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WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 21, 2015 – The Delaware Center for Horticulture announced today that after a competitive national search, Vikram Krishnamurthy has been selected as its new executive director.

“While we had more than 50 applicants and had to choose from among a group of highly qualified and impressive candidates, Vikram rose to the top not only because of his professional experience, but also because of his obvious dedication and commitment to the success of The DCH,” said Ann D. Wick, chair of The DCH Board of Directors Search Committee and vice president of The DCH Board.

Mr. Krishnamurthy joined The DCH in January as director of programs, and had previously worked at the Center from 2002-2005 as tree program manager. In the interim, he has served as director of land conservation for the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy in Maryland, managing director of the Center for Public Horticulture (a partnership between Longwood Gardens and the University of Delaware) and deputy director of Fair Food, a non-profit organization in Philadelphia.

“Vikram’s leadership experience, combined with his knowledge of public horticulture, conservation management and sustainable food systems made him the perfect choice for executive director,” said David W. Brownlee, president of the DCH Board of Directors. “His prior experience aligns with The DCH mission, and he is clearly passionate about the organization and its impact on our Delaware communities.”

Mr. Krishnamurthy has a personal love of nature and gardening that began as a young boy when he watched his grandfather tend to the plants in his garden in Shoeburyness, England. His professional experience in horticulture includes work in private gardening, the nursery trade, urban forestry, public gardens, and business management.

“I am grateful to the Board of Directors for offering me the opportunity to lead TheDCH at this important time in the organization’s growth, and with a shared vision for the future,” said Mr. Krishnamurthy. “Along with our talented staff, I look forward to advancing the Center’s mission, furthering and expanding partnerships, and working with our members, supporters, and advocates to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.”

Mr. Krishnamurthy earned a bachelor’s degree from James Madison University, an associate’s degree in horticulture from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Va., and is a master’s degree candidate in Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware. He resides in Wilmington with his wife and two children.