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Margaret Gray Connelly Named Park Pride Executive Director

Atlanta, March 16 – Park Pride, Atlanta’s leading parks-focused nonprofit, has named Margaret Gray Connelly as its new Executive Director. A veteran in nonprofit management, Connelly will use her expertise in greenspace issues and program management to lead Park Pride’s efforts engaging communities to improve Atlanta’s parks. Prior to joining Park Pride, Connelly served as vice president for programs at the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. Previously, she served as director of the partnership program at the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta.

“Someone as talented as Margaret is a catch for any organization. We’re very excited to have her lead Park Pride,” said Sarah Yates Sutherland, Park Pride board president. “We’ve just expanded into DeKalb County, are partnering with the Atlanta BeltLine on its adoption program, and recently launched our updated strategic planning process. This is a very exciting time and we look forward to Margaret taking Park Pride to even higher levels.”

Connelly’s civic activities include serving as Board Chair for Fernbank Museum of Natural History, and several board memberships including the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities.

About Park Pride

Founded in 1989, Park Pride is the only organization that works with communities all over Atlanta to improve their parks. In 2010, Park Pride coordinated 15,000 hours of volunteer work in Atlanta parks, collaborated with more than 60 “Friends of the Park” groups and hosted more than 300 people at its Annual Parks & Greenspace Conference—the organization’s signature event which will be held this year on Monday, March 28. Learn more at www.parkpride.org.

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