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## Paul Gilbert Joins the Community Foundation's Board of Directors

Fairfax, VA (December 11, 2024) – Paul Gilbert, a lifelong resident and prominent leader in the region, has joined the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's (CFNOVA) Board of Directors. Paul brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to community service, having made significant contributions to the environmental, historical, and economic success of Northern Virginia. Paul is a member of CFNOVA's Investment Committee, where he helps oversee the Foundation's investment portfolio, ensuring that the Foundation's assets are managed in alignment with its mission and goals. "On behalf of the entire board, I am pleased to welcome Paul Gilbert to our Board of Directors. His expertise, passion, and commitment to our Community Foundation's mission will be invaluable as we continue to work together to strengthen the Northern Virginia region and grow our impact. We look forward to the fresh perspectives and energy Paul will bring to our Board, and we are excited to have him join us on this journey." – Bob Kipps, CFNOVA Board Chair.

Since 2005, Paul Gilbert has served as Executive Director of NOVA Parks, leading the creation of 18 new parks, the acquisition of over 2,500 acres of parkland, and the development of innovative revenue streams. He has also spearheaded efforts to protect rare habitats and promote sustainable growth. In addition to his work at NOVA Parks, Paul is an Executive in Residence at George Mason University Recreation Management Program, where he teaches strategic leadership. His contributions to leadership and public service have earned him several awards, including the 2022 Freedom Fund Award from the Fairfax NAACP and the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award from George Mason University.

"In a region with thousands of nonprofits, I choose to focus my charitable giving into an entity like CFNOVA that has a broad-based approach to community giving. They support all the good work in the community. I spend a lot of my time addressing several causes, but for a community to thrive we need them all and CFNOVA cares for them all." – Paul Gilbert.



Through his leadership, philanthropy, and community involvement, Paul continues to shape the future of Northern Virginia. Paul Gilbert and NOVA Parks have already been a cherished partner of the Community Foundation through the years - this appointment to the board will strengthen CFNOVA's impact throughout the region.

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#### [ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA](#)

Founded in 1978, the Community Foundation has been the premier charitable partner trusted by thousands of generous Northern Virginians for decades. Our mission is to advance equity through philanthropy and community leadership. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation's vision is to build a community that works for everyone. Our Community Foundation serves the entire region, including Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.