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**Highland Park Conservancy Annual Meeting  
to Feature Nationally Renowned Parks Expert Tupper Thomas**

**Rochester, NY, March 19, 2017**—The Highland Park Conservancy, an organization formed to preserve and protect the vast horticultural resources of Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Highland Park, announces their **Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 26 at the Rochester Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Avenue beginning at 7:00 PM.**

The featured speaker will be Tupper Thomas who is famous for her revitalization of the Olmsted-designed Prospect Park in Brooklyn. Her talk is entitled “Saving the World One Green Space At A Time.”

**About Tupper Thomas**

Ms. Thomas served 30 years as the Administrator of Prospect Park under four park commissioners and four mayors, and was the founding member and President of the Prospect Park Alliance. She recently retired from her position as Executive Director of New Yorkers for Parks. When she first started working in the 585-acre, Olmsted-designed Prospect Park, Ms. Thomas’s biggest challenge was drawing visitors to a place widely seen as dangerous—even her neighbors questioned her sanity for working there. During her three decades of service, Prospect Park went from two million to almost ten million visitors per year. Tupper Thomas has a master’s degree in Urban Planning from Pratt Institute and a BA from Goucher College.

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