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Kathy Abbott Elected Co-chair of City Parks Alliance

Washington, DC – October 26, 2009 Kathy Abbott, Vice President, The Trustees of Reservations (Sharon, MA) was elected Co-chair of the City Parks Alliance Board of Directors on October 23. Kathy will serve jointly with Elizabeth Goldstein, President of California State Parks Foundation. City Parks Alliance is a national network of urban park and recreation leaders working to increase federal, state and local investment in America's urban parks.

Kathy has been a City Parks Alliance board member since October 2007. She serves on the advocacy committee, which is working to develop new national policies and advance existing federal legislative opportunities around urban parks. She brings extensive experience in the public and non-profit sectors to the national urban parks movement through her work at The Trustees, the nation's oldest regional land trust and non-profit conservation organization, and as former Massachusetts Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation

At the meeting, the CPA board also elected as new board members Douglas Blonsky, President, Central Park Conservancy, New York, NY, and Caroline Cunningham, President, Trust for the National Mall, Washington, DC.

About City Parks Alliance

City Parks Alliance's mission is to create vibrant and health parks and green spaces that contribute to sustainable cities by organizing, facilitating and nurturing a broad-based movement. CPA is a leader in the urban parks movement. This city parks movement encompasses the myriad organizations – public, non-profit and professional – dedicated to championing high quality urban parks throughout the nation. The CPA network is vital to sound public policy that recognizes city parks as an integral part of forming stronger, more vibrant cities that nurture their citizens from every walk of life.

CPA's vision for urban parks is by 2020 everyone in urban America will live within walking distance of a park that is clean, safe and vibrant.

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