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THE FOOD PROJECT NAMES JAMES HARRISON
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ten-Year TFP Veteran and North Shore Community Leader Harrison to Replace Departing ED Selvin Chambers

LINCOLN, MA – The Food Project announced today that James Harrison, current North Shore Regional Director for The Food Project and ten-year veteran of the organization, will step in for the departing Executive Director, Selvin Chambers, who has taken a role with The Trustees of Reservations. Harrison begins his tenure as the Acting Executive Director of The Food Project on October 6.

“After ten years at The Food Project, I am still continually amazed by the transformations that happen here on a daily basis. Young people from across the divides of race, class, gender, and geography come to The Food Project not sure of how they fit into the world, and emerge as strong, confident leaders and agents of change,” Harrison said. “The Food Project is a place of growth, transformation, and hope, and it is such an honor to serve as the Acting Executive Director.”

Already a widely respected leader in The Food Project, Harrison, known as “J,” began his career in sustainable agriculture by founding a farm and CSA program in Minnesota, which fueled his passion and interest in improving our food system. In 2003, in order to gain a deeper understanding of organic agriculture, J. became a certified organic inspector for farms throughout New England. He subsequently joined The Food Project in 2005 as the North Shore’s founding Farm Manager. In his role as the North Shore Regional Director, J. is seen as a community leader who has laid the foundation for the expansion of the youth programs on the North Shore and has been invaluable in establishing the farm sites in Beverly, Lynn, and most recently Wenham, MA.

Chambers leaves The Food Project after a successful tenure, which included the establishment of an effective new regional model for programs and service, as well as the implementation of significant improvements to its curriculum. Chambers also encouraged a strong presence in the regional dialogue around food access and food system issues—an initiative that Harrison helped foster and will continue to cultivate as Acting Executive Director.

“It is difficult leaving the Food Project and the wonderful work that happens here,” Chambers said. “I have had the privilege to work with a strong board and a talented and dedicated staff. What we have accomplished over the last several years in the Greater Boston and North Shore regions has fundamentally improved the way we serve and partner with communities, and has resulted in providing quality programming and better community engagement.”
Harrison begins his appointment on October 6 and will remain as Acting Executive Director until a national search for a permanent Executive Director, conducted by The Food Project’s Board of Trustees, is complete.

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