

Dear Sarah,

As communities rebuild after COVID-19, public spaces will have an important role to play. If implemented well, new models for public spaces could help cities engage communities, manage spaces and forge partnerships.

Tomorrow, we invite you to join us for the next episode of *Coast to Coast*, Knight's weekly, 30-minute show that explores ideas and insights on building engaging communities in a time of rapid change. We'll interview two inaugural Knight Public Spaces Fellows: Kathryn Ott Lovell, commissioner of Philadelphia Parks and Recreation; and Robert Hammond, co-founder and executive director of the High Line.

<u>Episode 3: Looking Forward: Rebuilding with New Models for Public Spaces</u> <u>Engagement, Management and Partnerships</u>

(Tues, May 19, 1-1:30 p.m. ET)



Kathryn Ott Lovell is commissioner of Philadelphia Parks and Recreation. Lovell oversees one of the largest park systems in the country, bringing a strong focus on innovation to the government sector. Her emphasis on "citizen centric" service provides exceptional parks and recreation opportunities to residents and prioritizes community engagement.

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Robert Hammond is co-founder and executive director of the High Line. Hammond had the vision and foresight to lead the effort to build an elevated park on an abandoned railway line in New York City 20 years ago. In 2017, he formed the High Line Network, which focuses on the equitable development of underused city infrastructure to develop new urban landscapes.



<u>Click here</u> to register for *Coast to Coast* on May 19 at 1 p.m. ET. As always, *Coast to Coast* is live Tuesdays at 1 p.m. ET.

Thanks,

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