



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 diverse collection of different 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 right 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. Your contribution can help us reinforce, augment, and extend the efforts of our local governments without the need for increased taxes or further regulation.

What has the RPC done this year? We conducted the annual Riverwoods Roadway Cleanup Day. We introduced the sale of rain barrels for water conservation and composters to reduce waste hauling. We presented a program on prescribed burns and co-sponsored a program on area wildlife management with Lincolnshire and Bannockburn. We submitted written and oral comments to the Village Board regarding the proposed (and recently enacted) amendments to the Village fence ordinance. We have published bi-monthly reports on Village Board meetings and articles in the Village Voice.

What will the RPC be doing in the future? We are moving forward with a pilot project to study natural methods of handling standing water in our community. We plan to work with the Village to develop a policy regarding the Emerald Ash Borer pest that threatens trees in every corner of our community.

Lake County solid waste management authorities are looking hard at disposal practices in communities like Riverwoods. This winter, we will present a program to encourage increased recycling by residents, and we will work with the Village to establish additional recycling programs.

We also want to help you use the terrific cost-sharing forestry and ecology programs already provided by the Village, and we plan to propose expansion of these programs into new areas that will enhance our natural environment. In carrying out our activities, we work closely with the Mayor and the Village Trustees. We will continue to send Board reports and submit articles to the Village Voice, as well as conducting the annual roadway cleanup.

Riverwoods is known throughout the area for independent residents and unique environments. This is a dream town with lots 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.*

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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!