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Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. Announces Two New Board Members

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY — Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. has announced that Usha Wright and Richard Shea have joined its Board of Directors.

Usha Wright is currently President and Chair of the board at SHAREAfrica, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and communities in Africa devastated by diseases and abject poverty. Ms. Wright is retired from ITT Corporation, a multi-national diversified industrial company, where she was a Senior Vice President, and then served as Executive Vice President at O'Brien & Gere, an environmental engineering firm.

Ms. Wright also serves on the Board of Eastern Environmental Law Center and Scenic Hudson, Inc., as Co-Vice Chair. She previously served on the Board of the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC, where she was a Visiting Scholar.

Richard Shea is a native of Cold Spring, NY, whose family has resided in the area for over a century with a strong tradition of public service. Mr. Shea carried on this tradition, serving for twenty years in Philipstown government – for eight years as Councilman and for twelve years as Town Supervisor.

In 1989, Mr. Shea founded Shea Construction, which is dedicated to craftsmanship as it relates to the principles of sustainable building practices. He is an avid outdoorsman and cyclist, who lives in the Village of Cold Spring with his wife, Karen Tauss Shea, and is the father of three adult children.

Mr. Shea was instrumental in envisioning the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail concept with fellow community members from its earliest days and provided valuable input throughout his tenure on the HHFT Steering Committee, representing Philipstown as the project evolved. “We welcome Richard's locally-grounded, steady, and practical approach to project planning and problem solving as we move forward,” said Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Executive Director Amy Kacala.

The Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail offers a community-driven solution for managing tourism in the region and will make the beauty that surrounds us more accessible to people of all ages and abilities. HHFT's mission is to create and steward a 7.5-mile linear park along the Hudson River that solves existing safety concerns around visitation, provides welcoming access to people of all abilities, restores and protects natural resources, and enhances quality of life for local communities. The Fjord Trail will add organized parking, public restrooms, trash/recycling collection, and distribute users of the park along a 7.5-mile route with six main access points. Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail is a subsidiary nonprofit of Scenic Hudson, Inc.

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