

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA
14 E. 60th Street
New York, NY 10022

May 28, 2018

Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan
Chair, New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: LPC-19-25099; 1 East 70th Street & 10 East 71st Street; The Frick Collection

Dear Mr. Srinivasan:

In 2014, The Garden Club of America joined hundreds in opposition to the Frick's plans to eliminate the Russell Page Viewing Garden. The garden is the only commissioned garden in New York City by the distinguished British landscape architect Russell Page and it is a unique artistic and horticultural gem, worthy of preservation.

We applauded the Frick when it announced that it would develop alternative plans that would ensure the permanent preservation of that garden.

The plan before you retains some but not all of the garden. Very important concerns about the proposed changes to the garden have been raised by Frick family members, Arabella Dane and Martha Frick Symington Sanger, both members of Garden Club of America clubs, as well as Laurie Olin and The Cultural Landscape Foundation.

We ask the Commission to postpone any decision until Frick leaders and the architects have carefully weighed and satisfactorily addressed the issues raised concerning proposed changes to the garden.

Sincerely,

Anne Neal Petri

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President

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