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EVANSVILLE, IN – Kim Meadors has been named the Executive Director and CEO of Wesselman Nature Society, Inc., a not-for-profit environmental education and preservation society in Evansville, Indiana. Her appointment was acted upon and approved by Wesselman Nature Society, Inc. Board of Directors at its June meeting, said Board President Vic Chamness.

"With Kim's community experience and knowledge, her expertise in personnel and management, and her leadership experience, the board agreed she was the right person to steer the Wesselman Nature Society," stated Chamness. Meadors is the first Executive Director and CEO to serve the organization, which was founded in 1973. The mission of the Wesselman Nature Society is to preserve the natural resources in the Evansville area, to provide environmental education and to promote the enjoyment of these treasures. Wesselman Nature Society, Inc. provides direction, oversight and management for Wesselman Woods, Howell Wetlands and Canoe Evansville.

"I am honored to have been asked to serve as Executive Director and CEO of the Wesselman Nature Society," said Meadors. "The organization is fortunate to have a talented and dedicated team, exceptional board leaders and devoted community volunteers. Together, we will continue to build on the great work being done by the Wesselman Nature Society. I believe that through a collaborative approach we can broaden the exposure and access of this community's environmental treasures, contributing to the community's vision of Evansville being a great place to work, live and invest."

Prior to relocating to Evansville from Traverse City, Michigan, Meadors served as president and CEO of The Grayson Group, Inc. a human resource development company. During her tenure with The Grayson Group, she developed and directed human resource services and programs for over sixty companies in Michigan, Georgia, and Florida. Her expertise in human resource management and education in business administration from Indiana University will provide a strong leadership direction to the organization.

Over the course of her career in Evansville, Meadors has served various organizations, boards, committees, programs and projects, including; Tales & Scales, Keep Evansville Beautiful, The Reitz Home Museum, The Women's Hospital, The Dome Classic, St. Mary's Foundation, Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF), University of Evansville, The Evansville Museum, Holly's House and has served as adjunct faculty for Ivy Tech Community College.

Meadors resides in Evansville with her husband, Matt, daughters, Meagan and Lindsay and her dog, Bailey.

The Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation Board of Park Commissioners approved an agreement in March of this year, which allows the City of Evansville to contract with the Wesselman Nature Society to manage and operate Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve (including the Nature Center and Recycling Center) and Howell Wetlands.

Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve offers approximately 200 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, is a State Nature Preserve, National Natural Landmark, and designated a “Legacy Forest” in Indiana. Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve offers trails, environmental education and family events. No other city in the United States with a population exceeding 100,000 has within its corporate limits, a timber stand of such acreage and sylvan qualities.

Howell Wetlands provides 35 acres of urban wetlands which showcases a diversity of wetland habitats. Visitors can enjoy a unique ecosystem year-round, as it is completely accessible via wooden walkways and bridges. Many opportunities are available to explore and learn about wetlands in this wonderful outdoor classroom.

Canoe Evansville paddles through a wildlife oasis in the middle of a bustling city, which provides habitats for various fish, waterfowl, and mammals. The experience offers safe, professionally guided eco-educational experiences while winding along the Pigeon Creek. Programs are available from one hour to all day excursions.

To learn more about Wesselman Woods, Howell Wetlands or Canoe Evansville or to join the Wesselman Nature Society visit our website at www.wesselmannaturesociety.org or contact us at (812) 479-0771.