



Mission Statement

To restore, enhance, and preserve the physical, historical, and cultural integrity of the Blackstone River, its watershed and its eco-system, through public advocacy, education, recreation, stewardship and the promotion of this unique Blackstone Valley Resource.

The Blackstone River Watershed Council / Friends of the Blackstone (BRWC / FOB) invite you to join our very pro-actively involved non-profit organization. We have for many years and continue to implement significant programs and projects that enhance the awareness and value of the Blackstone River as recreation destination' for all our citizens, both local communities and tourist. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3).

You as a member have the choice to be one of two types of members: 1) a financial supporter, 2) a financial supporter plus an active volunteer. We need both, therefore choice is yours.

The **Benefits** to our members are many, only you as a member can judge the value of your membership. The following are some of the benefits for your consideration:

- Every year the Blackstone River has and will continue to enjoy improved water quality, free of physical trash dumping abuse and recreational opportunities.
- **Educational programs** that involve students, individuals and families. Water quality monitoring is on the top of this list.
- **Membership financial support** is a way of giving back to the community for the greater good along with strengthening our organization projects. This strength helps in our ability to attract both private and government grant monies for large projects.
- **We always need a few good people;** some members will want to be an active volunteer for the many physical and administrative needs.
- **The BRWC/FOB is well connected** through coalition with many other non-profits in the Blackstone Valley. On many projects we assist each other for the greater good of the community.
- **Working with local & state governments** the BRWC/FOB collaboration save taxpayer dollars with the thousands of volunteer hours of community service.

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MEMBERSHIP: new or renewal

MAIL CHECKS TO:

BLACKSTONE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL / FRIENDS OF THE BLACKSTONE OR (BRWC/FOB)
P. O. BOX 8068, CUMBERLAND, RI 02864

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

CITY, STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Your Annual Dues and Contribution may be tax deductible

PROTECTOR	\$1000	SPONSOR	\$250	FAMILY	\$30
CONSERVATOR	\$ 750	STEWARD	\$100	INDIVIDUAL	\$20
BENEFACTOR	\$ 500	FRIEND	\$ 50		

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION FOR RIVER STEWARDSHIP \$ _____

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION FOR THE FISH LADDER PROJECT \$ _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER SOME OF MY TIME FOR VOLUNTEER WORK

LIST ME AS A BUSINESS MEMBER IN NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITE (\$50 OR MORE)

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Program- River Restoration

Each year, we hold multiple cleanup events that help to restore the natural river and watershed of the Blackstone River. The events span from Massachusetts to Rhode Island. They consist of picking up and hauling away debris from years past as well as the most recent articles left behind by people of today.

There are many ways in which the Friends participate in cleaning up the river and the most recent and effective method is the utilization of the canoes. We have 12 canoes on hand at all times to tackle on the river where it needs it most.

Program- Water Quality Monitoring

The Water Quality Monitoring Program enlists the assistance of volunteers to locally take water samples from key parts of the tributaries of the Blackstone River. The water is then sent to a lab for testing and the results are checked against previous tests for changed in key factors to determine the health of the river.

Program - Fish Ladders

(A project to bring back the migrating fish to the river)

Today we no longer use many of the dams on the river that were built to power the economy. Many of these remain in place, continuing to not only block fish from their native spawning grounds, but keeping wildlife and people from enjoying the resources and excitement of annual fish runs. Our Goal is to construct fish ladders or remove dams so that the river can once again draw people and wildlife to its banks.

Please visit www.blackstoneriver.org for additional programs and contact information.