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Patricia L. Smith is director of Special Initiatives for The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), a CDFI that manages one-half billion dollars of capital, investing in affordable housing, charter schools, high-quality supermarkets and green businesses across the Mid-Atlantic.

Ms. Smith's career includes public administration, policy and program development, strategic planning, real estate development and finance, and public interest law. Prior to TRF, she directed Philadelphia's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, a \$295 million redevelopment program. In addition, Ms. Smith has held senior management positions at the National Congress for Community Economic Development, The Philadelphia Foundation, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, City Council of Philadelphia and Community Legal Services.

Ms. Smith contributed to *Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the Twenty-first Century*, a collection of essays published by the University of Pennsylvania Press on the urban greening movement. She has presented papers at numerous conferences on housing and community development, including the 2001 Sister Cities Conference on Urban Regeneration



in Kobe, Japan, and the 1994 United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) in Istanbul, Turkey.

Ms. Smith appeared in the 2006 PBS documentary, "Edens Lost and Found: How Ordinary Citizens Are Restoring Our Great American Cities," a four-part series that examined the unique environmental, economic and social issues of four American cities. Ms. Smith currently serves on the boards of the Philadelphia Urban League and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

In recognition of her contributions to the field of affordable housing, the Fannie Mae Foundation awarded Ms. Smith a fellowship, which enabled her to take part in an executive leadership program for public officials at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Ms. Smith holds a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College (1973) and J.D. from George Washington University Law Center (1977).