

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

BRAVEBOY CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

DATE & TIME

November 19, 2026

10:00 AM – 3:00PM

LOCATION

Bowie State University
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
14000 Jericho Park Rd.,
Bowie, MD 20715

Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

Prince George's County
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
Samuel B. Moki, Ph. D | Director

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WELCOME TO THE BRAVEBOY CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
Registration and Continental Breakfast - **8:30a.m. - 10a.m.**

EXHIBIT HALL OPENS - 8:30a.m.

STUDENT POSTER AND ART GALLERIES OPEN - 9:30a.m.

OPENING SESSION	Auditorium	**10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

WELCOME to the BRAVEBOY CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
Pat Lawson Muse, *Emcee*

WELCOME FROM DIGNITARIES
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux, President, *Bowie State University*
The Honorable Aisha N. Braveboy, *Prince George's County Executive*
Superintendent Dr. Shawn Joseph, *Prince George's County Public Schools*
Atabong Njefe, 12th grade student, *Eleanor Roosevelt High School*
Theodore Yang, 12th grade student, *Eleanor Roosevelt High School*
Dr. Samuel Moki, Director, *Prince George's County Department of the Environment*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Courtney Grimes, *PhD, Air Quality Professional*

REMARKS FROM OUR SPONSORS
Brittany Koch, Vice President, Governmental and External Affairs, Baltimore Gas and Electric

LUNCH	**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**	Main Atrium

LUNCH & LEARN with WSSC	**11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**	Auditorium

Weathering the Storm: Securing Our Water in a Changing Climate
WSSC Water will share a local utility's perspective on the growing impacts of climate change on our local and regional water infrastructure. Discover how extreme weather and shifting climate patterns affect aging systems and our local water supply, why investing in climate readiness is more urgent than ever and the proactive strategies underway by WSSC Water to build a resilient, future-ready water system.

Dr. Priscilla To, *Chief Operating Officer, WSSC Water*
Katie Foreman, *Interim Director of Operational Reliability and Resilience, WSSC Water*

Lunch and Learn with Pepco & BGE | 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Room 1330

Optimizing the Grid through Clean Energy Programs
Explore how the utilities design and implement clean energy programs, such as energy efficiency, demand management, and storage, to reduce system costs for customers.

Kevin Knight, *Senior Manager, Clean Energy Strategy, BGE*
Colleen Tomaino, *Senior Manager, Clean Energy Strategy, Pepco*

LUNCH & LEARN with Constellation | 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Room 1340

Powering Maryland's Future: Constellation's Role in Expanding the Clean Energy Grid
As Maryland works to meet growing electricity demand and advance its clean energy goals, Constellation is helping shape the future of reliable, affordable, and cleaner energy. This session will explore how Constellation is bringing more megawatts to the grid through our work at Calvert Cliffs and with battery storage. Attendees will gain insight into how these technologies work together to support grid reliability, meet growing energy needs, and contribute to Maryland's energy future.

Maurice Simpson, Jr., *Director, State Government and Regulatory Affairs*

LUNCH & LEARN with DoE | 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Room 1342

From Kitchen to Curb: Residential Curbside Compost Training
Join this interactive training to learn what belongs in your PGCComposts bin, how to minimize odors and pests, and how food scraps become a valuable soil amendment—keeping waste out of landfills and reducing methane emissions.

Vaughn Barkdoll, *Sustainable Waste Management Division, Prince George's County Department of the Environment*

BREAKOUT SESSION 1A | Planting Your Future Path: Green Career Exploration | Auditorium | 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Explore careers in climate action, clean energy, and environmental health. In this interactive session, industry leaders will share their experiences and highlight training and hands-on opportunities for students pursuing green careers.

Moderator:
Evelyn Hoban, *Associate Director, Division of Environmental Health/Disease Control, Prince George's County Health Department*

Speakers:
Theo Daniels, *Climate Policy Manager, Second Nature*

John Deadwyler, *Program Director, Sustainable Energy Workforce Development Program, Prince George's Community College*

Ruby Stemmle, *Founder and Executive Director, ecoLatinos*

BREAKOUT SESSION 1B | Growing Our Tree Canopy: DoE's Tree Equity Mapping Tool | Room 2508 | 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. *(No Streaming)*

Explore the County's Tree Equity Mapping Tool to assess and expand tree canopy. Open to all, especially municipal officials, residents, and nonprofit partners.

Moderator:

Mary Abe, *Deputy Associate Director, Department of the Environment*

Speakers:

Charles Braese, *Senior GIS Analyst, Department of the Environment*

Milan Brown, *Planner, Prince George's County Department of the Environment*

Brian Coyle, *Co-Founder, Laurel for the Patuxent*

Juan Lazo Bautista, *Field Director, Defensores de la Cuenca*

BREAKOUT SESSION 1C | Small Actions, Big Impact: Climate Change 101 Room 1342 | 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Learn the basics of climate change, its local impacts, and the County's climate goals and progress. Explore practical actions individuals, businesses, and communities can take toward a just, sustainable future.

Moderator:

Katie Dickinson, *Climate Action Officer, Department of the Environment*

Speakers:

Professor Priscila B R Alves, *Assistant Research Professor, Urban Studies & Planning Program, University of Maryland*

Dr. Chimdimnma Esimai, *Programs Manager, Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences Program, Bowie State University*

BREAKOUT SESSION 1D | Cultivating Change: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security | Room 1340 | 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Explore how County agencies and farmers are improving access to healthy food and reducing climate impacts. This panel will highlight sustainable agriculture, food security, and ways residents can help.

Moderator:

Evelyn Kelly, *Fiscal Sponsor and Director of Strategic Initiatives, Food Equity Council*

Speakers:

Nicole Hall, *Chief Real Estate Officer, Revenue Authority of Prince George's County*

Liz Robinson, *Executive Director, The Gift Legacy Foundation Cooperative Farm*

Dominic Hosack, *Steptoe Farm Cooperative*

BREAKOUT SESSION 1E | Future-Proofing Prince George's: Land Use Planning and Standards for Equitable Climate Resilience | Room 1330
12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Join County and community leaders to explore climate-ready codes, standards, and land use practices that reduce emissions, withstand future climate hazards, and advance equitable development.

Moderator:
Christine Osei, *Deputy Associate Director, Climate and Energy Division, Department of the Environment*

Speakers:
Mary Giles, *Deputy Director, Department of Permitting, Enforcement and Inspections*

Steven Darcey, *Executive Director, Prince George's County Soil Conservation District,*

Tom Burke, *Acting Division Chief, Countywide Planning Division, M-NCPPC*

Janet Gingold, *Resident, environmental advocate*

COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK | **1:20 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.** | Main Atrium

BREAKOUT SESSION 2A | From Trash to Treasure: Solid Waste Management & Composting | Room 1330 | 1:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Explore how the County's waste and composting services, new landfill regulations, and public participation help reduce methane emissions. Learn about local strategies and Montgomery County's new Pay-As-You-Throw program.

Moderator:
Derrick Coley, *Deputy Director, Department of the Environment*

Speakers:
Jessica Moore, *Sustainable Waste Management Division, Department of the Environment*

Barbara Sollner-Webb, *Solid Waste Advisory Committee Member*

Alan Pultyniewicz, *Chief, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Recycling and Refuse Services Section*

John Agnoli, *Environmental Section Chief Maryland Environmental Service*

BREAKOUT SESSION 2B | Plug In, Power Down (on Carbon): Decarbonizing and Electrifying the Building Sector | Room 1340 | 1:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Hear from state and County leaders about strategies to electrify buildings, reduce fossil fuel use, and advance climate goals while creating healthier spaces and lowering operating costs.

Moderator:
Vanessa Bertelli, *Executive Director, Electrify DC*

Speakers:
George Kervitsky, *Energy Manager, Office of Central Services, Prince George's County*

Nicole Zeichner, *Senior Assistant People's Counsel, Maryland Office of People's Council*

Sam Furio, *Technical Outreach Lead Climate Change Program, Maryland Department of the Environment*

BREAKOUT SESSION 2C | Voices for Tomorrow: Youth Climate Organizers Panel | Auditorium | 1:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Hear local youth climate leaders share their experiences, highlight youth-led initiatives, and explore ways participants can advance climate action in their communities, workplaces, and organizations.

Moderator:
James Roberson, *Schmidt Center, Prince George's County Public Schools*

Speakers:
Kennedy Brooks, *Project Coordinator, The Capital Market*

Corey Addison Bradley, *Biology Major, Bowie State University*

Psalm Fowlkes, *12th grade student, Crossland High School*

Adebola Owolabi, *12th grade student, Bowie High School*

BREAKOUT SESSION 2D | Resilience Rising: Community Hubs for Climate Readiness | Room 1342 | 1:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Hear resilience hub leaders, grant recipients, and partners—including the Memorial Library System and City of District Heights—share experiences, lessons learned, and strategies for overcoming challenges in launching community resilience hubs.

Moderator:
Dr. Estelle Marie Montgomery, *Director, FH Faunteroy Resilience Incubator*

Speakers:
Gyasi Gomez, *former Mayor, City of District Heights*

Heather Jackson, *Area Director, Prince George's County Memorial Library System*

Nicole Jackson, *Resident, City of District Heights*

Delaney Samons, *Program Officer, Chesapeake Bay Trust*

BREAKOUT SESSION 2E | Core Competency: Making Climate Action Everyone's Business | Room 2508 | 1:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m. *(No Streaming)*

Join peers in similar roles to explore how your work connects to climate action, identify barriers, and brainstorm ways to integrate climate solutions into daily responsibilities.

Moderator: Kelsey Brooks, *Program Manager, University of Maryland, Environmental Finance Center*

CLOSING SESSION | 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Auditorium

Celebrate the day's accomplishments and review commitments, challenges, and resources to advance the County's climate goals.

Derrick Coley, *Deputy Director, Prince George's County Department of the Environment*

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Pat Lawson Muse
Emcee

Pat Lawson Muse is an Emmy award-winning former news anchor with NBC4-TV in Washington, DC where she spent nearly 41 years before retiring in March of 2023.

Muse joined NBC4 in 1982 as an anchor and reporter. That year, Pat and Barbara Harrison became the first female television news anchor team in the country on News4 at Noon. Muse later anchored weekend editions of News4 at 6pm and 11pm and News4 at 4pm. For years she hosted NBC4's community affairs programs including News4 Your Sunday, Reporter's Notebook and Viewpoint. For more than three decades she was the face and heart of NBC4's "Food 4 Families" campaign which has fed tens of thousands of families at Thanksgiving.

Muse's Emmy awards include the prestigious Board of Governors Award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter. She's received multiple Emmys for news anchoring and multiple Emmy nominations for news reporting. In November of 2023, Muse received the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' from the Washington Association of Black Journalists.

Muse has been honored by the U.S. House of Representatives as Maryland Congressman Jamie Raskin's 'Hero of the Week' for her outstanding career in local television news and community service. She was also presented citations by Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, the Maryland State Senate, the Maryland House of Delegates and the Prince George's County State's Attorney.

Her work has been recognized by the American Association of University Women, the National Association of Black Journalists, the International TV and Film Festival of New York, the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. DC Chapter, and the Minority Business & Professionals Network.

Muse's broadcast journalism career began in 1977 in Washington, DC radio, including WTOP-AM, WHUR-FM, WOL-AM, National Public Radio, and the former Mutual Black Network. Her television news career began in 1980 at WBAL-TV in Baltimore.

Muse is a magna cum laude graduate of Howard University where she earned a degree in broadcast management and radio production. She's a native of Las Vegas, Nevada and lives in Prince George's County with her husband, Maryland State Senator C. Anthony Muse.

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Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President, Bowie State University

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux has served as the visionary 10th president of Bowie State University since July 2017, bringing more than 30 years of diverse higher education leadership experience to the position. As president, she is committed to ensuring that every student at Bowie State University develops an entrepreneurial mindset to achieve success in the rapidly changing workplace and communities. Dr. Breaux initiated a university-wide focus to infuse entrepreneurship education across the disciplines which led to the opening of an Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community in fall 2021. She is dedicated to building on the legacy and rich history of Maryland's oldest historically Black university with a strategic focus on ensuring the long-term viability of the institution.



The Honorable Aisha N. Braveboy
Prince George's County Executive

Aisha N. Braveboy was elected County Executive of Prince George's County on June 3, 2025, during a special election and was sworn in as County Executive on June 19, 2025, after serving six years as Prince George's County State's Attorney. Remaining true to our commitment of service, In her last two days as State's Attorney, Ms. Braveboy remained focused on delivering justice for the people of Prince George's County. She was engaged in a two-week jury trial that resulted in a first-degree murder conviction. She also took immediate action on two of her key priorities as County Executive: Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and public safety. Anticipating the removal of the PGCPS Superintendent, she acted quickly to unite stakeholders behind her choice of an Interim Superintendent. She also identified and rallied support for a new Police Chief, an internal candidate from the Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) who is community-focused and deeply familiar with the County. County Executive Braveboy is a lifelong public servant, uniquely distinguished in County history for having served in all three branches of government: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. She was twice elected State's Attorney for Prince George's County, first in 2018 and again in 2022, representing over one million residents. In that role, she managed a $24 million budget and a staff of over 200. As the County's top law enforcement officer, she secured over a 90% conviction rate in homicide cases and implemented programs to reduce recidivism, support survivors of domestic violence, address hate crimes, and combat gun violence. As County Executive, she will continue to advance a comprehensive public safety strategy to build stronger, safer communities.

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Shawn Joseph, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Prince George's County Public Schools

Shawn Joseph, Ed.D. – a career educator, scholar, and dedicated student advocate – brings over three decades of public education experience to Prince George's County Public Schools as Superintendent. A former teacher, principal, and superintendent in Metro Nashville Public Schools and Seaford School District, Dr. Joseph previously served PGCPS as Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, expanding rigorous academic access and literacy support across the district. His extensive background spans higher education and national leadership development, having served as an Assistant Professor at Howard University, Co-Director of the AASA/Howard Urban Superintendents Academy, and Senior Associate with HYA executive search firm. An accomplished author and recipient of honors such as the Maryland Middle School Principal of the Year and the AERA Outstanding Dissertation Award, Dr. Joseph holds degrees from Lincoln University, Johns Hopkins University, and George Washington University.



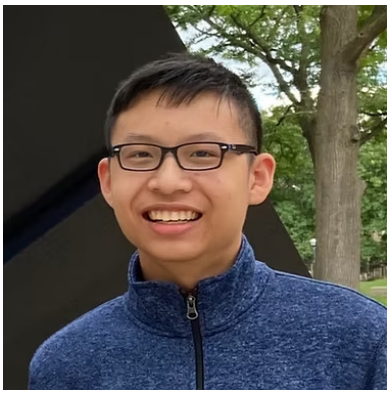
Atabong Njefe

Senior, Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Atabong Njefe is a senior in the Science and Technology program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD. Her interests involve engineering solutions to protect plants, humans, and the environment. Recently, she completed a summer internship at the University of Maryland, where she worked with Dr. Nidhi Rawat to assist Postdoctoral research in genetically engineering wheat resistance against Fusarium graminearum. She currently leads her school's recycling program and is president of the Prince George's Student Environmental Coalition, where she bolsters student-led environmental advocacy. She plans to major in Bioengineering in order to further her passion for reducing harm in Maryland communities.

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Teddy Yang
Senior, Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Teddy is a senior in the Science and Technology Program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. First inspired at home and through public television, he seeks to bring environmental consciousness wherever he goes. At school, he helps maintain green practices by promoting environmental awareness and participating in the recycling program. As a leader in PGCPS' Student Environmental Coalition, he coordinates engagement and event planning between members across the county. He's also combined his passions for science and the environment and is currently an intern in a water monitoring lab at UMD. Going forward, Teddy hopes to pursue a career in civil engineering or geology.

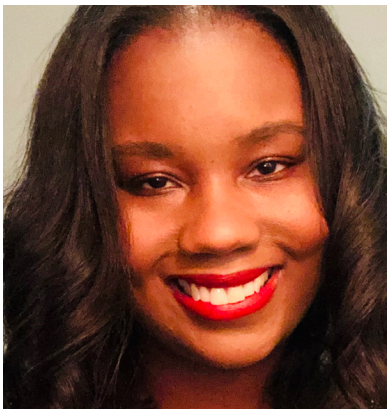


Dr. Samuel B. Moki
Director, Prince George's County Department of the Environment

Dr. Samuel Belsham Moki was confirmed by a super majority as Director of the Department of the Environment on October 21, 2025. He holds a law degree, two master's degrees in criminal justice and environmental management, and a Ph.D. in political science with a minor in public administration from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He has taught and continues to teach as an adjunct at several universities in the Washington, D.C. area at both the undergraduate and graduate levels for over 22 years. He is passionate about the environment and eager to find opportunities to promote environmental preservation and improvement in Prince George's County. Through environmental stewardship, advocacy, projects, initiatives, and excellent customer service, he is prepared to lead the Department of the Environment to "ELEVATE" Prince George's County.

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Dr. Courtney Grimes
PhD, Air Quality Professional -Keynote Speaker

Dr. Grimes comes from a background in air quality, atmospheric chemistry, and environmental justice. She earned her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2021, where her doctoral research examined urban air quality, aerosol particles, and black carbon emissions. Dr. Grimes worked as an atmospheric scientist at the Environmental Defense Fund, analyzing air quality data and collaborating with communities affected by industrial and transportation emissions to support evidence-based environmental policy. She also served as a chemistry professor at Northern Virginia Community College. Before that, she worked in the Air Quality Division for the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) in DC, forecasting and helping ensure DC complied with federal standards. Dr. Grimes currently works as an air quality professional in South Carolina. The University of Maryland honored her with the 2025 Alumni Excellence Award for Research in recognition of her significant contributions to atmospheric science/air quality through her research and advocacy. Dr. Grimes has volunteered and mentored girls of color in the DC region and is passionate about encouraging the next generation in STEM.



Maurice Simpson, Jr.
Director, State Government and Regulatory Affairs | Constellation

Maurice Simpson, Jr., is a government affairs and public policy leader with extensive experience spanning government, politics, and the energy sector. As Director of State Government and Regulatory Affairs at Constellation, the nation's largest producer of clean, carbon-free energy, Maurice leads the company's legislative, regulatory, and stakeholder engagement strategies across Maryland and Washington, D.C. His work focuses on advancing policies that support energy affordability, grid reliability, competitive electricity markets, clean energy development, and economic growth. He works closely with elected officials, regulators, industry partners, and community stakeholders to navigate complex policy challenges and advance Constellation's strategic priorities.

Prior to joining Constellation, Maurice spent more than seven years in public service as an aide to the Prince George's County Council. He previously served as President of the Prince George's County Young Democrats and as an At-Large Member of the Democratic National Committee Youth Council. In 2016, he was elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, receiving more than 60,000 votes.

A native of Prince George's County, Maurice serves on the Board of Directors of Ardmore Enterprises, a nonprofit supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He is also a member of the Prince George's County NAACP and First Baptist Church of Glenarden.

Maurice earned his Bachelor of Arts from Clark Atlanta University and his Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

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Priscilla To

Director of Operational Reliability and Resilience, WSSC Water

Born and raised in the area, Dr. Priscilla To has deep roots in this community. As WSSC Water's Director of Operational Reliability and Resilience, her team leads transformative initiatives to strengthen the reliability and resilience of water resources, water and wastewater services for 1.9 million customers across Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Her team draws on collaborative partnerships, technical expertise, and strategic innovation to help WSSC Water address environmental, regulatory, and affordability challenges. With over 20 years of experience in the water industry, Priscilla's background includes watershed protection, water quality, operations support, process optimization, external partnerships, and applied research. She is a licensed Professional Engineer in Maryland and holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering (B.S.) and Civil and Environmental Engineering (M.S., Ph.D.).



Katie Foreman

Division Manager of Water Resources Protection

Katie Foreman is the Division Manager for Water Resources Protection at WSSC Water. She leads the Commission's proactive approaches to protect and improve source water quality and quantity including the source water protection program, water supply resiliency efforts and pollution prevention planning and compliance. Katie has over 25 years of expertise in water resources science and management at the national, state and regional levels, including over a decade at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Headquarters' Office of Water where she directed several national drinking water programs including the National Source Water Protection program. Her graduate and undergraduate degrees are in Geography from the University of Iowa.

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Kevin Knight

Senior Manager of Strategic Planning at Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE)

Kevin Knight is Senior Manager of Strategic Planning at Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE), where he leads initiatives supporting the company's transition toward a more flexible, resilient, and customer-focused electric grid. His work focuses on demand response, distributed energy resources, virtual power plants, electrification, and aligning utility strategy with Maryland's energy and climate goals. Kevin brings more than a decade of experience in energy efficiency, load management, building science, and utility program development. He holds a bachelor's and master's degrees in Sustainable Biomaterials from Virginia Tech.



Colleen Tomaino

Senior Manager for Clean Energy Strategy, Pepco

Colleen Tomaino is Pepco Holdings' Senior Manager for Clean Energy Strategy, leading the development and regulatory processes to integrate new energy technologies and market opportunities for Pepco in D.C. and Maryland, and Delmarva Power in Maryland. With 20 years of experience in the energy and environmental fields, she enjoys working at the intersection of technology and policy. Colleen earned both her master's degree in environmental public policy and her bachelor's degree in environmental science and policy from the University of Maryland, College Park.

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Vaughn Barkdoll

***Waste Assessment Specialist* |**

Vaughn Barkdoll is a seasoned environmental professional with 27 years of county government service and extensive experience in waste management, environmental compliance, program oversight, and operational improvement.

Throughout his career, he has supported environmental programs focused on regulatory compliance, waste assessment, inspections, investigations, and service delivery. His work has involved collaborating with public and private stakeholders, evaluating program performance, analyzing operational data, and helping organizations achieve environmental and operational objectives.

Vaughn's professional experience includes leadership and technical roles involving program administration, process improvement, policy implementation, quality assurance, and regulatory oversight. He has contributed to initiatives that improve efficiency, strengthen compliance, and support effective environmental stewardship.

His approach is grounded in analytical problem-solving, sound decision-making, and a commitment to continuous improvement. Through his work, Vaughn has helped develop practical solutions that support organizational goals while maintaining a focus on environmental responsibility and public service.



Evelyn Hoban

Associate Director, Division of Environmental Health/Disease Control

Evelyn Hoban is an Associate Director within the Prince George's County Health Department leading the Division of Environmental Health and Disease Control. Ms Hoban has over 30 years' experience within the field of environmental public health and communicable disease investigation and outbreak control. Her responsibilities include overseeing regulation of food safety, public swimming pools, drinking water, sewage disposal, hazardous materials, medical waste, and healthy homes programs as well as communicable disease outbreak prevention and investigation, public health emergency preparedness and disease surveillance programs.

She has a bachelor's degree in Biology from Hood College and a Master's of Science degree from the Johns Hopkins University. She has been a licensed environmental health specialist within the State of Maryland since 1987.

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Theo Daniels
Climate Policy Manager at Second Nature

Theo Daniels (he/him) is the Climate Policy Manager at Second Nature, where he leads federal climate policy analysis, strategy, and outreach, with a particular focus on clean energy tax credits and incentives, as well as subnational implementation pathways.

Theo holds an M.S. in Environmental Metrology and Policy from Georgetown University, as well as a B.S. in Environmental Science and a B.A. in Political Science from Howard University. His professional experience includes roles with the White House Council on Environmental Quality, NASA, the U.S. Congress, and the Rachel Carson Council. His research has explored the intersection of people and climate, including pressing environmental challenges in South America.



John Deadwyler
Director, Sustainable Energy and Workforce Program, Prince George's Community College

John T. Deadwyler is an accomplished leader and advocate in workforce development, currently serving as the Program Director for Prince George's Community College's Sustainable Energy Workforce Development Program (SEWDP) and TeamBuilders Academy (TBA). These flagship programs empower adult learners with occupational skills training and work-based learning opportunities, preparing Prince George's County residents for meaningful careers in the renewable energy sector. During his tenure, John has successfully established an advisory board and forged strategic partnerships with industry leaders including Clean Slate Solar, Pepco, and Washington Gas. These collaborations have transformed the programs from solely grant-funded initiatives into sustainable, revenue-generating ventures, securing over $600,000 in corporate and government funding in the last three years. John studied Communications at the University of the District of Columbia and holds certifications from the African American Media Institute (AAMI), as a Global Career Development Facilitator and Certified Program Planner, with specialized training in radio-television broadcasting. He remains deeply committed to community service, actively participating as a board member for the Woodridge Warriors Youth Organization (DC) and the Prince George's County Education Coalition.

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Ruby Stemmle
Founder and CEO of ecoLatinos

Ruby Stemmle is the founder and CEO of ecoLatinos, a transformative nonprofit advancing Latino leadership in climate action, conservation, and environmental justice across the Chesapeake Bay region. Originally from Colombia, Ruby draws on her creativity and deep community roots to build culturally grounded programs that train Latino landscapers in sustainable practices, inspire youth as environmental stewards, and partner with local governments and faith institutions to restore and protect natural spaces. A former state official with over two decades of experience in public service and inclusive outreach, she continues to bridge communities and environmental institutions to create a more just and sustainable future.



Mary Abe
Deputy Associate Director, Sustainability Division, Prince George's County Department of the Environment

Mary Abe is the Deputy Associate Director within the Sustainability Division of the Prince George's County Department of the Environment. As a registered Landscape Architect with over 35 years of experience, she has been a business owner, non-profit leader, and now as a public servant within her own local government, Prince George's County. From September 2020 through January 2022, Mary's efforts directly supported the Chair of the Prince George's County Climate Action Commission, DoE's Associate Director, Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, bringing together the ideas of a diverse group of Commissioners, consultants, colleagues, and county residents to develop and draft the Prince George's Climate Action Plan(CAP) to County Council which County Council ultimately adopted in July of 2022. Beyond her climate action work, her expertise encompasses environmental and sustainable site design, piloting innovative green infrastructure stormwater management solutions, and ecosystem restoration projects, including the County's first channel restoration project (Calverton Channel) and the first RSC (William Wirt Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance). Within DoE's Sustainability Division, Mary's team manages the Prince George's County Urban Tree Program, now annually on track to plant thousands of street trees within the public spaces of our municipalities, HOAs, and churches; climate-resilient stormwater management modeling projects, the Prince George's County Master Gardener Program; and the USDA Advancing Markets for Producer Grant for County farmers. She is a tireless advocate for the natural world, focusing her efforts on developing financial and behavioral initiatives for the public and private implementation of sustainable practices and natural resource protection.

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Charles Braese
Prince George's County, Department of the Environment

Charles Braese has been performing GIS work with Department of Environment since 2013. He is a graduate of UMD and lives in Prince George's County.



Katie Dickinson
Climate Action Officer, Prince George's County Department of the Environment

Katie Dickinson is the Climate Action Officer within the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, where she drives the implementation of the County Climate Action Plan (CAP) and guides the execution of climate-related strategies and initiatives. Before beginning this role in March 2025, Katie worked at the U.S. Department of the Treasury where she served as the Climate Change and Sustainability Specialist in charge of spearheading the Department's first Sustainability Office. Prior to Treasury, Katie worked on green workforce development and climate action implementation for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District in the San Francisco Bay Area. Katie holds a Master of Science in Climate Science and Solutions from Northern Arizona University.



Dr. Priscila Alves
Assistant Research Professor at the University of Maryland

Dr. Priscila Alves is an Assistant Research Professor at the University of Maryland and Lab Manager of the Stormwater Infrastructure Resilience and Justice (SIRJ) Lab. She earned her Ph.D. in Water Engineering from the University of Exeter and an M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Federal University of Campina Grande, Brazil. Dr. Alves is an interdisciplinary scholar working at the intersection of urban planning, water resources, environmental sciences, and climate justice. Driven by community-engaged research, her work centers on developing sustainable, equitable stormwater infrastructure solutions to support climate resilience in underserved communities.

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Dr. Chimdimnma Esimai
Programs Manager, Bowie State University

Dr. Chimdimnma Esimai, Programs Manager, Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences Program, Bowie State University (already in program)

Dr. Chimdimnma Esimai seamlessly blends academic rigor with strategic foresight. With a knack for transforming complex research initiatives into actionable wins, she has spearheaded projects that push the boundaries of innovation and knowledge.

Dr. Esimai brings a unique perspective to every endeavor. Her strategic acumen has not only advanced the university's research agenda but also fostered collaborative partnerships that drive real-world impact. A dynamic leader and a passionate advocate for building sustainable learning communities, she is dedicated to mentoring the next generation of researchers and thought leaders. Her commitment to excellence and her ability to navigate the intricate landscape of academia and partnerships enable her to approach both with excitement and great gratitude.



Evelyn B. Kelly, MPH
Director of Strategic Initiatives, Institute for Public Health Innovation

Evelyn Kelly is a public health professional with over 20 years of experience working at the intersection of science, public policy, and advocacy. Ms. Kelly currently serves as the Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Institute for Public Health Innovation where she collaborates with a variety of stakeholders to implement policy, systems, and environmental changes aimed at improving the quality of life of the communities across the region.

Over the past 12 years, she has worked to advance environmental justice through the interconnection between the food system and climate change. She is a founding member of the Prince George's County Food Equity Council and serves as its fiscal sponsor liaison and provides technical assistance.
Ms. Kelly is also a Prince George's County Climate Steward and a 2025 Climate Justice Fellow with the Center for Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health INpowering Communities (CEEJH INC).
She earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion from American University and a Masters of Public Health from the University of South Carolina.

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Nicole Hall, CEcD

Chief Real Estate Officer for the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County

Nicole Hall, CEcD serves as the Chief Real Estate Officer for the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County, where she leads initiatives that advance the County's economic development priorities. In this role, she oversees the delivery of diverse housing opportunities, amenity-rich commercial projects, and strategic engagement with the development community. Nicole is recognized for her strong foundation in economic development, with particular expertise in market analysis, smart site selection, and stakeholder collaboration that ensures inclusive and community-driven outcomes. Her leadership is instrumental to the agency's pipeline of transformative projects in Suitland, Bowie, and Hyattsville.

Nicole has more than 20 years of experience spanning sales, procurement, business development, and project management. She has an extensive food retail background, serving as a category manager for Wakefern Foods, where she managed a $500 million sales portfolio and executed record-setting sales campaigns for major CPG brands. This retail and supply-chain expertise now supports her work in attracting high-quality commercial tenants and delivering successful retail anchored mixed use developments across Prince George's County.

Nicole holds a BS in Business Administration from The College of New Jersey and is an alumna of the Cornell University NGA Executive Leadership Development Program and Municipal Bond Club of New York Bond School Class of 2025. In Spring 2026, Nicole achieved the Certified Economic Developer designation from the International Economic Development Council. She is an active member of ICSC, MEDA and IEDC.



Dominic Hosack

Prince George's County farmer, builder and educator

Dom Hosack is a farmer, builder and educator based in Brandywine Md. He is the owner of Steptoe Farm, a Certified Naturally Grown vegetable operation providing fresh produce, eggs and raw honey to working-class residents of PG County and DC.

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Christine A. Osei

Deputy Associate Director, Climate & Energy Division, Department of the Environment

Christine A. Osei has served as Deputy Associate Director, Climate & Energy Division, Department of the Environment, since February 2026. She manages the Sustainable Energy Section, supported by an exceptional staff team dedicated to helping vulnerable County residents with high utility costs through sustainable energy grant programs.

Before joining DoE, Christine served as lead Project Manager at the Prince George's County Planning Department, overseeing large-scale development projects for federal, state, and County agencies, including public and private utility companies. She worked on seven master plans, sector plans, planning studies, and the 2018 Water & Sewer Functional Plan, most of which resulted in land-use development reports prepared and presented to the Planning Board. She retired from the Planning Department on July 1, 2025, after 36 years of dedicated service to the Planning Department and County residents.



Mary Giles, PE

Deputy Director with the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE)

Ms. Mary Giles, PE is a Deputy Director with the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE). She is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Maryland, with 45 years of experience in the civil engineering profession. She was employed for 29 years in private sector engineering firms, most in Prince George's County Land Development Permitting Projects. She managed a local civil engineering office and participated in all aspects of engineering, land planning and project management for residential, commercial and mixed use projects, including National Harbor, Riverwood Village, University of Maryland Performing Arts to name a few. She has extensive technical knowledge in the arena of stormwater management permitting, watershed planning, water and sewer permitting, floodplain modeling and permitting, wetland permitting, roadway permitting. She joined Prince George's County in 2012, serving in leadership capacities at DPIE.

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Steven Darcey, CPESC

Executive Director for the Prince George Soil Conservation District

Steven Darcey, CPESC serves as the Executive Director for the Prince George Soil Conservation District where he oversees and manages locally led soil and water conservation programs in the agricultural and development communities.

His expertise ranges from the application of modern-day regenerative agriculture practices, designing and installing best management practices on farms that reduce soil erosion and improve water quality to managing a progressive urban development program as it relates to soil erosion, sediment control and dam safety for small ponds in Prince Goerge's County.



Tom Burke

Acting Division Chief for the Countywide Planning Division

Tom Burke is the Acting Division Chief for the Countywide Planning Division with three decades of planning experience in Maryland, including the past 10 years with M-NCPPC, and prior 21 years with Anne Arundel County Planning. During his time with the Commission, Tom has worked in Environmental Planning, Urban Design, and in the Parks Department. He has been involved in the Neighborhood Planning Academy, legislative revisions Woodland Conservation Ordinance, and revisions to the Environmental Technical Manual, as well as managing related changes to processes and procedures. Tom is dedicated to the establishment of resilient communities, by promoting a sustainable balance between the natural and the built environment, walkable and connected neighborhoods, and recreational access to natural areas throughout the county. Tom holds a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources Management from the University of Maryland, College Park.

In his free time, Tom enjoys swimming, hiking, bicycling, urban and woodland exploration, carpentry, spending time with his family, and all levels of ice hockey from 16U to the NHL.

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Janet Gingold
Environmental Advocate

Janet Gingold is an environmental advocate, Maryland master naturalist, writer, and long-time resident of Prince George's County. She holds a BA in Environmental Studies from the University of Michigan, an MD from the University of Michigan Medical School, and a Master in Public Health from the University of Maryland, College Park. After a career in health care and teaching, she turned to environmental advocacy because healthy people need a healthy planet. In 2020-2021, she served on the Prince George's County Climate Action Commission, focusing on community engagement, equity, and resilience. When she's not working on the Sierra Club newsletter, she might be documenting wild things in a local park, reading climate fiction, or teaching her grandchildren to read books and hug trees.



Derrick Coley
Deputy Director, Prince George's County Department of the Environment

Derrick Coley has extensive experience in environmental issues, legislative affairs, communications, public advocacy, stakeholder engagement, and outreach in both the private and public sectors. Derrick's environmental focus was reinforced during his six years as a Staff Associate at the United States Conference of Mayors, Environmental Programs Division. His responsibilities included monitoring city, state, and federal programs and policies for the Brownfields Redevelopment Program. He managed the annual survey titled "Recycling America's Land: A National Report on Brownfield Redevelopment," funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He also collaborated with the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation to promote sustainable development in American cities. Additionally, Derrick served as the staff contact for the Municipal Waste Management Association's (MWMA) Operations Committee, consisting of city solid waste and public works directors, as well as environmental commissioners. He started his tenure at the Conference as a Program Assistant, working on initiatives such as the Buy Recycled Training Initiative, Recycling Paper at Work, and the Urban Water Council.

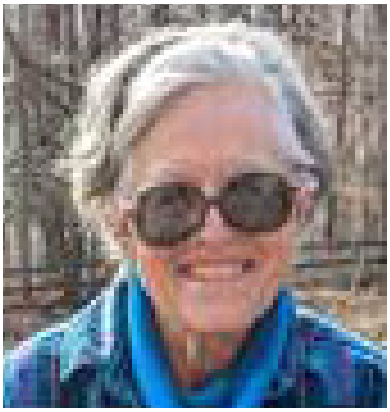
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Jessica Moore
Recycling Facilities Manager

Jessica Moore has been in the waste industry for 20 years. She managed the compost, recycling, and landfill operations at Duke University, continued at University of Maryland, and now works for Prince George's County government, first as the Recycling Section Manager and then as the Recycling Facilities Manager. She sits on the board for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Solid Waste Association for North America (SWANA) as the Training Coordinator, holds six SWANA certifications, and is faculty for three courses, including Managing Compost Systems. She also supports the Maryland Recycling Network and the US Compost Council.



Barbara Sollner-Webb
Resident of Prince George's County

Barbara and her husband have been residents of Prince George's County for over 50 years and raised our daughter here. Along with our dog and four horses, they live on a small horse farm backing on the Rocky Gorge Reservoir – which has gorgeous riding trails that WSSC kindly lets us residents use. Professionally, Barbara was a scientist and researcher, working on various aspects of RNA metabolism, a professor in the Department of Biological Chemistry of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, from which she is now Emerita. Since retiring from Hopkins, Barbara has been able to devote lots more time to her passions for environmental and civic activities, many related in some way to trying to help combat climate change. These include being acting chair of Prince George's County's Solid Waste Advisory Commission – for which she is hoping to here recruit more members.

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Alan Pultyniewicz

Chief of the Recycling and Refuse Services Section for Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection, Recycling and Resource Management Division

Alan Pultyniewicz is Chief of the Recycling and Refuse Services Section for Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection, Recycling and Resource Management Division and has over 28 years of experience in solid waste management.

Mr. Pultyniewicz oversees weekly County-provided recycling collection services to over 224,000 single-family households and weekly refuse collection services to nearly 94,000 single-family households in Montgomery County. Mr. Pultyniewicz joined Montgomery County in 2000 as a recycling education specialist and was later promoted to manager of the County's multi-family and business recycling programs and was Recycling Coordinator for 16 years before being promoted to his current role. Mr. Pultyniewicz has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science.



John Agnoli

Section Chief with the Maryland Environmental Service (MES)

John Agnoli is a Section Chief with the Maryland Environmental Service (MES), specializing in groundwater monitoring, landfill gas monitoring, and remediation at solid waste facilities throughout Maryland. He brings 20 years of experience in environmental management, regulatory compliance, and the oversight of environmental monitoring and remediation programs. John holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Geoscience from West Virginia University and a Master's degree in Environmental Planning and Geography from Towson University. He is a licensed Professional Geologist with extensive experience addressing complex environmental challenges and ensuring compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

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Vanessa Bertelli

Co-Founder and Executive Director of Electrify DC

Vanessa is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Electrify DC. She brings 25 years of experience in policy, advocacy, community engagement, and strategic communications. She leverages her broad expertise in residential decarbonization and her deep relationships across the DC region to make homes healthier, more affordable, and more resilient. Vanessa has worked across four continents, speaks five languages, holds degrees from Université de Lausanne, University College London, and INSEAD, and sits on the District's Green Building Advisory Council.



George Kervitsky

Energy Manager for Prince George's County Government

George Kervitsky is a dedicated and accomplished clean energy professional currently serving as the Energy Manager for Prince George's County Government. With decades of experience spanning public and private sector consulting, Mr. Kervitsky has dedicated his career to ensuring that energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate resiliency are always part of the discussions. Whether the audience is a homeowner with young children, or a government facility with a minimum 14-day mission critical operational requirement, these considerations are always important.

Throughout his career, Mr. Kervitsky has championed the critical transition away from conventional fossil fuels and toward clean and sustainable energy technologies. His work has always considered the consequences associated with energy use, the severe environmental and public health impacts attributed to traditional energy resources and their utilization pathways, and aggressive extraction of energy supplies and industrial resources. He believes that reducing the emission of greenhouse gases and other negative environmental impacts, mitigating climate impacts and vulnerabilities, and improving local, regional, and national air quality, are critical to respecting this Planet, maintaining our quality of life, and positively supporting the human-experience.

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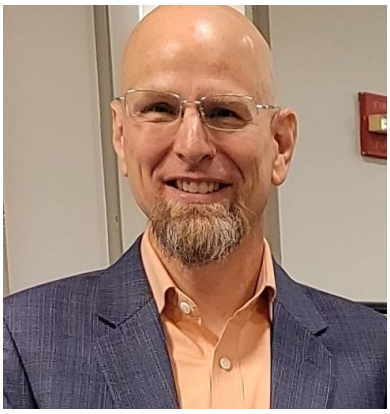
Nicole Zeichner
Senior Assistant People's Counsel

Nicole Zeichner is a Senior Assistant People's Counsel at the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, or OPC. OPC is an independent state agency that advocates for the interests of residential utility customers in proceedings before the Maryland Public Service Commission and federal agencies. A large part of Nicole's work at OPC is focused on EmPOWER Maryland-the state's energy efficiency, electrification, and demand response program that is funded by utility customers. Nicole also focuses on issues facing limited-income utility customers and programs for limited-income customers, including the new utility bill assistance program that is scheduled to launch next year.



Sam Furio
Technical Outreach Lead, Maryland Department of the Environment

As a Technical Outreach Lead for the Building Decarbonization Division at the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Sam supports the development and implementation of Maryland's Building Energy Performance Standards. His background includes public-sector outreach, sustainability, and affordable housing.



James Roberson
Schmidt Center, Prince George's County Public Schools

James Roberson is a dedicated educational leader specializing in environmental literacy and outdoor education for Prince George's County Public Schools. Currently serving as Supervisor of the William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center, James drives the integration of Maryland's Environmental Literacy standards through curriculum development and systemic programming. He is recognized for his ability to empower staff and community partners alike, leveraging professional development and strategic networking to enhance the quality and reach of environmental literacy in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

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Kennedy Brooks
Project Coordinator, The Capital Market

Kennedy Brooks is a community organizer and preservationist working at the intersection of community development and climate resilience. She is an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where her research focused on economic mobility, the social determinants of health, and public rhetoric. As a proud former member of the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Climate and Conservation Corps, Kennedy honed her passion for creating community-centered climate solutions throughout the great state of Maryland.Her work and research is grounded firmly in the belief that meaningful change begins with the communities most affected by it.



Corey Addison Bradley
Biology Major, Bowie State University

Corey Addison Bradley is an undergraduate Biology student at Bowie State University with a strong interest in environmental law, sustainability, and environmental advocacy. As a member of the Honors College and a student-athlete, Corey values collaboration, leadership, and academic excellence. Her interests and research topics aim to inform environmental policy, promote environmental justice, and protect communities. Corey aspires to combine science and law to ensure equitable access to clean water and other natural resources for future generations and underrepresented communities.



Psalm Fowlkes
Senior at Crossland High School

Psalm Fowlkes is a senior at Crossland High School and the President of the Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments, where she represents countywide students. A youth advocate and journalist, she works to make civic spaces more accessible and ensure young people help shape decisions affecting their communities. Her environmental advocacy includes raising concerns about data center development, school bus idling, air quality, and environmental justice. Psalm serves as President of Crossland's Green Club and is a member of the Prince George's Student Environmental Coalition.

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Adebola Owolabi
Student at Bowie High School

Adebola Owolabi is a dedicated student at Bowie High School with a passion for environmental sustainability, leadership, and community engagement. She currently serves as an At-Large Representative for the Student Environmental Coalition (SEC), where she is involved in promoting environmental awareness and encouraging student participation in sustainability initiatives. Through her involvement in student leadership, including the Student Government Association and extracurricular organizations, she has developed skills in communication, organization, and collaboration. She is also interested in government, public policy, and environmental advocacy, particularly the role young people play in shaping their communities. She hopes to continue building her leadership experience and pursuing opportunities to create meaningful change.



Dr. Estelle-Marie Montgomery
Executive Director, FH Faunteroy Center & Resilience Incubator

Dr. Montgomery is an executive-level catalyst, strategist, and social entrepreneur. She has almost 30-years of professional experience leading innovation, transformation, and development. Her multifaceted career has spanned four continents, multiple sectors and industries.

In her current role as Executive Director at the FH Faunteroy Center & Resilience Incubator, she has led the transformation and exponential growth of a small community-based organization in order to successfully lead the landmark implementation of Washington, D.C.'s first community-led resilience hub. Her successful track record in leading this charge is due to her multi-partner approach and continuous expansion of people-private-public partnerships; securing funding in a timely manner (over $4MM in 2.5 years) and proactively implementing strategies for long term financial, programmatic, and operational sustainability.

She holds a BA in Psychology from Rollins College, and a PhD (Chancellor Fellow) in Neuropsychology/ Neuroscience from Washington University.

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Gyasi Gomez
Former Mayor, City of District Heights

Ms. Gomez served as District Heights City Commissioner from Ward 2 since 2022 and as Vice-Mayor for fiscal year 2025. Born and raised in Prince George's County, she has lived in District Heights since 2019. As a community leader, she has championed several sustainability initiatives for her municipality. Guided by sociological theory and her professional and personal values, Ms. Gomez strongly believes in the transformation that is possible for District Heights to become a safer, more inclusive and proactive community.

As her first initiative, she established the District Heights Sustainability Committee to make the community more resilient to climate change and promote sustainable practices. The Sustainability Committee engages residents through education, outreach and action to reduce the community's environmental impact, conserve natural resources, advocate for environmental and climate justice, and create a more livable and sustainable city.



Heather Jackson
Area Director for the West branches of PGCMLS

Heather Jackson has been the Area Director for the West branches of PGCMLS since 2016. During her tenure she created a network of three pop-up libraries cohoused in local community agencies in book deserts and launched Biblio Consulta, the PGCMLS call center for Spanish-speaking customers. She has served on numerous community agency steering and advisory committees focusing on immigrant, refugee and asylee populations in Prince George's County. She was a Fellow in the Maryland New Leaders Council in 2018 and frequently serves as a guest lecturer, presenter, and trainer on topics ranging from youth services and literature to community outreach. She was named the 2022 Outstanding Library Employee by Citizens for Maryland Libraries and received the Maryland Library Association's 2026 Project of the Year award and the 2026 Libraries Change Communities award. She is the co-creator, host and editor of the literary podcast, These Books Made Me.

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Nicole Jackson
Chair, City of District Heights Sustainability Committee

Nicole Jackson chairs the City of District Heights Sustainability Committee, where she leads municipal initiatives that build local climate resilience—community gardens, citywide residential tree planting, healthy food access, litter cleanups, invasive species removal, and energy assistance programming that connects residents to resources for reducing utility bills. Under her leadership, the committee has secured more than $55,000 in funding for community-led sustainability work. Nicole is also the first Black Chair of the Maryland Sierra Club Prince George's County Group and Director of Education at CEEJH INC. A U.S. Army Reserve veteran and certified Racial Justice Facilitator, she brings a community-first approach to climate readiness.



Delaney Samons
Program Officer, Chesapeake Bay Trust

Delaney is a Program Officer on the Restoration Team at the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Her work at the Trust focuses on leading Prince George's County Climate Resilience Technical Assistance Provider Program, Community Resilience Program, and Rain Check Rebate Program, all in partnership with Prince George's County, Department of the Environment. Delaney works closely with communities day-to-day to support their environmental and sustainable goals through these three programs. Prior to joining the Trust in May 2023, Delaney attended Salisbury University, where she received a B.A. in Environmental Studies with a focus in Environmental Justice.



Kelsey Brooks
Program Manager, UMD Environmental Finance Center

Kelsey Brooks is a Program Manager with the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center (EFC), which serves EPA Region 3. Kelsey has over 10 years experience providing technical assistance to communities across the Mid-Atlantic on a range of green infrastructure, water resource, and climate resilience issues, including in roles with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the University of Maryland/Maryland Sea Grant Extension, and the National Wildlife Federation. Kelsey holds a Master's in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University and a B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Princeton University.

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