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### **Hearth Community Fund Announces Award Recipient for 2015 “Together for a Better Gloucester City”**

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**The Hearth Community Fund** announced today that the award recipient for the 2015 “Together for a Better Gloucester City” community development project. New York artist, Winter Willoughby-Spera, submitted her winning design the “Wave Wall”, a collection of community inspired fish sculptures, to be painted by the residents and friends of Gloucester City, will be located next to the Betsy Ross Pavilion at Proprietor’s Park. Her plan also calls for changes to the existing Betsy Ross Pavilion in which a glass wall with the architectural blueprints from old Gloucester city will be incorporated into the pavilion. An event will be scheduled sometime in November.

According to Ms. Willoughby-Spera, once the project is completed, visitors to the Park will be able to look through the glass wall to see what old Gloucester City looked like in the forefront, with the skyline of modern Gloucester City’s harbor front in the background. This installation, created by the community, will make a lasting contribution to the Park. Ms. Willoughby-Spera said “I love this interactive approach. It celebrates the talent of residents as well as reinforces Gloucester City’s proud history as the fishing village.” The city has a long history of attracting famous artists and was once the source of inspiration for the celebrated painting, “The Shad Fisherman” by the well-renowned Thomas Eakins.

*The Hearth Community Fund is a non-profit, 501 C3 corporation that seeks to serve Gloucester City by creating community improvement initiatives that enhance the beauty and attraction of the City’s downtown and waterfront. Revitalization projects in these important areas help create jobs, support home values, and foster neighborhood pride. Please feel free to contact us with questions by emailing Trustee Tom Monahan at [tom@hearthcummunityfund.org](mailto:tom@hearthcummunityfund.org) or visiting our website at [www.hearthcommunityfund.org](http://www.hearthcommunityfund.org). Donations are always welcome towards future grants!*