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TO: St. Louis Audubon Society Leaders

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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HABITAT IMPROVEMENT AT RIVERLANDS

Riverlands remains one of my favored birding areas since its inception in 1988. Now called the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, this area has consistently improved the available wetlands habitat. At last my long held stated and published desire (since May 1969) for "managed shorebird habitat" in the St. Louis area may finally be nearing reality.

I am thrilled to contribute to the co-operative matching funding with St. Louis Audubon Society for the effort to enhance Heron Pond region at Riverlands, which will be enlarged (with 24 acres added to the existing 18 acres) for a total of 42 acres that will have a managed water supply and control system. Hopefully this water control system can create a wetland where the water level can be maintained to create the proper shorebird habitat during the prime seasonal periods. Additionally this enlarged Heron Pond will have a surrounding nature trail, and shielded access to one or more birding blinds that will permit close observations and photographs of shorebirds, waterfowl, herons, and egrets without disturbing these species. In fulfilling this long held dream, I hope this trail can be named:

THE PAUL BAUER WETLANDS NATURE TRAIL.

At this date my other desire is that this trail can be completed and usable while I am still able to walk!

This letter can also serve the purpose of documenting the transfer of my funds, slightly in excess of \$10,000, to be combined with matching funds from the St. Louis Audubon Society (SLAS) in order to fulfill the agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signed by SLAS president J. Torrey Berger on July 12, 2007. It is my understanding that on March 17, 2008, my shares of stock were transferred to SLAS, and were sold that day with a net value of \$10,035.20 for the SLAS account.

Since my first interactions with the energetic people at Riverlands in the early 1990's and through the many intervening years of cooperative efforts, my overriding goal has been to:

MAKE RIVERLANDS BETTER FOR BIRDS AND FOR BIRDERS !

Goals do come true if you keep working long enough. Over the years my personal motto has been: Always Have Fun; Go Birding !

Sincerely,

Paul Bauer