

CT River Conservatory announces new executive director

GREENFIELD – Connecticut River Conservancy a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the Connecticut River watershed in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut since 1952, is thrilled to announce Rebecca Todd as their next executive director, to formally begin on Oct. 9.

Todd has most recently served as the executive director of New Hampshire's Stonewall Farm, a non-profit working farm and education center, however it is her rich experience as an attorney that has shaped most of her career.

For over 30 years Todd has advised organizations, individuals, and businesses in matters related to environmental, educational, contractual, employment, and non-profit management. She served as General Counsel for Antioch University, as Associate Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General in Washington in the Education and Ecology divisions, and litigated cases for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Inc. (now Earthjustice) and the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. related to the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and hazardous waste laws. Rebecca also teaches environmental law, legal advocacy and other subjects nationally and internationally.

In addition to these professional accomplishments, Todd grew up in the Connecticut River watershed, has raised a family while stewarding farmland along the river



Rebecca Todd was named the new executive director of Connecticut River Conservancy.

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in New Hampshire, and is cultivating a new passion for the sport of rowing.

"After an incredibly thorough search and evaluation of the needs of our organization, we are thrilled to welcome Rebecca as the next executive director. Rebecca's robust experience, character, and passion for the Connecticut River and surrounding com-

munities will help implement a strategic and sustainable path in the years to come," said Bob Sproull, board chair of CRC.

"I look forward to supporting the incredibly collaborative network of partners, members, and community members who recreate on the Connecticut River, and to developing solutions dedicated to health-

ier rivers in our beautiful watershed," said Todd.

The Search Committee, including members of CRC's Board of Trustees, staff, and executive search firm Eos Transition Partners, received applications from many well-qualified individuals across the country over the last few months and after careful review have determined that Todd is the most qualified to become the next great leader of Connecticut River Conservancy.

CRC's previous Executive Director, Andy Fisk, departed in the fall of 2022 after 10 years with the organization and is now the Northeast regional director at American Rivers. During this transitional time, CRC has been capably led by interim Executive Director and Director of Restoration Programs, Ron Rhodes, who has been a member of CRC staff for over 12 years.

CRC has a robust 70-year history of environmental conservation and restoration. The organization was first formed as the Connecticut River Watershed Council in 1952 by a group of concerned citizens, rebranded to the Connecticut River Conservancy in 2017, and has been a voice for the Connecticut River since the beginning. Programs include healthy habitat restoration through tree planting and dam removal, advocacy to prevent pollution, invasive species removal, water quality monitoring, river recreation access, community science to support migratory fish, the annual Source to Sea Cleanup, and more.

Public Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Hampden, s.s.
TRIAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 2379CV-00383
 CHARLENE DEGRAY and TOD A. DEGRAY, Plaintiffs
 vs.
 ETHEL E. (SMITH) SLATER, deceased, her heirs, assigns and successors in interest
 KENNETH EARL SMITH, deceased, his heirs, assigns and successors in interest
 ELEANOR GERTRUDE ROGERS SMITH, deceased, her heirs, assigns and successors in interest
 LEWIS E. SMITH, deceased, his heirs, assigns and successors in interest
 SHERRILEE SMITH WHITMAN, deceased, her heirs, assigns and successors in interest
 ELLIS SHANE BRAGDON, deceased, his heirs, assigns,
 GERALDINE ELLA SMITH

HERSOM, deceased, her heirs, assigns and successors in interest,
 ANITA LOUISE SMITH EVERETT, deceased, her heirs, assigns and successors in interest,
 JEAN D. EVERETT RICH JOHNSON, deceased, her heirs, assigns and successors in interest,
 Defendants
ORDER OF NOTICE
 This case came on to be heard upon the motion of the Plaintiffs, praying for an Order of Notice and thereupon consideration thereof it is
 Ordered and Adjudged that an order of notice issue to said Defendants, ETHEL E. (SMITH) SLATER deceased, KENNETH EARL SMITH, deceased, ELEANOR GERTRUDE ROGERS SMITH, deceased, LEWIS E. SMITH, deceased, SHERRILEE SMITH WHITMAN, deceased, ELLIS SHANE BRAGDON, deceased, GERALDINE

ELLA SMITH HERSOM, deceased, ANITA LOUISE SMITH EVERETT, deceased, JEAN D. EVERETT RICH JOHNSON, deceased, their heirs, devisees, assigns and successors in interest, by publishing an attested copy of this order once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Agawam Advertiser, a newspaper published in the Town of Agawam at least fourteen (14) days before the 19th day of October next, and that said defendants deceased, their heirs, assigns, legal representatives and successors in interest do cause their written appearance to be entered and their written answers or other lawful pleadings to be filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Springfield in said County of Hampden on or before the 19th day of October next.
 If ETHEL E. (SMITH) SLATER, deceased, KENNETH EARL SMITH, deceased, ELEANOR GERTRUDE ROGERS

SMITH, deceased, LEWIS E. SMITH, deceased, SHERRILEE SMITH WHITMAN, deceased, ELLIS SHANE BRAGDON, deceased, GERALDINE ELLA SMITH HERSOM, deceased, ANITA LOUISE SMITH EVERETT, deceased, JEAN D. EVERETT RICH JOHNSON, deceased, their heirs, devisees, assigns and successors in interest, fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13 (a) your answers must state as a counterclaim any claim you have against the Plaintiffs, Charlene DeGray and Tod A. DeGray, which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the Plaintiffs' claim or you will thereafter be barred from making any such claim in any other action.
 By the Court:
 Jane Mulqueen, Esq.

Entered: September 6, 2023
 Attest:
 William Walsh
 Asst. Clerk/Magistrate
 09/21, 09/28, 10/05/2023
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD23P1901EA
Estate of:
Louise A. Graham
Date of Death:
August 16, 2023
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 10/05/2023

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