

Press Release

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The Board of Directors of the Mill River Park Collaborative, Stamford, CT, has appointed Nette Compton as the organization's new President and CEO, as of January 3rd. Nette joins the Mill River Park Collaborative as it celebrates 20 years of unlocking the potential of Mill River Park. She brings valuable expertise to help guide the Collaborative into its next chapter as it navigates new expansions of the park and expands its programs and services to the community. Her new role was recently covered in the [Stamford Advocate](#). Nette replaces Dudley Williams, Jr. who passed away in May, 2021.

Arthur Selkowitz, Board Chairman of the Collaborative, said "After an extensive search, we were thrilled to attract someone of Nette's experience and capabilities to Mill River Park. She will be a tremendous asset in bringing new resources to bear as we extend the Park and greenway from Scalzi Park to Stamford Harbor and simultaneously enrich our environmental programming with the opening this summer of the Whittingham Discovery Center."

Nette Compton is a distinguished leader in the field of urban parks, a licensed landscape architect, and native Nutmegger. She brings almost two decades of experience in designing parks and public space, sustainable urban policy, and non-profit strategic management. Nette joins the Collaborative from [The Trust for Public Land](#), where she was responsible for growing the nonprofit's national program division to include green infrastructure, creative placemaking, and community health; building the organization's strategic planning capacity, and fundraising for multi-million-dollar programmatic work in her role as Associate Vice President, Director of Strategy. Previously, Nette worked at the NYC Parks Department, where she oversaw the creation of the [High Performance Landscape Guidelines](#) and helped establish the Green Infrastructure division. She has spoken regularly at major events and conferences, including the American Society of Landscape Architecture National Conference, Harvard University, Cornell University, and a wide range of professional organization events and trainings.

Since its launch in 2002, the Mill River Park Collaborative has been proud to develop a world-class urban park in the heart of Stamford that serves as both an oasis in city life and a vibrant, diverse, green-space that inspires sound environmental practices and learning. Nette's track record in strategic planning, relationship building, and fundraising will be vital assets during this pivotal moment for the park.