

BRIEF FACTS ABOUT RIVER FIELDS

Our Vision Statement: The natural and cultural environment of the Ohio River and its corridor is revered and enjoyed by citizens of the region.

Our Mission Statement: River Fields protects, preserves, and enhances the natural and cultural resources, including agricultural and scenic resources, on both sides of the Ohio River between Westport and West Point, Kentucky, for the benefit of the public.

River Fields:

- Was founded in Louisville, Kentucky in 1959.
- Represents over 2,100 members from 104 zip codes, including a diverse cross-section of the community.
- Promotes environmentally sensitive land and water use arrived at by fact-based, reasonable decision making conducted with appropriate opportunity for public comment. We are proud of our reputation as a willing negotiator that works toward creative solutions.
- Is the largest river conservation group on the Ohio River and in the State of Kentucky.
- Is the ninth oldest river conservation group in the United States, of which there are currently 3,000 such groups.
- Serves the Louisville area along fifty miles of the Ohio River from Westport to West Point, Kentucky and the corresponding areas in southern Indiana.
- Is a land trust, and owns over \$2.1 million in key river corridor properties outright and approx. \$18.5 million in 23 conservation easements (totaling over 2,200 acres), including a 412-acre easement on Wolf Pen Branch Mill Farm, valued at \$4.68 million, an approx. 600-acre easement on the Wallace Farm, valued at approx. \$8.1 million, and a 650-acre collection of farm easements in Oldham Co., valued at approx. \$3 million.
- Is responsible for the 1999 nomination of the Upper River Road area named to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places."
- Has been recognized at local, state, and national levels with diverse awards and honors:
 - Commonwealth of Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission
 - Kentucky Waterways Alliance
 - Louisville Historic League
 - Ohio River Basin Consortium for Research and Education
 - Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
 - The International Waterfront Center, Washington, D.C.