

THE VISION

WHY JOIN?

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- » Because Mill River Park is the most significant civic initiative in Stamford in generations, and you should be part of this legacy that will delight residents of all ages for generations
- » Because without private support Mill River would still be dammed and the Mill Pond stagnant
- » Because, today, public/private partnerships are how great urban parks are being created from New York to Chicago to Greenville, SC and are fueling economic growth
- » Because how often does a city like Stamford get the opportunity to create a major green space in the heart of its downtown?
- » Because you believe in creating the future rather than just letting it happen and want to make certain this park is built and maintained to the highest standards

If you can appreciate any of these reasons, please join the hundreds of Collaborative members who are bringing a new quality of life to Stamford Downtown through the creation of a vibrant public civic space and restored natural environment.

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When Phase 1 of the Mill River Park & Greenway, between Main and West Broad Streets, is completed in 2013, Stamford will have a truly world class urban park. Phase 1 will contain:

- » Over 400 new trees including the largest grove of Japanese cherry trees in the Northeast
- » Thousands of native shrubs providing food sources for birds and other wildlife
- » Promenades and pathways allowing residents to stroll , run or bike along the river as part of a planned 2.5-mile greenway from Scalzi Park to Long Island Sound
- » Granite Grand Steps and overlooks leading to the waters edge
- » Native plant meadows, and great lawns where you can unwind and forget you are in the heart of a vibrant city

When complete, Mill River Park will be the jewel of Stamford. *Please help us make it happen!*

Complete the form below and give or send it to us at:

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☐ Sign me up as a Collaborative member.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 PLANNER | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 SUPPORTER |

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Or join online at www.millriverpark.com





THE HISTORY

The Rippowam River, known as the Mill River as it enters Stamford's downtown, was an important economic driver for the city for over 300 years. The first gristmill was erected on the river in 1641 for the settlers' common benefit and over the next 300 years the river continued to be used for industrial purposes. Since the late 1800's planners have envisioned a park and greenway along Mill River. Mill River Collaborative was formed as a public-private partnership in 2002 to implement that vision. But, before something beautiful could be created, the degraded river had to be fixed. Deteriorating dams impounded sediment laden with petrochemicals from road runoff. Riverbanks were eroded, strewn with debris and overtaken by invasive plants. Between 2006 and 2011 that all began to change.

Clockwise from top: phase 1 master plan, cherry tree promenade, the "Porch" sculptural canopy, carousel and event pavilion, the great lawn



MILL RIVER COLLABORATIVE

Incorporated in 2006 as a 501(c) 3 non-profit, the Mill River Collaborative was created to lead the restoration of the river and the creation of Mill River Park. The Collaborative helped fund the design fee and coordinated the design collaboration between the Army Corps of Engineers and Olin Partnership, the landscape architects hired to design the park.

By 2010, two dams and the concrete Mill Pond were gone, replaced by a series of 5 pools and riffles. Hundreds of new trees and shrubs and native wildflowers replaced acres of invasive plants on the river's banks.



Mill River Park is a world-class urban park in the Mill River corridor, an oasis in Stamford Downtown.