



RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE

We've all experienced a long, strange road and world over the past two years. We are exceptionally thankful for the cadre of wonderful Riverfront donors whose donations have ensured that our regional park system has remained operational and welcoming throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

We celebrated our 40th anniversary over 365 days, encouraging and drawing people into our parks in various ways. The Connecticut River is the main attraction, with people drawn to watch it flow by and view rising floods. Our public art is accessible 24/7/365, and there is daily engagement with the Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk, sometimes decorated with flowers, and its mobile tour. Walkers, joggers, and picnickers are in the parks year-round in almost every type of weather. We held health & fitness classes, concerts, and festivals from June to October. Our community rowing program participants remained dedicated and we were thrilled to return to a full slate of programming, including a triumphant return to USRowing's Masters Nationals to a successful Head of the Riverfront.

Looking ahead to 2022, we have expanded our activities, adding more health & fitness class options and new festivals and performances. We hope you'll check them out on our website and in person. We are on track for park improvements in Great River Park, have several tree planting and other volunteer park clean-ups scheduled, and anticipate permits for the Joe Marfuggi Riverwalk to move forward, with the hope of construction later this year.

This is just a glimpse into all of our plans and work as we enter the first phase of our next 40 years. Thank you for being part of Riverfront Recapture's family – we couldn't do it without you!



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What an exciting time to be involved with Riverfront Recapture! Over our 40-year history, our parks have proven to be vital to the greater Hartford community – with much-needed green space providing social and recreational opportunities alongside the Connecticut River. And especially so the last two years during the coronavirus pandemic.

Our parks build community – providing space where people from multiple hometowns come together to celebrate nature, health and fitness, arts, recreation, and cultural events and programs.

Our parks are connectors – to the river itself, the city and town in which our parks are located, and the region in which our park visitors live and work.

Our parks preserve unique and irreplaceable open space – ensuring land along the Connecticut River is maintained for the public good in all its scenic beauty. As we look ahead to the next 40 years, we are well underway in our plans to enhance and expand our work of the past.

From our parks, it is a short walk to Keney, Colt, and Bushnell Parks. Trail connections in East Hartford lead to the Goodwin University river trails and the Hockanum River Trail. The Joe Marfuggi Riverwalk will extend our interconnected paved trails another 2.5 miles into Windsor, connecting us to new communities in northeast Hartford and Windsor, South Windsor, and northwest East Hartford. And we've begun to explore the potential for a river pathway south toward Wethersfield.

Our efforts align with other initiatives like Hartford400 and Olmsted 200 to create even more park connections. We look forward to providing you with even more opportunities to walk, row, picnic, and otherwise enjoy our park in so many ways.

Thank you for your commitment to, advocacy for, and investment in, Riverfront Recapture. We hope to see you in the parks regularly!



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COVID-19 impacted our ability to host volunteers in 2020 and 2021. Nonetheless, we had support from organizations and individuals who assisted with monthly cleanups in Great River Park, dock installation, storm clean-up, events, and office work, as well as upkeep and repairs of rowing shells and launches – with appropriate social distancing protocols followed. We are very grateful to the following who made a difference in our parks and rowing community this year:

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A special call-out to Dave Guadiana whose dedication to the Riverfront Community Rowing program is immense. His expertise, skills, time, and good humor are much appreciated.





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Your donation made an impact in 2021 – helping keep our parks clean, safe, and vibrant with life. Your gift supports Riverfront’s mission to connect people with the Connecticut River – through park visits, public events, and so much more – every day throughout the year. Thank you for making a difference to so many of our community members – 672,639 last year!

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p. 10: Sounds of Summer concert, Great River Park; p. 12: Kayaker, Riverside Park; p. 16: Asian Festival performance, Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin with Riverfront Recapture President & CEO Michael Zaleski, Guests at The Big Mo', Charter Oak Landing, Park visitor, Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, State Representative Julio Concepción with daughter, Hartbeat Music Festival, Mortensen Riverfront Plaza; p. 17: Jay Williams, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; US Congressman John Larson; DEEP Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumble; David Polk, Garmany Fund, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; Dave Jenkins, Board Chair, Riverfront Recapture; Windsor Mayor Don Trinks; Riverfront Recapture President & CEO Michael Zaleski, Riverfront Land announcement



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Marfuggi Parks Fund

This special fund, created in 2011 to recognize then President & CEO Joe Marfuggi, provides a source of long-term support that can be used to make essential repairs and improvements in Riverfront parks. We are thankful for the donors who contribute to this fund annually or occasionally. As we work toward enhancing and expanding access to and within our parks, community members signed a petition, approved by Hartford's City Council in 2021, to name the planned 2.5-mile riverwalk the Joe Marfuggi Riverwalk. A fundraising campaign is underway to support amenities along the coming riverwalk. Those donations are placed in the Marfuggi Parks Fund until expended for the intended purpose. The fund continues to grow through contributions and earnings, with periodic special expenditures approved by Riverfront's Board of Directors.

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ASSETS

Cash and Investments-Unrestricted	\$1,079,740
Cash and Investments-Restricted	1,382,525
Endowment Investments	3,410,949
Receivables	984,047
Land and Equipment	1,810,010
Prepaid Expenses	74,739
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,742,010

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Payables	\$490,983
Refundable Advances	162,735
Net Assets Without Restrictions	3,379,456
Net Assets With Restrictions	4,708,836
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$8,742,010

REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	\$4,441,193
Program Fees and other Earned Income	443,698
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,884,891

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$3,002,523
General Administration	108,995
Fundraising	239,255
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,350,773

INVESTMENT RETURN	\$613,330
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TOTAL NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year	\$5,940,844
End of Year	\$8,088,292

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