

Assembly Resolution No. 332

**BY:** M. of A. Rivera

**CONGRATULATING** Stephanie Crockatt upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Stephanie Crockatt upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy; and

**WHEREAS,** Stephanie Crockatt joined the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy in June of 2014, originally as the Director of Development; she was later hired into the role of Executive Director in May of 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** In her early career, Stephanie Crockatt transitioned from golf course design to a career as the President and CEO of the LPGA Tournament Owners Association; she left the nonprofit industry in 2007, to lead the development team at the College of Environment & Design at the University of Georgia, until she returned to Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS,** Buffalo is home to one of America's greatest environmental treasures, the first coordinated urban park system in the country, designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the able leadership of Stephanie Crockatt, the Conservancy cares for six parks, seven parkways, eight traffic circles, and three pocket parks, totaling 850 acres; the six major parks include Delaware Park, Cazenovia Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Front Park, Riverside Park, and South Park; and

**WHEREAS,** Stephanie Crockatt was instrumental in increasing the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy endowment and financial capabilities to promote the well-being of the park; and

**WHEREAS,** As a dedicated leader, Stephanie Crockatt adeptly guided the Conservancy through funding deficits, developed a five-year planning mechanism, and launched the Young Professionals for Olmsted Parks program, a 6-month networking program for young adults who want to be involved with nonprofit management; and

**WHEREAS,** Stephanie Crockatt's tireless work and advocacy during her tenure with the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy embodied a vision and philosophy that prioritized park health, neighborhood connectivity, and

provided welcoming spaces for all; and

**WHEREAS,** The Conservancy and the Buffalo public are indebted to Stephanie Crockatt's consummate stewardship; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Stephanie Crockatt upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephanie Crockatt.