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## Emerald Necklace Conservancy Names Dananai Morgan As First Chief Development Officer

**Boston MA, August 5, 2025** – Dananai Morgan has been named the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's first Chief Development Officer.

Dananai brings more than 15 years of experience in fundraising and organizational development, with a background in growing mission-aligned philanthropy and leading high-performing teams. She has worked with institutional partners on 7- and 8-figure multi-year commitments, with individuals on meaningful major gifts, and on campaigns ranging from \$200 million to \$6 billion.

"We are absolutely delighted to be welcoming Dananai to the Conservancy as our programs and impact continue to grow," said **Karen Mauney-Brodek, President of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy**. "Her experience as an energetic and accomplished fundraiser, communicator, and nonprofit leader will help us achieve the objectives of our ambitious strategic plan."

Dananai joins the Conservancy from the Museum of Science, with prior development roles at MIT, Harvard, Enroot, and as an independent fundraising consultant. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Birth Center and recently served on the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley.

"I'm excited to be joining the Conservancy at this pivotal time. The Conservancy's commitment to inclusive policy work, people-driven programming, and stewardship of one of Boston's most iconic green spaces deeply resonates with my values and professional experience."

Dananai lives in Boston and frequently visits Franklin Park and other parts of the Emerald Necklace with her three sons.

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### About Emerald Necklace Conservancy

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy is a non-profit organization founded in 1997 to steward and champion the Emerald Necklace, Boston's largest park system. The Conservancy protects, restores, helps maintain and promotes the Emerald Necklace's seven distinct parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, and comprises 1,100 acres of meadows, woodlands and paths. In collaboration with its public partners, the Conservancy provides maintenance of the parks and capital restoration projects, free cultural events, visitor services and environmental education. The parks serve as a respite from the city, a valuable commuting connector and a community convener for more than one million residents and tourists each year, and have taken on a special significance over the past year as a safe and socially distanced destination for local residents and regional visitors.

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