We are indebted to the many individuals and organizations who made donations in fiscal year 2011. Due to space limitations, we regret that we cannot list them all.

**$50,000 and up**
- Anonymous
- The Brico Fund
- Joyce Foundation

**$10,000 and up**
- Forest County Potawatomi Foundation
- The Helen Bader Foundation
- Wisconsin Coastal Management Program
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

**$5,000 and up**
- Lux Foundation, Inc.
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- American Rivers
- American Transmission Company
- Baird (Robert W.) & Co. Foundation
- DeWitt, Ross & Stevens S.C.
- Eric Vogel & Megan Holbrook
- Forest County Potawatomi Foundation
- Helen Bader Foundation
- Kodak American Greenways Program
- Lynn Broaddus & Marc Gorelick
- Schlitz Park
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- Ted & Harriet Purtell
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (Metro Milwaukee Chapter)
- Tony & Joan Handzlik

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- Wendy Watson

**2010-11 Source of Funding**

**Foundation** $355,340 52%
**Corporate** 90,103 30%
**Individual** 36,136 12%
**Government** 10,000 3%
**Events** 6,877 2%
**Interest & Other** 2,304 3%
**Total** 398,750

**2010-11 Use of Funds**

**Program** $331,495 87%
**Fundingraising** 23,565 6%
**Administration** 23,458 6%
**Total** 355,999

**Statement of Financial Position**

**Assets** Sept. 30, 2011
- Cash and Cash Equivalents $280,339
- Grants and Pledges Receivable $50,370
- Rent Security Deposit 1,816
- Other 339
- Total Assets $375,434

**Liabilities**
- Accounts Payable $375
- Payroll Liabilities 6,745
- Vacation Accrual 10,771
- Total Liabilities 19,831

**Net Assets**
- Unrestricted $355,601
- Temporarily Restricted 335,623
- Permanently Restricted 34,448
- Total Net Assets $375,432

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Below are just a few examples of our achievements in 2011:

We enforced clean water laws:

• We filed a lawsuit against Milwaukee County for its failure to maintain the Estabrook Dam in good repair and condition in violation of state law. We are seeking removal of the dam to improve water quality and fish passage, as well as to save taxpayers the expense of costly repairs.

• We worked with area residents to successfully challenge a proposed sewer upgrade project, which would have increased bacteria pollution in the Milwaukee River in violation of the Clean Water Act.

• We watch-dogged Waukesha’s proposed application for a diversion of Lake Michigan water for compliance with the Great Lakes Compact, including requirements to show that it return flow (or treated wastewater) will not degrade Underwood Creek and the Menomonee River.

We addressed threats to water quality and public health:

• We persevered in the testing of hundreds of stormwater pipes in the Menomonee and Kinnickinnic River Watersheds. A staggering 38% of samples collected since 2008 were positive for a genetic marker of human sewage (fecal waste). Because storm water pipes should carry only run-off from land surfaces, our findings suggest grave infrastructural problems, like broken sanitary sewers leaking into storm sewers. Human fecal matter in our water is a major public health concern, and also threatens fish and wildlife.

• We recruited and trained 40 new volunteers for our citizen water quality monitoring program, added two new pollutant parameters to test for (phosphorus and chlorides), and oversaw the work of 85 volunteers testing water quality at close to 100 locations across the Milwaukee River Basin. Milwaukee Riverkeeper runs the largest citizen monitoring program in the country.

We mobilized a movement of river stewards:

• We mobilized more than 3,000 people to participate in our annual Spring River Cleanup last April, resulting in the collection of more than 6,000 bags of trash from 49 sites, from the south side of Milwaukee to Waukesha and beyond.

• Working with a coalition of conservation organizations, we gathered 3,000 citizens’ signatures on postcards, calling for Congress to take action to prevent an invasion of the Asian Carp into Lake Michigan and area rivers. Upon delivery of the postcards to Senator Kohl, he agreed to co-sponsor legislation in Congress requiring the U.S. Army Corps to speed up its work to keep the Asian Carp out of our waters.

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We envision a future in which people from all walks of life can enjoy the healthy waterways of the Milwaukee River Basin.

This annual report covers the period from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, and what a productive and exciting year it was! As stated on the opposite page, we made great strides in our efforts to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in the Milwaukee River Basin, through enforcement of clean water laws, water quality monitoring, and the engagement of thousands of citizens in educational programs and on-the-ground activities.

As a result of our work, not only are our core programs thriving, but so are our partnerships with others. As part of our work with the Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust (Sweet Water), we not only helped shape restoration plans for the Menomonee and Kinnickinnic River Watersheds, but also advanced implementation of priority projects. Together with the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center and Groundwork Milwaukee, for example, we worked to reduce polluted stormwater run-off to the Kinnickinnic River by installing “best management practices” (think rain gardens) on targeted residential properties in the Watershed. Later this year, we will be concluding post-implementation stormwater sampling to measure for run-off reductions. Stay tuned!

Our efforts to “find and fix” stormwater outfalls leaking bacteria (specifically, human fecal matter) into area waterways kept pace, too. Together with the Great Lakes Water Institute and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, we were able to prioritize three drainage areas for additional “up the pipe” testing to determine the exact points of sewage entering the stormwater system. Several pipes discharging sewage to the Menomonee and Kinnickinnic Rivers were also repaired in 2011.

And we are delighted to report that we were able to expand our citizen monitoring program to include two new pollutants of great concern to our waterways, both phosphorus and chlorides (road salt). Volunteers monitored phosphorus at 50 locations in the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic River Watersheds, and chlorides were tested at 15 sites. The vast storehouse of data collected by Milwaukee Riverkeeper and our volunteers has put us at the forefront of statewide efforts to identify and eliminate threats to the health of our rivers.

Our educational programs and activities were highly successful. In July, we collaborated with the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD) to host our 2nd annual Arts & the Rivers Contest. A professional jury judged over 70 submissions, selecting three winners and a number of honorable mentions; hundreds came out to celebrate and view the art along Milwaukee’s downtown Riverwalk. Summer also included paddling events and other recreational activities. Throughout the year, we also continued to conduct clean water advocacy training sessions as part of our Senior Water Advocates’ Network (SWAN) program.

Organizationally, the highlight of 2011 was our development and adoption of a new Strategic Plan, providing Milwaukee Riverkeeper with a strategic framework to achieve our mission and ensure long-term sustainability.

It was a good year. Your support allows us to make a difference, and we appreciate your commitment to Milwaukee Riverkeeper and an improved Milwaukee River Basin.

To Healthy Rivers,

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Dear Friend of the Rivers,

May 2012

Karen Schapiro, J.D.
Executive Director

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