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**FAIRMOUNT PARK CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF
City Planning Expert to Lead Public Partnerships**

PHILADELPHIA - January 24, 2017 – Fairmount Park Conservancy is pleased to announce the hire this month of **Jamie Gauthier as Senior Director of Public Partnerships**, adding to the expansion of the staff with the start of **Adela Park as Special Projects Coordinator** in December.



Jamie Gauthier is responsible for managing Fairmount Park Conservancy’s relationships with a wide range of public agencies and deepening our connection to community partners working in and around the public park system. She will also help the Conservancy prepare for and leverage the city’s anticipated investments in Rebuild Philadelphia, which is a \$500 million program to revitalize neighborhood parks, recreation centers, playgrounds, and libraries.

Jamie brings with her a depth of experience related to community development, grassroots engagement, economic development, and nonprofit administration, and will work to expand the Conservancy’s reach and engagement in neighborhoods across Philadelphia. Most recently, Jamie served as Executive Director of the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia (SBN), where she led the organization through a strategic planning process that enabled the growth of its programming, including the creation of a new public policy department. Prior to SBN, Jamie worked as a Program Officer with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). There, she directed investment towards community development corporations and supported their efforts to revitalize Philadelphia’s neighborhoods.

As with her professional efforts, Jamie's volunteer life has been dedicated towards the betterment of local communities. She holds board positions with PennFuture and University City District, and for many years, served as President of Garden Court Community Association, her local civic association. Jamie holds a master's degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania, a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Temple University, and views parks as community assets vital for gathering, recreation, and overall neighborhood health.

Adela Park is working on Fairmount Park Conservancy's two major grant-funded initiatives: Reimagining the Civic Commons Philadelphia, which explores how improving, repurposing, and connecting civic assets can lead to greater social and economic integration and opportunities (with initial funding from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the William Penn Foundation) and the Conservancy's new Arts & Culture Program (with initial funding from ArtPlace America). Trained as a landscape architect, Adela comes to the Conservancy with a



background in urban design. Most recently, she served as an urban designer and project manager at Scout, managing the implementation of a public realm project encompassing a series of new and permanent public spaces in South Philly. Adela holds an MLA in landscape architecture and a certificate of historic preservation from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a BA in metropolitan studies from NYU. She has a deep interest in public space and its ability to shape, and be shaped by, cities and those who live there.

Fairmount Park Conservancy exists to champion Philadelphia's parks. Our mission is to work as a collaborative partner to lead and support efforts that preserve and improve the parks and recreation system in order to enhance the quality of life and stimulate economic development of

the Greater Philadelphia Region. We fulfill our mission by leading capital projects and historic preservation efforts, fostering neighborhood park stewardship, attracting and leveraging resources for the parks, and developing innovative programs throughout the 10,200 acres that include Fairmount Park and more than 100 neighborhood parks around the city. The Philadelphia park system is one of the largest urban park systems in the world and includes some of the region's most famous attractions. For more information, please visit myphillypark.org, join us at facebook.com/fairmountparkconservancy, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @myphillypark.

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