

Yes, I would like to be a member of the Friends of the River District.

Friends of the River District is a non-profit, volunteer organization whose purpose is to promote development along Merrill's river corridors.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Annual Membership Fee: (enclosed)

- _____ \$10.00 Individual
- _____ \$20.00 Family
- _____ \$50.00 Business
- _____ \$100.00 Life Membership

Check \$ _____ (Make checks payable to River District Foundation)

Credit Card _____

Exp. Date ____/____/____

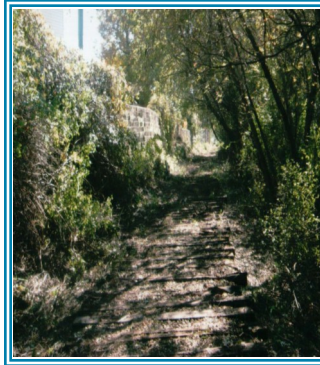
I am interested in the following:

- Public Meetings
- Mailings Newsletter
- Clean-ups Committee's

Please detach and return form with annual fee to:

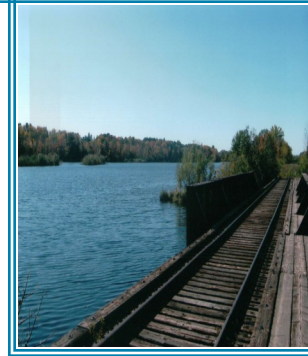
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Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Riverfront and the River District Development Foundation of Merrill, Inc.



Phase 1 will potentially incorporate segments of the recently abandoned railroad tracks along the Wisconsin River corridor that will connect downtown with the recreational complex (MARC) and Council Grounds State Park. The foundation recently received a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service to assist in the development of a Westside trail plan.

Pictured are abandoned railroad tracks that could be incorporated into the Westside Phase 1 trail plan.



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Why Friends of the River District?

- To invigorate development in Merrill
- To provide incentives for young and older families to visit and reside here
- To solicit support for mutual community goals
- To increase our tax-base to control property taxes
- To expand employment opportunities
- To reverse reduction in student enrollment and adult population
- To develop areas adjacent to rivers for business and recreation
- To renew/develop blighted areas
- To provide non-governmental leadership for all of the above and more

Our Mission

The River District Development Foundation of Merrill provides the resources that allow all Merrill area citizens to take part in the enrichment and enjoyment of the precious spaces along the community's beautiful river corridors.

We will accomplish our mission by:

- Providing leadership in the exploration of development ideas and opportunities.
- Acting as a credible conduit for citizens to donate their time and money to projects that inspire them.
- Working closely with government in project planning and implementation.
- Coordinating projects with organizations and businesses that have shared interests.
- Communicating with the public and donors on the status of projects.

Phase 1

Establishment of a recreational trail that will connect the downtown area west to the MARC and Council Grounds State Park. The trail's length would be approximately 2.5 miles long, extending westward following the Wisconsin River, at times utilizing abandoned rail track.

The foundation has received a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service to assist with the planning of this phase 1 project for 2012.

Phase 2

Establishment of a recreational trail that will stretch 1 mile along the north bank of the Wisconsin River from the Business Hwy. 51 bridge East toward I-39/Highway 64. The proposed trail would pass mostly through an area that is being abandoned by industry that will be ripe for redevelopment in the future.

Phase 3

The goal is to connect Prairie Trails Park with Lion's and Stange Parks as well as TB Scott Library with a recreational trail approximately 1.25 miles in length that would follow the Prairie River north.

Friends Foto Frames



Members meet with Angie Tornes of the National Park Service to begin planning of the Phase 1 trail project.



Westside view of abandoned railroad track recently removed in Phase 1 trail project along Wisconsin River.



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JOIN US TODAY!

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