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The site of RRF's new offices, the Wheelhouse park and trailhead, and southern entrance to the river valley!

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**We are in the home stretch!** Our Wheelhouse/Greenway Gateway project along the Milwaukee River is nearing completion. To successfully reach our acquisition and restoration goals, we are embarking on a **"10 at 10" Campaign** —

10 donors at \$10,000 to be concluded and coincide with the celebration and grand opening of the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum in September of this year. Your consideration of a donation of any size toward our \$100,000 goal is appreciated. **Join us and the celebration of a successful campaign in September!** To make your investment in this landmark project, donate securely online at [www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org](http://www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org) "donate," or return the enclosed pledge form. Thank you!

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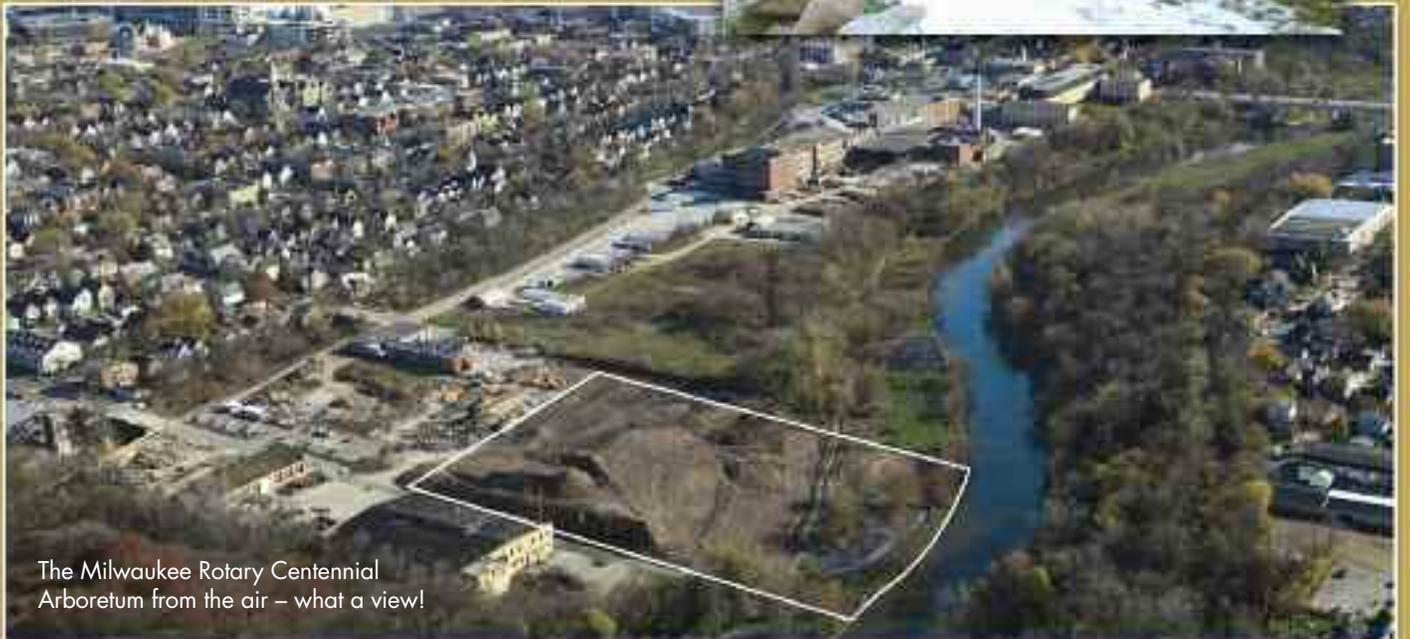
**The River Revitalization Foundation**, Milwaukee's urban rivers land trust, closed on an additional riverfront property on Riverboat Road with assistance from The Conservation Fund's Land Trust Loan Program. This half-acre parcel, adjacent to our 3-acre "Wheelhouse" Park along the Milwaukee River, is a critical piece to close the gap between the Riverwalk downtown and the 800-acre river valley upstream. Both parcels combined will provide additional access to the river and a southern entrance to the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum ([milwaukeeerotary.com/who-we-are/centennial-arboretum](http://milwaukeeerotary.com/who-we-are/centennial-arboretum)) within the Greenway, on the east bank.

**Through its Land Trust Loan Program, The Conservation Fund provides bridge financing and real estate expertise that make it possible for land trusts to protect historic farms, natural areas, favorite parks and more.**

[www.conservationfund.org](http://www.conservationfund.org)

The River Revitalization Foundation, with the Urban Ecology Center, is a partner in the creation of the first urban arboretum of its kind in Milwaukee. At the February 27th Natural Resources Board meeting, a unanimous vote approved the \$1.3 million Stewardship grant allocation for this project! This is a critical investment in sustainability and our quality of life here in the city. *(Story continued on back page)*

The existing building on the parcel will become RRF's new headquarters!



The Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum from the air – what a view!

# Upcoming Events. Get ready for spring!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013**  
9:00 a.m. – NOON

## Earth Day Tree Planting and River Cleanup

Meet at the Wheelhouse property on Riverboat Rd. We will be joined by 50 MillerCoors volunteers as well! Kiwanis Club will also be on site this day for a Kiwanis Landing sign unveiling and celebration. Morning refreshments and lunch provided by MillerCoors – thank you!



**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013**  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Global Youth Service Day

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning.

Gaenslen School and the New School for Community Service, along with volunteers, will be removing invasive species and planting native trees from 9 a.m.–noon, to be followed by the **CRAFT Adventures BOAT LAUNCH at Kiwanis Landing at 12:30!** Students from these two MPS schools have built their boats and will test them on the waters of the Milwaukee River. Join us for this special event. Thanks to our donors for this boat building program: Potawatomi Community Foundation, PLAN Foundation, Inbusch Foundation, John C. Bock Foundation, and our sponsors Veolia Water, Ernst & Young and the RRF board of directors!



**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013**  
10:00 a.m. – NOON

## It's Time to Go Questing!

Take a hike this spring with River Revitalization Foundation on a 2.5 mile Milwaukee River Quest. RRF and the Milwaukee Public School Recreation Division have teamed up to offer a quest hike in May. This is a great hiking opportunity for people of all ages and fitness levels along trails on the east and west banks of the river between North Avenue and Locust Street. All hikes are led by a trained hike leader. Questing is an old tradition in which hikers follow clues through a natural or historical site. In our River Quest, hikers follow written rhyming clues to discover



All events are also listed on our website: [www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org](http://www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org)

**River Revitalization**  
Foundation



**RIVER REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM** The River Revitalization Foundation was created to establish a parkway for public access, walkways, recreation and education, bordering the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic Rivers; to use the rivers to revitalize surrounding neighborhoods; and to improve water quality.

**Thank you!**

Yes! I'd like to support the "10 at 10" campaign.

Enclosed is my/our gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to River Revitalization Foundation.

Please charge my credit card.  Visa  MasterCard

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hidden messages along the trail. Each message leads hikers to new discoveries about our local watersheds, flora and fauna, and the ever-changing landscape of Milwaukee history.

**All hikes are two hours long, and begin at Riverside High School. For this hike, individuals must register through the MPS Recreation Division.** Visit

[www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net](http://www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net). Follow the link for "Online Registration", "Search Programs", then click on "Family/All Ages." Scroll down and select "Milwaukee River Quest Hiking."

If you have a group or are interested in going on a River Quest at a different time, please contact RRF directly at 414-271-8000.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m. – NOON**

## National Trails Day

America's 200,000 miles of trails allow us access to the natural world for recreation, education, exploration, solitude, inspiration, and much more. Trails give us a means to support good physical and mental health; they provide a chance to breathe fresh air, get our hearts pumping, and escape from our stresses. All it takes is a willingness to use them!

National Trails Day® locally will be celebrated with a hike along the Beerline Loop, a 2.5 mile trail along the Milwaukee River. **Meet at Gordon Park at 10 a.m.** Wear appropriate clothing, bring a water bottle and a snack and we'll do the rest!

For more information, call the RRF office at 414-271-8000 or visit us online.



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 20, 2013**

**THE 11TH ANNUAL KIWANIS CLUB OF MILWAUKEE FOUNDATION**

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