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## **NEW YORKERS FOR PARKS NAMES LEE STUART AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**February 2, 2010—New York, NY,** New Yorkers for Parks (NY4P) announces the appointment of Lee Stuart as their new Executive Director effective March 1, 2010.

Founded in 1908, New Yorkers for Parks is the citywide, independent organization dedicated to ensuring that all New Yorkers enjoy a world class parks system.

“After a thorough and thoughtful search process, we are pleased to appoint Lee Stuart as our new Executive Director,” said Catherine Morrison Golden, Chair of New Yorkers for Parks’ Board of Directors. “Her wide-ranging expertise and experience in community building will be crucial for implementing our new Strategic Plan to ensure that all New Yorkers enjoy a world class parks system,” Ms. Golden further stated.

“I am delighted to join an organization with such a robust history of research, advocacy, and programming. I look forward to implementing New Yorkers for Parks’ new direction so that our shared goals can come to life to enhance parks in New York City for all park users,” said Lee Stuart, incoming Executive Director of New Yorkers for Parks.

Ms. Stuart comes to New Yorkers for Parks from The Hunger Project, where she served as head of International and Institutional Fundraising for the organization. Prior to her work at the Hunger Project, Ms. Stuart launched the SHARE project, a community based food assistance and community development program in San Diego. SHARE grew to have over 30 domestic affiliates, including the one Ms. Stuart launched in the South Bronx.

Following the success of SHARE in the South Bronx, Ms. Stuart became the lead organizer of the Nehemiah Project, uniting the South Bronx Churches to carry out their re-development agenda.

Ms. Stuart holds an M.S. in Biology from San Diego State University and a Ph.D. in Ecology from San Diego State University and University of California at Davis.

New Yorkers for Parks is known throughout the five boroughs for:

- The Daffodil Project
- *The Report Card on Parks*
- *The City Council District Profiles*
- Parks Advocacy Day

New Yorkers for Parks is the only independent voice for all the city’s parks, beaches and playgrounds. For over 100 years, New Yorkers for Parks has worked to ensure greener, safer, cleaner parks for all New Yorkers.

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