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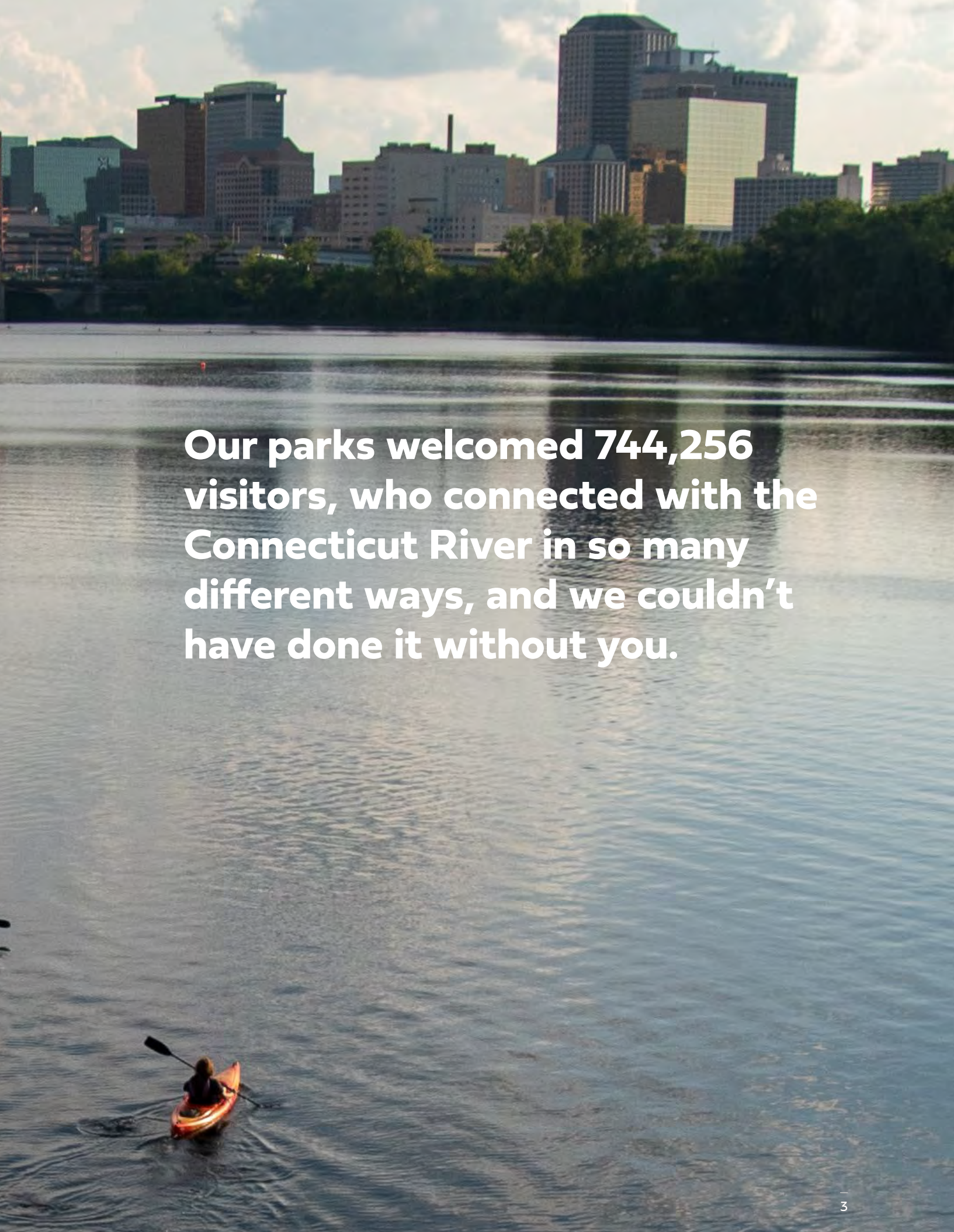
Annual Report

RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE



A scenic view of a city skyline across a wide river. In the foreground, three people are kayaking in blue kayaks on the water. In the middle ground, a stone bridge with multiple arches spans the river. The background features a city skyline with several tall buildings, including a prominent one with a spire. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day.

**2020 was the
year of public
parks.**



Our parks welcomed 744,256 visitors, who connected with the Connecticut River in so many different ways, and we couldn't have done it without you.

We think of our parks as vital to the community – offering attractive green space and recreation opportunities alongside the Connecticut River.

We think of our parks as connectors – to the river itself and to the City and Town in which our parks are located.

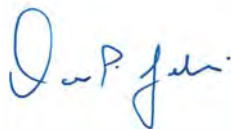
We think of our parks as building community – where people from multiple hometowns come together in a common space.

When the coronavirus pandemic literally changed everyone’s normal day-to-day activities, our parks were here as a go-to destination. We were impressed with the many ways people used our parks – we saw more families, more cyclists, more boaters and simply more people strolling and jogging – throughout the year. Winter weather did not daunt the hardy who walked in snowstorms, and we appreciated seeing snowmen built along the riverbanks, some wearing Riverfront gear!

We strive to do more to ensure people are aware that our parks are open year-round, and to encourage winter visitors. We hope for all of the visitors who found us for the first time last year to return. And we look forward to being able to again hold public events for people over the summer and fall, conditions and safety guidelines permitting.

Our parks have proven to be essential, and your strong support in 2020 ensured our parks were and are here for the community to enjoy in so many ways.

Thank you for your belief and investment in Riverfront Recapture.



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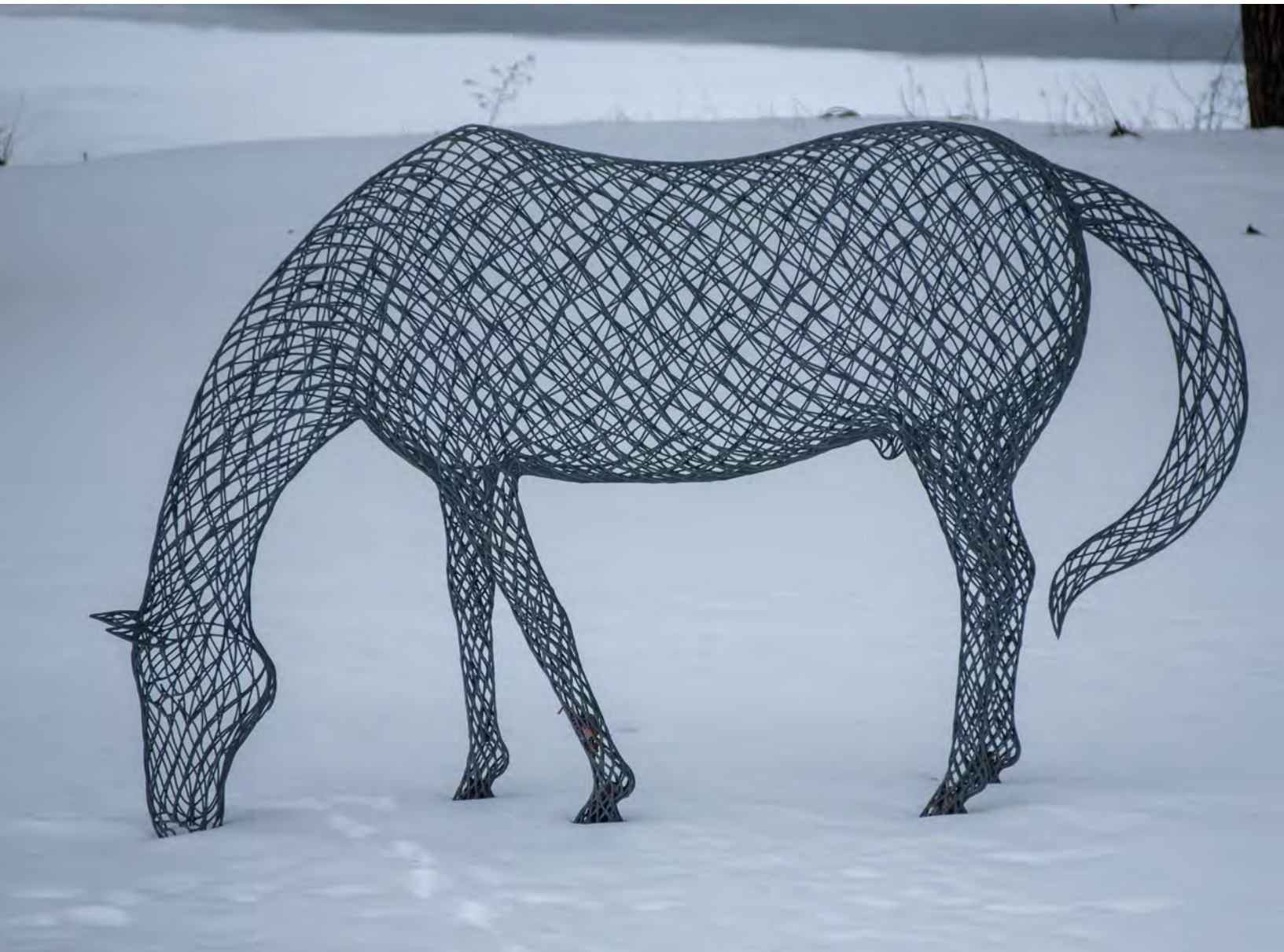
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Summary of Finances

ASSETS

Cash and Investments-Unrestricted	\$1,170,151
Cash and Investments-Restricted	1,028,313
Endowment Investments	2,379,558
Receivables	262,549
Land and Equipment	1,511,538
Prepaid Expenses	61,922
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,414,031

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Payables	\$209,940
Refundable Advances	263,247
Net Assets Without Restrictions	2,697,406
Net Assets With Restrictions	3,243,438
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$6,414,031

REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	\$4,088,823
Program Fees and other Earned Income	170,262
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,259,085

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$2,197,489
General Administration	103,619
Fundraising	204,592
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,505,700

INVESTMENT RETURN **\$324,095**

TOTAL NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year	\$3,863,364
End of Year	\$5,940,844

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