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RIVER RAISIN INSTITUTE APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MONROE, Mich. – The River Raisin Institute has appointed Danielle Conroyd its executive director. She has been working as interim director since March 2008.

Conroyd is experienced as both an educator and project manager. As project director for the sustainable renovation of the Motherhouse of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), she brings 11 years of experience in program development and supervision, in sustainable development, resource management and educational programming related to sustainable living and transformational learning.

She also has held a number of positions in the field of human resources. Conroyd served as vice president of Human Resources for Allnet Communications and as senior vice president of Human Resources for Mercy Hospitals and Health Services of Detroit.

Conroyd, who also serves as a member of the board of directors for Michigan Interfaith Power and Light, holds a bachelor's degree from Marygrove College, a master's in education from Wayne State University. She has more than 20 years of experience working with organizations as a change agent.

The River Raisin Institute, founded by the IHM Sisters of Monroe in 2003, is an independent nonprofit educational organization that promotes transformational learning and sustainable community.

Most recently the institute's focus has been on ecological restoration. Its current programs involve working with schools in the River Raisin Watershed. With funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, RRI is collaborating with area schools on student projects including wild rice restoration, prairie garden installation, rain garden installation, stream bank stabilization, wild flowering rush eradication and wetland restoration.

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