

Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve March 2024 Report

Kirby's Mill:

- **Mill Docent Training is Sunday, April 28th at 2pm at Kirby's Mill.** Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring your own camp chair.

Amity House Restoration:

- The second-floor bathrooms are almost complete. Shower enclosure doors and tub/shower curtain rod to be installed once on site.
- The damaged basement steps have been rebuilt and will be refinished soon. Damaged doors rebuilt and refinished and reinstalled with storage locksets keyed to match.
- Rustic Slate Roof completed the repairs, including the north porch copper valley and damaged gutters and downspout, and annual maintenance.
- Attended presentation focusing on the Existing Building Code updates as well as Cleveland Restoration Society community luncheon and reconnected with Marous Brothers regarding window grant opportunities.

Invasive Species Management Team:

- No updates at this time.

Programs/Marketing:

- Our first guided hike of 2024, "Let's See What's Hiding in Plain Sight" a photography hike led by Jim McClintock, took place on Saturday, March 16. It was well attended, and guests enjoyed the presentation and photo inspiration.
- Friends are hosting an activity table at the **Eclipse of the Park on Monday, April 8th.**
- The **Friends of RHP Annual Meeting is Wednesday, April 17th at 7pm at The Lodge.** This year, we are focusing on two anniversaries: Friends' fifteenth anniversary, and the ten-year anniversary of working with the RJRD. A retrospective look back and hopes for the future. You do not need to be a Friends of RHP member to attend; but the opportunity to join will be available! The dues are \$10 for Richfield residents.
- **Migratory Bird Hike is Saturday, May 4th** (early morning).
- Friends are hosting an activity table at the **Goat Derby on Saturday, May 4th.** We have also purchased vendor space and are event sponsors.
- The TLC crew has continued to clean latrines and empty trash every Wednesday.
- Friends are meeting Heather Rudge to discuss Historic Tax Credit options; park director has been invited to join the meeting on-site.
- We are working with the park director on a Friends membership brochure to be posted in the park. This brochure would provide history of the park (with reference to the colored hiking trails per the new RHP map) as well as information on Friends fundraising and volunteer efforts.

MOU Review/Champion Program:

- We had a very productive conversation with the RJRD Governance Committee and look forward to future conversations.
- We had an internal discussion on Champion Program options and look forward to discussing LOIs during the work session.



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Scenes from the photography hike led by Jim McClintock:



Great leaders



Great weather



Great turn out!



Basement: Rebuild and refinish doors to service spaces, under stairs, and furnace room. Update electrical to basement and living room to EMT per commercial building code. Rebuild basement stairs and start to sand and refinish stairs.



2nd Floor Bathrooms: Install vanity, faucet, and toilet. Clean and regrout tile in the corner. Installed shower enclosure and shower controls. Install vanity, faucet, toilet, and secure clawfoot tub. Research and send shower curtain for tub/shower and shower doors for shower enclosure.