Massachusetts Rivers Alliance
ANNUAL REPORT
2023

This year was a year of change – the good kind – for Mass Rivers.

Paddle on the Mystic River

We welcomed three new staff members, moved to a bigger space in Somerville, and expanded our programs and collaborations. In addition to policy, advocacy leadership, and technical support for our member groups, we added programs to help municipal staff protect their local rivers and other waters. Our stormwater finance workshops helped municipalities comply with federal stormwater management requirements, and our Dam Busters 101 series is helping demystify the dam removal process. Our fourth Lobby for the Rivers Day brought 120 participants virtually (during a snowstorm) into the State House to advocate for "The Drought Bill". As always, our 86 member organizations and other project partners provided expertise, ideas, and helped expand our network across the state. And thank you to our loyal donors for making this work possible! We hope you are as proud of our achievements as we are.

Left to right: Julia, Emily

Julia Blatt
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Emily Scerbo
BOARD PRESIDENT

Our board and staff

2023 Staff: Julia Blatt (Executive Director), Monica Driggers (Senior Program Director), Danielle Dolan (Deputy Director), Sarah Bower (Technical Program Director), Katharine Lange (Policy Director), Anna Renkert (Development & Engagement Coordinator), Mikayla Hopkins (Bookkeeper/Office Manager)

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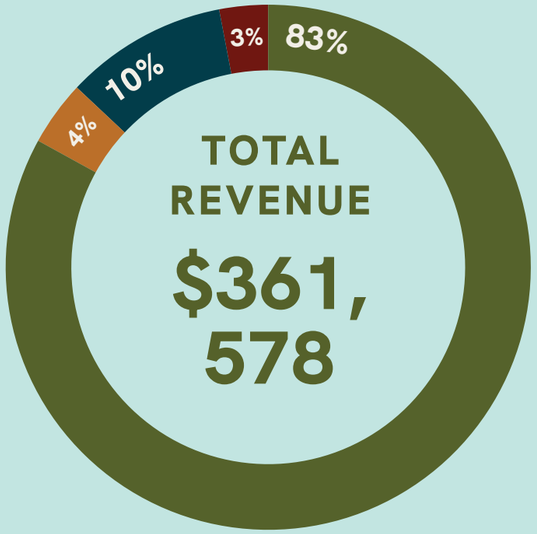
Our Financials



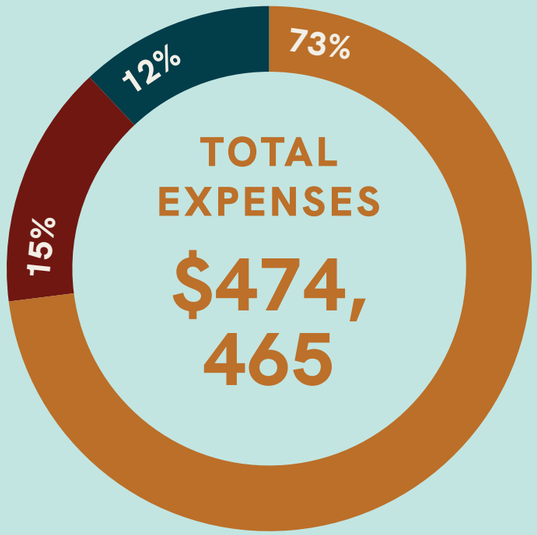
REVENUE BREAKDOWN

- 83% GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUALS
- 10% ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER DUES
- 4% GRANTS & CORPORATE GIFTS
- 3% PROGRAM & OTHER

**Mass Rivers also received $100,000 in 2023 as the third installment of a five-year Transformational Grant of $550,000. The full grant amount was recognized in 2021 revenues.*

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

- 73% PROGRAM
- 15% ADMIN
- 12% FUNDRAISING



Our Achievements

Investing in climate resilience

With partners, we successfully advocated for over **$40 million of increased funding** for Massachusetts state environmental agencies.

Technical assistance for municipal stormwater funding

Educated nearly **200 municipal and nonprofit participants** across the state on stormwater finance with a series of three interactive workshops featuring public and private sector experts.

2023 Lobby for the Rivers Day

Largest land and water lobbying event in the Commonwealth, with 120 participants who participated in 67 legislator meetings to speak up for their rivers.

SEE MORE

Briggsville Dam in the North Branch of the Hoosic River, Clarksburg. September 2010.

BEFORE DAM REMOVAL

AFTER DAM REMOVAL

North Branch of the Hoosic River, Clarksburg after dam removal. 2011.

Dam Busters 101!

With two partners, developed and debuted monthly webinar series for **400+ registrants** to de-mystify the complicated process of dam removal.

Connecting and strengthening our community

Included **48 "Mass Rivers Connects"** virtual peer-to-peer support meetings, **12 summer visits** with member organizations, **12 advocacy trainings**, and **an interactive morning for 50 organizational members** with the state's newly appointed environmental secretary and MassDEP commissioner.

Speaking up for the rivers

Led our community to weigh in strategically on **five draft permits**, **four sets of proposed regulations**, and **13 pieces of potential legislation**. We also weighed in legally with both the US EPA and MassDEP to protect streamflow.

We grew!

We increased our own capacity with three new staff.

Our River Protection Partners

MASS RIVERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS

River Heroes
$5,000+

Mass Audubon
The Nature Conservancy
Ipswich River Watershed Association

River Guardians
$2,500 - $4,999

Neponset River Watershed Association

River Stewards
$1,000 - $2,499

Charles River Watershed Association
Mass Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
Mystic River Watershed Association
Trout Unlimited, MA RI Council
Trout Unlimited, Nor'East Chapter

River Defenders
$500 - $999

Connecticut River Conservancy
Conservation Law Foundation
North and South Rivers Watershed Association
Trout Unlimited, Greater Boston Chapter

River Advocates
$250 - $499

Association to Preserve Cape Cod
Berkshire Natural Resources Council
Center for Coastal Studies
The Charles River Conservancy
Environmental League of Massachusetts
Farmington River Watershed Association
Groundwork Lawrence
Interchapter Paddling Committee- AMC
Nantucket Land & Water Council
Nashua River Watershed Association
OARS
Save the Bay – Narragansett Bay Riverkeepers
Shawsheen River Watershed Association
Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter
Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council
Taunton River Watershed Alliance
Trout Unlimited, Cape Cod Chapter
Trust for Public Land
The Trustees

River Friends
$100 - $249

Barnstable Cleanwater Coalition
Berkshire Environmental Action Team
Buzzards Bay Coalition
Charlesgate Alliance
Clean Water Fund
Environment Massachusetts
The Esplanade Association
Fort River Watershed Alliance
Franklin Land Trust, Inc.
Friends of Belle Isle Marsh
Friends of the Blue Hills
Friends of the Malden River
Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation
Green Newton
Greenbelt
Hoosic River Revival
Hoosic River Watershed Association
Housatonic Valley Association
Jones River Watershed Association
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust
Massachusetts Association of Conservation Coms.
Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition
Merrimack River Watershed Council
Ocean River Institute
Stockholm Environment Institute
Sudbury Valley Trustees
Taunton River Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council
Trout Unlimited, Deerfield River Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Pioneer Valley Chapter #276
Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee
Weir River Watershed Association
Westfield River Wild & Scenic River Advisory Committee
Westport River Watershed Alliance

Members
Up to $100

Belmont Citizens Forum
Blackstone River Coalition
Blackstone River Watershed Association
Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council
Deerfield River Watershed Association
Friends of Jerry's Pond
Friends of Woodlands and Waters
Friends of the Bass River
Friends of the Ten Mile River Watershed
Hop Brook Protection Association
Massachusetts Watershed Coalition
Millers River Watershed Council
Muddy Water Initiative
Parker River Clean Water Association
Runnins River Watershed Alliance
Ten Mile River Watershed Council
Wareham Land Trust
Wastewater Advisory Committee to the MWRA
Westfield River Watershed Association
Western MA Rights of Nature

Our Members

CONSECUTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS 💧 5-9 years 💧💧 10-14 years 💧💧💧 15+ years
🐟 New Members

River Champions
$10,000+

Anonymous 💧💧
Sue Bass 💧💧
David Comb and Coleen Fitzgibbon 💧
Gift in Honor of Don Comb
Andrea Franz 💧
Sarah Hancock 💧💧
Nagesh Mahanthappa and Valentine Tolland 💧💧
Mark P. Smith and Elizabeth W. Brown 💧💧
Jacqueline and Thomas Stone
Stearns Charitable Trust

River Heroes
$5,000 - $9,999

Susan Beede and Jay Copeland 💧
Bonnie Cockman and Chris Foote 💧💧
John Goodman 💧💧
Nancy and Ted Hammett 💧💧
Meryl Loonin and Neil Fisher 💧💧
Jessie and Jonathan Panek 💧
Robert Sproull
The Echo Charitable Foundation 💧💧

River Guardians
$2,500 - $4,999

Edward and Monica Driggers 💧
Mary Griffin 💧
Graham Lubie
Amir Nashat
Eve Vogel 💧
Candace Young and Glenn Batchelder 💧

River Stewards
$1,000 - $2,499

Anonymous
Ralph and Ellen Abele 💧
Paul Beaulieu and Karen Hollis 💧💧
Howard and Judy Blatt 💧💧💧
Katrine Bosley 💧
Clarissa and Rod Bronson 💧
Lalor Burdick 💧
Betsy Cabot 💧💧
David Carlisle and Morene Bodner 💧💧
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Richard Perkins Jr.
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Ken Siskind and Julia Blatt 💧💧
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Campbell Steward 💧💧
Pauliina Swartz
Robert and Lisa Unsworth
Martha Wallace and Edward Kane 💧💧
Ress Family Foundation
Kate and Hermann Field Legacy Fund
MOM's Organic Market 🐟

River Defenders
$500 - $999

Anonymous (3)
Colin and Melody Anderson 💧💧
Stuart Armstrong 💧💧
Nancy Askin 💧
John and Molly Beard 💧
Reinier and Nancy Beeuwkes 💧
Brian and Alison Clew 💧
Roger Colton and Anne Lougee 💧💧
Ian Cooke and Jill Foster 💧💧
Melville P. Cote, Jr. and Edith Rodrigues 💧💧
Christine Dugan
Irene Freidel and Dan Gaposchkin 💧💧
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Jennie Goossen 🐟
Elissa Grad and Narayan Kaimal 💧💧
Nicholas and Marjorie Greville 💧💧
Ilisa Hurowitz
Juliet and Bruce Jenkins 💧💧
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Jane Levin and Bob Rifkin 💧💧
Stuart Licht 🐟
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William and Leslie Mayo-Smith 💧💧
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Pat Moran-Queenan and David Queenan 💧
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Sally Owen 💧💧
Mark and Paula Petschek 💧💧
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Derek and Karen Smith 💧💧
Mark Smith
Susan and Eric Smith 💧💧💧
John and Louisa Troubh 💧💧
Margaret Van Deusen and James Doyle 💧💧
Katy and Tom Walker
Karen Ziffer
Gift in Honor of Julia Blatt

River Advocates
$250 - $499

Anonymous
Chuck Anastas
Emily Blatt 💧💧
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Margie and Chris Brown
Katherine Button 💧
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David and Susan Clark 💧💧
Russ Cohen 💧💧
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Heidi and Eric Steinert 💧
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Julie and Ernie Vargas 💧
Ellen Wallace 🐟
Miriam and David Weil 💧💧
Gift in Honor of Julia Blatt
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Samantha Woods and Frederic L. Day III 💧💧
Henry Woolsey
Wachusett Brewing Company
Raytheon Company

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$100 - $249

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Anna Aguilera and Jesse Schreier 💧
Barbara Aguilera 💧
Harvey Allen
Jennifer Allport-Anderson
Bruce Amazeen and Sandra Webster
Bob and Judy Anderson 💧
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Carmen and James Beaton 💧
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