LAND TRUST 11/09/2016 M. KINNEY

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust is in its 23rd year, but is still doing great work to protect the land surrounding the beloved natural resource in River Falls. Molly Kinney has the story.

MP3 R/T: 1:27 O/C: STD.

MOLLY KINNEY: DAVE FODROCZI (FO-DRO'-SKI) CALLED HIS CHAIR OF THE KINNI RIVER LAND TRUST POSITION AN ENCORE CAREER, AFTER RETIRING FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. IT’S CLEAR HE’S PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS NEW GIG, THOUGH, STILL AFTER FIVE YEARS. HE TALKED A LITTLE ABOUT WHY THE LAND TRUST WAS FORMED 23 YEARS AGO.

DAVE FODROCZI: FOLKS WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT IN BACK IN THE '70S, '80S, '90S, AND THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT IT MIGHT HAVE ON THE KINNI. THEY WEREN’T CONFIDENT AT ALL THAT THE PUBLIC REGULATIONS THAT WERE IN PLACE WOULD DO THE WHOLE JOB.

MOLLY KINNEY: FOR FODROCZI AND OTHER LANDSCAPE ENTHUSIASTS, IT’S ABOUT MORE THAN CONSERVING JUST THE NATIVE SPECIES AND WATERWAYS, HOWEVER, BUT ABOUT KEEPING THE TRADITION OF RIVER FALLS ALIVE AND WELL.

DAVE FODROCZI: SO MANY PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY HAVE VERY STRONG, PERSONAL CONNECTION WITH THE RIVER, WHETHER IT’S FISHING, PADDLING, BIRDING, OR JUST PEACEFUL REFLECTION, BEING BY THE RIVER. IT’S AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE, IT CAN BE A HEALING EXPERIENCE. MOST PEOPLE YOU TALK TO WOULD TELL YOU THEY’RE BETTER, SOME DAYS MUCH BETTER, FOR SPENDING TIME IN, ON OR BY THE RIVER. THERE’S A BIT OF A ROMANCE BETWEEN PEOPLE AND THE RIVER.

MOLLY KINNEY: FOR FALCON NEWS SERVICE, I’M MOLLY KINNEY.

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