A Memorial Urban Forest to Honor Victims and Heroes

The Mill River Greenway is heading up efforts to install 144 trees in memory of the 139 victims of the May 16, 1874 flood and 4 heroes of the day. Trees will be sited in the flood’s footprint, from the remnants of the old dam up Ashfield Road, through the villages of Williamsburg, Skinnerville, Haydenville, Leeds, Florence, and through downtown Northampton where the receding floodwater made its way to the Connecticut River.

The Mill River Greenway is a 12-year old regional initiative that seeks to enhance and celebrate the role of the Mill River in the cultural, ecological, historical, and recreational landscape of our communities. One of our primary goals is to create a shared-use path following the course of the Mill River from Northampton to Williamsburg, a tangible effort to ‘give the river back’ to the communities through which it passes.

Help Support the MRF150 Urban Memorial Forest!

Donations in memory of individual flood victims or families, or to be installed in specific locations or villages are welcome. Trees can be installed on public or private property within the flood’s extent.

Contact info@millrivergreenway.org for more information or to request a tree.

Use this QR code to make an online donation.