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Chestnut Hill Conservancy Director to depart



(https://alpha.creativecirclecdn.com/chestnuthilllocal/original/20240619-153306-b9e-AO2A5086.jpg) The Chestnut Hill Conservancy's Spring Gala, held on Saturday, June 8, at a historic Normanstyle property with a conservation easement in Wyndmoor, Pa., raised \$92,000. The gala honored Charlie Dilks for his lifelong dedication to conservation and announced the planting of a Lois Magnolia tree in Pastorius Park.

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by Daralyse Lyons

Lori Salganicoff, executive director of the Chestnut Hill Conservancy, will leave the organization in six months, after a decade of leading the nonprofit in its mission to preserve Northwest Philadelphia's architecture, land and history.

"My departure is not immediate," Salganicoff said in a statement released last week. "I will continue as executive director through December as we search for and welcome a successor to ensure a seamless and fruitful transition."

Over the last ten years, the Conservancy has averted a dozen demolitions of historic properties, secured easements protecting more than 50 acres of open space, and substantially grown the Archives,

Salganicoff said. The organization has led the community through collaborative planning, intro- duced new programs such as a tour and lecture series and Night of Lights, as well as expanded the Conservancy's staff and supporters.

"I am deeply proud of these and the many other accomplishments, and believe it is the right time for me to step aside and welcome new energy to bring fresh ideas and capacity to our essential work," Salganicoff told the Local in a June 18 email.

"It has been a profoundly fulfilling journey to work for the Chestnut Hill Conservancy, an organization that has made such a significant impact in this extraordinary community and beyond for over 55 years," she continued. "The decision to leave was not easy, given my deep commitment to our mission and the community we serve, as well as the joy of working with such a remarkable board of directors and staff."

Salganicoff will play a pivotal role in ensuring a smooth transition. She welcomes community comments, input and suggestions as part of the process.

"I love this organization, this community, and the people here, and am very glad to be able to spend the next six-plus months helping the board find and wel- come the organization's next Executive Director before my departure," she said. "For the benefit of the communities we serve and the Wissahickon watershed. I wish to ensure that the Conservancy will continue to thrive and be firmly

shed, I wish to ensure that the Conservancy will continue to thrive and be firmly positioned for its next remarkable chapter, before I even consider what my next chapter might be."

Lori Salganicoff can be reached at Lori@chconservancy.org.

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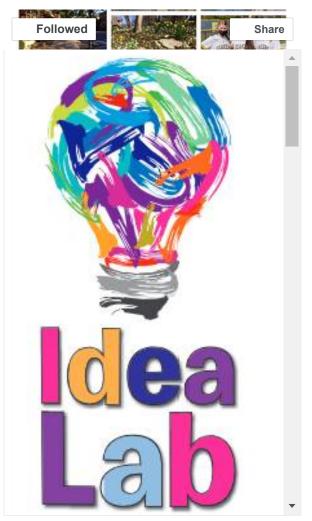
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