

Celebrating the designation of
Housatonic River Walk
as a
National Recreation Trail

Saturday, June 13, 2009



W. E. B. Du Bois River Garden Park
Great Barrington



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10:30 A.M.

Moderator

Dale Abrams, President, Great Barrington Land Conservancy

Awarding of the Certificate

U.S. Representative John W. Olver

Remarks

Massachusetts State Senator Benjamin B. Downing
Massachusetts State Representative Smitty Pignatelli
Rachel Fletcher, River Walk

Dedication: Comstock Small Bench

Linda Small

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11:00 A.M.

River Walk Tour

Upstream Section

Comstock Small Stone Bench
Toni, Elissa and Linda Small

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William Stanley Overlook

Bernard Drew, Great Barrington Historical Society

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Native Plant Restorations
Heather Cupo, Plant Euphoria

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Sustainable Trailmaking
Peter Jensen, Peter S. Jensen & Associates

Downstream Section

Riverbank Stabilization/Bio-engineering
Steven Mack, Foresight Land Services

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New Canoe Launch Designs
Dennis Regan, Housatonic Valley Association

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Ecological Monitoring
Suzanne Fowle, Conservation Biologist

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W.E.B. Du Bois River Garden & Rain garden
Rachel Fletcher, River Walk

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Light Refreshments at Noon

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12:30 P.M.

Guided Walk with Christine Ward
Great Barrington Central Loop Trail (2 hours)

This program is dedicated to Comstock Small, River Walk Volunteer

Special thanks: Great Barrington Land Conservancy, Great Barrington Trails and Greenways, Berkshire Bank Employee Volunteer Council, Darrow School, Charles Tracy, Deb Phillips, Christine Ward, Diane and Ken Fogarty, Karl Finger, Erik Hoffner, Mark Pieropan, Kevin Pieropan, Mike "Spike" Palivoda, Sarah Scolforo, Trevor Turner, Carla Turner, Jenna Turner, Linda, Elissa and Toni Small, Heather Cupo and Plant Euphoria, Ryan Caruso, Will Strayer, Kate and Brian Chebatoris, Anneliese Mordhorst, Suzanne Fowle, Bob Mills, Darrow Hoeck, Meryl Joseph, Dana Cummings

Refreshments provided by the Southern Berkshire Chapter of AARP (Rachel Shaw, Margaret Candee, Martha Wool, Norma Moulton, Grace Zbell, Eleanor McDonald), Christine Ward, Linda Small, Kathy Duhon, Price Chopper

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To the property owners along the River Walk:
The Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires, presently Peter Hill, Pink Cloud
Melvin J. Katsh, presently Rite Aid Pharmacy
Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield (St. Peters Parish)
Lucien and Steven Aigner, presently James and Gina Bashour
Nion Robert Thieriot and Roger C. Tryon, presently Josh Minges
Dale Culleton, presently Kate and Joe Millonzi
Berkshire Corporation
Town of Great Barrington

And a very special thanks to River Walk's 2200 volunteers and more than 500 other contributors.