Liz Buxton Appointed New Executive Director of MAC-ISA

The Board of Directors of MAC-ISA is pleased to announce that Liz Buxton has been named its new Executive Director. Liz will take over the helm from longtime Executive Director Nancy Herwig who is retiring at the end of May.

The Mid Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (MAC-ISA) has experienced significant growth under the direction of Nancy Herwig. She will be working with Liz during the upcoming weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

“We feel very fortunate to have found a leader with extensive experience in directing and managing environmental non-profits to lead MAC-ISA during its next phase of growth,” said Chad Peevy, MAC-ISA Board President. "And we are fortunate that Nancy has agreed to assist Liz with onboarding. This is the best situation that a non-profit organization could ask for”.

Liz brings over 15 years of experience leading several Maryland non-profit conservation organizations including Maryland Environmental Trust, Scenic Maryland and Valleys Planning Council. She also served as a cultural resource consultant for Maryland State Highways Administration and Grants Management Specialist for the National Park Service. Liz most recently served as Executive Director of the Reedville Fishermen’s Museum. A graduate of the College of Charleston in South Carolina, she earned a B.A. in Fine Arts with a concentration in Architectural History and Historic Preservation.

“I am thrilled to lead MAC-ISA’s effort to promote education and safety with tree care”, Buxton said. “I love trees and look forward to working with the MAC-ISA community to build on the past successes and continue to expand educational programs and science-driven projects. I am honored to serve as the next executive director of such an effective, high impact organization”.

During her tenure as Director of Maryland Environmental Trust (MET), Liz facilitated the permanent protection of 12,800 acres of open space with over 100 conservation easements. She successfully increased attendance at the statewide land conservation conference that MET sponsored annually and improved the educational sessions and training programs. She implemented quarterly roundtable meetings and regular newsletters for 40+ regional land trusts in Maryland to foster better communication within the land trust community on relevant conservation issues.

A native of Tidewater, Virginia, Liz resides in Burgess with her dogs, Raven and Apollo. She plays competitive tennis and enjoys hiking, biking and sailing.

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The mission of MAC-ISA is “to promote a culture of safety while fostering education and research that supports the care and benefits of trees.” The chapter area includes the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. For more information, visit https://www.mac-isa.org.