A Decade of Conservation and Growing!

There is much to be thankful for as we eclipse our tenth year of existence in 2021! Most notably is a growing community of supporters, volunteers and partners working collectively for a stronger more vibrant Center, programs and mission. Our shared conservation values continue to unite us and drive us forward in:

- Providing a welcoming place in the magnificent Great Rivers Confluence area where all people can become inspired to protect birds and habitat, while finding health and balance in nature.
- Protecting 49,000 acres of floodplain habitat for 300+ bird species and other wildlife in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- Building new generations of conservationists through inclusive, innovative, and immersive environmental education for students from under-resourced schools.

We will remain thoughtful, strategic and tenacious in carrying out this work. The perils faced by birds and other wildlife demand nothing less. Everybody on “Team Riverlands” has a role to play. We cannot do this work without you!

In these uncertain times and all the time, I encourage you to get outdoors often and experience the spectacle of birds at Riverlands or wherever you are. Find inspiration, solitude, and wonder in the earth and sky. Improve your physical well-being and lift your spirits for there is no better tonic for the body and mind than nature!

Lastly, please join me in appreciating the people and organizations listed in this report for their generous contributions over the past year. Thank you for being a friend to our Center. See you soon at Riverlands. You are always welcome at Audubon!

Sincerely,
Ken Buchholz
Center Director

See our new Bottomland Forest Avian Survey video and more stories about programs and outcomes over this past year!
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A group of Little Creek summer campers with their Flight Crew mentors this summer.

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Flight Crew 2021 with Emily Connor far right and third year returner Jermani Floyd center front.

Volunteer extraordinaire Dwight Curry
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• "Swan 06A" by Doug Hommert during Trumpeter Swan
  Watch at Riverlands was photographed three weeks later in
  Wisconsin.
• Rachael Heaton captures a selfie during this spring &
  summer’s bottomland forest avian surveys.
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Outdoor Amphitheater

A jointly funded outdoor amphitheater and classroom by the Ellis Bay overlook is the result of a partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Wild Ones St. Louis Chapter and the Audubon Center at Riverlands.

Council Ring

A council ring with firepit located next to the newly expanded wetland pond was made possible by the generosity of an anonymous local foundation and in-kind services from our partners at the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Bird-Friendly Garden

A bird and pollinator garden near the Audubon Center parking area features a variety of native plants and bird feeders. This “micro-sanctuary” demonstrates how you can support birds, bugs, and insects in your home landscape. Thank you to the St. Louis Audubon Society and US Army Corps of Engineers for their support of this project!
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