

PROTECTING AND RESTORING THE COMMONWEALTH'S RIVERS AND STREAMS

Thank you for helping us build a strong and active movement in Massachusetts for healthy, sustainable rivers.

In 2022 we continued to expand the state's capacity to restore rivers and streams, help communities manage our water more carefully in a time of climate change, and connect and strengthen our 85 member organizations. Due to the severe statewide drought some of our rivers and streams reached record low flows and even dried up entirely, bringing our rivers and our organization national attention. We worked with our partner organizations on several fronts to improve the Commonwealth's drought response, and our legislative, budgetary, regulatory, and technical support work focused on addressing this critical issue. As a result, we were pleased to see new conservation regulations we had long sought finally on the move (promulgated in early 2023), our drought bill reported favorably out of its legislative committee, and recognition by local and national media that even here in Massachusetts, our water is not unlimited.

In 2023, we are continuing to work to pass the drought legislation and strategically advocate for other policy changes to safeguard our rivers and water supplies during droughts. We are also expanding our stormwater efforts with a

new program to help municipalities finance stormwater management. We are back in (our new) office two days a week and are expanding our staff to help us better address the growing demand for our services across the state.

Creating a healthy, sustainable water future is key to climate resiliency for all who live and work in this state, and for many of the creatures with whom we share our home. We could not do this work without your support, and without our organizational partners. The majority of Mass Rivers' funding comes from you, our individual donors. This kind of support gives us the flexibility to respond quickly to both opportunities and threats, and to speak truth to power. We are deeply grateful for your loyalty and generosity.

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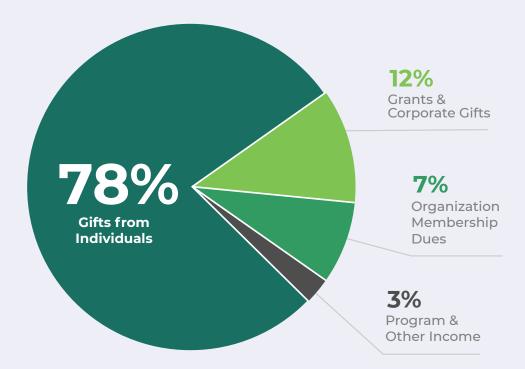
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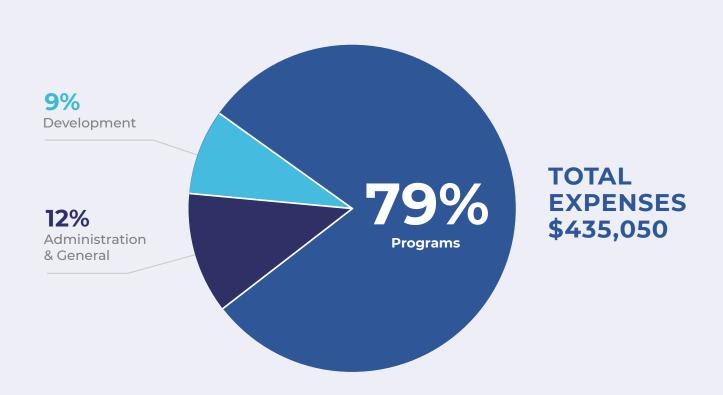
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2022 FINANCIALS



We received additional cash revenues of \$150,000 from a generous 5 Year Transformational gift totaling \$550,000, which was fully attributed to revenues in tax year 2021.







Amplifying your voices and connecting our community

A member from the western part of the state recently pointed out that one useful service Mass Rivers provides is regularly bringing voices from western Massachusetts to Boston, where many important policy decisions are made. Our goal is not to speak for our colleagues around the state, but to track how decisions are being made, spot (or create) opportunities to weigh in, and make sure every region has a seat at the table. Another way we strengthen our community of river advocates is by connecting people together - through our "Mass Rivers Connects" virtual peer-to-peer meetings, our teamwork on issues, and a variety of in-person events. This work has helped foster a wealth of collaboration among our organizational members, and has led to grant-funded projects and informal networking to share ideas and support for each other's work.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Our efforts led to over

7 MILLION

in increased annual funding for Massachusetts state environmental agencies

The legislature responded to our economic development bill asks with

\$175M & \$100M

for land conservation & parks

for the Clean Water Trust



We advanced drought legislation in the state house



Our collective work led to effective sewage notification regulations

We analyzed

PFRMITS

issued under the state's Water Management Act to assess the program's performance since 2014 regulatory update

We connected

individuals through our "Mass Rivers Connects" virtual peer support program

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

We worked with

5

member groups to review and analyze imminent WMA permit renewals in their watersheds

Responded to more than

25

local and national media requests this summer relating to the extreme drought conditions

Met with NGOs and public agencies including more than

20 MUNICIPALITIES & 9 MEMBER GROUPS

to identify the major stormwater assistance needs statewide. We then developed a new stormwater Technical Assistance program to aid municipalities in complying with permit requirements and enhancing stormwater management in their communities.

14 SUMMER VISITS

to our vibrant community of member organizations

30+

public presentations on our work and environmental advocacy Launched a new pro-bono "Science Advisors" network of

17 TECHNICAL EXPERTS



We also found time to celebrate our shared successes with our Annual Celebration at Hale Reservation in Westwood, a River Restoration walk along the Neponset River, and a Women Making Waves paddle on the Charles.

OUR RIVER PROTECTION PARTNERS

The groups listed below are Mass Rivers' organizational members

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