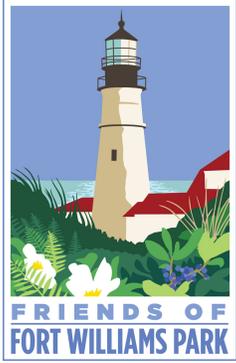


Announcing Resignation of James McCain, Executive Director



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The Friends of Fort Williams Park announces that James McCain has resigned as its executive director. McCain has been the face of the organization since June of 2013, first as Arboretum Director and later Executive Director.

In his resignation, McCain said he wants to revive his landscape design business, which he let go dormant while he developed the gardens at Fort Williams Park. McCain told board members that developing the plan for the Children's Garden at Fort Williams and seeing that garden come to fruition in 2016 made him realize how much he missed designing and planting sustainable landscapes.

Board members praised McCain's work in improving the ecology and beauty of the park, creating sustainable gardens around Portland Head Light, along the Cliff Walk and in the Children's Garden.

To provide a seamless transition in the Friends' operation, the Board of Directors will divide the duties that McCain has been doing into two part-time positions – with the salaries of the two positions not to exceed the current salary of executive director. One part-time position will be Manager of the Ecology Project, overseeing the long-term, park-wide effort to improve the ecological health and sustainability of Fort Williams Park. The second will be Executive Director, who will oversee operations of the organization, lead fund-raising activities and other events, manage staff and be the organization's prime contact with the public.

As a first step, the board of directors has selected Andrea Southworth as temporary Ecology Project Manager. Southworth, who is a member of the Friends' Board of Directors and chair of its Education Committee, is an instructor at Maine College of Art and Southern Maine Community College, teaching botany, biology, urban ecology, invasive species and scientific method. She has a B.S. in Biology, M.S. in botany and has 100 hours toward a Ph.D. in entomology.

The Board of Directors is initiating a search for a qualified person to fill the position of Executive Director, with the intention of filling the post within the next few months.

Anyone interested in applying should contact Dianne Manning, dcmanning@fortwilliams.org, 207-767-3707.

Summary of Executive Director Position:

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Fort Williams Park (FFWP) is seeking a new, part-time Executive Director. FFWP is a 501(c)(3) organization with a working board of directors. The ideal candidate is an experienced not-for-profit executive with proven leadership ability, excellent administrative and development skills, and a record of success with fundraising, volunteer management, and community engagement. This position requires a commitment of 24 hours per week.