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Binswanger, President and Chairman of the Fairmount Park Conservancy, today announced that Susan M. Rademacher has been selected as its next Executive Director. Rademacher comes to the post from Louisville, Kentucky, where she has served as President of the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy and Assistant Director of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Parks. Since 1991, she led efforts to restore, enhance, and preserve Louisville's historic Olmsted-designed park system. A native of Medina, Ohio, Rademacher is a graduate of Miami University and was a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University.

The Fairmount Park Conservancy is an independent, 501c3 seeking to foster the support needed to reclaim the Fairmount Park System as a focal point for regional economic development and neighborhood renewal in Philadelphia. Activated in 2000, the Conservancy has raised more than \$14 million through public and private support for Fairmount Park. Examples of its current efforts include the Women for the Water Works, a campaign designed to raise the final \$5 million needed to restore and endow the South Garden and Cliffside Paths at the Water Works, and Growing the Neighborhood with Fairmount Park, a program of neighborhood-initiated park improvements empowering local residents and involving the regional corporate community through financial support and volunteerism. According to John K. Binswanger, Fairmount Park Conservancy Chairman, "Susan brings exactly the right mix of experience, enthusiasm and vision to our efforts on behalf of Fairmount Park. With our ambitious agenda for the future, we are delighted to have such a capable Executive Director now on board."

During Rademacher's 16-year tenure in Louisville, the Conservancy has produced a nationally renowned master plan, carried out numerous restoration projects, secured major local and national grants, and created a volunteer program that has contributed thousands of dollars of value to Olmsted Parks. According to Rademacher, "Although restoring Louisville's Olmsted Parks has been the experience of a lifetime, the opportunity to join the Fairmount Park Conservancy presents a new challenge that I couldn't resist. The Park is the heart of the region. It deserves the support of the entire community and I hope and expect to be in a position to raise the capital that will make the Park better and more accessible to the diverse community that it serves."

For additional information contact Kate Wilhelm at the Fairmount Park Conservancy, k Saunders@fairmountparkconservancy.org or 215-988-9334.

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