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Newsletter & 2012 Annual Report

River Access Improves!



As I approach my one year anniversary at the helm, I am happy to report that your organization hasn't skipped a beat and we are as strong as ever. The river continues to show signs of improvement, we are engaging more people and partners in our work, we are fiscally strong and we continue to be a tireless advocate for the river, our most important role. This year, we also implemented several new initiatives designed to build a stronger foundation under the organization which we hope will both strengthen and sustain us well into the future. The central theme of this effort is to connect to many more people to multiply the impact of our work. Towards this end, we updated our primary outreach tools, initiated a new member campaign, expanded our Riverbend reservation, finalized the Action Plan for the PIE-Rivers Restoration Partnership, created 3 new volunteer committees and kicked off planning efforts for fundraising, marketing and property management. Wow! Much of this was made possible through the incredible generosity of the Entrust Fund which made one of the largest financial commitments ever to our organization. I want to thank all of our volunteers, supporters, partners and staff for making all of this happen and for welcoming me into your organization. I look forward to an even more successful next year.

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Wayne Castonguay
Executive Director

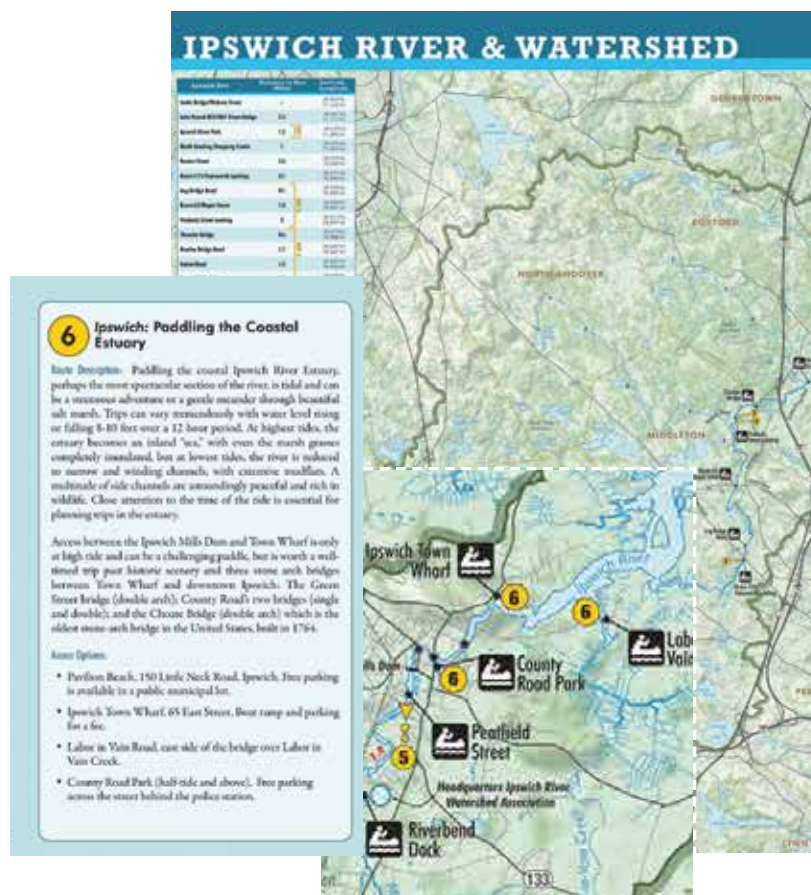


Connect With Your River

Getting out on the Ipswich River is one of the best ways to connect with it and to learn how healthy it is. To better share important information about the river and how you can enjoy and protect it, we recently updated two of our most important outreach tools — our website, www.ipswichriver.org, and the Ipswich River Paddling Guide and Map. We hope these tools will make it easier for you and the half a million people that live, work, play and visit the watershed to learn about and connect with your local river.

The new website updates you on our work to protect the river, ways to explore the river, river conditions, news and events. The new color Paddling Guide and Map includes all you might need to know about the special features and access points along the river for planning your paddling trip. As our main outreach tools, we will use both of these updated tools in the years to come to engage more people with river issues and help them explore the river recreationally.

For your convenience, the map can also be used electronically in the field on mobile devices thanks to the free Avenza PDF Map app for mobile mapping technology. Thanks to the Essex National Heritage Commission and the Fields Pond Foundation for funding the Paddling Guide and Map project. The map is available for \$5 at our Ipswich headquarters, 143 County Road, at Green Meadows Farm, Ipswich Visitor Center, Russell Orchards, other local retailers or on our website, www.ipswichriver.org.



The Ipswich River is widely recognized as one of the premier paddling destinations in New England and our new color map and interpretive guide includes all you need to know about the special features and access points along the river for planning your next paddling excursion.

Photo (left): J. LeJeune

River Access Improves: New Great Places to Enjoy Your River

We are fortunate to have one of the most publicly accessible rivers found anywhere. This good fortune is primarily the result of the hard work of committed local citizens and generous landowners who have conserved thousands of acres of public open space, built miles of trails and secured dozens of boat landings along the river for everyone to enjoy. Public access to our river took another big step forward this year with several projects throughout the watershed.

The tireless efforts of the Middleton Stream Team continue to increase opportunities to connect people to the river. The Team's six meticulously maintained landings and informational kiosks are in a continual state of renewal and easily make this stretch of the river the most accessible and welcoming for boaters. This year, the Middleton community helped secure over a mile and a half of riverfront land for a new public trail on one of the largest remaining sections of privately owned land along the river. Their ongoing work on behalf of the river is a model for all of us and attendance at one of their several guided group outings each year is a must for any river enthusiast.

In Ipswich, groundbreaking has occurred on a new access road, parking area and riverfront trails at our Riverbend headquarters. Developed in partnership with the Town of Ipswich, the new configuration will dramatically improve river access and recreational opportunities at Riverbend, particularly for members who soon will be able to drive to the water's edge, grab one of our free boats and go! The new trails should be open this fall and the new landing is scheduled to be ready for the 2014 boating season.

Along the most heavily travelled and conserved stretches of the river, Foote Brothers has made several improvements to their boat livery operation for visitors. In operation since 1955, Foote's continues to be the leading gateway to the river introducing thousands of new people to the river and paddling each year. Just upriver from Foote's, Essex County Greenbelt made improvements to their Willowdale Meadow Reservation on the banks of the river which has quickly become one of the busiest paddling landing and mountain bike destination on the North Shore. At Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, a beautiful new paddling kiosk welcomes boaters. Just upstream in Topsfield, construction has just been completed on the long awaited IRWA-led repairs to the popular Route 97 boat landing.

Looking ahead, this pace of renewal should continue as our new paddling guide and map helps more people explore the river and planning gets underway on several new public access projects. Buoyed by the increased water levels in the upper reaches due to our advocacy and in anticipation of the planned for removal of the Middleton Dam, we are quietly working with several partners that could significantly increase public access opportunities in the upper river. Given that section's proximity to lots of people, we envision an upper river as appreciated and used as the downstream stretches are. Exciting times for the River indeed!



Top: Executive Director Wayne Castonguay joins this year's annual Middleton Stream Team Paddle on a picture perfect June 15. For one of the most informative trips anywhere, be sure to look out for next year's paddle date. Photo: K. Davis

Center: Wayne Castonguay joins a group of local dignitaries and project officials at the July groundbreaking ceremony for the new assisted living facility adjacent to Riverbend. At the event, Wayne summarized the conservation and public access benefits successfully negotiated with the developer by IRWA.

Bottom: Thanks to a generous grant from Cell Signaling Technology, our Association leads the effort to restore the popular Route 97 Canoe Landing in Topsfield. In August, workers install huge granite blocks and gravel to reduce erosion, increase safety and improve public access.

Make A Splash!

Where would you be without clean water?

Where would you be without special places
to boat, swim and enjoy the outdoors?

Where would you be without nature and
abundant fish and wildlife so close to home?

That's how our Membership Drive letter started.

We are conducting the biggest membership drive in our history. In June, aka River Month, we mailed letters to 16,000 households asking them to help protect the river by becoming a member. Within 4 weeks, we had 223 new members. What a great beginning!

If you've ever thought of helping the Ipswich River, now is the time. Your gift will make a BIG SPLASH since it will be matched dollar for dollar by the EnTrust Fund. Huge thanks to the EnTrust Fund for your generous commitment to the river!

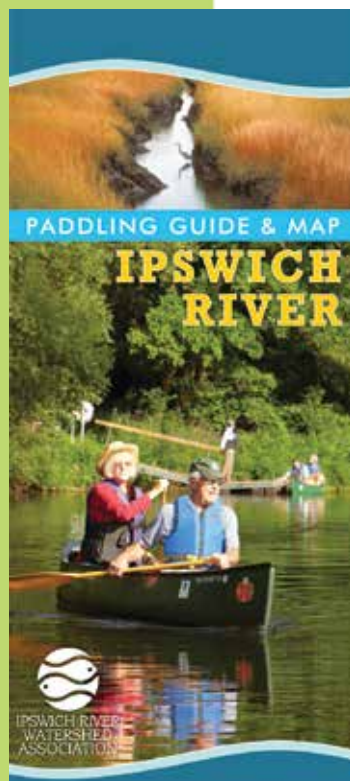


You can make a big splash for the river, too. When you make a new donation, EnTrust will match your generosity dollar for dollar. Photo: M. Wertz

Current supporters can participate too, since increased gifts will also be matched. If you've been a loyal \$40 member for years, this is the time to consider renewing at \$100. Your increased gift will do twice as much good. Look for a letter inviting your support this fall or visit us online at ipswichriver.org to donate now.

You can help spread the word and make your river community even stronger.

Everyone who participates in the challenge will receive a FREE copy of our new Paddling Guide & Map to the Ipswich River. Together, we'll keep our local waters clean, safe and beautiful.



Working Together to Improve Habitat Quality

Critical habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms has been degraded throughout much of the Ipswich River watershed. Groundwater withdrawals, impervious cover, dams and poor culverts have reduced water quality or blocked access to fish migration. We are fortunate to work with many dedicated volunteers and supporters to document the pressures on the river and raise awareness of the need for habitat restoration. Volunteers are currently assisting us with monitoring and restoration projects to measure water quality and habitat connectivity.

When discussing our monitoring programs, I find many people are interested in the results of our annual herring count. Why are the herring numbers so low? What can be done to restore healthy fisheries to the Ipswich River? Questions about river herring reflect the goals of our monitoring and restoration work. Pressures on the river have removed cool, flowing water from critical habitat and we monitor to understand how this affects fish and other aquatic organisms.

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, we have been able to measure water quality and demonstrate the need for habitat restoration. Our RiverWatch monitors and fishcounters have done extraordinary work documenting low flow conditions and low returning numbers of river herring. Most recently, we have begun to systematically survey hundreds of road-stream crossings as part of a regional effort to document impairments to fish and wildlife passage. Thanks to our summer interns, we have already surveyed over 100 culverts!

We know a great deal about the Ipswich River from the investment of volunteers and supporters. With the evidence collected, we are better able to promote water conservation and demonstrate progress in habitat restoration. What happens to the Ipswich River affects all of us and we are grateful that so many people are part of this incredible effort.



On a brisk March day, RiverWatch monitors extraordinaire Nancy and Michael Wolfe monitor Lubber's Brook, one of Wilmington's key water supply sources.

River Restoration Takes Big Leap Forward

At this time last year, we were reporting the first dam removal in the watershed to restore a free-flowing and healthier Boston Brook in Middleton. Although there are no dramatic pictures of heavy equipment restoring habitat this year, we transitioned to a watershed-wide approach to restoration and focused on prioritizing groups of projects with potentially huge improvements to river health.

Some highlights from our busy year include; (1) measuring Boston Brook's response to the dam removal, (2) continuing to spearhead regional restoration efforts through the PIE-Rivers Partnership and (3) coordinating an ambitious survey of the region's 1000-plus bridges and culverts to help guide our work.

In the year since the dam removal we have conducted physical and ecological monitoring to see how Boston Brook has responded to restoration. The early results are encouraging with native streambank vegetation taking hold, migratory fish returning and river-dependent invertebrates beginning to recolonize the area. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but we dare say that the restored section of stream is aesthetically pleasing as well. Don't take our word for it though, come see for yourself!

The Parker Ipswich Essex Rivers Restoration Partnership (PIE-Rivers) blossomed this year, building awareness of important environmental issues in the region and facilitating a team approach to fixing them. With the help of our partners, we continued the important transition from planning to regional implementation. We finalized the Action Agenda that serves as the framework for guiding and tracking regional watershed restoration. This living document provides both needed structure to multi-organizational efforts and the flexibility that is important to ensure that the plan is put into action rather than sitting on a shelf. In April 2013, PIE-Rivers held a conference for municipal representatives exploring science and regulations on three important topics. The conference was well attended with more than 85 individuals including representatives from at least 20 towns. Our efforts this year also included developing metrics that we can use to track restoration progress and upgrading PIE-Rivers website (pie-rivers.org) to include more project updates and useful tools.

Our study of fish and wildlife habitat conditions at culverts and bridges throughout the region is now in full swing. This survey, made possible with a grant from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust (www.state.ma.us/eea/met), involves teams of volunteers assessing the condition and design of bridges and culverts from an ecological perspective. The results will give us important information on current habitat conditions, helping prioritize and direct restoration opportunities.

We see PIE-Rivers as an important tool to help the Ipswich River Watershed Association better achieve its mission by facilitating restoration efforts. We need strong grassroots support in all of our communities to keep these and our other restoration initiatives moving forward and your help as a citizen and an active member of the Association will be crucial to our success. Please get involved. Come see what Boston Brook looks like without the old dam, learn about some of the other projects we are working on and talk to your neighbors and public officials about river restoration. Help get the word out about PIE-Rivers and the issues we are trying to address in your community and strongly encourage your neighbors and officials to help work toward solutions. Looking for more hands-on involvement? We are still recruiting volunteers to help with our road-stream crossing survey. With your help we can make sure that the river we love is left in good shape for our kids and theirs.

Near right: "Every day when we drive by a scenic river, launch a kayak, wade into water, or drink clean water, we are blessed with outstanding natural resources," says Sen Bruce Tarr to open our Rivers Conference.

Far right: Before and after: Just one year following the removal of the Curtis Pond Dam on Boston Brook in Middleton, the former mill pond is now a free flowing stream supporting many river-dependent plants and animals.



Advocacy Update:



Poppy sports a "Think Local, Drink Local" water bottle. Our advocacy program works to ensure there will be enough clean water for our children and theirs.

Unfortunately, the battle continues...

After more than a decade of work with the state to modernize its water withdrawal regulations, the long-awaited Final Framework for the Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI) was released in November, 2012. We applaud them for incorporating the ecological health of river systems based on real science in water allocation decisions for the first time. Indeed, the framework should help protect rivers yet to be significantly affected by withdrawals around the state and should prevent conditions from becoming worse in already impacted rivers. Unfortunately, despite several legal victories and repeated assurances from state officials that SWMI would improve the situation for our river, the Final Framework largely exempts the impacts of existing withdrawals essentially eliminating water regulations as a tool to improve the Ipswich River. How can this be?

First, the state established Safe Yield figures above current water withdrawal rates for every river across the state (including the Ipswich) despite indisputable evidence that current withdrawals are causing many of our rivers to be pumped dry routinely. Second, although the state introduced new sub-basin criteria for determining withdrawal limits called "stream standards," SWMI essentially eliminates the ability to use the stream standards in the Ipswich River by exempting nearly all current withdrawals from any regulation. This is a shame since several communities have shown us how easy it is to reduce water consumption, there are less damaging sources readily available in most of the watershed and we have the science to conclusively demonstrate that we have plenty of water for both people and nature if managed wisely.

The regulations to implement SWMI are being written right now and we are working with our peers around the state to improve them as much as possible. While the regulations are being written, we continue to explore all other options in an effort to realize the original promise of SWMI. Once again, we will probably need to ask for your continued help on this issue so stay tuned!



Water 2020: A Shared Vision for Massachusetts



Healthy Rivers, Healthy Communities

Under the leadership of the MA Rivers Alliance and The Nature Conservancy, the Ipswich River Watershed Association and 20 other organizations partnered to create the "Water 2020" campaign which is our shared vision for sustainable water management in Massachusetts. We continue to work hard on your behalf to achieve this vision on behalf of future generations.

Financial Summary for year ending December 31, 2012

REVENUE	TOTAL
Member Dues	27,615
Contributions	90,755
Grants	160,045
Special Events (net)	27,224
Programs, Rent, Investments	25,903
TOTAL REVENUE.....	331,542

EXPENSES	
Program Services	275,481
Support Services	66,316
Depreciation	33,755
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	37,552

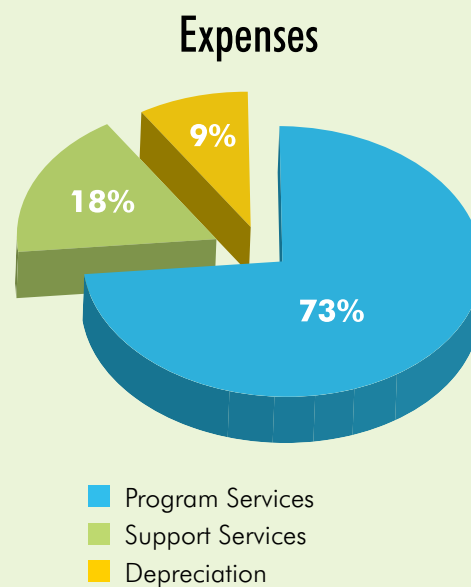
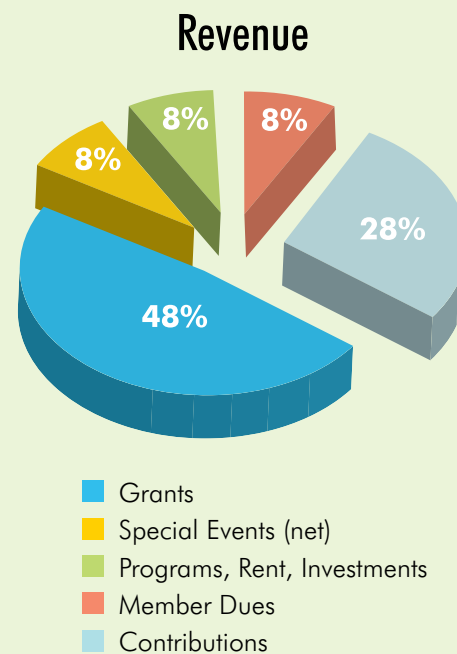
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **(-44,010)**

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	
Current Assets	391,235
Property and Equipment	1,325,200
TOTAL ASSETS	1,716,435

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	10,570
Net Assets	1,705,865
TOTAL.....	1,716,435

A copy of the complete audited financial statement is available at the headquarters in Ipswich.



When you head out to explore, you might find a Great Egret. The Ipswich River is a big part of what makes this a great place to live, work and visit. Together, we'll keep it that way. Photo: D. Comb

Thanks to all our generous supporters — *we couldn't do it without you!*



Top: Handy volunteers Bruce Reilly, Jack Donahue and Don Ruzecki tackle most any job at Riverbend. Please join them every Tuesday morning from 9-Noon.

Summer interns Kim Corkum and Allison Bachner increase the biodiversity at Riverbend by eradicating invasive buckthorn.

RiverWatch monitors Robbie and dad Rob O'Donnell visit Riverbend. Robbie, our newest monitor, enjoys helping his dad monitor the Egypt River in Ipswich. He often asks, "Uncle Ryan, is there enough water in the river?"

Supporters (July 2012 —June 2013)

We are grateful for each and every gift you make. We regret that we cannot list all donors here. If you prefer to change how your name is listed, please let us know.

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This leadership group of donors each provide \$1,000 or more in support through membership, Annual Appeal or other gifts. Your support makes a world of difference!

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The Ipswich River Legacy Fund recognizes those who provide for the Ipswich River through their will or other planned gift.

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Tributes

We are honored to protect the Ipswich River in tribute to these members of the river community.

In honor of Kerry Mackin

Robert Bonsignore
Angela Getchell

In memory of Bob Cram

Murry & Mary Cunningham

In memory of Dick Ostberg

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Top: Summer interns, under the guidance of Brian Kelder, survey several culverts on Long Causeway Brook at Appleton Farms in Hamilton. This is part of an ambitious survey of the region's 1,000+ bridges and culverts.

Center: Dan Heiter (left) and NEB friends install and remove our popular canoe dock each year.

Center: Christine Seibert is one of many dedicated volunteers that conduct herring counts at the Ipswich Mills fish ladder. Please contact us to help with the annual count.

A BIG thank you from the staff of IRWA!



You *really* make a difference!



Top: Bill Reed, Gina Snyder and Bo Garrison of The Reading/North Reading Stream Team volunteer at the annual Ipswich River cleanup in North Reading. Please consider helping these dedicated volunteers next year!

Center: Summer interns Christine Seibert, Allison Bachner and Abby Manzi help our volunteer garden manager Denise King tend the rain gardens and learn how to have beautiful gardens without water or chemicals.

Bottom: Volunteers from our many partner organizations such as the Mass Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) significantly increase our capacity to work on behalf of the river. Here, DER's RIFLS staff collects critical stream flow data on Martin's Brook in North Reading, one of the River's most important tributaries.

Volunteers (July 2012 —June 2013)

Volunteers are vital to the strength and vibrancy of Ipswich River Watershed Association. You are the caretakers of the mission and the catalyst for IRWA to grow and sustain its river legacy for future generations.

Katie Achilles	Joan Hoyt	Annie Pulver
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Robert Bonsignore	Denise King	Carol Sandberg
Loring Bradlee & Janet Stone	Mike Laddin	Joe Sandulli
Katharine Brown	Lori LaFrance	Josh Sazin
Elizabeth & Scott Cameron	Mary Landry	Judy Schneider
Martha Campbell	Nils Larson	Christine Seibert
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Katharine Deuel	Kerry Mackin	Susan Thomas
Eric Devlin	Judy Mansfield	George Tougas
Ziggy Dion	Abby Manzi	Joseph Tragert
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Zoe Dorau	Dan Mayer	Luke Welling
Renee Dunn	Bill McDavitt	Margaret White
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The Ipswich River Watershed Association is the voice of the Ipswich River. We protect nature and make sure there is enough clean water for people, fish and wildlife, today and for our children and theirs.

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Your Local Heroes Make a Difference

Don Greenough

As a long time river advocate and former Board member, Don has volunteered his time for the Ipswich River for many years. Most recently, he provided his expert pro bono legal services for several extremely complex legal projects associated with the new property acquisition next door to Riverbend and three separate easements providing access to the Town of Ipswich to the proposed new boat landing, our neighbors over our driveway and to the Essex County Trail Association over existing and new trails at Riverbend which will collectively ensure perpetual public access at Riverbend. We can't thank Don enough for his willingness to assist with these negotiations and the total of eight separate legal instruments he reviewed to protect our organization.

Dan Heiter

Dan leads the Green Team at our neighbors and supporters, New England Biolabs Company, and has volunteered at Riverbend and in the field as a RiverWatch monitor for many years. Dan happily accepts all tasks asked of him and is a master at recruiting additional volunteers to accompany him on his jobs for us. Dan does things right. His organization of NEB volunteer workdays at Riverbend is comprehensive - no detail is overlooked and the results are as professional as if we had hired the job out. Dan has done most everything at Riverbend from installing porous pavement, fences and walkways and leads the effort to install and remove our popular canoe dock each year. And thanks to NEB for promoting community service among their staff and allowing Dan to share his effectiveness.

Dan Mayer

Dan is the owner of the Massachusetts' premier tree company, Mayer Tree Service, and one of the most generous people anywhere. Dan is a main organizer of the statewide volunteer Day of Service for the Massachusetts Arborists Association held on Arbor Day each year. On Arbor Day 2013, Dan and his colleague's company, Marquis Tree Service, descended upon Riverbend with an army of workers, a fleet of tree service trucks and New England's largest tree crane and generously donated a full day of tree work worth thousands of dollars. Thanks to Dan's generosity, over 100 trees were worked on that day and Riverbend is much improved. Dan continues to provide expert advice to us and co-lead a public tree walk at Riverbend.



Dan Mayer, with his crew and New England's largest tree crane, donate a Day of Service for Arbor Day 2013. Dan, Don, John and Dan are Outstanding Volunteers of the year.

John LeJeune

John is a person of many talents and generously offers these to us anytime. John is a professional photographer and stands ready for any photo job we need. Some of his wonderful work can be viewed in this report! He is an excellent cook which comes in handy at our events. Most of all, in his role as the spark plug of the NorEast Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU), he leads their partnership with us and is the go-to guy if we need something accomplished. John has led efforts to restore stream flows, organized river clear-ups, coordinated fly casting clinics at Riverbend and has swabbed the decks after every monthly TU monthly meeting held here at the Watershed's HQ.

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2013 Calendar



Please RSVP to all events by email or phone to cingelfinger@ipswichriver.org or 978-412-8200

Trails and Sails Lecture – Milling Around the Ipswich: Sunday, September 22: 11 am – Noon, 143 County Road, Ipswich: A free talk on the history of the mills along the Ipswich River. “Milling Around the Ipswich River” will be grist for the history buff from Ipswich to Wilmington.

Annual Meeting: Thursday, September 26: 6 pm – 8:30 pm, Bostik, 211 Boston Rd, Middleton:
Dam and Mill Tour, 6:00 sharp. We will present our Volunteer Awards, recognize and thank River Stewards, and hold brief business meeting.

Riverside Garden Makeover: From Nothing to Native Paradise:

Thursday, October 10: 7 pm – 8 pm, 143 County Road, Ipswich

Kate Hone will present her native landscaping journey. Kate replaced innovative species and barren mulched areas with drought tolerant and native plants. She also removed all impervious buried plastic, shrank the lawn footprint and added rain barrels for irrigation on her riverfront property.

Wayne’s Walks

Explore the New Additions to Riverbend with Essex County Trails Association: Sunday, October 20: 2 pm – 4 pm: Join Executive Director Wayne Castonguay and be one of the first to explore our new trails and riverfront parcel which includes many features from the former Barnard Estate, once Essex County’s most spectacular formal gardens, including mature plants and remnant stone features. Come learn about plans for a new boat landing, parking area and new trail easement held by ECTA which will connect Riverbend to the wider North Shore trail network.

The Grand Wenham Canal: Sunday, November 10: 2 – 4 pm: Meet at the parking lot at the end of a dirt road just east of Old Town Way off of Cherry St. in Wenham. Discover a hidden gem with Executive Director Wayne Castonguay. The 2 mile long Grand Wenham Canal, or Salem-Beverly Canal, was built in 1917 and at that time was one of America’s largest water works projects. We will learn about this incredible recreational resource (for hikers and paddlers) and learn about the largest water supply system in our region.

We are your River Watch Dogs. Keeping an eye out for any and all happenings that could impact the river is our most important job. Our expert staff submitted over 50 different comments letters to advocate for the river this year. Photo: L. Coe