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Capital Trees Announces Five New Board Members

(August 12, 2019 — Richmond, VA) Capital Trees is excited to announce the appointment of five new board members to the Board of Trustees. In addition, Capital Trees welcomes a new slate of officers. The new leadership is effective as of July 1, 2019.

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“Our new board members bring a wealth of talent and experience to Capital Trees. They are leaders in their professions and in the community, and we look forward to harnessing their energy to help Capital Trees leverage public/private partnerships to build and nurture Richmond’s public landscapes,” said Meg Turner, Chair of the Board of Trustees.



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Anna Galusha Aquino, Landscape Architect. Anna attained her Master of Landscape Architecture degree from Harvard’s GSD in 1991 and after several internships with Ralph Higgins and Associates she struck out on her own. For her, the best times happen outside, and her interests lie in birds, bugs, school kids, and trees and trying to make great places for people to be. Anna enjoyed her seven years teaching at GWU’s Richmond-based landscape design program. Her other degrees are in environmental sciences and horticulture, and she does volunteer garden-making at local schools and parks, works with the James River Invasive Plant Task Force, and Challenge Discovery Projects in Church Hill.



Kevin Finto, Partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth. Kevin has over 30 years of experience representing manufacturing, agricultural, energy, and infrastructure project development clients in all major areas of environmental regulation and permitting. He was the chief lobbyist for the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program, which facilitates the redevelopment of brownfield industrial sites. He is a member of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and serves on the Executive Board of *VIRGINIAforever*, which advocates for increased government funding for water quality improvements and land conservation.



Max Hepp-Buchanan, Director of Riverfront & Downtown Placemaking at Venture Richmond. Max grew up in Seattle where his passion for active transportation and great public spaces began to take shape. He earned his masters from the University of Washington in Urban Design & Planning and Public Administration and has spent

nearly a decade working with cities to help them become better places to bike and walk. In 2013, Max and his family moved to Richmond. He has two small boys who spend a lot of time riding bikes and hiking with their dad, whether they like it or not.



Russell B. Harper, Managing Partner at Harper Associates, LLC. Russell graduated in 1984 from James Madison University. Thereafter he has been involved in commercial real estate, including leasing, land assemblage, zoning, construction and development. Russell established Harper Associates, a real estate development company, in 1995 and is primarily active in sourcing and identifying development opportunities.



Vik Murthy, Land Use & Development Manager at Luck Stone. Vik believes passionately in the revitalization of urban spaces, and in real estate development as a means to positively impact a community. He has led teams responsible for multi-million-dollar real estate portfolios, has directed the development of successful commercial projects throughout the Metro-Richmond area and currently serves on the Richmond Planning Commission. Vik earned an MBA in Real Estate and Land Development and a BS in Accounting, both from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Capital Trees 2019-2020 Board of Trustees is:

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About Capital Trees:

Capital Trees is an urban greening organization that believes beautiful, accessible green space in urban environments promotes public health, fosters community building, provides remediation for fragile water systems, and drives economic activity. Our mission is to build public landscapes and enrich the community. Our projects include 14th Street stormwater remediation and tree planting, Great Shiplock Park restoration, and the Low Line along the Virginia Capital Trail. Get involved, donate, or learn more at www.capitaltrees.org. Capital Trees is a 501 (c) 3 organization.