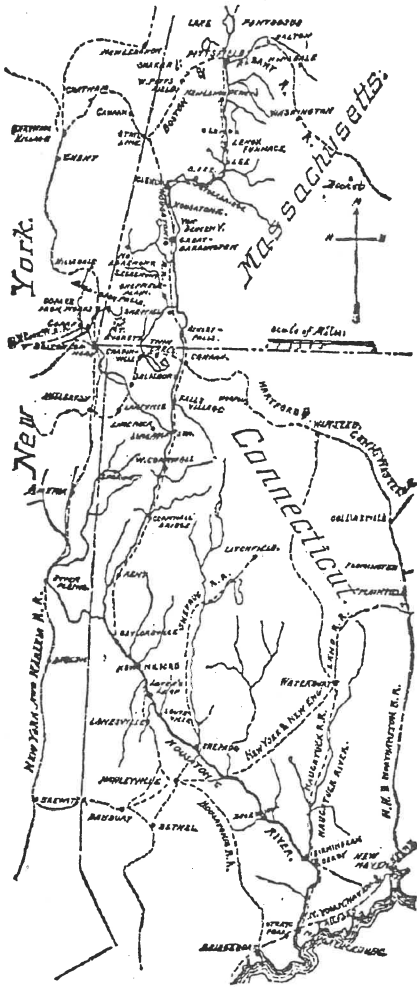


A Housatonic River Exploration



To begin a dialogue around this project, Jacob's Pillow will host a series of community meetings
October 10 - 17, 1991:

Thursday, October 10, 1991

Berkshire County Meeting
Lenox Public Library, Lenox, MA, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15, 1991

Northwest Connecticut Meeting
New Milford, CT, 7:00 p.m.

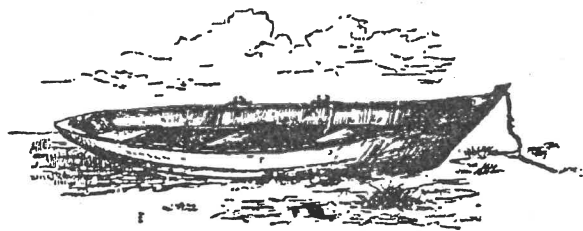
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Southwest Connecticut Meeting
Shelton, CT, 7:00 p.m.

What role does a river have in the lives of the people who live along its banks? How can a stretch of flowing water inform us of our relationship to the environment, our neighbors along its banks, and the social and historical challenges it encounters daily?

Stretching from its origins in north Berkshire County through western Connecticut to Long Island Sound, the Housatonic River is a 150-mile natural landmark. To celebrate the river and the communities who surround it, **Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival** in Becket, MA is initiating a community reflection on the river and its place in our society. Over the course of four weeks in the fall of 1992, the river will be explored as a metaphor linking one community to another, industry to resident, nature to human intervention, past to present.

People of every interest and occupation are invited to participate in the creation of this project. A range of opportunities to contribute to the Housatonic River Exploration are possible, from the initiation of art projects, historic tours, nature hikes, and canoe excursions to volunteer participation in staging these events to celebrating the materials produced along the river by artisan and industry alike.

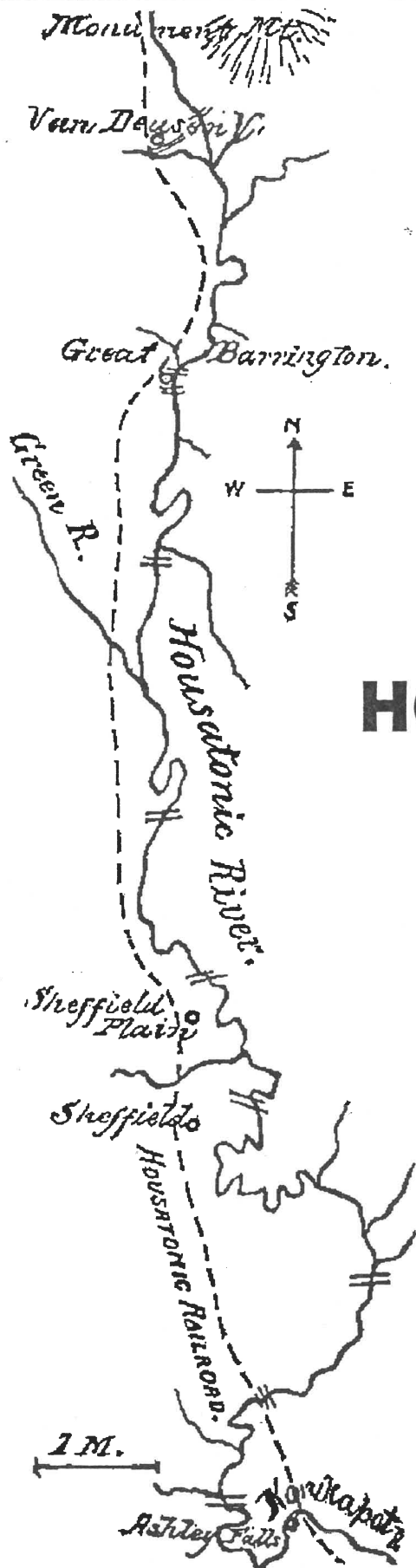


We hope you will join us.

Please contact Loris Bradley at 413/637-1322
for further information.

**Request for proposals deadline date:
December 1, 1991**

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Fall 1992

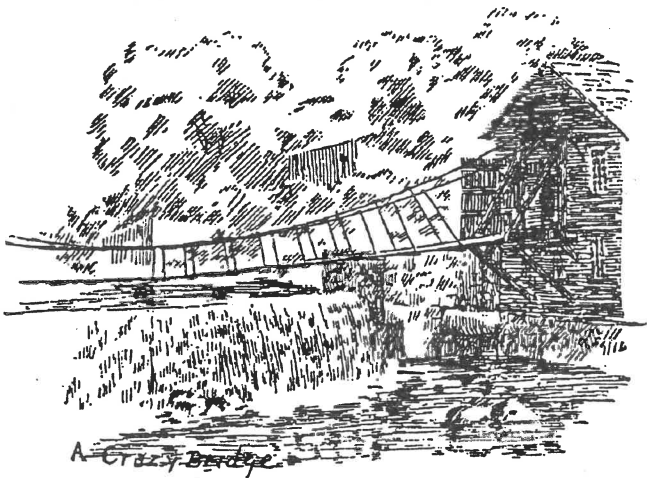
A project of Jacob's Pillow in collaboration
with choreographer and Bennington College
Faculty Member Susan Sgorbati and a
consortium of community members
throughout western Massachusetts and
Connecticut.

A Housatonic River Exploration

In the fall of 1992, the Housatonic River will become the focus of community dialogue and celebration as Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival initiates a Housatonic River Exploration:

Jacob's Pillow will work to coordinate and/or commission a series of public works specifically created for sites stretching from the source of the Housatonic at Waconah Falls, MA to Stratford, CT, where the river meets Long Island Sound. Local coalitions of artists, environmentalists, school districts, historical societies, foundations, and other community members are invited to build a celebration and examination of the Housatonic.

The Housatonic River Exploration will take many forms, including exhibition and performance opportunities in such non-traditional settings as a nature preserve, a city park, a school gymnasium, a local church, a truck stop, or a series of bridges. These works need not be static; nature walks, canoe trips, river crossings, and public actions are viable possibilities as the vehicle for expression. The creation of a travelling exhibition, publications, and other documentary components are also possibilities.



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