



MASSACHUSETTS RIVERS ALLIANCE

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Protecting and Restoring the Commonwealth's Rivers and Streams

OUR PARTNERS IN RIVER PROTECTION



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 Massachusetts Watershed Coalition
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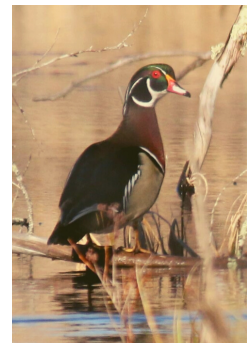


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Leaders from across the state convene for a river summit in June.



THE VOICE FOR RIVERS

As the only organization bringing together people and organizations from across the state and beyond to speak on behalf of all Massachusetts rivers with a strong, unified voice, Mass Rivers plays a unique leadership role. The organization punches far above its weight, with policy accomplishments that compare favorably to those of much larger organizations. In 2019, we celebrated ten years as a staffed organization, and with your support, we continued to grow.

INCREASING ADVOCACY

We mobilized individuals and organizations to urge elected officials and agency leaders to act on key water policy issues including: sewage overflow public notification and drought management legislation, defending environmental standards for state hydropower regulations, strengthening revisions to the state Surface Water Quality Standards, updating state Water Conservation Standards, opposing the disastrous proposed federal Waters of the United States Rule, and more.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL GROUPS & BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Our first Massachusetts Rivers Summit attracted 40 member organizations. Presenters shared success stories and lessons learned that could be replicated by others. Twelve of our member organizations presented on recent and current initiatives. We plan to make this an annual event.

INSPIRING ACTIVISM

Mass Rivers organized its second Lobby for the Rivers Day at the Massachusetts State House with over 100 participants from districts across the state. Collectively, volunteers met with over twenty state senators and sixty state representatives and their respective legislative staff. This coordinated day of action elevates our cause in the State House and provides momentum for key legislative and budget priorities for rivers and streams.

SECURING ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING

With non-profit conservation partners, we secured an additional \$4.2 million in new dollars for state environmental agencies to protect and restore our rivers and streams. These dollars will primarily be directed toward monitoring water quality, removing dams, replacing culverts and assessing the impacts of aquatic invasive species.

Thank you for taking action to protect the Commonwealth's streams, rivers and watersheds!



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RESULTS & GROWTH

ACHIEVEMENTS



Recruited 100+
“Lobby for the Rivers”
participants at the
Massachusetts State House

Increased
state funding for rivers
by \$4.2M

Member organizations and
partners convened 65+ times
to plan and implement advocacy actions

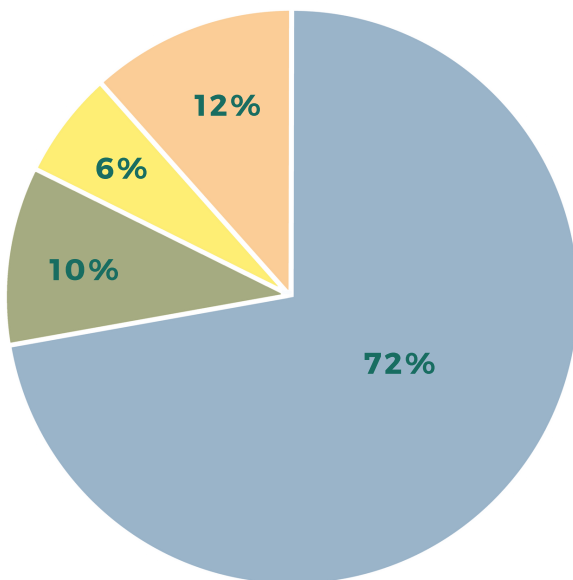
12 organizations presented at the first
“Massachusetts River Summit”
with 40 participating organizations

Grew to 75 organizational members
across MA, RI and CT!

Shared 30+
presentations
across the state

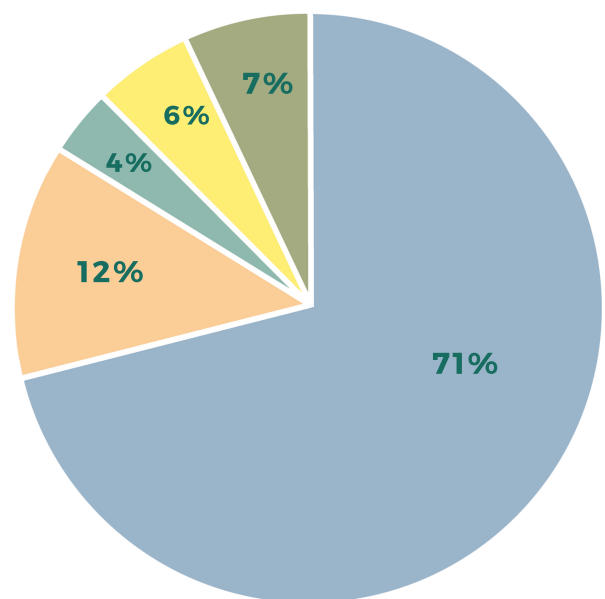
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2019 REVENUES OF \$268,600



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Program Revenues

2019 EXPENSES \$211,400



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