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Ms. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
David N. Dinkins Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor North
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Srinivasan,

The Garden Conservancy recognizes the significance of the Frick Collection's Russell Page-designed garden, a vital cultural artifact. We were pleased to learn that the Frick Collection has acknowledged the importance of this garden in its current plans for expansion, now before the Landmarks Commission. Russell Page is a towering figure in late twentieth century garden design. The garden he created for the Frick Collection is one of New York City's treasures, and was created specifically to be an enduring legacy of his design philosophy. The Page garden, in keeping with the mission of the Frick Collection, "offers a singular, memorable experience" - one that is essential to preserve.

The Garden Conservancy is the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to saving and sharing outstanding American gardens for the education and inspiration of the public. We endorse the Frick Collection's new plans in concept, based on our understanding that they are committed to the preservation of the garden and provided that the garden is restored according to Russell Page's original design.

Thank you for your thoughtful review of the Frick Collection's application.

Sincerely,

James Brayton Hall
President and CEO