The Merrill Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to support local initiatives that support education, community development and community enhancement programs. Established in 1995 the foundation has been the supporting umbrella organization for many enhancement and volunteer programs who are not non-profit organizations. The foundation also managed the fund for tornado grants/assistance and now manages the Catastrophic Event Relief Fund. Tax-deductible donations can be made to any the funds at any time and are very much appreciated.

The Merrill Chamber of Commerce Foundation manages and is the fiduciary agent for the funds.

Friends of the River Bend Trail: The foundation was the fiduciary agent for the River Bend Trail development. Now a Friends account has also been established to assist with events and amenities that are being placed along the trail such as the lighting, signage and benches. Funding for this program comes from membership fees, fundraising and donations.