ground plants, as well as conducting the annual roadway cleanup. We will continue to send Board reports and submit articles to the Village Voice, as well as continuing the mature tree census. We also hope to expand our use of social media to make information and communication as efficient and up-to-date as possible and to attract a new generation of RPC members.

Most importantly, the RPC will continue to speak up regarding environmental issues that impact our Village. We want to continue to represent your interests, so we need to hear from you. Please send us your comments! Our email, snail mail and website addresses are provided at the top of this letter.

The RPC is supported by your contributions, which have paid for our past efforts. We are an all-volunteer organization, but we sometimes call upon expert scientists who can be expensive. We seek your donations to continue our important work. Please complete and return the form on the back of this letter with your **tax-deductible check**. **Thank you!**

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\$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

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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 \$12.50 each, please add the appropriate amount to your check. Thank you!