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Financial Report - FY2023

RIVERSIDE PARK CONSERVANCY

Beginning Balance 01/01/2023 \$26,682.51

2023 Income

Memberships & personal donations	\$ 1,330.00
Corporate contributions	71.24
Foundation grants, restricted	10,500.00

Total Income \$11,901.24

2023 Expenditures

Insurance	\$ 1,741.00
Projects & programs	4,472.15
Events	1,682.23
Facilities and equipment	3,671.26
Office expenses	238.63
Fundraising expenses	27.52

Total 2023 Expenditures \$11,832.79

Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2023 \$27,750.96

Grants receivable 5,294.00

Total Assets \$32,044.96

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN Dedicated savings account

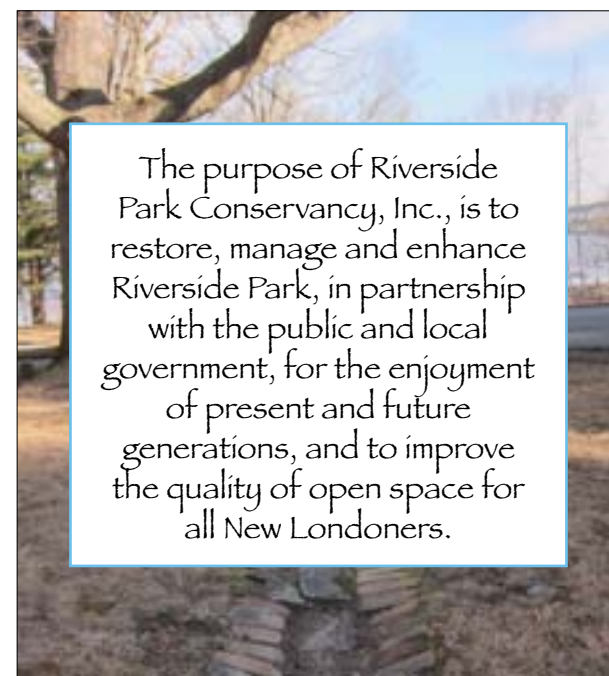
Beginning Balance 01/01/2023 \$ 401.85

2022 Income (rental fees/bank interest)	75.20
2022 Expenditures	0

Ending Balance 12/31/2023 \$ 477.05

Riverside Park Conservancy
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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 & Programs

A Living Ecosystem: Environmental Education for Kids

RPC partnered with environmental educator Suzanne Thompson and organic landscaper Petie Reed to provide a series of hands-on workshops for elementary school children and their families. Sessions were held on Saturdays from June through December, as students engaged with nature throughout the seasons while their parents shared ideas for future park planning. The program was made possible through a grant from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.



Environmental Remediation

Replacement of invasive plants with native pollinators continued on "the slope" which stretches from Stanners Street into the park. Seed balls, made at a Living Ecosystem session, were tossed in areas that have been cleared but not yet replanted. Stakes have been purchased, and markers will be added as soon as plants emerge in spring.



A LOOK BACK AT 2023

Events

Down by the Riverside Festival &

Scenes from Riverside Park Plein Art Exhibit

"Down by the Riverside 2023" featured music, a magic show, plein air art, and live animals. Park visitors were encouraged to fill out our survey to let us know what improvements they'd like to see at Riverside, especially near the pavilion in the north end.



"Art in the Park" has also been added to our Neighbor Day celebration in May, with art supplies provided for children who'd like to take part. Paintings from both events were welcome to be on display at Rico Chow; Opening Reception was held on October 29, and paintings could be viewed until December 2.



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.

Get involved!

Tell us what you want to see in the park!

Riverside Park Conservancy is working on a longterm plan to make improvements – both recreational and environmental – near the pavilion in the north end of the park, where historically there was a small playground. Part of the area (near the Coast Guard Academy fence), we are in the process of installing a native garden that will also aid stormwater management, and there will be some raised beds for growing ferns and grasses that can be transplanted throughout the park. However, there's still a lot of space for play equipment, and we want the community to weigh in on what should be added.

Please complete the survey and share it with your friends!



Scan for online survey

Riverside Community Garden

The fruit trees and bushes have started to produce a good harvest, and gardeners (and community members) can enjoy apples, pears, and berries as well as the vegetables growing in their own raised beds. Sign-up for garden beds opens on March 1, and we hope to have a full complement of gardeners utilizing the 48 beds. The garden continues to play a small part in building community and supporting food security.

