

An Evening Celebrating the Mississippi River

annual fundraiser to benefit the work of



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Take Me to the River

The Mississippi River is an ecological resource of global and local significance. Its historic and cultural legacy resonates worldwide. In the Twin Cities, it is the major source of drinking water for more than a million people.

Join us as we gather to celebrate the Big River, a resource on which we all depend.

2026 Celebration Host Committee

Ronnie Brooks | Stewart Crosby | Dan Gjelten | Jake Keeler | Susan Vento | Deanna Wiener

Visit fmr.org/fallevent for more information
or contact Allyson Petry at 651.477.0935 | apetry@fmr.org

Individual Sponsorship Opportunities

For over 30 years, FMR has been a trusted leader in Twin Cities conservation, making the Mississippi River healthier and better protected. However, urgent threats from climate change, industrial agriculture, and development still jeopardize the Upper Mississippi, now the most endangered river in America.

FMR has built a strong reputation for taking an inclusive, place-based and strategic approach to stewarding the river, and we work with myriad stakeholders, partners and constituents to protect the many assets the river brings to our communities.

FMR's fall fundraiser offers a chance for our supporters to engage in this critical work. We aim to raise over \$150,000 this year to protect the urban river. Sponsoring this event shows your commitment to FMR's mission and voice, strengthening community confidence in our efforts to protect the river. By sponsoring this event you have the opportunity to align your name with work that is providing your community with tangible benefits.



Blanding's Turtle Sponsor **\$5,000** **Unlimited availability**

- Membership in the Mississippi Riverkeepers, a group of donors who annually contribute \$1,000+ to FMR, and who receive special annual benefits, including an invitation to a private birding experience on the river with expert birders during migration season.
- Named “Blanding's Turtle Sponsor” of the celebration in event communications and promotions, including the event website, emails, etc.
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for you and nine guests (ten tickets total)
- One drink ticket per guest
- A meeting with FMR Executive Director Whitney Clark
- Choice of:
 - An ecology, history or FMR-related presentation for a group of your choice – virtual or in-person
 - A walking tour of an FMR restoration site
- Listed in FMR's annual report



Oak Savanna Sponsor
\$2,500
Unlimited availability

- Membership in the Mississippi Riverkeepers, a group of donors who annually contribute \$1,000+ to FMR, and who receive special annual benefits, including an invitation to a private birding experience on the river with expert birders during migration season.
- Named “Oak Savanna Sponsor” of the celebration in event communications and promotions, including the event website, emails, etc.
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for you and five guests (six tickets total)
- One drink ticket per guest
- A meeting with FMR Executive Director Whitney Clark
- Choice of:
 - An ecology, history or FMR-related presentation for a group of your choice – virtual or in-person
 - A walking tour of an FMR restoration site
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Bald Eagle Sponsor
\$1,000
Unlimited availability

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- Named “Bald Eagle Sponsor” of the celebration in event communications and promotions, including the event website, emails, etc.
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for you and three guests (four tickets total)
- One drink ticket per guest
- A meeting with FMR Executive Director Whitney Clark
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Blue Heron Sponsor
\$500
Unlimited availability

- Named “Blue Heron Sponsor” of the celebration in event communications and promotions, including the event website, emails, etc.
- Complimentary admission and VIP seating for you and a guest (two tickets total)
- One drink ticket per guest
- Listed in FMR’s annual report

Sponsorship Reservation Form & Agreement

Your impact as a sponsor of this event extends beyond a single night – it connects us to our local communities and throughout the river corridor. **Thank you!**

Sponsorship level (please circle):

Blanding's Turtle|\$5,000 Oak Savanna|\$2,500 Bald Eagle|\$1,000 Blue Heron|\$500

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payment method:

- Check enclosed for \$ _____
- I'm paying online at <https://fmr.org/individual-sponsor>
- Please invoice (invoices will be sent to the contact listed above)

As a sponsor you are welcome to bring guests to the event. (Please reference the benefits for your sponsorship level to determine how many.) To help us appropriately welcome you and your guests, please indicate the following:

- I will not be using my additional complimentary admissions
- Names of my guests _____

- At this time, I do not know who my guests will be. Please follow up with me for those details in September.

Thank you! Please mail this form and payment or payment instructions to:

Tessa Enroth | Friends of the Mississippi River
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Questions? Call Allyson Petry at 651.477.0935 or apetry@fmr.org