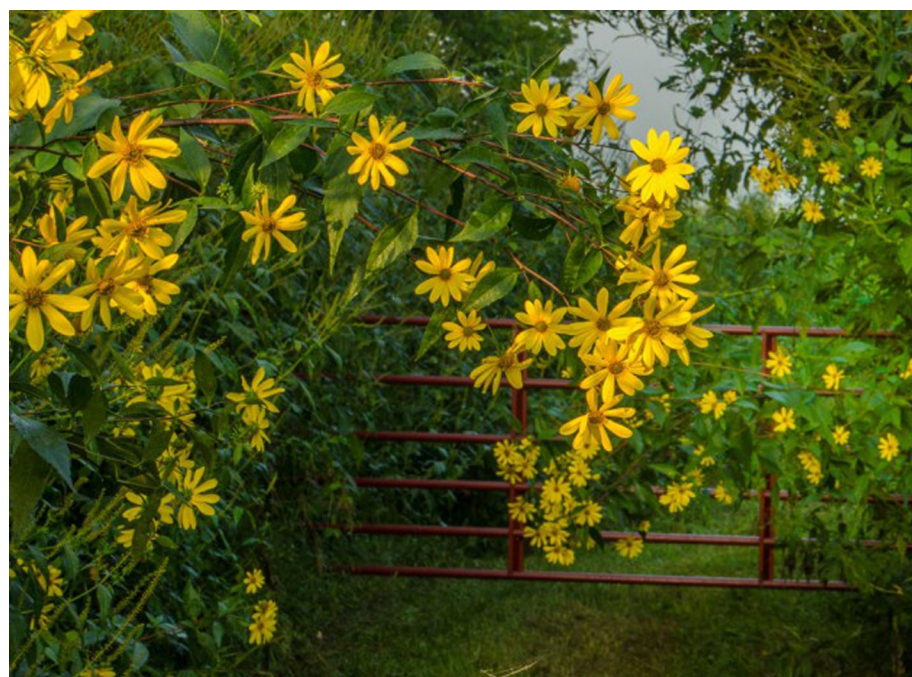


speaking up

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It would be hard for us to overstate how much we appreciate your financial support. Without it, Mainspring would not be able to conserve mountain land for generations to come. We wouldn't be able to restore our native plants and animals at risk from exploitation and habitat loss. And we wouldn't be able to connect our children to the delicate and complex ecosystems we share with them. Cultural treasures would be lost, and development would threaten our fresh mountain streams. But there's something other than your donations that we don't encourage as much as we should: *your words*.



tell us what inspires you. bring us your ideas. share your stories. turn your words into **action** to conserve, restore and connect our region's land, water and culture.

Your thoughts, reflections, ideas, and point of view. About Mainspring's work and what you think we should be pursuing. About the many pieces of our mission and which one speaks to you. About the Southern Blue Ridge experience and the part Mainspring plays in its future. So as we move into our 20th year in 2017, we invite you to become part of the Mainspring conversation. Please take a moment to jot down your remarks on the enclosed card. Your input can help guide our strategic planning. We want to hear what you think, to share what you feel, and to build on your ideas.



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