



# ***Guardians of the River Residential Property Owner Pledge***



***Name(s):***

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***Property address:***

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***Contact: (phone and/or email):***

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***We pledge to manage our property through actions and practices that will protect the Yellow River's water quality, aquatic and shoreline habitat, wildlife, and natural scenic beauty for three years. (Check all that apply)***

- Will continue with practices currently in place as indicated below***
- Will start with additional practices as indicated below***

***Signature(s):***

***Date:***

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<b>Action or Practice</b>	<b>Will continue</b>	<b>Will start</b>
<b>Conserve rainwater and keep runoff clean</b>		
Direct rainwater to rain barrels or areas where it can soak in the ground.		
Compost yard waste or take leaves and grass to a city compost facility.		
Keep grass clippings and leaves off sidewalks and out of gutters (significant levels of phosphorus can leach from yard waste).		

Reduce or replace areas of mown grass with native plants and flowers for pollinators and rainwater absorption.		
Limit fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide use; use non-toxic alternatives.		
Collect pet waste for landfilling.		
Wash vehicles at the carwash or on a grassy area so wash water is absorbed (rather than running into the storm drains).		
Pick up litter for recycling or proper disposal to keep it out of storm drains, the river and wetlands.		
Use sand on slippery walks and drives; limit salt use as much as possible.		
Other:		
<b>Help Native Species and enhance their habitat</b>		
Plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.		
Remove invasive species, especially buckthorn, purple loosestrife and yellow iris.		
Install and maintain nesting boxes for birds.		
Other:		
<b>Help fight climate change</b>		
Install solar panels or opt-in to a utility green energy program.		
Conserve water and electricity as much as possible.		
Drive a hybrid or electric vehicle.		
Improve home weatherization.		
Implement a home energy audit.		
Other:		
<b>Long-term property protection</b>		
Research and implement long-term conservation protection through protective covenants on the property deed or a conservation easement.		
Other:		

***Thank-you for joining the Guardians of the Yellow River!***

*For more information about the Yellow River Protection Conservancy, check our website at [yellowriverprotectionconservancy.org](http://yellowriverprotectionconservancy.org) or scan this QR code:*



*Please keep a copy for yourself and submit the signed copy to YRPC using one of the following methods:*

1. *Hand this completed and signed document to a YRPC Board Member*
2. *Scan the completed and signed document and email it to [contact@yrpc.ltd](mailto:contact@yrpc.ltd)*
3. *Send the completed and signed document to YRPC N10042 Cty Hwy K Trego WI. 54888*