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Greenway Conservancy Receives \$1.4 Million Gift from The Lynch Foundation

The Grant Will Fund and Endow Greenway Garden and Placemaking Improvements

October 24, 2017 – BOSTON, MA – The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy today announced a \$1.4 million grant from The Lynch Foundation. In recognition of this support, a completely renovated garden space will honor Carolyn Lynch, an avid gardener, who passed away in 2015. The robustly planted boxwood garden, located adjacent to the North End, will offer four-season interest, and will be complemented by comfortable park furnishings. The gift, one of the largest ever received by the non-profit Greenway Conservancy, will also permanently endow care of the named space.

“We are excited to make The Greenway more beautiful and welcoming for those who are playing in the fountains, picnicking on the lawns, and enjoying a cannoli at the tables,” said Jesse Brackenbury, Executive Director of the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy. “We are so appreciative of the incredibly generous support of The Lynch Foundation.”

The renovation of the southern boxwood gardens will create a signature space at the north end of The Greenway. The prominent boxwood gardens, located between North and Hanover streets, are just steps from Faneuil Hall, the Freedom Trail, and the Boston Public Market. The new garden design draws from work done in collaboration with celebrated garden designer Lynden Miller and features flowers and plants that Carolyn loved in her gardens in Marblehead, in Ireland, and elsewhere. Visitors will be able to stroll the garden paths and relax at newly-added outdoor furniture. Families will be able to picnic under new umbrellas next to the gardens as children play in the nearby fountain.

“Our family is so pleased and proud to support the outstanding work of the Conservancy as we honor Carolyn with this unique garden on The Greenway,” said Peter Lynch, President of The Lynch Foundation. “We look forward to beginning work on this re-designed garden space that residents and visitors will enjoy for decades to come.”

A similar garden space, one block north on The Greenway, was renovated in 2015 to much acclaim. Both boxwood gardens required renovation due to issues dating from the original construction of the park. The 2015 renovation of the northern boxwood gardens garnered significant community support and contributed to the vibrancy of this portion of the park. The Greenway’s parks in the North End are the front porch for the community and a popular destination for visitors. Children play in the fountains, pizzas are enjoyed at the moveable tables and chairs, and sunbathers cover the lawns. Dozens of free fitness classes, the park’s free Wi-Fi network, and a Little Free Library bring activity to The Greenway in the North End.

“With this generous grant the Greenway Conservancy will be able to make a major investment in some of The Greenway’s most active parks”, said State Representative Aaron Michlewitz. “This will further show to residents and visitors alike the tremendous asset the City has in The Greenway”



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Design documents will be finalized this fall, with procurement of a contractor over the winter. Plant removals and installation is expected to occur in Spring 2018, with a completion in Summer 2018.

The Lynch Foundation has previously supported the Greenway Conservancy's public art and educational programs. Since 2005, the non-profit Conservancy has raised more than \$35M in philanthropy and other private funds for the public park.

About The Greenway (www.rosekennedygreenway.org)

The Rose Kennedy Greenway, a roof garden atop a highway tunnel, is a contemporary public park in the heart of Boston. The non-profit Greenway Conservancy maintains, programs, finances, and improves the 1.5-mile Greenway on behalf of the public. The Greenway welcomed a record 1.38 million visitors in 2016 for The Greenway Carousel, events, Wi-Fi, and Mobile Eats food trucks, plus millions more visitors who enjoyed the fountains, plazas, and gardens. The Conservancy has won numerous awards, including for our organic landscape care and park programming.

About The Lynch Foundation (www.thelynchfoundation.com)

The Lynch Foundation forges partnerships with non-profit organizations whose innovative ideas have the potential to sustain, multiply and influence the lives of others.

Carolyn and Peter Lynch established The Lynch Foundation in order to spread the values that were instilled in them throughout their childhood. Both children of educators, they went to public schools and attended college on partial scholarships. As they went on to have successful careers, they remembered the importance of education and the generosity of those who afforded them with an opportunity to receive one. As a result, they founded The Lynch Foundation in 1988. The Lynch Foundation views giving as an investment, and places its resources in a diverse portfolio of sustainable organizations, from innovative and promising start-ups to well-established organizations with strong leadership. This allows The Lynch Foundation to serve the largest constituency and help its partners act as a catalyst for effective change.

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