## **Board of Finance Presentation**

Mill River Park Collaborative
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September 8, 2022



#### **Outline**

- City Agreement with Mill River Park Collaborative
- Understanding the TIF
- Operating Budget
- Capital 5-year plan
- Key Milestones & Recommendations



## City Agreement

Renewable Contract with the City of Stamford

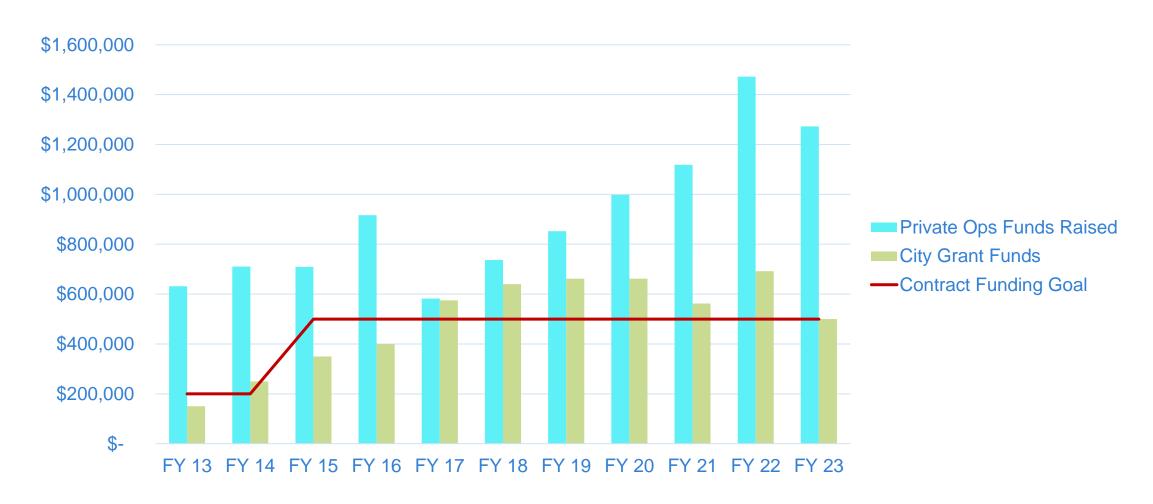
#### Agreement Highlights

- Term is August 3, 2015 August 3, 2025
  - Renewable in 5 year increments unless terminated by the City
- General Responsibilities of Mill River Park Collaborative
  - Cleaning / Snow Removal / Landscape Maintenance / Repairs
  - Public Assistance and Security
  - Programming and Events
  - Construction in compliance with all city regulations and city approval
  - Manage and collect fees from concessions
- Renewal process for 2025 under review with Corp Counsel currently
   Mill River Park

#### 10. COLLABORATIVE FUNDING COMMITMENT/CITY FUNDING GOAL/PAYMENTS TO COLLABORATIVE

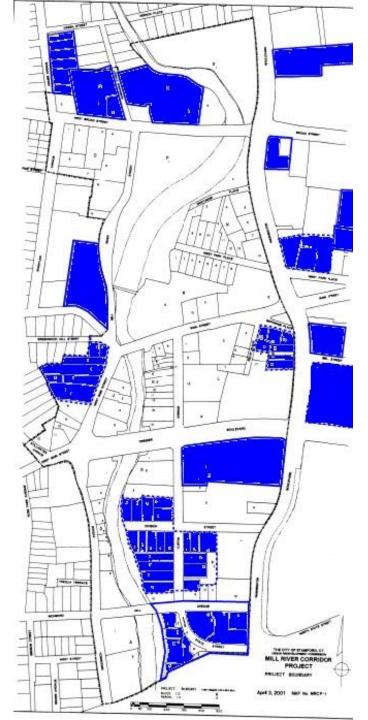
Beginning with its fiscal year starting July 1, 2013, and for the term of (a) this Agreement, the Collaborative agrees to raise and expend annually a minimum of \$500,000 with respect to development, programming, operations, maintenance, repairs, landscaping, and the renovation and rehabilitation of existing facilities in Mill River Park & Greenway, including the services described in Paragraph 3 hereof. For these purposes, all costs and expenses of performing these services shall be included in the Collaborative's Operating and Capital Budgets. In consideration of the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and in all subsequent years during the term of this Agreement, the City shall use reasonable efforts to pay the Collaborative a minimum amount of \$500,000 per fiscal year ("Funding Goal"). Amounts to be allocated to the City under the terms of this Paragraph 10 shall be in addition to and exclusion of any funds that may be available to the Collaborative from TIF revenue or other City capital funding. The failure of the City to make an appropriation in any amount for any fiscal year shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

#### Operating Funds – FY13-23



### Tax Increment Financing

History & Projections



#### TIF District

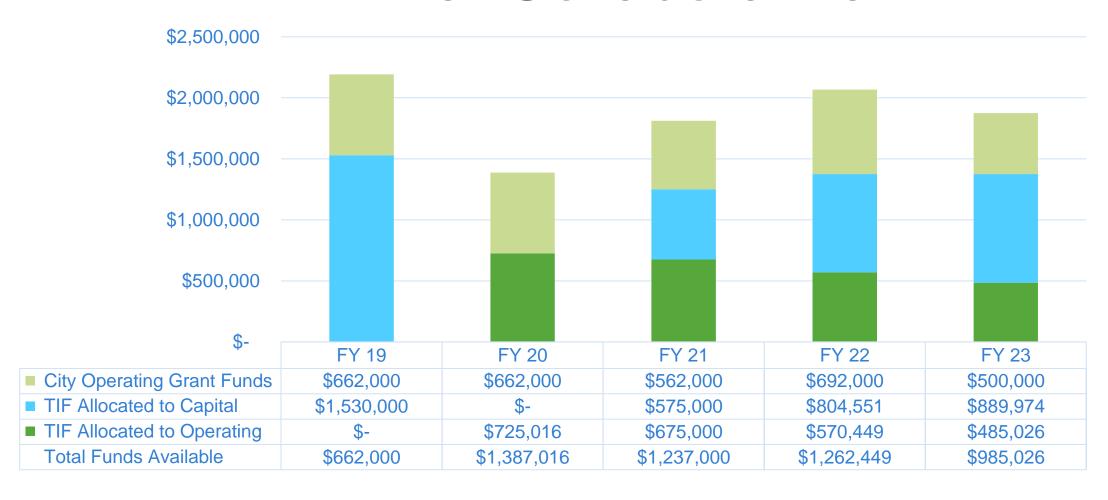
- No changes to taxable TIF properties has been made
- Project boundary expanded by Planning & Zoning Board in 2013, which allowed TIF funds to be spent on a broader footprint of the park development

#### TIF Resolution - 2001

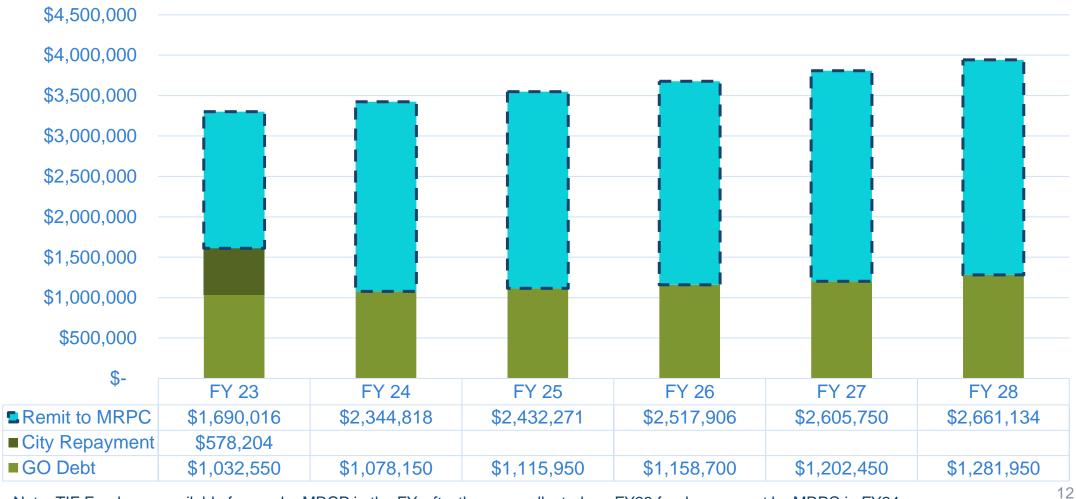
- Sets the Base Rate of Tax Income at \$3,174,320 for the district
- Bonds issued for the project are to be paid solely by TIF income, not considered GO debt of the city
- 50% of Tax Increment remains in General Fund
- 50% is used in Mill River District
  - First Revenue goes to Debt Service & other city payments, which accounted for all Revenue use up to FY18
  - Net transferred to Mill River Collaborative

MRC Tax Increment Revenue Summary	FY '18	FY '19	FY '20	FY '21	FY '22					
Total Tax Payments Received	8,566,114	8,928,894	9,224,776	9,466,121	9,537,424					
Less Annual Base Tax Amount (GL2002)	(3,174,320)	(3,174,320)	(3,174,320)	(3,174,320)	(3,174,320)					
Total Tax Increment Revenue - Current Reporting Period	5,391,794	5,754,574	6,050,456	6,291,801	6,363,104					
Share to Mill River District	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%					
Gross Tax Increment Revenue transferred to Mill River District	2,695,897	2,877,287	3,025,228	3,145,901	3,181,552					
Less Prior Year G.O. Debt Service, Payments to City	(1,165,897)	(2,152,271)	(1,775,228)	(1,770,901)	(1,806,552)					
Total Net Tax Incremental Revenue Transferred to Fund	1,530,000	725,016	1,250,000	1,375,000	1,375,000					
*TIF total subject to the City's total tax collection of the Mill River Corridor as well as the City's final calculation due to Mill River Park, with funds transferred at the end of the FY, and allocated in the following FY of MRPC Budget										
Note - Prior to FY '18 all TIF went to Debt Service										

## Past City Funds to Mill River Collaborative



#### TIF Projections: 2.5% Revenue Growth

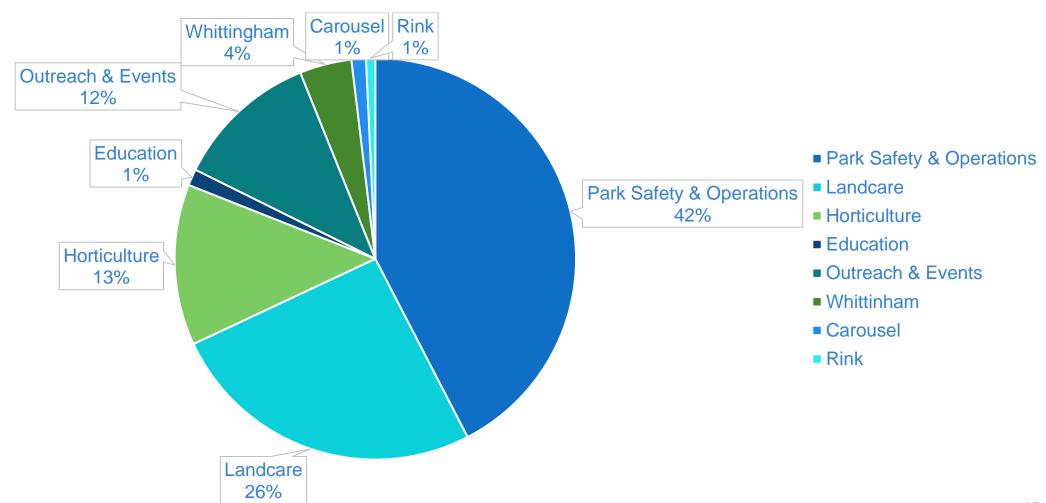


#### TIF Projection: Allocation

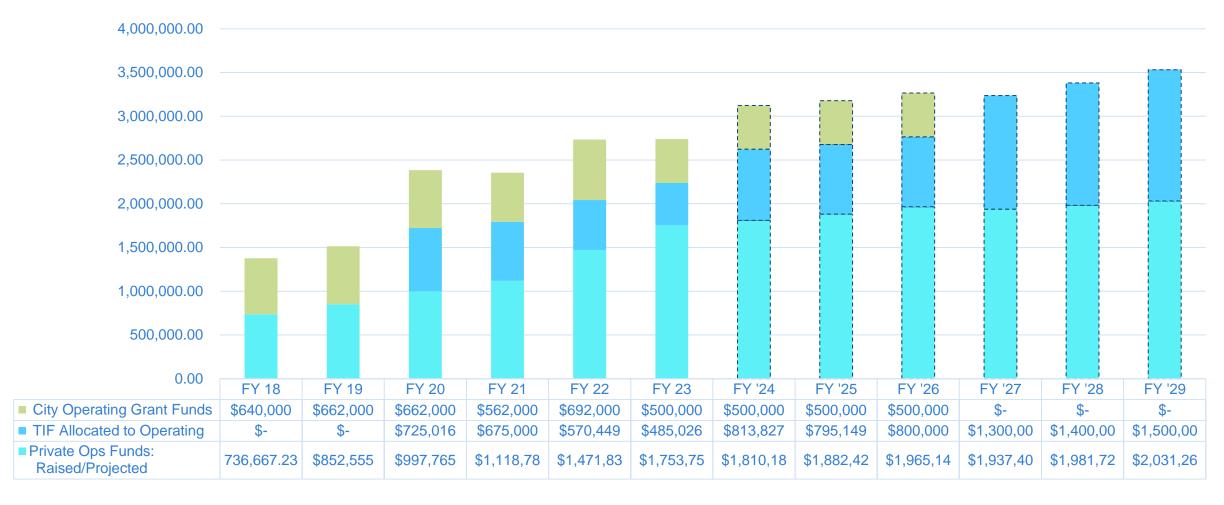


## Operating Budget Projections

## Total City Funds Allocation FY 23 (Operating & TIF)



#### Operating Allocations & Projections



# Capital Planning & Cost Projections

#### Current Capital Projects



Carousel Pop up Playground

Archstone Site Along Washington Blvd

W Main to Tresser - Playground & Infrastructure

Phase 2 West Side Tresser to Richmond Hill

	Fiscal year 2023	Fiscal year 2024	Fiscal year 2025	Fiscal year 2026	Fiscal year 2027	Total Projected Budget
Whittingham Discovery Center						\$5,000,000
Private Donations	\$1,500,000					
Construction Bridge Loan (TIF)	\$0	\$775,649	\$1,040,292	\$1,021,393	\$662,666	
Phase 2 West Side Tresser to Richmond Hill						\$4,450,000
State of CT Grant	\$4,000,000					
NFWF	\$100,000					
Private Donations	\$350,000					
W Main to Tresser - Playground & infrastructure						\$3,000,000
State of CT Grant	\$2,000,000					
Private Donations	\$1,000,000					
Carousel Pop up Playground						
State of CT Grant		\$160,000				\$160,000
Archstone Site Along Washington Blvd						\$5,300,000
Private Donations	\$300,000					
Funds to be raised			\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000		
General Park Capital Expenditures / Maintenance & Repairs	\$889,974	\$100,540	\$509,377	\$610,878	\$555,240	\$2,666,009
Total	\$10,139,974	\$1,036,189	\$4,049,669	\$4,132,271	\$1,217,906	\$20,576,009

# Future Capital Projects (not budgeted)



Greenway North Connections

East Side Tresser to Richmond Hill

West Side Activation

Waterside Park
West Side Greenway

Sprague Site / Connection to Harbor Point Boardwalk

# Key Milestones & Recommendations

#### **Key Observations**

- Pinch Point in next FY23-24
  - Decrease in City Operating Grant
  - Completion of City Repayments
  - Beginning of Bridge Loan Payments
  - Increased Operating Costs due to park growth
- Future Goals
  - Renew City Contract in 2025
  - Eliminate use of City Operating Grant by FY27
- TIF projected growth needs to be monitored to confirm projections
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