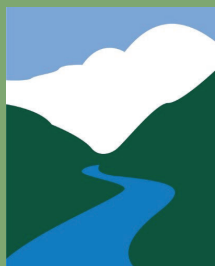


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Forever Protected!

The Community Forest on the Kinni

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust is excited to announce that on January 29th, 2021, The Community Forest on the Kinni has been fully purchased and forever protected. Thanks to over 100 donors, organizations, foundations, and community members this 44 acre old growth forest will continue to be a sanctuary and green oasis in The City of River Falls, Wisconsin. This past year we have gained a deeper sense of connection with the green spaces around us and have truly understood the value of these treasured spaces. In the coming months KRLT will begin the work of developing trail systems and working to improve the ones that already exist while keeping an emphasis on retaining the natural landscape. Additionally, KRLT will be adding informational signage and a small parking lot off County Road FF to help allow all individuals the experience of being able to explore this gem on the Kinni.



Charlene Brooks (KRLT Executive Director), Alison Page (KRLT Board President), Robert Loberg, and Spring Loberg.

KRLT will be engaging with the community on topics such as types of recreation and development of the Community Forest on the Kinni. Please visit kinniriver.org for more information on these upcoming discussions and how you can help create forever on the Kinni. Support for this project was funded by Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund, The U.S. Forest Service, WDNR, Alison and David Page and Family, Trout Unlimited Kiap-Tu-Wish Chapter, Trout Unlimited Twin Cities Chapter, Bye, Goff & Rohde, Ltd., and Star Prairie Fish & Game Inc.



Behind the Scenes

Land can be complicated! Whenever KRLT works on a new conservation easement or acquisition, we bring in an extra helping hand to make sure we have an accurate understanding of the landscape. Joe Granberg of Granberg & Sonnentag Land Solutions, LLC is our go-to surveyor. With lots of experience throughout West Central Wisconsin, he knows the land well and time-after-time continues to bring integrity and diligence to his work! KRLT is in the business of forever and Joe helps make sure our first steps are in the right direction.



Why I Donated To The Community Forest Campaign

“Our grandchildren whom we can’t see in person these days help us see the future!”

“All the great memories of time spent in the school forest, what a treasure River Falls has!!!”

“You’ve done good work so far and I feel this is more of the same and I should support it.”

“Love the Kinni!”

“Amazing project! To provide my daughters green space to have adventures in!”

“It’s one of my favorite places in the United States and I’ve been to many.”

“Being part of teaching generations of children to be good stewards of the natural world”

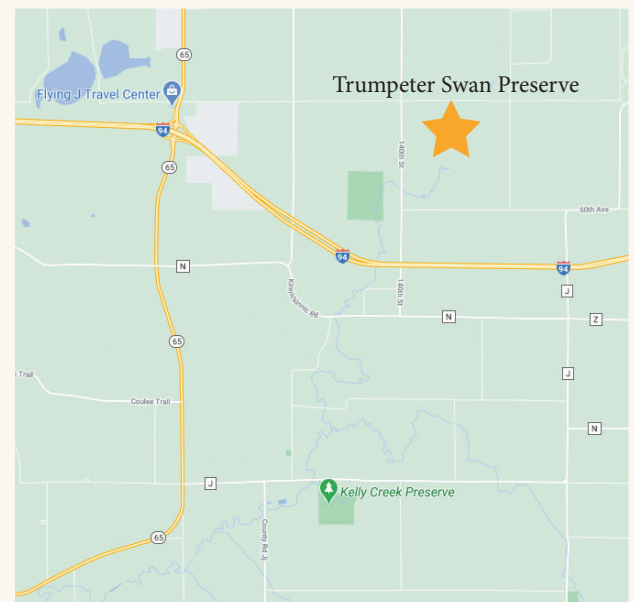
“I have spent many happy hours on and in the Kinni.”

“I trout fish on the Kinni!”

“A long-time love of the Kinni and KRLT efforts to protect it.”

Trumpeter Swan Parking Lot

Exciting things happening at Trumpeter Swan Preserve! KRLT now has direct access to the once landlocked preserve that is located in the headwaters of the Kinnickinnic River. Having access now gives KRLT the ability to move forward with restoration work, implement a trail system, and provide public access. This preserve is a work in progress and currently has no trail system, but you are still welcome to visit and explore! Please remember to be respectful of the boundary signs during your adventure.





It's hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner. We hope that after this long winter you will Join KRLT on April 24th and 25th for the annual KinniRiverCleanup. To ensure the safety of volunteers, we will have on-line sign up for the event and will be limiting the number of participants. Feel more comfortable stretching your legs and cleaning up on your own? You can still be part of the fun! We will have a printable bingo sheet on our website, if the items you find while cleaning up create a bingo send us a picture via social media or email and you will win a prize! Stay connected by following us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about this and other upcoming events. Can't wait to see you on the Kinni!



KRLT Is Accredited!



KRLT is excited to announce the completion of the accreditation process through The Land Trust Alliance. This extensive process demonstrates compliance with each of the land trust standards and practices. It also showcases the ethical and technical guidelines that are upheld in KRLT's day to day operations. Accreditation recognizes a land trust's commitment to continuous quality improvement and to ensure that accredited land trusts continue to meet national standards, accreditation is renewed every five years.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Calling all volunteers! In the coming month we will be hosting multiple opportunities to get your hands dirty at our preserves. Some of the upcoming work parties will include invasive species removal, clearing brush, trail work, and general preserve maintenance. Visit our website and join our mailing list to keep updated on the latest volunteer opportunities.



PHE·NOL·O·GY

The study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life.

We are excited to bring you monthly phenology reports about the Kinnickinnic River and watershed. Stephanie Erlandson, a long time environmental educator and plant ecologist, will be providing information about the unique qualities and ecology of the landscape. The monthly reports will be sent out by email and can also be found at kinniriver.org, stayed tuned for the next report!



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