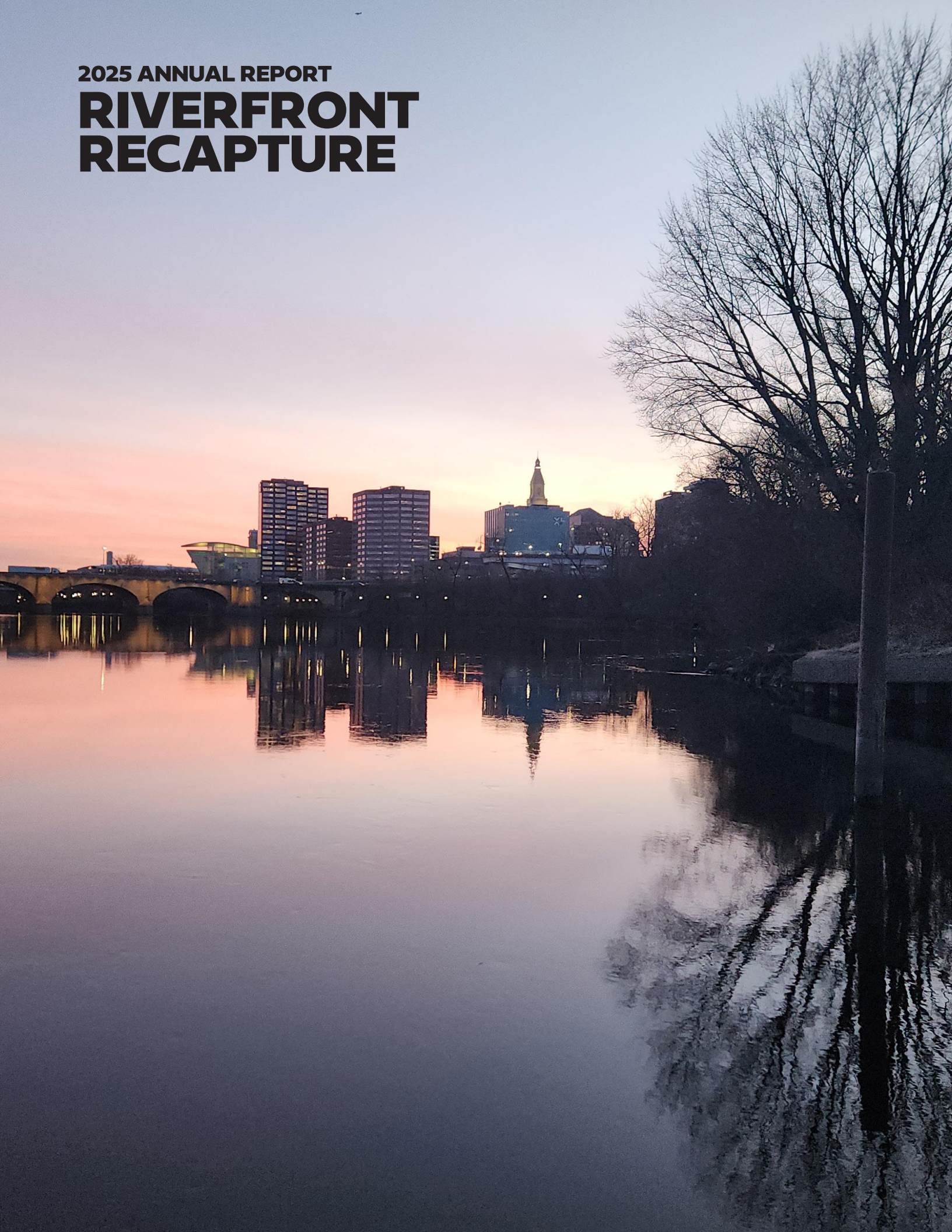


2025 ANNUAL REPORT
**RIVERFRONT
RECAPTURE**



We connect people with the Connecticut River.

Riverfront Recapture is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981. We manage, maintain, and operate four riverfront parks and their connected riverwalks and trails. Our mission is to connect people with the Connecticut River. Here's a snapshot of how we connected people in 2025:

PARK VISITORS

1,100,723

ROWING ATTENDANCE

33,033

HARTFORD TRAIL USAGE, JULY

15,924

BOATS LAUNCHED

2,916

SPORT LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS

1,500

EAST HARTFORD TRAIL USAGE, AUGUST

10,599

VOLUNTEERS

568

FITNESS CLASS ATTENDEES

1,559

HEAD OF THE RIVERFRONT ATHLETES

5,100

FREE PUBLIC EVENTS

149

**RIVERFRONT
RECAPTURE**




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morning haze at Riverside Park docks



In 2025, Riverfront Recapture welcomed more than 1,000,000 visitors, reflecting growing awareness of the regional park system that we manage for the City of Hartford and the Town of East Hartford. More than ever, people are seeking fresh air and green space—places to play, move and gather along the Connecticut River. Great weather, combined with popular free events and a wide variety of programming combined to make 2025 a milestone year.

As Riverfront Recapture marks 45 years of connecting people with the river, these accomplishments were made possible through the generosity, support, and engagement of our community. Gifts of all sizes—from individuals, corporations, foundations, and civic organizations—enable us to provide welcoming, clean, and safe parks for all. We are equally grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who contributed their time at events and park clean-ups throughout the year, strengthening our efforts and demonstrating deep community pride in these shared spaces.

For those who couldn't visit in person, a new live webcam overlooking Mortensen Riverfront Plaza now offers a window into the riverfront year-round—capturing the changing river, community events, and the daily work of our Riverfront Rangers and operations team.

Community support remains essential to operating and maintaining more than 300 acres of connected parks, riverwalks, and trails along the Connecticut River. Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to build on this momentum, ensuring that our parks, trails, programming and events remain a vital resource for recreation, connection, and enjoyment for years to come.

Thank you to everyone who continues to champion these parks, introduces new visitors to the riverfront, and supports our work in meaningful ways.

Harold M. Blinderman
Board Chair

Michael Zaleski
President & CEO



by row, l to r: Canada geese, musical performance, youth rowing, Dragon Dance-Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival, Head of the Riverfront Regatta food truck and team tents



by row, l to r: The Big Mo' guests-sponsor Day Pitney, day lilies, Mayors Conor Martin, East Hartford and Arunan Arulampalam, Hartford, dragon boat racing



by row, l to r: The Big Mo' Committee, Riverfront Park Ranger, relaxing moment, our future park, fishermen with striped bass, Swiss Re volunteers





The river is always moving—and so are we.

The Connecticut River has experienced significant changes over the last century as it makes its way through Greater Hartford. In that same spirit, our Riverfront parks are changing and growing. At our Riverfront Land parcel, soil movement and environmental remediation are shaping the landscape and expanding Garmany Cove—the first phase in creating a new riverfront park.

Riverfront Recapture has also been contracted by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the City of Hartford to operate and maintain the City's Batterson Park in Farmington, with plans to reopen the park to the public this summer.

As we plan for the future, we remain focused on the day-to-day work that sustains these public spaces—maintaining a welcoming, clean, safe park system for all. Your support makes this possible. Thank you for staying the course with Riverfront and flowing with us.

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Let's keep moving forward—together.



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Founders Bridge Promenade

Investment in Riverfront Recapture has a meaningful and positive impact on the quality of life across the region. Corporations, foundations, and civic organizations recognize the value of supporting arts and culture programming, youth enrichment, health and fitness activities and the essential day-to-day operations that keep our parks open, safe, and accessible year-round. Public funding from government entities provides critical resources for park development, infrastructure improvements, and environmental stewardship. This combination of operating support and infrastructure ensures that these shared community assets continue to serve residents for generations to come.

Please share your thanks with representatives of the following organizations for their support:

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Our Founders' Society members have shown their commitment to Riverfront through consecutive giving for 10 or more years. They make it clear that they are dedicated to ensuring access to the Connecticut River through our parks. We thank all of these donors, who are identified in bold in this Annual Report, for your long-standing support of the community members who enjoy our parks, and for encouraging others to follow your example.

We welcome and thank the following who became new Founders' Society members in 2025:

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We also thank the 31 members who were in the first Founders Society "class" in 2025, having already donated for 10 or more consecutive years at that time.

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Mainstay donors support Riverfront Recapture through convenient monthly giving. These recurring contributions add up over the year, allowing donors to make a greater impact than a one-time annual gift. This dedicated group stays engaged and often increases their commitment, further strengthening their support.

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by row, l to r: evening concert, Governor Lamont flanked by CT DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes and US Senator Richard Blumenthal, volunteers-Head of the Riverfront Regatta, riverwalk-event day visitors, performance-Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, donor walk-Joe Marfuggi Riverwalk

Riverfront Legacy Society

The value of Riverfront Recapture's parks and access to the Connecticut River is immeasurable. Ensuring these spaces remain vibrant and accessible for generations to come is essential to our community's well-being. Recognizing their lasting importance inspires many supporters to include Riverfront in their estate plans. By planning today for the future, you provide vital funding that sustains opportunities for people to explore, learn, and enjoy the river and parks for years ahead.

We thank the following individuals who have left or intend to leave a legacy to Riverfront to continue our mission into the future, as together we connect people to the Connecticut River:

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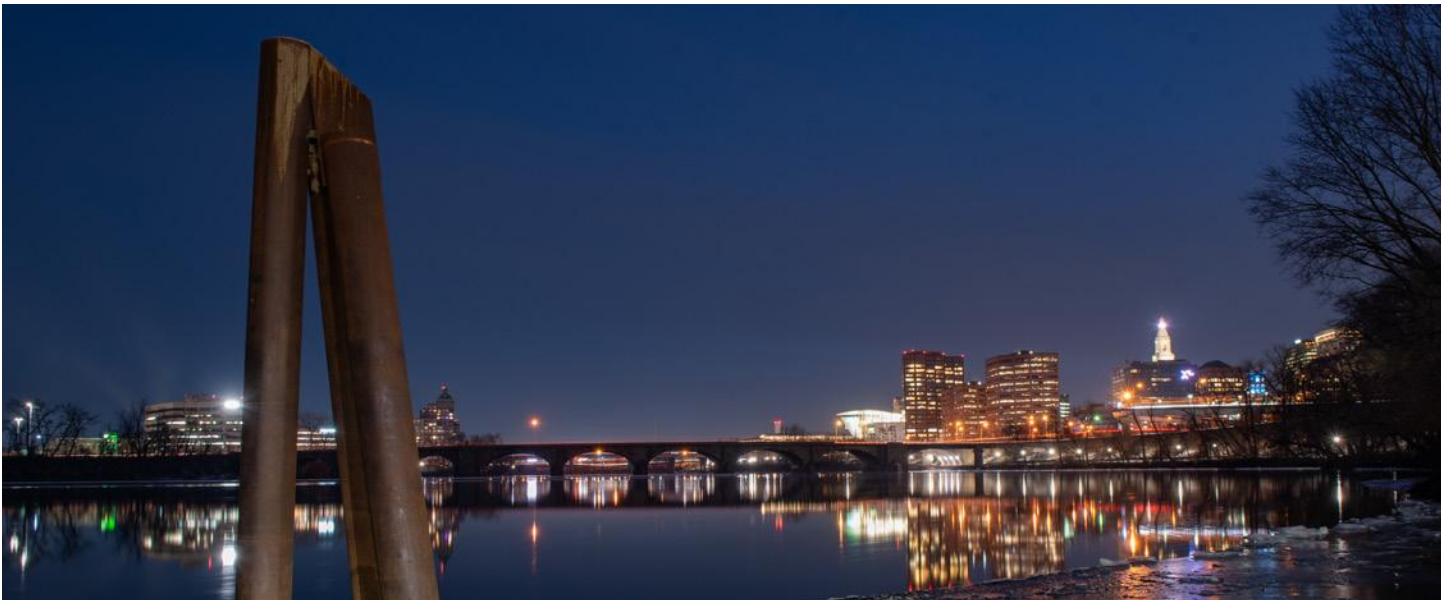
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The MDC

The Metropolitan District Commission is an essential partner to Riverfront Recapture. We are truly grateful to them for all that they provide, which goes far beyond their ongoing, generous financial support. Their work, particularly the Clean Water Project, is pivotal to our work to connect people with the Connecticut River, and provide clean, safe parks to all visitors.

The Clean Water Project reduces pollution in the Connecticut River, which is integral to environmental restoration. It tackles issues such as sewage overflow and contamination, revitalizes the natural environment, and enhances the usability and appeal of our parks for recreational activities like boating, fishing, and rowing. Improvements in water quality directly benefit both residents and visitors who frequent our parks.

Additionally, the Clean Water Project brings significant economic and community health benefits. Cleaner and well-maintained parks are likely to attract more visitors, which we can attest to, and they can also boost local businesses and increase tourism, contributing to economic growth. Additionally, the reduction in waterborne pollutants decreases health risks associated with contaminated water sources, fostering a healthier community environment.

The Clean Water Project also supports wildlife and biodiversity, maintaining the ecological health and natural beauty of our riverfront parks, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life in the city. All of this aligns with the work we do to maintain, manage, and operate four—soon to be five—riverfront parks, and we are so grateful to the MDC for their work and continued partnership.





by row, l to r: Bulkeley Bridge-rowers, Hartford HealthCare volunteers, Hartford HealthCare 5k, Hartford to Wethersfield Riverwalk Feasibility Study presentation by planning consultant VHB, Bank of America Military Appreciation walk, sunrise from Riverside Park

Summary of Finances

Assets

Cash and Investments-Unrestricted	896,657
Cash and Investments-Restricted	2,546,867
Endowment Investments	3,412,559
Receivables	226,620
Land and Equipment	2,213,645
Prepaid Expenses	60,179
TOTAL ASSETS	9,356,527

Liabilities & Net Assets

Payables and Accrued Liabilities	209,357
Refundable Advances	50,048
Net Assets Without Restrictions	3,636,783
Net Assets With Restrictions	5,460,339
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	9,356,527

Revenue

Grants and Contributions	3,289,512
Program Fees & other Earned Income	1,039,618
TOTAL REVENUE	4,329,130

Expenses

Program Services	3,732,894
General Administration	199,342
Fundraising	389,211
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,321,447

Investment Return

816,760

Total Net Assets

Beginning of Year	8,272,679
End of Year	9,097,122

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Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival—past the finish line



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by row, l to r: active Riverwalks, a congregation of egrets, Mortensen Riverfront Plaza
Back cover: early morning-Riverside Park docks

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