



...committed to the revitalization and redevelopment of the Root River by creating a sense of place, promoting economic growth, improving water quality, and increasing public access and interaction within the City of Racine.

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Dear Mr. Molbeck,

The Root River Council (RRC) is focused on the revitalization of the Root River in Racine. As part of this effort, the RRC spearheads projects that improve water quality, promote economic growth, create a sense of place, and increase access and interaction with the Root River.

The Root River Council has convened a group of community organizations to organize a festival on the banks of the Root River. This festival is modeled after the Chautauqua's of the early 1900's. There will be a 'big-top' tent (40'x60') to host musical performances, theatrical presentations, and informational workshops. RRC is inviting area non-profits and community businesses to set up displays and promote their efforts.

To host this event, the Root River Council respectfully requests the use of Island Park on Saturday September 21, 2013 from 2-11pm. Additionally, because this is a first year event, RRC requests the abatement of the park-use fees. This festival is planned as an annual event that will celebrate Racine's cultural, geographic, economic and intellectual uniqueness.

Sincerely,

Monte Osterman
Chair- Root River Council, Inc.