



Dear Clearwater Community Member,

We sincerely thank you for your patience over the past several months while we worked hard behind the scenes to analyze the feasibility of another Great Hudson River Revival in 2020. Following much discussion and review of festival production practices, monies still owed to our 2019 vendors, and expenses increasing every year, we have determined that our wisest course is to produce a smaller but still significant event on June 20th and 21st at Croton Point Park.

We invite you to take part in a different type of gathering that we feel is true to our values and traditions and celebrates the life of the river, environmental protection, activism, and advocacy for a sustainable future. We call this smaller, community-based, and cooperative gathering ***Clearwater Community Celebration 2020***, which we will host in a small portion of Croton Point Park.

For many years, The Great Hudson River Revival was Clearwater's most important annual fundraiser. It has since grown into the country's oldest music and environmental festival, of which we are extremely proud. In 2019, we suffered a financial loss of approximately \$190k on Revival. This may not sound like an exorbitant amount in the music festival industry, but for a small nonprofit (which maintains high ethical standards and receives very little corporate sponsorship), absorbing a loss that great is extremely challenging. This stark reality may not make it easier to accept Revival's absence this summer, but we hope that our transparency will give you some confidence that we keep our mission close at heart; to continue the work that we do year-round on the Hudson, educating and inspiring the next generation of environmental leaders.

Our smaller celebration this June will be true to our roots, within our budget, and supportive of the dedicated volunteers and audience who look forward to this special weekend each year. Our Community Celebration this June will be a unique and intimate event for 529 attendees. Attendance will be very limited due to venue space capacity, but will provide a familiar welcoming weekend of unity, action, education, food, music, crafts, and merrymaking. Details of the Community Celebration will be announced in the coming months.

Since tickets will go extremely fast, we would like to give interested supporters the opportunity to join a waiting list. This waiting list will give you access to ticket sales in advance of the general public.

[Click here](#). This wait list does not guarantee you tickets.

While we will not be celebrating with as many as you as we would like this summer, we invite you to continue your support by [sailing on Clearwater](#) this sailing season, [volunteering on the sloop](#), helping

out with [winter maintenance](#), attending one of our many exciting [events](#) this year or by making a [donation](#).

We expect to return to a full-scale Great Hudson River Revival in 2021, re-envisioned as a sustainable, less commercial event. Clearwater's award-winning environmental education programs will continue onboard the sloop *Clearwater*, in classrooms and beside the river.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Fair winds,



Greg Williams
Executive Director

If you would like to contribute to Clearwater's ability to continue to hold festivals, and/or other programming, please [click here](#). You can choose whether to have your donation committed to a specific program, or to be used where it is most needed.