

# JOIN RPC TODAY!

## Suggested donation levels

Senior (65+)/Student	\$10
Individual	\$20
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Supporter	\$75
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***With your donation, Riverside Park Conservancy will continue to preserve everything you enjoy about the park. Help us take care of it for you.***

Facility improvements  
Landscaping & invasive plant control  
Storm water management  
Play equipment  
Events at the park

Please make checks payable to **Riverside Park Conservancy** and send to:  
P.O. Box 1082, New London, CT 06320

Online donation is available at:  
**[riversideparkconservancy.org](http://riversideparkconservancy.org)**

Riverside Park Conservancy is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization; contributions are **tax deductible** to the full extent allowed by law.

## History

Riverside Park was created by the City of New London in 1893 with land acquired from the Post Hill Improvement Company. By 1910 it had expanded to nearly 33 acres, thanks to gifts from S.D. Lawrence, F.B. Brandegee and the Palmer Brothers. Over the last 50 years, parcels have been transferred, so the park now covers about 18 acres. Once a popular recreation spot - for games, picnicking, swimming and viewing the annual Yale-Harvard Regatta - Riverside Park became isolated due to the construction of I-95 and urban renewal. As the park gradually fell into disrepair, its unique landscape and sweeping views of the Thames River were largely forgotten outside of its East New London neighborhood.



The Riverside Park Conservancy was founded by a group of dedicated civic and philanthropic citizens. They were determined to end Riverside Park's dramatic decline and restore it to its former splendor as New London's first and foremost major urban public space.



Today, the Conservancy's mission is to restore, manage and enhance Riverside Park, in partnership with the public, for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Riverside Park Conservancy has hosted park clean-ups and events, sponsored Plein Air painting, planted flower gardens and begun implementing facility improvements. In December 2012, Riverside Park Conservancy was recognized as a public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible.



**RIVERSIDE PARK  
CONSERVANCY**  
New London, Connecticut



The purpose of the Riverside Park Conservancy, Inc. is to restore, manage and enhance Riverside Park, in partnership with the public and local government, for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and to improve the quality of open space for all New Londoners.



## 2026 Noteworthy Dates

Sunday, May 17

### New London **NEIGHBOR DAY** **Painting & Pizza in the Park** (Artists of all ages welcome)

Saturday, June 6

### **159<sup>th</sup> Yale Harvard Regatta**

Saturday, June 6

### **CT Trails Day NATURE WALK** **Locations TBD**

Saturday, September 19

### **"DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE"** **Annual Family Festival**

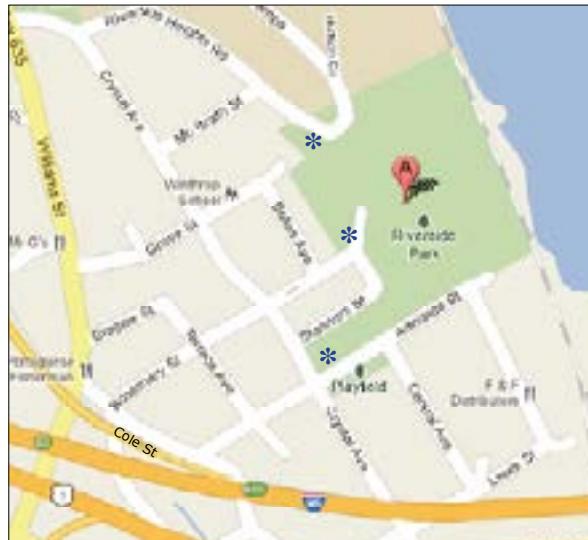
## Monthly Park Planting & Clean-ups

Beginning on Saturday, April 18  
(4/18, 5/16, 6/13, 7/18, 8/8, 9/12, 10/17)

Check out our website for updates:  
[riversideparkconservancy.org](http://riversideparkconservancy.org)

The Riverside Park Conservancy is a community-based nonprofit organization and is not part of city government. Requests to use city parks must be submitted to the NL Parks & Recreation Commission, which meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center. Maintenance issues should be directed to the Dept of Public Works <[ddenoia@newlondonct.org](mailto:ddenoia@newlondonct.org)>.

## Visiting the park



Riverside Park is located at the corner of Adelaide Street and Crystal Avenue. The park can be entered from Adelaide at its south end, Stanners St to the west, and Riverside Heights to the north. Free parking is available.

**From downtown New London:** Take Water St to Crystal Ave, and turn right. Continue about .5 miles, then turn right onto Adelaide. The entrance to the park is on your left.

**From I-95S:** Take exit 84S-N-E and follow both forks to the right. Merge onto Williams St, follow for .2 miles and turn left onto State Pier Rd, then bear left onto Cole St. Turn left onto Adelaide. Riverside Park will be on your left.

**From I-95N:** Take exit 83. Turn left onto Williams St, take a right onto State Pier Rd, then bear left onto Cole St. Turn left onto Adelaide. Riverside Park will be on your left.

- Monthly clean-ups
- Community Gardening
- Website and/or clerical
- Fundraising and/or grant writing
- Join our Board
- Public Relations
- Special events

## Volunteer opportunities

I would like to volunteer in the following area(s):

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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