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**NATURAL AREAS CONSERVANCY HONORS
ED HENRY AND ANISA KAMADOLI COSTA
AT NOVEMBER 11 RECEPTION**

***HEADS OF THE DORIS DUKE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AND THE TIFFANY & CO.
FOUNDATION RECOGNIZED***

New York, NY (November 16, 2015) More than 60 members of New York City’s park conservancy and environmental communities gathered November 11 at the J.M. Kaplan Fund as **the Natural Areas Conservancy** honored renowned environmental supporters Ed Henry and Anisa Kamadoli Costa **at its cocktail reception. The event was co-hosted by the J.M. Kaplan Fund in their offices at the Grand Masonic Hall.**

Anisa Kamadoli Costa is Chairman and President of The Tiffany & Co. Foundation and Chief Sustainability Officer at Tiffany & Co. She oversees the company’s global sustainability agenda and directs a \$6 million grantmaking portfolio on behalf of the Foundation. Prior to joining Tiffany & Co., Anisa worked at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and has also worked at J.P. Morgan Chase, Monitor Group and the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Anisa has served on the Board of Directors of Philanthropy New York and the Environmental Grantmakers Association.

Ed Henry is president and CEO of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF), one of whose national grant-making programs centers on environmental conservation. He also serves as president of several operating foundations under DDCF's umbrella, including the Duke Farms Foundation, which is focused on environmental stewardship, and the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, which operates Doris Duke’s Shangri La, a center for the study of Islamic arts and cultures in Hawai’i, and awards grants through the Building Bridges Program. Previously, he was an associate dean at Columbia Business School, where he is an adjunct faculty member. He has held senior administrative positions with several nonprofit institutions and was a David Rockefeller fellow with the Partnership for New York City.

“The Tiffany & Co. Foundation is honored to support the Natural Areas Conservancy alongside the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. The Conservancy is unifying and protecting disparate green spaces and waterways that provide immense environmental value” said **Anisa Kamadoli Costa**. “Natural Area’s Conservancy’s partnerships with the parks department, other conservancies and local communities have established a model for other cities to follow.”

“We are proud to have played a role in conceptualizing the Natural Areas Conservancy and partnering with The Tiffany & Co. Foundation to provide the resources needed to launch it,” said **Ed Henry**. “The Natural Areas Conservancy is a model of how modern cities can manage their natural areas to provide opportunities for urban residents to enjoy beautiful open spaces that also provide valuable wildlife habitat.”

“On behalf of the J.M. Kaplan Fund, we applaud Ed and Anisa’s leadership. We are pleased to work in partnership with DDCF and The Tiffany & Co. Foundation, improving the environment, promoting resilience and equity,” said **Amy Freitag**, executive director of the J.M. Kaplan Fund.



“Ed Henry and Anisa Kamadoli Costa and the foundations they lead are at the vanguard of environmental and urban ecological issues across the world. With the foundations’ early and transformative funding of the Natural Areas Conservancy, they have committed to advancing restoration and conservation of New York City’s abundant forests and wetlands.” said **Adrian Benepe**, Chairman of the Natural Areas Conservancy. “We are delighted to honor them for their contributions to the making New York City a greener city.”

“The early vote of confidence from DDCCF and The Tiffany & Co. Foundation was pivotal to the success of the Natural Areas Conservancy. Receiving seed funding from two globally respected foundations allowed our team to hit the ground running. Ed Henry and Anisa Kamadoli Costa fully deserve this recognition as proactive leaders of the environmental movement.” said **Sarah Charlop-Powers**, Executive Director of the Natural Areas Conservancy.

Created in 2012, the **Natural Areas Conservancy** is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, improving New York City’s 10,000 acres of forest, marshes and wetlands to enhance the lives of all New Yorkers. These natural areas are located in more than 50 parks across all five boroughs and represent the primary access to nature and recreation for many underserved communities across the city. The Natural Areas Conservancy works to foster urban resilience through natural resource management, research and community engagement. In 2013 and 2014, their ecologists conducted the nation’s largest study of urban ecological health, a dataset that will be pivotal in defining future New York City natural resource management. More information is on www.naturalareasnyc.org.

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