

# 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.



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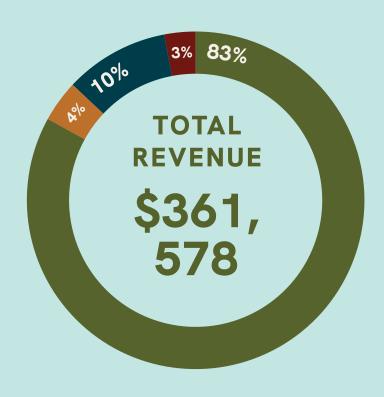
# Our board and staff

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)

**2023 Interns**: Clement Doucette (2023 Summer Stormwater Technical Assistance Intern), Emilie Wong (2023 Comms & Outreach Intern)

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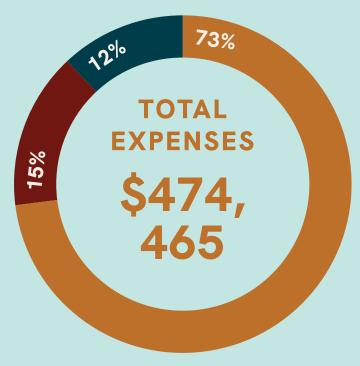
#### REVENUE BREAKDOWN

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

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



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



# 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.





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

AFTER DAM

RFMOVAL

### Dam Busters 101!

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

BEFORE DAM REMOVAL



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

# 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

The Charles River

#### River Heroes \$5,000+

Mass Audubon
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#### CONSECUTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

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