MILL RIVER PARK COLLABORATIVE

Board of Representatives Presentation April 25, 2018



Agreement

Mill River Park is <u>City of</u> <u>Stamford Property</u>

Mill River Park Collaborative has a 10 year renewable contract with the City of Stamford to manage the design, construction, maintenance, programming and repair of Mill River Park.

All buildings and improvements are owned by the City of Stamford

WHEREAS, the City is charged with the duty to manage, maintain and operate City-owned parks and recreation facilities, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Certificate of Incorporation, the Collaborative was formed in 2002 for the purpose of promoting and assisting in the restoration, maintenance and management of Mill River Park & Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the City, wishes to work with the Collaborative to enhance the existing and proposed park known as the Mill River Park & Greenway (which is more specifically described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof), and foster opportunities for active and passive recreational uses in the Mill River Park & Greenway by developing public greenway pathways, other landscape features and architectural amenities within Mill River Park & Greenway to foster such uses; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative and the City have developed an effective public/private partnership through which the Collaborative has undertaken significant responsibility for the development, maintenance, public assistance, repair, public programming, and capital improvements in Mill River Park & Greenway, and has raised funds for the costs associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative has raised a total of approximately \$28,000,000.00 as of this date for Mill River Park & Greenway from donations from members of the general public, foundations, and other private sources has managed the design and construction of Mill River Playground, provided Public Safety Ambassadors and maintained Mill River Park & Greenway since June 2006; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The Collaborative shall provide, or cause to be provided, services specified for construction of improvements, programming, maintaining and repairing Mill River Park & Greenway to the reasonable satisfaction of the City so as to create and maintain a first class urban park. Such services shall include keeping and maintaining Mill River Park & Greenway in good condition and repair, all in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Vision

A world-class urban park in the heart of Stamford that serves as both an oasis in city life and a vibrant, diverse green space that inspires sound environmental practices and learning.

Collaborative Lifetime Fundraising

- \$28M in private funds
- \$19M in State & Federal Funds

One Year Later

Mill River Park has transitioned from being a passive space to an active part of Stamford's recreation life

May 2017

Opening of Brownstein | Selkowitz Carousel Pavilion

20,000 rides in the first 6 months of operation

July 2017

Groundbreaking for Steven & Alexandra Cohen Skating Center and Fountain

Opening May 3, 2018

Operations

Horticulture

- Lawn & Garden Planting and Upkeep
- Tree Pruning
- Invasive Species Removal
- Sight Line Clearing

Maintenance

- 1.7+ Miles of Snow Removal on Sidewalks and Pathways
- Bathroom Maintenance
- Trash & Litter Cleanup
- River Cleanup

Ambassadors

2000+ hours patrols annually



Programming: Education



4th Grade Science Enrichment Program

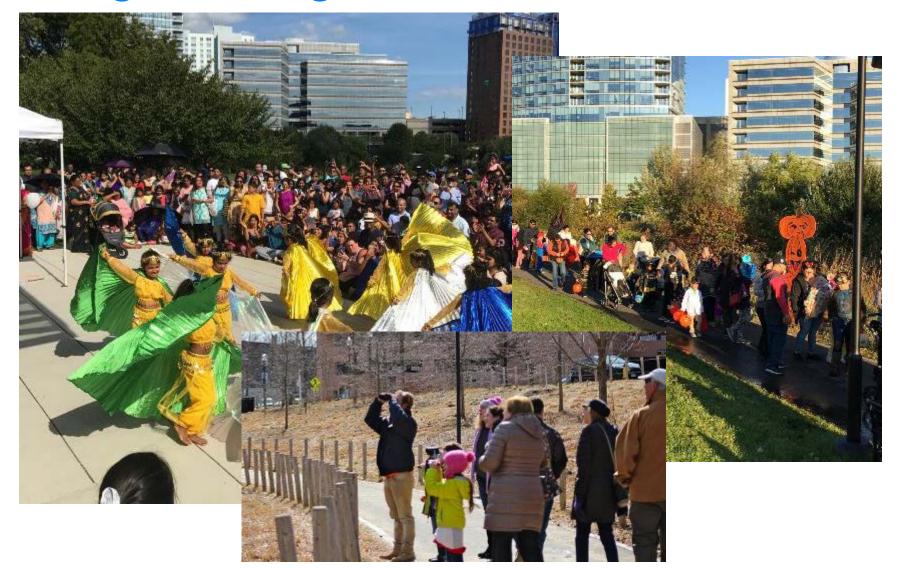
Partnered with 7 schools serving over 600 students in 2018 with two park visits and one classroom visit from MRPC educator.



Programming: HS Interns



Programming: Youth



Programming: Fitness



16-20 Weeks of Programming Annually

700+ participants each week



Unique Programming



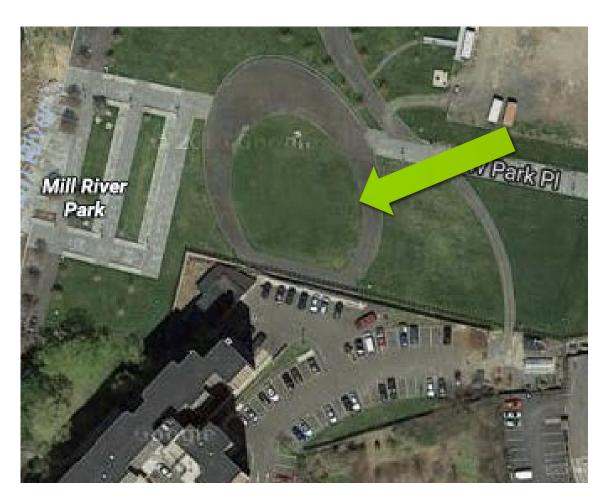
Carousel Operations



- Public Open Hours
- Event Rentals
- Part time jobs for 10 local high school and college students

Upcoming Capital Projects

Skating Center & Fountain Location



In the heart of Mill River Park nestled between Downtown Stamford and the Westside community.

The Steven & Alexandra
Cohen Skating Center &
Fountain will be a yearround facility with over 9,000
sq ft of ice from November
through March. During the
summer months it will
provide water based
entertainment to the
community.

Temporary Facilities

Designed by

Ikoniq

National Leader in container based structures

Notable Clients

- Formula 1
- Wesleyan University
- US Military Academy
- Multiple NFL Stadiums
- Six Flags

Handicap Accessible Restrooms





Temporary Facilities



Playground Renovation



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Nature Play Inspiration



Southward Expansion



In Development

Whittingham Discovery Center
Funding Completed
Architect Hired
Groundbreaking 2019

1050 Washington Blvd. Lot Funding in Progress

Economic Impact: Development



75 Tresser
BLVD
9 West Broad
Hampton Inn
Hotel Zero
Summer House
Park Square West
Trump Parc
RBS
Vela on the Park
35 West Broad
25 Adams Ave



Economic Impact



Mill River Park delivers one of the strongest **ROIs** for the City of Stamford!