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Financial Report - FY2022

RIVERSIDE PARK CONSERVANCY

Beginning Balance 01/01/2022 \$11,029.23

2022 Income

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| Memberships & personal donations | \$ 2,542.00 |
| Corporate contributions | 43.52 |
| Other fundraising/income | 485.00 |
| Foundation grants, unrestricted | 11,000.00 |
| Foundation grants, restricted | 2,825.00 |
| CDBG reimbursement | 3,340.00 |

Total Income \$20,235.52

2022 Expenditures

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| Insurance | \$ 1,689.00 |
| Projects & programs | 3,048.09 |
| Office expenses | 216.00 |
| Fundraising expenses | 42.18 |

Total 2022 Expenditures \$ 4,995.27

Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2022 \$26,269.48

Grants receivable 2,850.00

Total Assets \$29,119.48

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN Dedicated savings account

Beginning Balance 01/01/2022 \$ 251.66

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| 2022 Income (rental fees/bank interest) | 150.19 |
| 2022 Expenditures | 0 |

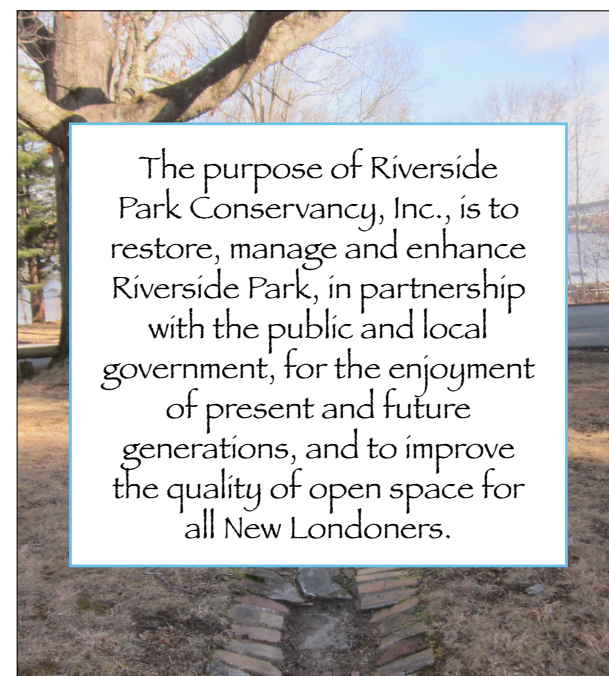
Ending Balance 12/31/2022 \$ 401.85

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**RIVERSIDE PARK
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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Park Projects

Riverside Park Facility improvement

In 2021, with Community Development Block Grant funding, RPC purchased a kiosk to help park visitors navigate its road network and find activity areas. A park map and brochure holder were mounted in 2022, and flyers publicizing upcoming events are posted on the kiosk as well.



Environmental Remediation

One of the areas targeted for invasive plant removal and replacement with pollinator-friendly grasses, perennials, and shrubs is this slope, stretching from Stanners Street into the park, which was choked with Japanese knotweed and hops vines. Expansion of native plantings near the pavilion, including a rain garden, is being planned for construction in 2023.



A LOOK BACK AT 2022

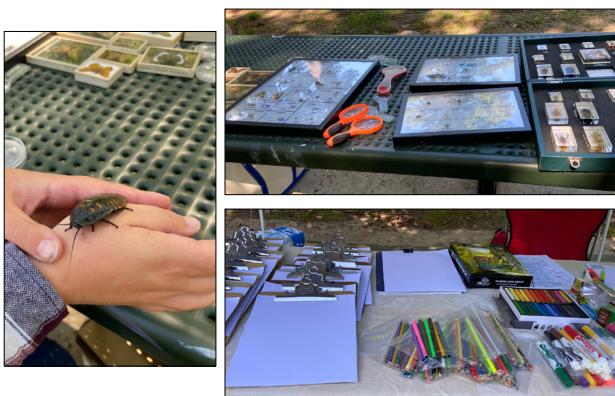
Events

Down by the Riverside Festival & Scenes from Riverside Park Plein Art Exhibit

In 2022, Riverside Park Conservancy cautiously revived some of our longstanding annual events.

In addition to clean-up and planting days, we brought back our Down by the Riverside festival on September 17 and followed up with an artist reception at Rico Chow, where paintings remained on display 11/6-12/10.

"Down by the Riverside 2022" featured music, art, and science, to encourage visitors of all ages to spread out and explore the nooks and crannies of Riverside Park.



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.

East NL Community

Hodges Square Village Association

Over the past year, Riverside Park Conservancy and Hodges Square Village Association have strengthened their relationship and coordinated efforts to beautify and revitalize East New London's business, residential, and natural environment.

RPC members participated in events and clean-up days sponsored by HSVA, and continue to advocate for maintaining and enhancing the pedestrian and bicycling connections within the Hodges Square neighborhood.



Riverside Community Garden

Following two years impacted by COVID, the Riverside Community Garden experienced some loss of gardeners in 2022, but continued to play a small part in addressing food security in the East NL community. Members planted their choice of vegetables in individual beds, while snack beds and fruit trees remained accessible to the public. Active recruitment of community gardeners is planned for 2023.

