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Financial Report - FY2019

RIVERSIDE PARK CONSERVANCY

Beginning Balance 01/01/2019 \$14,506.72

2019 Income

Memberships & personal donations	\$ 300.00
Corporate contributions	1,213.31
Other fundraising/income	104.50
Grants, unrestricted	3,000.00
Grants, restricted	5,016.00
CDBG reimbursement	1,690.00

Total Income \$ 9,557.31

Total Assets 12/31/2019 \$24,064.03

2019 Expenditures

Insurance	\$ 1,746.00
Projects & programs	6,887.00
Office expenses	142.00
Fundraising expenses	480.74
Events	1,943.35

Total 2019 Expenditures \$11,199.09

Ending Balance 12/31/2019 \$12,864.94

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN Dedicated savings account

Beginning Balance 01/01/2019 \$ 176.09

2019 Income (fees/interest) 200.26

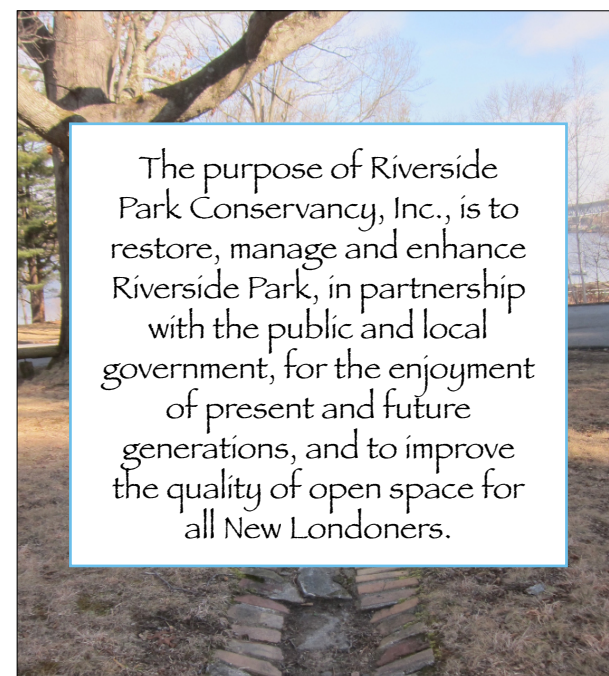
Ending Balance 12/31/19 \$ 376.35

Riverside Park Conservancy
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ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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CONSERVANCY**



The purpose of 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.

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A LOOK BACK AT 2019

Projects

Invasive Removal, Native Plantings and Stormwater Management

Thanks to grants from the New London Water Authority and the Letz Environmental Fund, RPC was able to expand pollinator-friendly plantings within Riverside Park and in the hellstrips around its perimeter on Crystal Avenue and Adelaide Street. In addition, when the City of New London installed a bioswale near the park entrance to control stormwater run-off, Riverside Park Conservancy funded the planting of appropriate native perennials to complete the project.



Riverside Park Facility improvement

Riverside Park Conservancy installed 2 benches next to the Emilie's Shady Spot memorial playscape, to allow families to supervise their children and enjoy the river view in comfort. In addition, RPC utilized Community Development Block Grant funds to purchase a gazebo to be installed in the pine grove, a popular picnic spot for many years. The Department of Public Works has grills which will be installed nearby in spring 2020, to encourage more public utilization of the area, which is located near the expanded designated park parking lot.



Partnerships

Riverside Community Garden

In 2019, the community garden continued to gain members and expand the number of beds for community use. Several new fruit trees and shrubs – including plums, peaches, apples, pears, cherries, blueberries – were planted; when mature, they will provide fruit for member gardeners and the community at large. Additionally, composting facilities at the garden were expanded and improved.



Greening New London

Although the primary focus of Riverside Park Conservancy is the stewardship of open space in East New London, our organization offers support to other local environmental groups. RPC served as fiscal sponsor for New London Trees' initial purchase of shade trees for Gov. Winthrop Blvd. island in downtown New London, a project that was funded by the New England Grassroots Environment Group.

Riverside Park Conservancy is also providing support for the planting of pollinator pathways between northeast New London and the downtown, especially along Briggs Brook from the Olde Mill to Winthrop Cove.

Our annual Connecticut Trails Day Walk, co-hosted with the Conn College Arboretum, took place on Sunday, June 2, and explored Mamacoke Island.

Riverside Park Conservancy is a community-based non-profit organization and is not part of city government. Recognized as a public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Events

Tuesday, April 16 EARTH DAY Clean-up and planting



Saturday, September 14 9th Annual "DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE" Festival

