

A group of people are participating in a canoeing activity on a river. The river is cluttered with a large amount of driftwood and debris, creating a log jam. Several people are in canoes, some wearing life jackets and hats. One person in the foreground is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a steep, wooded bank.

Friends of the ROUGE

— 2014-2015 —
ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of friends of the rouge is to promote restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2014-2015 fiscal year was an active year for Friends of the Rouge, full of change and progress. Throughout the year we continued to provide public involvement and education programs that support our mission of promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River watershed by involving people of all ages in hands-on opportunities to make a difference. We also added a number of newly funded programs to our repertoire including Rain Gardens to the Rescue funded by the Erb Family Foundation, GLRI-funded invasive species control project in conjunction with Wayne County, and a rain garden education and installation project funded by MDEQ. We even added a new “fun”draising event: the Rouge Brew Cruise! All in it was a busy and productive year.

As you may recall, 2014 was the year that federal funding from the Rouge Program finally came to an end. This loss of funding presented not only an immediate challenge, but also a major opportunity for FOTR to think big and change. As a result, much of 2015 was spent in discussions with the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) discussing how both organizations could best serve the Rouge River watershed. It is from those discussions that the Board of Friends of the Rouge voted to propose to the merger of FOTR and ARC to the FOTR membership.

While change can be unsettling and a little scary, it also is necessary for life and growth and it is my belief that the proposed merger will create a sustainable organization best prepared to continue the efforts of FOTR into the future.

The next year is a celebratory year for Friends of the Rouge and we thank you, our membership and sponsors, for nearly 30 years of continued support and efforts to restore the watershed. We look forward to the opportunities that 2016 will bring and continuing to do our part in serving the Rouge River watershed.

Thank you for being a “Friend of the Rouge.”



Michael G. Darga | President, Board of Directors





Rouge Water Trail

The Rouge River provides paddlers with a unique perspective and interesting views of nature, wildlife, and industry. FOTR continues to encourage recreation on and along the Rouge and coordinates two fall group paddles each year. During the 2014-2015 seasons, the ever-popular industrial Rouge kayak trip, held in conjunction with Riverside Kayak Connection, got a total of 76 paddlers on the river. An additional 51 paddlers took to the river during the canoe trips held in conjunction with Heavner Canoe Rental. FOTR's annual canoe trip takes place on the same day as the annual Rouge-A-Palooza event in the city of Wayne.

FOTR continues to work with community partners to further develop and promote the Water Trail. In 2015, FOTR partnered with the National Park Service to develop a map and brochure for the trail. The planning committee continues to meet regularly and FOTR is actively pursuing funding for a signage plan, paddling outreach events and activities as well as developing Trail Towns.

ROUGE PADDLING POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Canoe book author Doc Fletcher conducted a group trip in April 2015 to explore the route from Ford Field to Melvindale to include in a new book on canoeing around college campuses. FOTR staff and others participated.
- Volunteers continue to work very hard to open logjams in this route as well as in the city of Wayne.
- Rental canoes are available on Newburgh Lake on summer weekends and will be offered in Dearborn at Ford Field in 2016. •



FOTR's 29th annual Rouge Rescue attracted 1,400 volunteers who participated in river clean up and stewardship activities at 36 work sites in 20 municipalities. Participants from all sectors of the community volunteered including families, individuals, seniors, youth groups, school groups, scouts, faith based organizations and corporate partners.

The Friends of Rouge Park organized the largest work site in Detroit and the most rural work site was the Kosch-Headwaters Preserve in Superior Township. Rouge Rescue work occurred between Bloomfield Township to the north, Canton Township and Wayne to the south, Birmingham and Detroit to the east and Superior Township and Novi to the west.

A lot of great work was completed by Rouge Rescue volunteers! One hundred ten (110) cubic yards of trash were removed from 44 acres of green space in the region. Removing trash from green space improves the appearance of the river and enhances recreational experiences in our communities.

Two hundred thirty (230) cubic yards of invasive plants were removed from 36 acres. The bulk of invasive control work involved hand pulling garlic mustard and lopping woody shrubs like buckthorn and honeysuckle. Non-native invasive plants reduce ecosystem health and natural processes. They have amazing adaptations that allow them to outcompete native vegetation. Controlling invasive plants protects native flora and the wildlife that depend on native vegetation for their survival.

Fifteen (15) native plantings were installed or expanded during Rouge Rescue; these include 6 native demonstration gardens, 3 rain gardens, 3 riparian buffers (stream-side plantings) and 3 tree plantings. Nearly 2,230 native flowers and grasses were planted and eighty-five trees and shrubs were installed.

Rouge Rescue volunteers also worked to maintain 3,140 feet of trail in local parks and preserves. Twenty

log jams were cleaned and opened using the Woody Debris Management 101 Clean and Open Method. Birdhouse building and other fun educational activities were also conducted as part of Rouge Rescue. A full 2015 Rouge Rescue Report is available on the FOTR website. Join us in May 2016 for our 30th annual Rouge Rescue—and bring a friend! •



Restoring the land with native vegetation helps to improve water quality in nearby lakes and streams. In urban areas native plantings reduce the amount of rainwater runoff. Science indicates that we can reduce the Rouge River's flow and water quality issues by creating a system of native plantings designed to collect, clean and infiltrate rain water. This is referred to as green infrastructure. Many community planners are turning to green infrastructure/native plantings to alleviate urban river issues resulting from too much rain water in the system and to reduce pollutants carried to the river by rainwater.

Explore the Rouge

FOTR launched the Explore the Rouge series in 2014 as a way for residents of the Rouge River watershed to learn more about its natural areas by doing an activity with a local expert who serves as a tour guide. These experts give generously of their time and share history, stories, and educational information with participants. This series has proven to be of interest to many watershed residents and continued throughout 2015.

EXPLORE THE ROUGE activities have included:

- ▶ Snowshoe walk and hike through Maybury State Park
- ▶ Winter tree ID walk in the University of Michigan-Dearborn (UM-D) natural areas
- ▶ Guided hike through the Berberian Woods in Southfield
- ▶ A bird walk through Eliza Howell Park in Detroit
- ▶ Narrated bike ride through Plymouth
- ▶ Historical informational walk around Newburgh Lake in Livonia
- ▶ Guided hikes through the Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland
- ▶ Guided hike through Heritage Park in Farmington Hills
- ▶ Guided hike around the Carpenter Lake preserve in Southfield
- ▶ Dragonfly identification at the Environmental Interpretive Center at the UM-D
- ▶ Repeat FOTR events such as the Rouge Cruise, listening for frogs & toads at the West Bloomfield Woods nature preserve, industrial Rouge kayak tour, and canoe trip down the lower Rouge in Wayne.

Special thanks to our many partners that led these activities and shared their vast knowledge: Al Vankerckhove, Bill Craig, Detroit Audubon Society, Dr. Orin Gelderloos, Environmental Interpretive Center, Farmington Hills Nature Center, Gail Barber, Heavner Canoe Rental, James Bull, Julie Craves, Lauren Azoury, Leonard Weber, Merrie Carlock, Mike Darga, Riverside Kayak Connection, Susan Thompson, and West Bloomfield Nature Preserve.



River Restoration Program

RAIN GARDENS TO THE RESCUE: During the summer of 2015, twenty Detroit residents attended an innovative series of workshops to learn about rain gardens and the environmental benefits they provide through the Rain Gardens to the Rescue program created by Friends of the Rouge and the Sierra Club Great Lakes Program. After receiving intensive training, 12 participants received support to install rain gardens of their own and 1 installed a rain garden at Cody High School. Participants' honed their skills and knowledge of native plants as they helped one another install their gardens.

Program participants became rain garden ambassadors within the community and engaged friends, family and neighbors in planting their rain gardens. Seventy-two people were involved in the rain garden plantings and the program resulted in the creation of three additional rain gardens beyond FOTR's and Sierra Club's involvement!

These rain gardens will help protect local water resources, benefit public health, and reduce the cost of treating the large volume of stormwater mixed with wastewater. The average size of the thirteen gardens was 200 square feet. The Cody site was much larger at about 700 square feet in size. In total, roughly 3,100 square feet of mowed lawn was transformed into shallow gardens designed to collect and infiltrate rain water. The gardens will prevent a minimum of 1,400 gallons of rain water from entering the sewer with every rainfall. The program will continue in 2016 and 2017 and is part of a larger project with Keep Growing Detroit, which is funded by the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation.

Invasive Species Control: In 2015, Friends of the Rouge was named a sub-awardee of a USEPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) multi-year grant awarded to Wayne County for large-scale invasive plant species control work. FOTR staff and volunteers performed 51 invasive control exercises in 2015 which included monitoring for invasive species in target areas, conducting invasive plant removal projects, photo monitoring, and documenting the work completed. Volunteer work was completed by 650 people participating in Rouge Rescue 2015 and other workdays coordinated by FOTR in Rouge Park in Detroit.

FOTR also coordinated with project partner, the Student Conservation Association (SCA) to complete three weeks of work in the summer of 2015. Twelve youth and two crew leaders employed by the SCA were contracted to remove invasive buckthorn shrubs in Rouge Park and Bell Creek Park in Redford Township. The student crew endured humid temperatures and relentless mosquitoes as they worked but their persistence and hard work paid off and they learned skills that may help them in future careers. The City of Detroit and Wayne County Parks provided staff to herbicide the cut stumps and remove or chip the brush. In total, 1,402 cubic yards of invasive plants were removed from 12 acres of land along the Rouge River. Over 2,600 volunteer hours were invested in completing the work and GLRI project work will continue in 2016.

RIVER RESTORATION WORKDAYS

Five workdays were held in 2014-2015. These involved 100 people in the following projects:

- Cleaning up a pond and removing a dock and old boats in Salem Township with Ford Motor Company employees
- Cleaning trash from the natural area behind IKEA Canton with IKEA employees
- Managing structure in the river to reduce erosion in Northville
- Enhancing a rain garden at the Northville Township Fire Station
- Maintaining a native stormwater system in Southfield with Lawrence Tech students
- Creating a 3,000+ square foot native landscape at the FOTR office, sponsored by Ford Model Teams and planted by Ford Motor Company employees.



PUBLIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Friends of the Rouge coordinated 4 workshops in partnership with and funded by the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The workshops were attended by 50 people.

- Three Caring for Land Along Rivers workshops were held for riparian (riverfront) homeowners to teach them about threats to the river and corrective actions they can take to protect water quality at home. Low cost techniques using native vegetation to reduce streambank erosion, sediment and other pollutants were the main focus of the workshops.
- One workshop, titled *Maintaining Native Gardens Workshop & Forum*, was focused on teaching municipal, school and other partners who received ARC funding to install native grow zones how to best care for native plantings. Weed and invasive plant identification as well as techniques to control them were presented. The workshop culminated in a hands-on weeding of a native grow zone at the Nankin Mills Nature Center in Hines Park.

FOTR IN THE COMMUNITY

Throughout 2014-2015, River Restoration program staff interacted with 800+ people in dozens of educational events and activities to raise awareness about water quality concerns, causes of pollution and corrective actions people can take to improve the Rouge River. These included:

- Earth Day events hosted by local municipalities and corporations
- Rain garden and native landscaping presentations were given to garden clubs, civic associations and local businesses
- Providing support to Cranbrook Institute of Science in planning and implementing a public lecture to raise awareness about microplastic pollution in local waters, titled *Plastic Pollution in the Great Lakes*
- Rouge River Water Festivals hosted by the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Cranbrook Institute of Science

Above, left: Friends and neighbors work together to install a rain garden on Priceton Street in Detroit.

Above, this page: Ford Motor Company employees help FOTR staff plant a native landscape at the the FOTR office in Dearborn.

Rouge Education Project

The Rouge Education Project (REP) is a school-based environmental education program involving elementary, middle, and high schools from across southeastern Michigan. Students perform hands-on scientific exploration of the Rouge River and evaluate chemical, biological, and physical parameters of water quality to determine overall stream health. Students are further encouraged to take action to restore and protect the river based on their results. This comprehensive student-led water quality monitoring program model was the first of its kind and is nationally recognized.



Students from Chandler Park Academy High School in Harper Woods observe a small crayfish found at their 2014 monitoring sampling site at Redford's Lola Valley Park.

The 2014-2015 REP worked with a total of 1,985 students and 67 teachers from 25 schools throughout Metro-Detroit. Fall 2014 and spring 2015 monitoring events went off without a hitch thanks to our amazing veteran teachers and a small army of volunteers. College students have volunteered with the Project since its inception, and this program season marked the first where other volunteers were eligible to help, even if they were not enrolled in college. This brought out additional volunteers from our Bug Hunts and other citizens interested in educating students about their hometown river. Twenty-two of these trained volunteers, the REP Assistants, along with 13 corporate volunteers, assisted schools during monitoring events, as well as 108 parent and other volunteers.

CBS "Eye on Detroit" featured a spotlight on the Rouge Education Project at Birmingham Covington School's monitoring event in fall 2014 at Linden Park in Birmingham and interviewed program manager Erin Cassidy. A new "End of Year" portfolio was posted to the Friends

of the Rouge website with school and volunteer information, data, maps, photos, media coverage, and pre- and post-sampling evaluation results.

Eight schools participated in fall monitoring 2015, including one school that had not previously sampled in the fall. 552 students, 21 teachers, 3 REP Assistants and 4 corporate volunteers were able to sample 9 sites along all four branches of the Rouge. Also in the fall of 2015, a new online classroom was introduced to provide content specific to the teachers organizing the project which provides new opportunities for them to interact with one another and share data in real-time. The physical stream survey was revised in collaboration with the Volunteer Monitoring program to provide more meaningful data, and was executed with positive results this fall.

The REP is excited to bring on two new schools and bring back three others for spring 2016. Orientation for new teachers was held in November 2015 with the help of some fantastic presenters. FOTR is excited to grow the REP this year and looks forward to the integration of new technology that will improve communication with teachers as well as facilitating new opportunities for students to participate in hands-on restoration projects in conjunction with Rouge Rescue's 30th Anniversary in 2016. •

Volunteer Monitoring

BUG HUNTS (BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATE MONITORING) track stream health by assessing the type and abundance of aquatic insects, clams, snails, etc. that live in the streambed. Volunteers participate in FOTR’s monitoring at Bug Hunts held in the spring and fall and a Winter Stonefly Search. Experienced volunteers are trained as team leaders to lead at individual sites. Wayne County participates in the program by sampling additional sites. FOTR data is used by the state and local communities. This year’s findings are as follows:

2014 Fall Bug Hunt: Most sites scored in the Fair (29) range. Of the 46 sites that have been sampled for three years or more, 68% were stable, 15% were improving, and 17% were declining. Long term trends show improving scores for the Middle branch and Johnson Creek and declining scores in the Main and Upper branches. Additional sites were sampled by Wayne County and Schoolcraft College.

2015 Winter Stonefly Search: Twelve teams participated and stoneflies were found at six of the 35 sites. Four sites had slender winter stoneflies (Capniidae) and two sites had Perlodid stoneflies. Additional sites were sampled by Wayne County, Schoolcraft College, and Susan Thompson.

2015 Spring Bug Hunt: Most sites (58%) had Fair (30) scores. Trend analysis showed Johnson Creek and the Middle 1 subwatershed with a positive trend in scores and no trend for other subwatersheds. Additional sites were sampled by Wayne County, Susan Thompson, Schoolcraft College, and Wayne State students.

2015 Fall Bug Hunt: Most sites scored in the Fair (27) range. Of the 41 sites that have been sampled for three years or more, 67% were stable, 8% were improving, and 25% were declining. Long term trends show improving scores for the Middle branch and Johnson Creek and declining scores in the Main and Upper branches, trends seen every fall since 2013. Additional sites were sampled by Wayne County, Susan Thompson, Schoolcraft College, and FOTR staff.

	2014 FALL BUG HUNT	2015 WINTER STONEFLY	2015 SPRING BUG HUNT	2015 FALL BUG HUNT
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS	100	77	134	103
BUG HUNT SITES SAMPLED	29	23	39	26
ADDITIONAL SITES SAMPLED	16	12	21	22
TOTAL SITES SAMPLED	53	35	60	48

The **FROG & TOAD SURVEY** is a listening survey in which volunteers track frog and toad presence through calling surveys. Volunteers are assigned blocks where they keep track of what species are calling. No training workshops were organized in 2015 to allow for extensive data analysis however veteran volunteers continued to survey. A total of 102 volunteers collected data for 105 survey blocks. An average of 3.5 species was heard per block. American toads, gray treefrogs, green frogs and bullfrogs were calling in more blocks than average while western chorus frogs, spring peepers and northern leopard frogs declined. The Middle 1 subwatershed had the highest diversity. A report detailing data collected as a result of the Frog & Toad Survey can be found on therouge.org.

FISH MONITORING. FOTR continued to survey the fish community in the lower branch of the Rouge River. Twenty one sites were sampled on 27 survey days with volunteers contributing 972.5 hours of time. In the Lower Rouge, from 2013 to 2015, forty species of fish were identified with 14,783 individual fish. The invasive round goby moved 10 miles upstream in 35 months and was found to be 11% of the total fish. Johnny darter numbers declined as the goby moved upstream. Round goby were identified in the Middle branch and additional surveys were done to determine the extent of the invasion. Additional surveys were done in the Clinton River watershed to assess the impact of round gobies in a stream with four darter species that had been invaded five years prior. Additional surveys were also done in the Walled Lake Branch and the Iowa darter found for the first time. •

FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2015

TOTAL REVENUES = \$504,579



■ Grants	\$ 207,568	41%
■ Stewardship Fund	\$ 185,875	37%
■ Membership	\$ 34,501	7%
■ Fundraising	\$ 54,427	11%
■ Other Income	\$ 3,243	1%
■ Investment Income	\$ 12,315	2%
■ In-Kind Support	\$ 6,650	1%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 504,579	100%

Revenues listed by source for time period of September 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015

TOTAL EXPENSES = \$567,387



■ Program Service Costs	\$ 400,826	71%
■ Management & General	\$ 96,193	17%
■ Fundraising	\$ 70,368	12%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 567,387	100%

Expenses listed by use for time period of September 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015
 FOTR-ARC reorganization accounts for 48% of Management & General costs, or \$31,266.



2014-15 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

September 27, 2014: Run 4 the Rouge

November 2, 2014: Rouge Brew

March 24-25, 2015: Phone-A-Thon

June 18, 2015: Rouge Brew Cruise

August 11, 2015: Rouge Cruise

2015 BEST FRIEND OF THE ROUGE

Congratulations to our 2015 Best Friend of the Rouge awardee—**Valarie Burris**, long-time volunteer and water quality champion!

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Rouge River facts:

- ▶ *The Rouge drains approximately 467 square miles of land in the counties of Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw in southeast Michigan*
- ▶ *Four major branches with 126 river miles: Main, Upper, Middle, and Lower*
- ▶ *Contains over 400 lakes, impoundments, and ponds in 48 municipalities*
- ▶ *Inhabited by 1.35–1.5 million people*
- ▶ *Land use: more than 50% urbanized, less than 25% remaining undeveloped*

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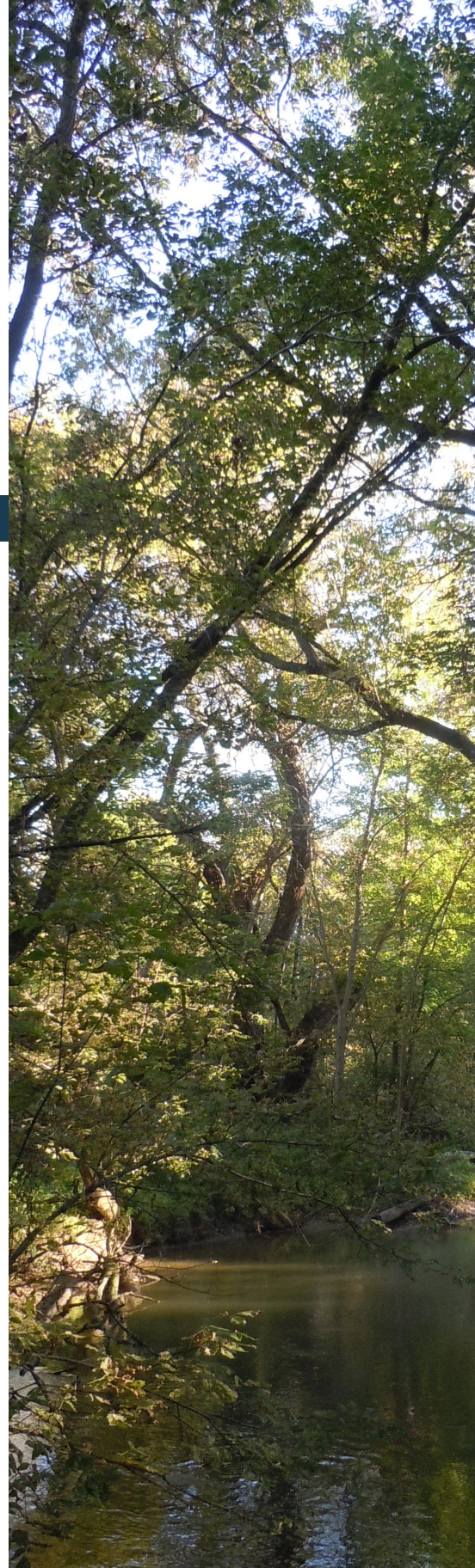
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