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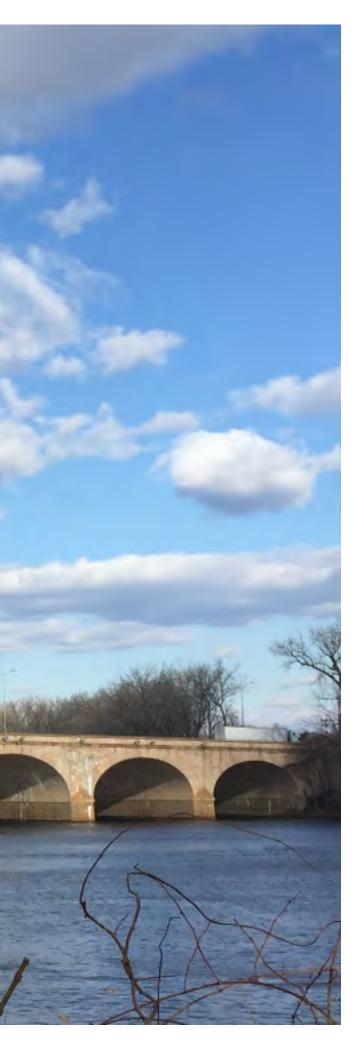
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Change is constant at Riverfront Recapture, from the water levels of the Connecticut River to the evolution of our organization.

Transformation is one of our longest standing traditions. It began when Riverfront Recapture was founded in 1981, and continues now, with new leadership, new events, and ongoing development. Some changes are easy to see; just take a walk along Riverwalk North or watch "The Riverfront, Recaptured," a video made by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving when they chose us as the featured grantee at their 90th Anniversary Celebration of Giving. Others may not be as obvious, we've begun the process of becoming a more sustainable and energy efficient organization by transitioning our park lighting to LED bulbs, saving \$6,500 on energy costs this year, and an estimated \$35,000 per year when the project is complete.

2016 brings new, and seemingly endless opportunities, from progress on Riverwalk South to enhanced programming in the parks — thanks to our donors, dedicated board members, talented employees and more than 1,800 volunteers. Thanks to your commitment, your donations and your efforts, we continue to schedule free, public events and build our recreational offerings, broadening our audience and enabling us to better serve the diverse communities of Hartford. East Hartford and visitors from across the state. Looking back at the accomplishments of the previous year brings renewed enthusiasm, energy and optimism to this one. And, as we look to the future, we're reminded that what Riverfront Recapture has built over the past 35 years will serve as a solid and stable foundation for the bright, bold and exciting developments to come.

> **Dave Jenkins Board Chair**

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One of the biggest changes in 2015 was also its most bittersweet: long-term president Joe Marfuggi retired after 28 years at Riverfront Recapture.

His importance to the organization was eloquently summarized in an editorial last May. "Under Mr. Marfuggi, a man of intelligence, humor and gentle persistence, Riverfront built a new plaza connecting downtown to the river... what Riverfront did — create a sound vision and implement it over time — is a great lesson in how to revive cities." (Hartford Courant)

Joe Marfuggi with our current president, Michael Zaleski, at The Big Joe.

As we celebrate our 35th birthday this year, opportunities and momentum abound.

Adding to the portfolio of activity in Riverfront parks during the summer months, several new events, the Riverfest Food Truck Festival, Hartford Latino Fest, and Bear's Smokehouse New England BBQ Championships, drew even more people to the Riverfront, many of them first-time visitors.

A strategic plan is getting underway and donor input is valuable – you are invited and encouraged to take surveys and share your ideas about what you like most and what you think might help Riverfront and the community over the next 3-5 years.

Already in progress are various park improvements as we continue to work on completing the Riverwalk between Mortensen Riverfront Plaza and Charter Oak Landing. You'll see some significant changes, begun last fall, as the year progresses. This is the first physical step in continuing our long-term plan to complete the original parks system.

As we plan for the future, we see opportunities to be recognized as the central hub, connecting to other parks. Great River Park already connects to the Hockanum River Trail, and work is being done to extend its connection from East Hartford to the Air Line Trail. We'd love to fulfill our aspiration to extend north from Riverside Park to Windsor Meadows State Park; from the state park, the paved trail extends over the Bissell Bridge to South Windsor and East Hartford. As part of that future connection, there may be opportunities to connect to Keney Park's Windsor entrance.

In Hartford, iQuilt's efforts continue to complete their GreenWalk from Bushnell Park to the Riverfront. Phoenix and Travelers have been great partners in doing their part to ensure elements of nature and green space help to create that access. Even more green is coming with the construction of Dunkin' Donuts Park, home field of the Hartford Yard Goats.

Within our own parks system, we are investigating and evaluating new options that will be attractive to park visitors and draw people from outside the region as well. This benefits our partner municipalities of Hartford and East Hartford as our visitors frequently dine, stay, park, or purchase while in the area.

So, while some may know Riverfront and think the river is recaptured already – we know there is always room to grow, expand, and connect, so that our parks are truly the greenway in central Connecticut.

And for those who don't yet know Riverfront, we know you will help spread the word.

Your support helps put us in the best possible position to generate and implement new ideas that will make the Riverfront even more viable and vibrant – and financially stable – than it is today.



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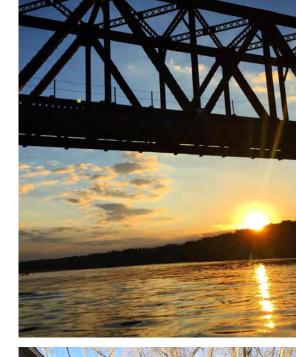
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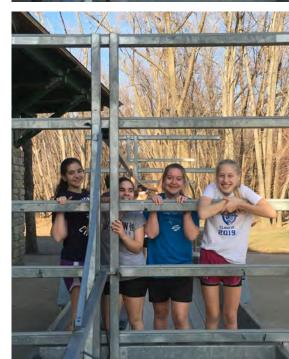
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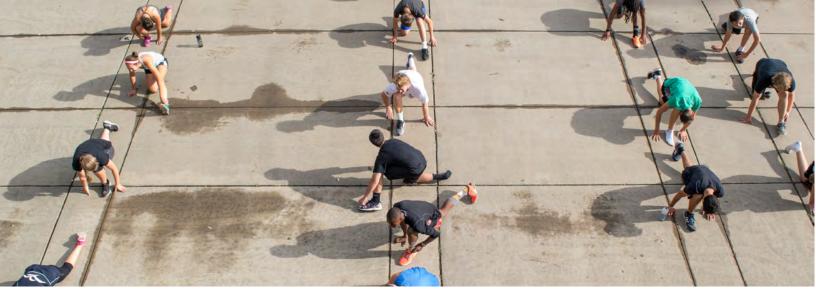
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Cash and Investments	2,489,358
Receivables	370,047
Equipment	225,738
Prepaid Expenses	16,408
TOTAL ASSETS	3,101,551

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Payables	114,096
Refundable Advances	52,664
Net Assets	2,934,791
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	3.101.551

REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	1,698,905
Program Fees and other Earned Income	780,833
TOTAL REVENUE	2,479,738

EXPENSES

Program Services	2,296,960
General Administration	108,282
Fundraising	343,270
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,748,512

INVESTMENT RETURN (55,485)

TOTAL NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year 3,259,050

End of Year 2,934,791

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Corporate \$359,753	Individuals \$228,665	Fundraising Events \$204,487
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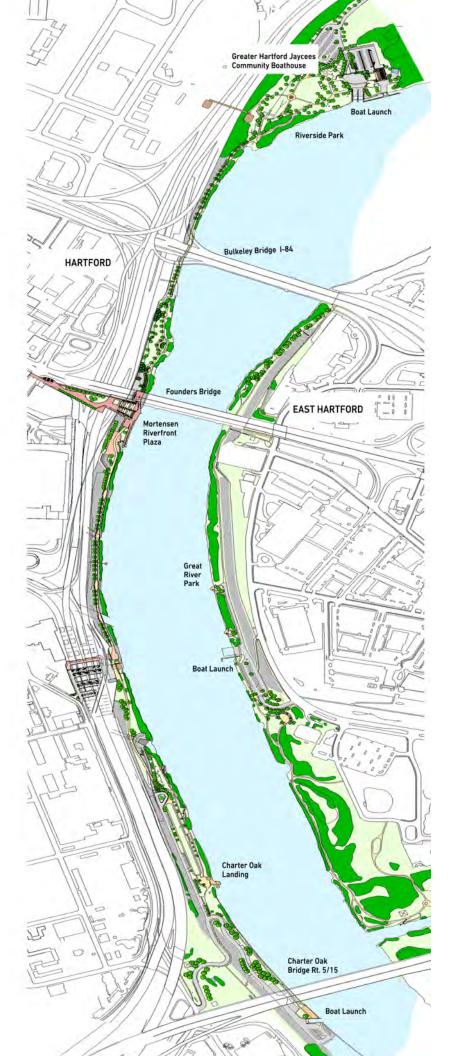






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