

# MILL RIVER PARK COLLABORATIVE

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Board of Representatives Presentation

April 25, 2018



# Agreement

## Mill River Park is City of Stamford Property

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> 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 year-round 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!