# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities Conference February 3 - 5, 2011 – Charlotte, NC

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

Please note: the LGC has made every attempt to collect a brief biography from each speaker participating in the conference. However, as of January 22nd there are still a few bios missing from this document.

#### <u>Andriana Abariotes</u>

Ms. Abariotes leads one of LISC's most robust local offices, focused on supporting integrative strategies, growing diverse leadership, and strengthening regional community development. With over 20 years of experience, she holds a B.A. from Macalester College and M.A. from the University of Minnesota.

#### **Ruben Abrica**

Ruben Abrica, MA is a member of the City Council of East Palo Alto, California. Mr. Abrica was involved in the movement for the City's incorporation in 1983. As mayor of East Palo Alto in 2006, Abrica convened a Community Health Roundtable to determine priority health issues, explore the social and environmental conditions impacting the health of residents, and develop strategies for the city government to improve community health. The Community Health Roundtable continues to serve as a vehicle for discussion and advocacy around the health of East Palo Alto's residents. He is a founding member of the Ravenswood AYSO Soccer League, the Comité Latino and the East Palo Alto Council of Tenants. During 2009, Mr. Abrica participated in the California Health Leadership Program sponsored by the National Association of Latino Elected Officials. Mr. Abrica received his B.A. from Occidental College, M.A. in Education from Stanford University.

### Ahmed Abukhater, PhD, GISP

Ahmed Abukhater, PhD, GISP, leads Esri's global marketing strategies in planning and economic development. In his role as Esri's community development industry manager, he works to advance the industry agenda through his vision of enterprise GIS, Planning 2.0, GeoDesign, and smart growth planning. As a planning practitioner and scholar, Dr. Ahmed strives to promote a holistic approach to addressing community development needs through the creation of effective planning and economic development solutions.

### Russ Adams

Russ Adams is the Executive Director for Alliance for Metropolitan Stability. For over 25 years, he has helped to build community coalitions in support of Economic and Racial Justice; Affordable Housing; Sustainable and Equitable Development; better land-use and urban growth policies; Community Benefits Agreements; Workforce Development hiring goals for woman and people of color; community led planning for Transit Oriented Development along regional transit ways; and challenged public officials to address Digital Inclusion and Environmental Justice concerns.

### **BJ** Adigun

BJ is a native of Washington, DC and is in his 2nd year of involvement with Onondaga County's Green Infrastructure program. In Adigun's current role, he supervises Onondaga County's new "Save the Rain" initiative to clean Onondaga Lake by developing green infrastructure solutions throughout the watershed.

### <u>Erin Aleman</u>

Erin Aleman is a senior planner with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. She has been leading CMAP's public engagement efforts for the *GO TO 2040* plan; engaging thousands of people and organizations across northeastern Illinois. Erin has managed several innovative planning projects at CMAP including the development of a small grant program to engage traditionally underrepresented

groups in planning and CMAP's Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) a planning and leadership development program for high school youth. In addition to these programs, Erin also provides hands-on technical assistance to communities in northeastern Illinois. Erin is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

### **Bob Allen**

Bob's background and experience include community planning and policy work in the United States and overseas with international Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). While at UH, Bob led the successful 2008 Campaign to help pass a regional measure that raised funds to keep bus passes affordable for seniors, youth, and disabled riders and a Title VI civil rights challenge to the Oakland Airport Connector. Currently, Bob is leading UH's efforts on federal and state transportation advocacy.

### Ivye L. Allen, PhD

Ivye L. Allen, Ph.D. is President of the Foundation for the Mid South, a regional foundation serving Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The Foundation engages in programs and initiatives that focus on community development, education, health and wellness, and wealth building.

# Jennifer Allen

Jennifer Allen works at Trailnet, a non-profit serving the St. Louis region. As Program Coordinator for the Healthy, Active, & Vibrant Communities Initiative, she assists three local communities in implementing policies and programs that promote healthy and active lifestyles.

# Michael Allen

Michael's practice focuses on litigation under the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act. Michael joined Relman, Dane & Colfax in June 2006, after 11 years at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law and a decade at Legal Services of Northern Virginia. Michael is a 1979 graduate of Georgetown University, and received his law degree in 1985 from the University of Virginia. Mr. Allen is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Virginia.

### **Geoff Anderson**

Geoff is President and CEO of Smart Growth America (SGA) and Co-Chair of the Transportation for America Campaign. He came to the position after 13 years at the US EPA where he helped to create the Agency's smart growth program and the ten smart growth principles.

### Juliet Andes, AICP

Juliet Andes is a Principal Planner for the Town of Cary and manages the Community Improvement & Transportation section of the Long Range Planning Division. The section handles transportation planning, downtown development and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. She has been with the Town since August of 2002. Juliet has a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Akron, OH.

### **Kimberlee Archie**

Kimberlee Archie is the Acting Director of the Seattle Department of Neighborhood where the motto "Connecting people, communities, and government" speaks to Seattle's values about partnership as a tool for neighborhood stability and sustainability. Department of Neighborhoods' community-building programs, Historic Preservation, P-Patch Community Gardens, Neighborhood Service Centers and various community capacity-building and civic engagement programs are evidence of the motto in action. Kimberlee has over 17 years experience in inclusive outreach and public engagement, cultural competence, youth development and early learning in non-profit and public sector settings.

### <u>Martha Dina Arguello</u>

Martha Dina Arguello, Executive Director of PSR-LA, is a leader in California's Environmental Health movement. As the co-convener of Californians for a Green and Healthy Economy, she is actively engaged in developing and watch-dogging the implementation of California's Green Chemistry Initiative. She is also leading the way in engaging women's health, reproductive health and justice groups in California's efforts to pass a ban on the use of BPA in baby products. PSR-LA is an active member of Californians for Pesticide Reform, and is leading the Healthy Homes campaign aimed at reducing the use of pesticides in low-income neighborhoods.

### **Danielle Arigoni, AICP**

Danielle Arigoni, AICP, is the director of the Codes, Standards and Sustainable Design Division in EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities. Prior to this position, Danielle work in EPA and other federal agencies (including HUD and USAID) has focused on the affordability and environmental benefits of more compact, green housing and community development through technical assistance, policy analysis, and research. Danielle Arigoni has more than 15 years experience in the field, and holds a graduate degree in planning from Cornell University.

#### **Eleanor Ashton**

Eleanor Ashton is a past Board president for Evergreen Community Charter School and played an integral role in establishing its environmental education focus. Evergreen is the first "green" school in North Carolina and has won awards for its environmentally based curriculum and campus initiatives. Eleanor is currently Evergreen's Director of Development and Communications.

#### Cathleen Baker

Cathleen Baker, MPP, is a community health planner with the Health Policy and Planning Division at the San Mateo County Health System. Cathleen combines experience in policy analysis and community engagement to incorporate safety, sustainability, and equity into land use and transportation policy decisions. Ms. Baker sits on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Policy Advisory Council, and currently serves as co-chair of the Built Environment Committee of the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative.

### **Matthew Baker**

Matthew Baker is a Product Engineer on the ArcMap editing team and a former instructor with Esri Education Delivery, focusing on desktop, analysis and server courses. Lately he has been developing editing templates and tools for urban planning and search and rescue applications of GeoDesign with ArcGIS.

#### **Bob Barnes**

Bob Barnes joined The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 2002. Mr. Barnes coordinates relationships between TNC and DoD, with emphasis on programs that enhance both military readiness and conservation. Bob retired from the Army in 2001. Mr. Barnes final assignment was as the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army.

#### **Devon Barnhart**

Devon is Deputy Director of Advocacy and Outreach for Smart Growth America. Prior to joining SGA, Devon was a Legislative Assistant for Senator Arlen Specter (D-PA) handling transportation policy and appropriation issues. Previously, Devon also handled transportation and environment issues as Legislative Counsel for Congressman Albio Sires (D-NJ). In addition to her work on Capitol Hill, Devon spent several years working as a civil engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, where she focused on transportation planning, working as a liaison between PENNDOT, MPOs, and other agencies. She also worked on water resource and flood protection issues for the Pennsylvania Department of

Environmental Protection. Devon has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Bucknell University and a J.D. from Penn State the Dickinson School of Law.

### Sandra Barrow

Ms. Barrow is a resident of the Port Towns (Colmar Manor) for 28 years and a mother of five (raised in the Port Towns). Prior to working for the Port Towns Community Development Corporation, Ms. Barrow worked for Computer Sciences Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, for 18 years as General Accounting Manager, Senior Staff Advisor, and Senior Project Manager. Ms. Barrow is also a Councilmember in the Town of Colmar Manor, a Maryland State Commissioner representing Prince George's County on the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission, and a board member of the Anacostia Heritage Area Authority, Inc. and the Anacostia Watershed Society.

#### Debra L. Bassert

Debra Bassert is the Assistant Vice President for Land Use Policy at the National Association of Home Builders and has more than 25 years of experience in land use planning. She manages a department that provides critical analysis of and recommended strategies on federal, state, and local land use laws and regulations as well as information and technical assistance on a wide range of land use planning, design, and development issues. Debra Bassert is Editor in Chief of *Land Development* magazine, a quarterly national publication of NAHB, and oversees NAHB's role in two award programs, the Best in American Living Awards, and the Building with Trees program. Prior to joining NAHB, Ms. Bassert worked on land use issues for local governments in Pennsylvania and for a private consulting firm in Arlington, Virginia.

#### Eddie Bautista

Eddie Bautista is an award-winning community organizer and urban planner who serves as Executive Director of the NYC Environmental Justice Alliance a citywide network of community-based organizations in low-income communities of color. Eddie formerly served as City Legislative Affairs Director for Mayor Bloomberg and Director of Community Planning for NY Lawyers for the Public Interest.

### Patricia Beard

Patricia Beard, a 20-year veteran in community and economic development, has focused on Brownfield redevelopment for more than a decade. Patricia's expertise lies in leveraging grants, local and private investment to renew contaminated sites including one of five Brownfield Pilots of the federal Partnership for Sustainability.

#### Lionel J. "Bo" Beaulieu

Lionel J. "Bo" Beaulieu serves as director of the Southern Rural Development Center and professor of rural sociology in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University. Dr. Beaulieu is the author of numerous publications that address community development, education and labor force issues in America. Dr. Beaulieu received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology from Purdue University.

#### **Eric Beightel**

Eric Beightel is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Secretary's Policy Office at the U.S. Department of Transportation. He serves as the Environmental Review Team lead for the TIGER Discretionary Grant programs and serves as a DOT representative on the Partnership for Sustainable Communities with HUD and EPA. Eric works extensively on the Department's Livability initiative as well as the National Environmental Policy Act and other natural resource policy issues.

# Gene Bell

Gene Bell currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Asheville City Schools. In October 2005, Bell was named as the Executive Director of Housing Authority of the City of Asheville, along with the Brevard Housing Authority. After a 20-year management career with IBM, Bell owned a construction company in Charlotte that served the Charlotte Housing Authority. Years later, Mr. joined the Charlotte Housing Authority as the Director of Technical Services. Gene Bell earned a degree in Business Management from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

# Mayor William V. "Bill" Bell

Stepping into politics 40 years ago as an elected Durham County Commissioner (1972 – 1994, 1996 – 2000; Chair 1982 -1994), Bill Bell wanted to maximize Durham's economy, education and other resources, believing that government best serves citizens by partnering with them and the private sector. Mayor since 2001, his tenure has included signing the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, adopting the Greenhouse Gas Local Action Plan for Emission Reductions, and leading Durham to be one of the best places to live, do business, work, and visit (*NYT* 2011). Mayor Bell continues to focus on neighborhood revitalization, expanse of green technology employment, and transit enhancement.

# F. Kaid Benfield

Kaid Benfield is director of sustainable communities at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Washington, DC, where he leads the organization's activities on behalf of smart growth and place-based sustainability. Kaid co-founded LEED for Neighborhood Development and is also a founder of the national coalition Smart Growth America.

# Jay A. Bennett, PE

Jay A. Bennett, PE, has a B.S. in Engineering from Charlotte University (UNCC) and is the State Roadway Design Engineer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). He has worked with the Department for 25 years and has spent the past 8 years in his current position. He is a registered Professional Engineer in North Carolina. Since 2002, he has been an active member of the America Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials – Subcommittee on Design (AASHTO-SCOD). Locally, he is a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers – Carolina Triangle Section in Raleigh, North Carolina. In his spare time he enjoys walking, bowling and golf.

### <u>Neha Bhatt</u>

Neha Bhatt is Deputy Policy Director for Smart Growth America. She has over 10 years of experience in policy development and implementation in the areas of transportation, environment, and land use. Before joining SGA, Neha served as the executive director of the National Association of City Transportation Officials; policy advisor to Councilmember Wells in the District of Columbia; and manager of the Sierra Club's Challenge to Sprawl Campaign. Neha also completed fellowships in the planning departments of Arlington County, VA and Washington, D.C.

### <u>Lauren Blackburn</u>

Lauren Blackburn has been working as a planner for ten years, in the consulting, applied research, and local government fields. Lauren Blackburn's five years working with the Town of Davidson has been focused on long-range planning, policy research and enforcement, and urban design. Lauren serves as the town's transportation planner and planning director, responsible for crafting long-range plans for growth and enforcing the Planning Ordinance. Davidson has great community support for public health: hundreds of students walk to local schools each week; citizens participate in dozens of local advisory committees, civic clubs and educational forums; and hundreds of cyclists convene on roads in the Davidson area each weekend. Lauren is an avid cyclist, as well as the North Carolina American Planning Association's Vice President for Professional Development.

## <u>Kathy Blaha</u>

Kathy Blaha is a parks and public lands planner with 27 years of experience in engagement, planning and governance solutions that support project implementation. Kathy Blaha Consulting, LLC (KBC) assists nonprofits, grant-making organizations and public agencies with creating and implementing projects for parks and public land projects. Until 2007, Ms. Blaha was Senior Vice President at the Trust for Public Land (TPL), directing research and program development for various parks, green space and land conservation initiatives. She sits on the boards of City Parks Alliance, Rails to Trails Conservancy, and the Center for Watershed Protection and KWMV Radio.

### Tom Bloom

Associate in Science degree w/emphasis on Engineering Technologies from South Suburban College, South Holland, IL. Bachelor in Science w/ emphasis on Geological Science, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL. Role/Expertise within the Renewable Energy/Redevelopment field – Coordinated "green" reuse technologies at several Superfund sites, i.e. HOD Landfill (methane cogeneration plant for electric and heat to adjacent high school, biodiesel research at Rose Township Dump, Biomass Plant at Tar Lake, potential wind farm at PCA site.

### **Glen Bolen**

As Fregonese Associates' Vice President, Glen provides guidance and supervision to the firm's team of project managers and their staff. With fifteen years of experience of planning, Glen excels in project management and strategy, public involvement, ordinance writing, and scenario planning for scales both small and large.

### **Robin Bostrom**

Robin Bostrom currently serves as Executive Director for Fayette County Economic Development, Main Street West Union, and the West Union Chamber of Commerce. She has been actively involved in many community development projects in Fayette County, including the Green Pilot Project with the Iowa Department of Economic Development. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics in Business from UNI and is a graduate of the Heartland Economic Development Course.

### Yolanda Bouchee

Yolanda is EPA's expert on Green Historic Preservation. She works with preservation advocates and green building technology experts to advance the sustainable preservation of older buildings and communities. This unique mission has been successful in raising awareness of the value of maintaining and retrofitting older buildings to the environment and the culture of communities nationwide.

### John Bowers, AICP

Mr. Bowers offers more than 35 years of experience in both public and private-sector planning and landscape architecture. Mr. Bowers is an experienced planner, AICP, and a landscape architect licensed in the State of Florida. Mr. Bowers project experience includes comprehensive plans, community based plans, land development regulations, expert testimony, landscape design, visual assessment, recreation planning, transportation planning, and public involvement program implementation. Mr. Bowers represents the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department on the Miami-Dade County Health and Built Environment Committee. John is the project manager for implementation of strategies to promote physical activity and help fight obesity and obesity related disease as part of a \$529,000 two-year grant from the Center for Disease Control and the State of Florida Department of Health

### Jerry Bowling III

Jerry Bowling III is the President of the McCook Field Neighborhood Association in Dayton, Ohio. He has been an active neighborhood volunteer for 15 of his 52 years. Jerry is also the Spokesperson and co-founder for BVOCAL (Behr VOC Area Leaders), the neighborhood advocate group for the Behr-Dayton VOC Plume Superfund Site.

### Jennifer Boyce

Jennifer Boyce is an Epidemiologist in the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health in Wisconsin. Jennifer has worked in this capacity for the past four years. Jennifer has been working with ASTHO on a HIA capacity building grant and through this has been formally trained in conducting HIAs, facilitated HIA trainings in Wisconsin, and provides technical assistance to local health departments.

### Ben Brown

A veteran journalist and now a principal in the international planning, coding, and communications firm of Place Markers LLC, Ben Brown has been working with designers and planners of Katrina Cottages and cottage neighborhoods since 2005

#### **Garnett Brown**

Garnett Brown is Assistant Director, Atlanta Bureau of Planning. Garnett coordinates Atlanta's efforts to create the Atlanta Beltline and its system of new parks and green space from the City's Brownfields. Garnett also works with the Federal Partnership to provide additional support to communities in Atlanta.

#### Joyce Brown

Joyce Brown, Operations Manager at Equinox Environmental, holds degrees in Psychology and Human Resource Management. Joyce has been dedicated to environmental and sustainability issues for over 20 years. She has coordinated multiple community is evidenced by her allegiance to various boards, committees, and parent/teacher organizations.

#### **Tracy Brown**

With 25 years of experience, Tracy is currently the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston. She has an Executive Master's from Seattle University and Bachelor of Arts from University of Washington. She utilizes the analysis of impediments tool to identify barriers to equal opportunity across sectors.

### Edward Buchan

Edward is a graduate of NCSU with a degree in Bio-Ag Engineering, and as part of duties as the Environment Coordinator, he administers the watershed protection programs.

#### Mayor Willie Burns

Mayor Burns earned an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Philips Junior College. He then attended the University of Louisville where he completed the administrative officer course, which led him to the Georgia Police Academy in Athens, Georgia, and then on to Georgia State Trooper School at the Police Academy in Atlanta. In 1980, Burns was promoted to trooper and graduated from the 51st State Trooper School. Willie E. Burns was promoted to sergeant while working with Post No. 33 State Trooper in Milledgeville, Georgia, and was designated as the acting post commander of Post No. 25 in Thomson, Georgia, after transferring there. In November 2003, a historical moment, Willie E. Burns was elected as the first Black mayor of the City of Washington, GA. In August of 2004, Mayor Willie E. Burns executed his vision of economic development to his community and region by founding and launching the Wilkes County Community Development Corporation. On January 23, 2006, Mayor Willie E. Burns was elected as the President of the Georgia Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.

### Robert E. Bush, AICP

Robert Bush, AICP is a Transit Principal at HDR Engineering. He has been in the transit industry for 30 years; evenly divided between the public and private sectors. His career began as a Service Planner at Houston Metro. Robert is now a private consultant specializing in transit operations and analysis.

## <u>Mark Butala</u>

Mark Butala is the Manager of the Comprehensive Planning Division at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). In this role, he develops and oversees various programs for integrating land use and transportation planning. Specifically, Mark is responsible for implementing SB375, California's groundbreaking climate change legislation, SCAG's Compass Blueprint program and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Prior to this, Mark served as SCAG's Compass Blueprint Project Manager since the program's inception in 2001. Under Mark's guidance, the Compass Blueprint program has evolved from a consensus-based visioning effort to a highly regarded partnership and implementation program with local communities, yielding over 80 local and regional Demonstration Projects that exemplify innovative plans and strategies for a sustainable Southern California.

# **Robin Cape**

Robin Cape was a leader for sustainability issues as a local elected in Asheville NC and is currently working as a consultant in energy and community resiliency. She participates in national and regional initiatives and is lead coordinator of *Reading Riding and Retrofit*, a community green school project.

# Armando Carbonell

Armando Carbonell is Chairman of the Department of Planning and Urban Form at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Armando has also been lecturer and design critic in urban planning and design at Harvard University. Earlier, Carbonell had been founding Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission.

# Graham Carey, P.E., AICP

Graham Carey, P.E., AICP, is currently Project Director of the York Consortium 2002, a joint venture charged with the design and construction of the \$1.8B VivaNext BRT project in York, Ontario. Graham has more than 25 years of North American and international transit experience in planning, design, construction and operations. He has served as an advisor on numerous BRT projects in the United States and abroad. More recently Graham helped deliver Lane Transit Districts EmX BRT project (Eugene, Oregon), which was awarded the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) Sustainable Transport Award in 2008. He is also the author of more than 40 publications on high capacity public transportation systems.

### <u>John Carman</u>

John Carman currently serves as Public Utilities Director for the City of Raleigh (NC). He has worked with an international consulting firm serving clients in Salt Lake City (UT) Santa Rosa, (CA) and Chicago (IL), and as General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy (UT)."

### Delia Carmen

Delia Carmen, Associate Director Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) at the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) is responsible for the Foundation's EDI portfolio that includes ongoing development and support for the Race Matters Toolkit trainings; coordination of collaborative convening's of philanthropy, government and the not-for-profit sector to address policies and practices that cause inequities in systems, such as child welfare, health, juvenile justice and education; oversight of the Foundation's organizational priority on equity; and support of racial equity research as well as provision of technical assistance to program staff and AECF partners.

# Dan Carmody

Since 2007 Dan Carmody has served as President of Detroit's Eastern Market Corporation (EMC) where he leads the non-profit entity charged with converting one of the nation's oldest and largest public markets into a comprehensive healthy urban food hub.

## **D. Malcom Carson**

D. Malcolm Carson is Managing Attorney for the South Los Angeles Office of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). Mr. Carson has more than twelve years of experience representing individuals and community-based organizations in the areas of land-use, community development, transportation equity, organization-building, landlord-tenant, environmental justice, social enterprise and other issues. Mr. Carson's practice involves working to improve quality of life for residents of low-income communities by providing legal and technical assistance and community education to community-based organizations and engaging in policy advocacy in local, state, regional and federal transportation, land-use and environmental planning processes. In addition, in his role as Managing Attorney, Malcom supervises attorneys in the Community Economic Development and Employment Law Units, and participates in decisions affecting the entire organization.

# Christina S. Casgar

Ms. Casgar has over 20 years of experience in managing research projects, public information sessions, focused on marine and intermodal freight transportation. In August 2007, Ms. Casgar joined the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) as their first Manager of Goods Movement Policy. The Goods Movement Manager position is unique in that the position is supported by both SANDAG and the Port of San Diego; this newly created position will focus on freight policy, sustainable goods movement, truck managed lanes and border/corridor infrastructure improvements. Ms. Casgar formerly worked for USDOT, the Intermodal Association of N. America and the Transportation Research Board. Ms. Casgar holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona in International Relations, and a Master's degree in Maritime Policy from the University of Delaware.

### **Steve Castaner**

Steve Castaner has worked on disaster Long-Term Community Recovery (LTCR) projects in Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Nebraska, including planning and coordination, national and international award-winning implementation and outreach initiatives. A former City Administrator, Economic Development Director, Planning Director and Community Development Director, Steve has been involved in economic development projects totaling more than \$500 million and the creation of over 2,000 jobs. He has also been involved in a variety of capital projects, including downtown, business park, golf course multiuse and city hall developments. Steve is a member of the American Planning Association (APA) – American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and has held the position of president and executive director for multiple chambers of commerce. Steve has a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Missouri.

### Stella Chao

Stella Chao is Director of the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods. The Department's motto, "Connecting people, communities, and government" speaks to Seattle's values about Partnership as a tool for neighborhood stability and sustainability. Department of Neighborhoods oversees Historic Preservations, P-Patch Community Gardens, Seattle's "little city Halls" and various civic engagement programs, including the community process around Neighborhood Planning.

# <u>Ross Chapin</u>

Ross Chapin, architect and author of "Pocket Neighborhoods: Creating Small Scale Community in a Large Scale World", has been a leader in advocating this typology. Mr. Chapin built projects have been published in the NT, WSJ and Forbes, and received numerous professional awards, including 2005, 2007 & 2009 AIA Housing Awards.

# James F. Charlier, AICP

Jim Charlier is a transportation planner based in Boulder, Colorado. His firm, Charlier Associates, provides services to federal, state, local and private sector clients throughout North America. Jim is an

expert in smart mobility and sustainable transportation and teaches Sustainable Urbanism at University of Colorado.

### **Matthew Chase**

Matthew Chase has served as the Executive Director of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and the NADO Research Foundation since October 2003. From March 1997 to August 2000, he served as the association's Director of Legislative Affairs until he was promoted to Deputy Executive Director. Prior to joining NADO, he was the Chief Operating Officer and Membership Services Director of the Professional Managers Association in Washington, DC.

### Don Chen

Mr. Chen works on reforming the rules that shape municipal and regional growth by pursuing integrated approaches to affordable housing, public transportation, land use and community planning. Mr. Chen's grant making supports institutions working to reduce poverty and provide economic opportunities for low-income people through equitable development in U.S. metropolitan areas. Previously, Don was the founding executive director and CEO of Smart Growth America, where Don led efforts to create the National Vacant Properties Campaign and the Transportation for America Campaign, and orchestrated a merger with the Growth Management Leadership Alliance. Don co-authored "Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change" (Urban Land Institute, 2008) and "Once There Were Greenfields: How Urban Sprawl Is Undermining America's Environment, Economy and Social Fabric" (Natural Resources Defense Council, 1999) and also wrote "The Science of Smart Growth," which appeared in Scientific American. Don was a founding board co-chairman of the Environmental Leadership Program, and served on the boards of West Harlem Environmental Action and Grist magazine.

#### **Raymond Christman**

Raymond Christman has had a 30-year career working at senior levels in both the private financial services industry and for non-profit and government organizations concerned with affordable housing and urban economic development. Ray worked for nearly fifteen years in the Federal Home Loan Bank system. He served as chairman of the Pittsburgh Federal Home Loan Bank and as President and CEO of the Atlanta Federal Home Loan Bank.

#### Henry Cisneros

Henry Cisneros is the Chief Executive of the City View Companies, a partner in building 40 communities in 12 states, incorporating more than 7,000 homes with a total value of over \$2 million. Mr. Cisneros has had a long and dedicated career working to strengthen communities, provide affordable housing and provide resources to underserved populations. Significant accomplishments include 4 terms as mayor of San Antonio, Texas; serving as Secretary of U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under President Clinton; and recognition for his work with cities and Hispanic populations.

#### Robert C. Clay

Robert C. Clay, CCIM is the Managing Partner of Clay Realty Advisors, a Real Estate Development, Consulting and Commercial/Investment Brokerage firm. He has served on the Steering Committee of the Gaston County Unified Development Ordinance and the City of Belmont Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Bob is current Chairman of the Gaston County Land Use Committee and serves on the Regional Roads Committee. He was appointed to the NC Turnpike Authority Board in 2010.

### Elaine Clegg

Elaine Clegg has a long history advocating quality growth management and transportation planning. Elaine was Co-Executive Director of Idaho Smart Growth from 1998-2004, and currently works as Special Projects Manager. Elaine work has focused on transportation policy and best practices in land use planning, especially integrating land use with transportation. She has authored Smart Growth Best Practices – *Putting Smart Growth Policy into Practice in Idaho*, Clegg is a founding member of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Advisory Committee for the Idaho Transportation Department and has attended numerous educational programs to learn best practices in SRTS. Elected to the Boise City Council in 2003 and re-elected in 2007, she represents the city on the Boise region's Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Transit Authority boards. Clegg serves nationally on the boards of the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership and The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for the National League of Cities.

## Ted Cochin

Ted Cochin is a Policy Analyst in EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities. His work there focuses on technical assistance, outreach, research and policy, related to incorporating sustainability into regional land-use and transportation planning. Mr. Cochin also serves on various national advisory panels related to disaster preparedness and flood resiliency. He holds a bachelors degree from the University of Maine and a Masters Degree from the University of Massachusetts.

# Vicki Coggins

Vicki served as downtown economic development director for the City of Albemarle for 20 years before retiring in June 2010. In this capacity, she was the Main Street Program coordinator and the executive director for Albemarle Downtown Development Corp. Vicki has been active in the historic preservation arena during most of this time, and as such, she was instrumental in preserving and restoring many of the downtown buildings. Vicki helped lobby for preserving the structure and organized a committee comprised of influential local citizens, all of whom worked tirelessly in support of the efforts to save the school. Vicki is now employed part-time with Uwharrie Capital Corp as Special Projects Coordinator which enables her to put her skills and expertise to continued use in the community.

## Lisabeth M. Coker, AICP

Lisbeth M. Coker, AICP, is a Project Development Manager with the City of Richmond, VA, Department of Economic and Community Development. A former city planner and historic preservation consultant, her work focuses on economic development, grant writing and business incentives for revitalization in city neighborhoods.

# <u>Lori Collins</u>

Lori Collins is developing energy efficiency financing programs for consumer and commercial needs. She has over 20 years of experience in financial services marketing, particularly in building new businesses. Lori was a member of the original Executive Team at Lending Tree that grew the company from \$7 million to \$476 million in revenue over seven years. Ms. Collins was also an executive at Bank of America, Fidelity Investments and American Express. Lori earned her MBA from Kellogg, BS at UNC-Chapel Hill and is LEED AP.

### Nathan Conable

Nathan (Nate) Conable is the Director of Transit and Transportation for Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Prior to joining the Atlanta BeltLine team, Nate worked at URS Corporation managing transit and transportation studies. Nate holds master's degrees in City Planning and Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a bachelor's degree in Art from Loyola Marymount University.

### John J. Connors

John Connors has been Brickstone's managing partner in Philadelphia since 1985, and brings to Brickstone extensive experience in the fields of commercial and investment banking and finance, and real estate acquisition, development, and leasing. Mr. Connors joined Brickstone to oversee the acquisition of Mellon Independence Center, and since then has guided the expansion of Brickstone's Philadelphia portfolio to include the Wanamaker Building and 101 Penn Square East. Mr. Connors is responsible for both the direction of these development efforts and the ongoing operations of all Philadelphia and Delaware Valley projects. Mr. Connors holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

### John Cooper, Jr.

John focuses on community development, environmental justice, dispute resolution, public policy research, emergency management and land use planning. Currently he directs the FEMA Emergency Preparedness Demonstration Program, a \$2.5 million effort to understand barriers to increased disaster awareness and preparedness in marginalized communities. John has provided consultation to community development advocates on issues of planning and civic engagement, and been a visiting lecturer in the Department of City and Regional Planning (DCRP) at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (UNC). He is a past member of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation's Advisory Panel and currently serves on a number of boards including The community Home Trust (Chapel Hill, NC) Board of Directors, the Board of Visitors for the UNC Institute for the Environment, and the Advisory Board for the DHS Center of Excellence – Natural Disasters, Coastal Infrastructure, and Emergency Management (DIEM) at UNC. Educational background: Economics, urban planning, city and regional planning (Texas A & M University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

### Judith Corbett

Judith Corbett is the founder and Executive Director of the Local Government Commission. Judith was co-developer of the highly acclaimed Village Homes, a model for sustainable development located in Davis, CA. Corbett has coauthored three books on resource efficient land use and building design and has published over 50 policy guidebooks for local government officials.

### Cecil Corbin-Mark

Cecil Corbin-Mark, Deputy Director and the Director of Policy Initiatives at West Harlem Environmental Action (New York City) - with a BA and Master's degree in Political Science from Hunter College and Oxford University, Cecil has always maintained an avid interest in local, national, and international politics. Cecil either currently sits on, or has in the past served on numerous environmental and environmental justice boards, coalitions and committees and has also lectured at several universities.

### Amy A. Cotter

Amy A. Cotter manages implementation of greater Boston's regional plan, "MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region." In doing so, she oversees integrated smart growth activities at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and activities under its federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. In her role as Director of Regional Plan Implementation for MAPC, her work uses public engagement, research, analysis, and advocacy to explore policy and planning options and inform decision making from local to national levels. Ms. Cotter brings to the effort 15 years of leadership in planning and policy making for smart growth and sustainable development, and has held positions at Tellus Institute and ICF Consulting. She obtained Master's degrees in regional planning and environmental policy from the University of Michigan, and received her Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University. Area of Expertise: Building community and regional sustainability using public engagement, information, analysis, and advocacy.

### Kimball Crangle

Kimball Crangle currently serves as a Senior Developer for the Denver Housing Authority (DHA). At DHA, Kimball is the project manager for the 17.5-acre redevelopment program for the South Lincoln Redevelopment effort transforming this public housing site into a vibrant mixed-income, transit oriented community. Prior to that Kimball served as the Executive Director for the Colorado Community Land Trust and a Senior Real Estate Analyst for Capmark Financial Group. Throughout her career Kimball has been focused on the financing and delivery of affordable housing through complicated transactions involving multiple financing sources.

## <u>Lisa Creasman</u>

Lisa's current position involves facilitation of conservation projects on behalf of North Carolina's 24 local and regional land trusts. Previously, Lisa worked for The Nature Conservancy and also served as an environmental staffer for Louisiana's Governor Roemer. She has an undergraduate in Biology and a Master's in Marine Science.

## Jean Crow Crowther

Jean Crow Crowther is a Planning Assistant for Alta Planning & Design, a national firm specializing in bicycle and pedestrian, trails and greenways planning. Jean has worked as an advocate and planner for outdoor recreation and active lifestyles since 2003 in both Texas and South Carolina. Most recently, Jean led the Bike Town campaign in Spartanburg, SC, which earned Spartanburg the first Bicycle Friendly Community designation in South Carolina.

# Ramon Cruz

Ramon Cruz is a consultant on climate change, transportation and energy. Previously, he was Vice President for Energy and Environment at the Partnership for New York City and Senior Policy Analyst at the Environmental Defense Fund. Ramon has more than 10 years of experience working on urban environmental and sustainability issues such as transportation, air quality, and solid waste management. He was an advisor to the New York City government on energy and solid waste issues and helped in the process of developing the City's 25 year sustainability plan, "PlaNYC 2030". He holds Master's degrees in Public Policy and Urban Planning from Princeton University and a bachelor degree from American University.

# John Culbreath

John Culbreath is a Southern Carolina farmer and an officer in the Southeastern African-American Farmers Organic Network (SAAFON). SAAFON is a network of farmers using sustainable growing methods. The Network is comprised of small and limited resource farmers that are either certified organic or growing organically.

# Andrew Dannenberg

Andrew Dannenberg is the Associate Director for Science in the Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services in the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. Andrew oversees activities in NCEH related to examining the health aspects of community design including land use, transportation, urban planning, and other issues related to the built environment. Dannenberg also serves as an adjunct professor of epidemiology and of environmental and occupational health at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. Dannenberg was also the director of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service and other public health training programs.

### **Flozell Daniels Jr.**

In late October 2007, Mr. Daniels was appointed as the President and CEO of the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (LDRF), "Louisiana's Fund for Louisiana's People". In this position, he is responsible for envisioning and leading the foundation's progress in its mission to strategically attract and disseminate resources in Louisiana toward and equitable and inclusive recovery. Mr. Daniels is a graduate of Tulane University's Master of Business Administration program with a concentration in Management & Organizational Behavior. He finished his undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences from the University of New Orleans and was involved in materials science research for more than six years with the USDA, Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans.

### Alison Davis

Alison Davis is an Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky, the Agricultural Economics Department of the College of Agriculture. As the Executive Director of the Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky, Dr. Davis stays has organized new programs in the areas of rural economic development and rural health.

### **Braxton Davis**

Braxton Davis is the Director of Policy and Planning for South Carolina's Coastal Management Program. Representing the state of South Carolina, Braxton also serves as Chair of the Coastal States Organization in Washington DC. He recently represented coastal interests on a National Academy of Sciences study entitled "America's Climate Choices."

### Hamilton Davis

Hamilton Davis is a native of South Carolina with a BS from Clemson University and a JD from the USC School of Law. Mr. Davis has been working for the Coastal Conservation League (CCL) since 2006 and serves as their Energy & Climate Director. The CCL Energy & Climate Program promotes the implementation of progressive local, state, and federal energy policies related to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate change. Hamilton is currently serving on the Energy Advisory Council for the SC Public Utility Review Committee, and also sits on the SC Legislative Offshore Wind Study Committee and the SC Offshore Wind Regulatory Task Force.

#### Ken Dawson

Ken Dawson is an entrepreneur and visionary leader. Ken is an elected official and serves as President on the Police Jury of West Feliciana and is also an engineer and has worked in leadership positions for various private industries. Ken is the Founder and owner of several businesses in West Feliciana and actively serves on many boards and commissions.

#### **Tony DeFalco**

Tony DeFalco is a consultant focused on putting equity into sustainability efforts in Portland, Oregon. He successfully co-founded Verde Energy a social enterprise that hires and trains low-income Latinos and Native Americans to weatherize commercial and residential buildings. Tony helped to develop the Equity Audit, a tool to help environmental and sustainability organizations understand how to become more inclusive organizations that can deliver triple bottom line results. He serves as the chair of the board of the Center for Diversity and the Environment. He holds a B.A. in Ethnic Studies from the UC Berkeley and an M.S. in Natural Resources Planning from Humboldt State University.

#### Ernie Dehnert, Jr.

Ernie is born and raised in Chicago, II. Graduated from Greentown University, Wash DC and began working career with Wachovia. Left banking and spent 10 years in the furniture industry as VP sales and marketing for Drexel Heritage Furniture. Returned to banking with BB&T in Charlotte and have served as Corp Banker and City Executive in Charlotte. Assumed current role as Community Development Manager for the 15 State BB&T system in 2006.

#### Crispin Delgado

Crispin Delgado has over eight years of applied experience working in public health. He oversees staff and the work being presented in the session, and contributes to the development of the session's content. He currently oversees the Health Policy and Planning division of the San Mateo County Health System, which is responsible for implementing primary prevention strategies, including influencing planning processing to improve health outcomes.

#### Karen Dettmer

Karen Dettmer, P.E. is a Senior Environmental Project Coordinator for the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM) where Karen manages assessment, remediation and redevelopment of Brownfield properties for the City of Milwaukee. After working as an environmental consultant, Ms. Dettmer joined the public sector where she serves as the City of Milwaukee's NEPA manager for

federally funded projects, heads the city's environmental due diligence procedures for property acquisition, manages four consulting firms for assessment and remediation of Brownfields, and administers public funding to aid redevelopment of Brownfields. Ms. Dettmer is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Wisconsin.

### <u>Mariano Diaz</u>

Mariano Diaz is the Western Regional Vice President for Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) responsible for operations in 6 cities. Prior he worked for the San Diego Foundation; the Nike Foundation; and was Owner/principal of Esme & Associates. Mariano earned a Master's from Harvard University and a Bachelor's from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

#### Carl Dierker

Mr. Dierker is the Regional Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I/New England in Boston, Massachusetts. Carl has responsibility for providing overall legal and policy advice to the Regional Administrator and other senior managers of the Regional Office in all areas of federal environmental law. Carl is also the senior manager in charge of the region's "Smart Growth" initiative. Carl also served as Assistant Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) where he supervised the Bureau of Waste Prevention, which regulates industrial sources of pollution and includes the Divisions of Air Quality Control, Hazardous Waste, Industrial Wastewater, Solid Waste & Recycling and Toxic Use Reduction.

#### Tim Dison

Tim Dison, Senior Development Manager for Crescent Resource's Multifamily Group has 24 years of experience in development and construction throughout the Southeast. Locally, Tim recently completed Circle at South End, a 360 unit MF community in the South End area of Charlotte and was involved in the development of Piedmont Town Center in Charlotte's Southpark area. He attended Jacksonville St. University and was an honors graduate of Hampton University with a degree in Architecture.

#### **David Dixon FAIA**

David Dixon FAIA, a principal at Goody Clancy, received the AIA's 2007 Thomas Jefferson Award for "a lifetime of ... significant achievement in [creating]... livable neighborhoods, vibrant civic spaces, and vital downtowns..." As president of the Boston Society of Architects he organized The First National Conference on Density in 2003 and continues to write and speak on smart growth topics. David is a coauthor of *Urban Design for an Urban Century* (Wiley in 2009).

#### **Noelle Dobson**

Noelle Dobson is Project Director for Oregon Public Health Institute. Her work focuses on policy and environmental change strategies that address the connection between the built environment and health, with an emphasis on promoting active living and healthy eating.

#### Linda Jo Doctor

Linda Jo Doctor is a Program Director at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where she helps guide Foundation programming in Food, Health and Well Being and in Michigan. Previously, Ms. Doctor was deputy director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Allies Against Asthma Program housed at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. She also directed the Division of Prevention at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

#### Khris Dodson

Khris Dodson is a Senior Program Manager at Environmental Finance Center. Khris is the project head for a multi-organizational, grassroots outreach program. This involves encouraging some of Syracuse's poorest neighborhoods to "Save the Rain," through a variety of workshops, demonstration projects and K-12 curriculum.

### Nick Donahue

Nick Donohue is policy director of Transportation for America – a broad and growing coalition of more than 500 business, environmental, public health, social equity groups and elected leaders committed to creating a new national transportation program. Previously he served as the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### Vernita Dore

Vernita F. Dore was appointed South Carolina State Director for USDA Rural Development, by President Barack Obama in August 2009. A seasoned agency administrator, Vernita is a passionate advocate on behalf of rural communities. Ms. Dore brought to USDA Rural Development a wealth of experience, with more than two decades of working on behalf of rural Americans. Currently, she oversees a multi-million dollar portfolio in community economic development projects and directs a staff of more than 100 employees to fulfill the agency's mission, "To increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans." Ms. Dore is an active community leader. Ms. Dore serves as co-chair of the South Carolina Rural Development Council, and serves on the boards of the Beaufort-Jasper Higher Education Commission, the BNCC Society of Christian Women, and the South Carolina Women's Connection. A native of Beaufort, South Carolina, Ms. Dore earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of South Carolina. Ms. Dore has received additional professional development from the USDA Graduate School, the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business and the Federal Executive Institute.

#### Noah Dorius

Noah Dorius has been a community development practitioner since 1978. In 1998 Noah was chosen to be a Community Builder Fellow at HUD, having previously been the director of community development corporations and a city planning and community development official. Noah is a community mediation trainer; he has organized national symposia for community development professionals, and authored articles for scholarly journals. Noah has a B.A. in Architecture from Miami University, and M.S. in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati, and a PhD in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University. His current research interests include developing a general theory of community-driven social change and a complimentary analytical framework to evaluate community development outcomes.

#### **Derek Douglas**

Mr. Douglas serves on the White House Domestic Policy Council (DPC) as Special Assistant to President Barack Obama, where he leads the DPC's work on urban and metropolitan policy issues. Douglas has served as Washington Counsel to New York Governor David A. Paterson and Director of Governor Paterson's Washington, D.C. Office, where, Douglas served as the Governor's chief architect for federal policy and oversaw federal policy development and advocacy on domestic, economic, and urban policy issues for the State of New York. Douglas has also served as Associate Director of Economic Policy at the Center for American Progress where he founded and served as Director of the Economic Mobility Program. Douglas was also a Counsel at O'Melveny & Myers LLP and an Assistant Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

#### Victor Dover

Victor Dover is principal-in-charge at Dover Kohl & Partners, a town planning and urban design practice based in Coral Gables, Florida. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Town & Suburb Design Program at the University of Miami. Along with his partner Joseph Kohl, Mr. Dover's practice focuses on the creation and restoration of real neighborhoods as the basis for sound communities. Mr. Dover lectures widely around the USA and elsewhere on the topics of livable communities and sustainable development.

## Andres Duany

Andrés Duany is a founding principal at Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company (DPZ). DPZ is widely recognized as a leader of the New Urbanism, an international movement that seeks to end suburban sprawl and urban disinvestment. In the years since the firm first received recognition for the design of Seaside, Florida, in 1980, DPZ has completed designs for close to 300 new towns, regional plans, and community revitalization projects. This work has exerted a significant influence on the practice and direction of urban planning and development in the United States and abroad.

## Jeanne DuBois

Jeanne DuBois, Dorchester Bay EDC's Executive Director since 1995, has 31 years of community organizing experience, eight years of load fund capitalization experience, and 14 years of commercial development experience. Jeanne sits on the Massachusetts Brownfield Advisory Group, and was Vice President of the Mass Association of CDC's. Jeanne focuses on resource development, Fairmount rail line pipeline development, and on the DBEDC small business loan committee. Jeanne is board President of the CDC Community Business Network.

### Eric Dumbaugh

Eric Dumbaugh is the coordinator of the Graduate Certificate Program in Transportation Planning, and serves as the faculty liaison for the LAUP emphasis area in Transportation Planning, Policy, and Design. Eric research examines strategies for integrating mobility, traffic safety, and community livability into a holistic, context-based approach to roadway and community design. Dr. Dumbaugh has authored more than 20 academic and professional articles. He has served as an invited speaker before numerous professional groups, including the Federal Highway Administration, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Urban Land Institute, and the Congress for the New Urbanism, among others.

#### **Bill Duston, AICP**

Bill has been Centralina COGs Planning Director since 1992. He is past president of the North Carolina Chapter of APA, and previously served two terms as NCAPAs VP of Professional Development. He received his BS from Florida State University and a Master's in City Planning from the University of Iowa.

### Paula L. Dressel

Paula L. Dressel is Vice President of JustPartners, Inc., in Baltimore, MD. Paula consultation with foundations, government, and community and state organizations focuses on racial equity and sustainable communities. Paula previously was a sociology professor and administrator at Georgia State University and Director of Planning, Research and Development at the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

### Anita S. Earls

Anita Earls is a founder and Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, a non-profit organization in Durham, North Carolina. A civil rights attorney with over 20 years' experience, Anita's work has involved addressing structural racism, protecting minority voting rights and furthering community empowerment. Anita is a member of North Carolina's Equal Access to Justice Commission, serves on the North Carolina State Board of Elections, volunteers with the Women's Center of Chapel Hill, and is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the Social Sciences at Duke University. From April 1998 to August 2000, Ms. Earls was a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

### Lee Einsweiler

Lee Einsweiler is one of the founders of Code Studio, a consulting firm that pursues planning work that yields mixed use, walkable communities through creative urban infill, redevelopment and incremental change. Lee has worked on a diverse set of projects, including: zoning codes, form-based codes, and small area plans.

### Dr. Douglas Eisinger

Dr. Eisinger is Director of Transportation Policy & Planning at Sonoma Technology, Inc. (STI – air quality research). His new book is Smog Check: Science Federalism, and the Politics of Clean Air. Also, he managed EPA Region 9's transportation-air quality program and helped lead the UC Davis-Caltrans Air Quality Project.

## Carlton C. Eley

Carlton Eley is an environmentalist, urban planner, and lecturer. Working to normalize environmental justice during the planning process, Carlton has become EPA's leading expert on the topic of equitable development. Carlton has coordinated national competitions that recognize communities for encouraging equitable development, and Mr. Eley has published multiple articles on the subject. Carlton has served on community advisory service teams for Pamlico County, NC; Gary, IN; and the Vecht River Valley in the Netherlands. Carlton participated in the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship in Public Policy and after the fellowship Carlton wrote a chapter on smart growth in Wellington, New Zealand for the book, Local Sustainable Urban Development in a Globalized World. His technical assistance work and public engagement efforts have earned citations from the American Planning Association and the National Organization of Minority Architects. Carlton is a Senior Environmental Protection Specialist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

### Tom Elmore

Tom is a farmer and natural resources planner focusing on farm enterprise development and group process assistance. His principal client is Land-of-Sky Regional Council in Asheville, NC. Tom is coowner and operator of Thatchmore Farm in Leicester NC growing ornamentals and certified organic produce.

### Mikaela L. Engert

Ms. Engert is a city planner with the City of Keene, NH, where she guides the city's implementation of its Climate Action Plan and is also the project manager for the community's master plan update process, which is currently underway. Mikaela's interests are in food security, climate change and energy, and devising creative, collaborative community participation processes.

### Philip Erickson

Philip Erickson, AIA, President of Community Design + Architecture is an urban designer and architect with 25 years experience in urban design. Phil's practice is focused in reshaping auto-oriented arterials into multimodal thoroughfares and transit-oriented development and reinvigorating disused areas of our cities into vibrant mixed-use places.

### <u>Rey Espana</u>

Rey Espana began is work at NAYA in 2004 with over 35 years of experience in community building with a focus on community economic development. Rey has been recognized for his community building and advocacy for social justice in communities that have not historically has access to quality education, economic opportunity, and self-determination. Rey is a member of Green For All's 2010 Retrofit America's Cities Working Group promoting energy related jobs. He currently sits on the Portland Housing Advisory Commission and the Portland Development Commission's Community Economic Development Action Team.

### **Chris Estes**

Chris joined the Housing Coalition as its Executive Director in September 2003 with a variety of experiences related to low-income communities and affordable housing including economic development, smart growth advocacy, welfare reform, workforce development, affordable housing development and asset-building research. Chris works closely with the Coalition's partners on our legislative agenda and in

promoting the *Campaign for Housing Carolina* campaign across the state. Chris hopes to broaden the membership of the Coalition while increasing its impact on the production of affordable housing and improving the quality of life of low-income communities.

# Neal Etre

Mr. Etre is a Senior Associate at IEC with eight years of experience working on urban development issues, with a particular focus on the environmental and social impacts of sprawl. Neal Etre is the lead researcher for IEC on this project for EPA and CDC, in which we identify potential indicators of smart growth and healthy communities to incorporate into real estate multiple listing services (MLS), conduct feasibility research, and develop an implementation strategy. For EPA, Mr. Etre currently provides strategic support for the Agency's green building strategy, specifically focused on aspects of the strategy that deal with building site selection, smart growth, and storm water management. Mr. Etre also assisted in developing EPA's recently launched Green Homes website.

# <u>Vaughn Fauria</u>

Vaughn Fauria, the Executive Director and President of NewCorp, Inc. since September 1997, works closely with Minority Business Enterprises (MBE's), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's), and women owned businesses in order to help them grow and prosper. Ms. Fauria continually seeks funding sources and works to establish relationships with large contracting firms in an effort to secure contracts for MBE's, DBE's, and women owned businesses. It is her desire to increase NewCorp's economic impact on small businesses and the historically disadvantaged businesses in New Orleans as we continue to rebuild our lives and city.

### **Deeohn Ferris**

Deeohn Ferris is President/CEO of the Sustainable Community Development Group, Inc. a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to metropolitan sustainability, environmental health, smart growth and regional equity. Ferris is an environmental attorney whose interdisciplinary career spans government, industry and public interest. Deeohn directed nationally significant compliance and enforcement activities at U.S. EPA; served as counsel to the American Insurance Association; and was the first senior African American environmental policy director at the National Wildlife Federation.

Ferris has launched two groundbreaking social justice initiatives: the Environmental Justice Project for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, the first pioneered by a major civil rights group; and the Washington Office on Environmental Justice, an international multiracial grassroots public policy coalition. Ms. Ferris led the national campaign the EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and the federal Inter-Agency Workgroup. Ms. Ferris work with communities extends from Fiji, Indonesia, Brazil, the U.K, India and Nepal.

### Helen Fields

Helen is a graduate of business college. Helen has 29 ½ years of experience with a professional shipping company, has taken several courses at technical colleges and technical job training. Helen has been trained with the Southern University in leadership training and land retention. She is the Chairperson of the South Carolina Association of Land Owners and Farmers, Chairperson of the Sea Island Cooperative. As of 2000 when Ms. Fields was severed from her job, she actively started marketing efforts and farming on her husband's farm, Joseph Fields' Farm located in Johns Island, SC.

### **Hector Figarella**

Hector Figarella worked in the emergency food system at The Food Bank of Westerns Massachusetts, providing technical assistance to agencies in capacity building. Conducted surveys with community residents in Holyoke, MA for a hunger study. Helped organized parents and student support as a college student at Umass Amherst to stop the university from closing childcare center. The organizing was successful and the childcare center was not closed. Currently working with community residents in Holyoke, MA to recruit additional community member and youths.

### **Eileen Figel**

Eileen Figel is Director of the Institute for Comprehensive Community Development. For more than twenty years she has provided community planning, development, and public policy services to community organizations, municipalities, and developers across the United States.

# <u>David Fink</u>

David Fink is the policy director for the Partnership for Strong Communities, a statewide housing policy organization in Connecticut that promotes affordable housing creation, supportive housing to end chronic homelessness and best practices in community development. Staff director for the HOME Connecticut campaign, David comes to housing policy from the worlds of journalism and government: he was a government reporter, foreign correspondent, national correspondent, editor and opinion writer for 27 years at five newspapers including the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, USA Today and Hartford Courant and was press secretary for the state Speaker of the House.

# Larry G. Fitch

Larry leads CSW's Learning Enterprise Initiative. Larry was President and CEO of the San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc., for 11 years, and he has over 30 years of experience in the workforce development field. Larry has long been active in developing public/private and business/education partnerships. Mr. Fitch served for six years as the President and CEO of Jobs for Bay State Graduates, Inc., a Boston-based nonprofit that created school-to-career partnerships across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Larry has also been a consultant in the Human Resources/Human Capital Development field, with clients as diverse as Right Associates-Boston, the National Child Labor Coalition, Burger King Corporation, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the Planning Exchange in England and Scotland.

# <u>Kieren Fitsall</u>

Kieren Fitsall oversees the parking program for Westminster City Council in London, England where he is responsible for outsourced parking contracts including on-street supply and CCTV enforcement, infrastructure, cashless parking, telephony, as well as back office and payment processing. Most recently, he renegotiated the enforcement contract, resulting in a savings of £10 million to the Council.

### **Stephanie Forbes**

Ms. Forbes has over 20 years of direct experience in the field of affordable housing and community development. Prior to joining Bay Area LISC in 1998, Ms. Forbes worked with the City of Oakland where she helped develop and implement the City's affordable housing policies and coordinated the City's community reinvestment programs. Previously, Ms. Forbes was a consultant on housing, community development, and welfare policy issues in Southern California, working primarily with municipalities and legal services organizations, Ms. Forbes took on such projects as the development of local housing financing programs; the development of alternative housing policies for neighborhood community plans; and directed a research project on the effectiveness of a state welfare homeless assistance program. A San Francisco native, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Arts degree in urban and regional planning from the University of California at Los Angeles.

# **Mayor Anthony Foxx**

Anthony R. Foxx is the Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina. He took the oath of office on December 7, 2009, becoming the city's 48th and youngest mayor. A native of Charlotte, Mayor Foxx received his bachelor's degree in history from Davidson College and earned his law degree from New York University School of Law as a Root-Tilden Scholar. Mayor Foxx and his wife, Samara, have two children, Hillary and Zachary.

## <u>Norman P. Franklin</u>

Norman began work for the Urban League in 1981 playing his skills wherever needed. This was the same year that the Lexington Urban League formed the non-profit housing development corporation- the Fayette County Local Development Corporation. In addition to financial management of both agencies, Norman's primary oversight of the Fcldc has been to manage the development of the home ownership and rental development initiatives. Fcldc is the designated CHDO of the Lexington-Fayette Urban Country. Government HOME Program. Certified Housing Development Finance Professional, 2004. Fcldc owns and manages 28 single family rental units and sponsored the development of a 17-unit LIHTC complex for seniors and a 7-Unit HUD 202 Project. Fcldc is currently sponsoring the redevelopment of an historic, African American Elementary school into an affordable housing rental unit for seniors and special needs residents. This also is a LIHTC project.

# John W. Frece

John Frece is director of the Office of Sustainable Communities at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The office provides direct policy assistance to state, technical assistance to local governments, conducts research on smart growth policies and strategies, and oversees both the national Smart Growth Achievement Awards and the annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference.

# **Patrice Frey**

Patrice Frey is Director of Sustainability at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, where she leads efforts to create policies that integrate preservation into federal, state, and local sustainability strategies. Patrice received her Master's degree in preservation planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

# <u>Paul Friday</u>

Paul Friday currently serves as the Deputy AC/S G5, Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) and as the Director of its Government and External Relations (GER) Division. His duties include shaping the strategy and implementing programs to enhance compatible resource use among competing interests on a landscape scale.

# <u>Jeannie Frisco</u>

Jeannie Frisco is the Program Director for Activate, an innovative three-year initiative to transform Martinsville and Henry County into a showplace that supports a livable, healthy, and sustainable area. The \$1.56 million investment by the Harvest Foundation for the Activate program will be the catalyst for creating a measurably healthier, safer and more active populace and community. The overarching goal of the program is to make the community a fun, healthy and desirable place to live by promoting walking, bicycling and increased physical activity as a part of everyday life. Operated under the Martinsville-Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness, Jeannie works with government officials at all levels, community stakeholders and local non-profit organizations to improve the livability, economic vitality and sustainability of Martinsville and Henry County through planning, designing and implementing the necessary partnerships, promotions, policies and programs to support safe and improved mobility, access and leisure-time opportunities for walking and bicycling.

# <u>David Furman</u>

David Furman, FAIA, an architect and Charlotte native, has become a housing specialist by designing over 50,000 units, in projects of all scales and programs, over the last 35 years. David's development company, Centro CityWorks, has created 21 projects between 2000 and 2008, valued at over \$265 million, 15 of which are in downtown Charlotte, including two high-rises.

# C.J. Gabbe

C.J. Gabbe is an urban planner and project manager with a multi-disciplinary background in public policy, housing, real estate, and public involvement. At Fregonese Associates, Gabbe has managed key projects including Chicago's Homes for a Changing Region, Building Our Economy: Transportation for a

New Illinois, and the launch of the Envision Tomorrow Suite of Planning Tools. Before joining Fregonese Associates, Gabbe worked for the Portland Development Commission, the City of Portland's redevelopment agency, on the revitalization of the Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood and the extension of the Downtown Waterfront Urban Renewal Area. Gabbe also worked on Capitol Hill as a staffer to U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, working with constituents on a range of policy issues.

# Lucy Gallo

Lucy Gallo is Associate Vice President at AECOM Economics and provides fiscal and economic impact analysis, real estate market analysis and public infrastructure advisory services for urban development, redevelopment and comprehensive planning projects. She has served as a lead fiscal consultant for numerous large-scale economic development and public/private partnership engagements throughout the Southeast.

# <u>Lisa Garcia</u>

Lisa F. Garcia joined the U.S. EPA in January serving as Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Environmental Justice. In this role Lisa will help elevate EJ issues to the highest levels of the agency and work across programs to integrate and strengthen all of the EPA's Ej initiatives. Lisa's work will promote meaningful, working relationships with EJ communities, as well as building strong partnerships to address some of the country's most persistent environmental challenges. Lisa joins EPA after serving as the Chief Advocate for Environmental Justice and Equity at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. In that position she developed statewide environmental justice initiatives to tackle critical environmental challenges, and served as co-chair of the Governor's Environmental Justice Interagency Task Force. Lisa also served as Assistant Attorney General for the New York State Attorney General, where she represented various state agencies in environmental litigation matters and defended New York's Brownfields Cleanup Program. Lisa also served as Senior Attorney at the New York Public Interest Research Group. Lisa has a long and impressive history using her legal, policy and legislative experience to promote environmental justice.

### Andrea Gardner

As a member of CH2M HILL's corporate Sustainability Collaborative Working Group, Ms. Gardner specializes in developing and implementing sustainability planning strategies and evaluation tools for utility, infrastructure, and industrial projects. She is a LEED AP and a certified Project Management Professional.

# **Geoff Garin**

Geoff Garin is the president of Hart Research Associates, one of the nation's leading survey research firms. Since joining Hart Research in 1978, Geoff has brought insight and innovative approaches as a researcher and strategist to a wide variety of fields - including social and economic policy, consumer marketing, and politics. Geoff has appeared on the news programs of every major network, and he has served as on-air analyst for CBS Radio's coverage of national election returns for every election cycle since 1990.

### Dr. Norman Garrick, PhD

Norman Garrick is Associate Professor of Civil Engineering and was founding director of the Center for Transportation and Urban Planning at the University of Connecticut. He is also a member of the national board of The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) and the Tri-state Transportation Campaign. He specializes in the planning and design of urban transportation systems especially as they relate to sustainability, placemaking and urban revitalization. His work has been widely disseminated both to an academic audience and to the wider public through the press, radio and TV. In 2008 he was a recipient of the Transportation Research Board's Wootan Award for Best Paper in policy. Dr. Garrick has worked as consultant, including urban revitalization projects with the Prince of Wales Foundation in Jamaica and Sierra Leone. In 2004, he was recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship, to Kingston, Jamaica.

## Soledad Gaztambide-Arandes

Soledad Gaztambide-Arandes, Policy Analyst and Transportation Justice Coordinator, UPROSE - Is currently working on local sustainability and planning projects, among them: Brownfield revitalization, green port feasibility, implementation of a waterfront greenway and more. She is also actively collaborating on state and national transportation equity campaigns. She holds a BA in Geography and Anthropology from the University of Puerto Rico and a MA in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning (UEP) from Tufts University.

## Nimisha Ghosh Roy

Nimisha Ghosh Roy is a program developer and certified trainer for the Cross Cultural Health Care Program (CCHCP), supporting both the Cultural Competency Training Program and the Bridging the Gap (BTG) Medical Interpreter Training Program. Nimisha was one of the primary curriculum developers and writers for the latest edition of the BTG curriculum and textbook published in early 2010. She is the codeveloper of the training curricula for the CCHCP Environmental Justice Training and Consulting Program. Two recent evaluations, in which she was one of the principal researchers, involved a cultural competency needs assessment for a hospital security team and an analytical review of a hospital system's LEP work plans for adherence with the National Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS). An advocate for youth, Nimisha is a mentor with the *American Women in Science -Girls in Engineering, Math and Science Program* and a volunteer for the *Washington Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement Program*, both of which serve underrepresented student populations in the greater Seattle area.

### Anthony Giancatarino

Anthony Giancatarino is a researcher at the Center for Social Inclusion. Anthony's research provides a policy analysis through the lens of structural racism. His work specifically focuses oh how transportation, healthcare, and energy policies impact communities of color, while helping communities identify transformative opportunities in public policy engagement. Recently, Anthony has become the project coordinator for CSI's energy democracy work, which focuses on developing policy models for community-scale energy development within communities of color.

# **Scott Giering**

Scott Giering is an Associate for Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates. He leads the office's use of GIS, visualization, and social media tools as well as the firm's research efforts investigating best practices for involving underserved populations in the planning process. Scott is also a Senior Research Director at the Research Foundation of the City University of New York and is currently working under and FTA grant to develop new approaches and methods for engaging low-income communities in identifying, analyzing, and visualizing their travel behavior and mobility barriers. Scott holds a Bachelor's in Economics from Georgetown University, a Master's in Business Administration from New York University, and Master's in Urban Planning from Hunter College.

### Scott Gifford

Scott Gifford, Vice President of Community Development at Matrix Human Services (Matrix), a Detroit private nonprofit organization founded in 1906. Under his leadership, the Matrix Center has developed into a major community center on Detroit's eastside, housing 60 nonprofit organizations and serving 2,500 residents weekly. Gifford graduated from the University of Detroit (1976) with a bachelor's degree in Social Work and master's degree in social work from Wayne State University (1979).

### William Gilchrist

William Gilchrist is Director of Place-Based Planning for the City of New Orleans. Prior to his appointment by the Mayor, he was a Senior Associate with EDAW/AECOM and served as the Director of the Department of Planning, Engineering, and Permits for Birmingham, AL, where he spearheaded a

variety of innovative planning projects that received national recognition from the American Institute of Architects, American Planning Association and the National League of Cities.

### Alycia Gilde

Alycia Gilde is responsible for overseeing all of GNA's East Coast outreach and stakeholder relation efforts. Ms. Gilde has over 10 years experience working on national air quality programs with focus on goods movement diesel risk reduction and environmental justice. Ms. Gilde graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor's Degree in Global Environmental Mass Media and served two years in the United States Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa.

### Linda Giltz, AICP

Linda has strong interests in smart growth and sustainable development and experience in land use, transportation and growth management planning, and also in grant writing, group facilitation and conference planning. She works for Land-of-Sky Regional Council (since 1998). Linda holds degrees in Geography (M.A.-UNCC- 1996) and Computer Science (B.S.-Duke-1981).

# **Steve Glueck**

Steve Glueck has been active in the fields of local government and civic engagement for the past 30 years. Currently the Director of Planning and Development for the City of Golden, Colorado, Steve is constantly working to improve the effectiveness of public decision-making at the local level.

# David R. Godschalk

David R. Godschalk is Professor Emeritus, City and Regional Planning, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, former member of NC Smart Growth Commission, co-author of *Natural Hazard Mitigation: Recasting Disaster Policy and Planning* (Island Press, 1999), and co-chair of APA's Sustaining Places Task Force. David holds degrees from Dartmouth College, University of Florida, and University of North Carolina.

### Nancy Goff

Nancy M. Goff, MPH is the Health Impact Assessment Program Coordinator at the Oregon Public Health Division. Nancy has over 10 years of experience coordinating various research and community projects. Nancy has an MPH in Health Promotion from Portland State University with a concentration in Integrative Health and Sustainability.

### Alex Goldschmidt

Alex Goldschmidt is Smart Growth America's Communications Associate. She has several years of experience in campaign communications, most recently doing online communications and media outreach for a campaign at Change to Win and previously as Publications and Online Editor at Wal-Mart Watch.

### **Georgette Gomez**

Georgette Gómez is director of the Toxic Free Neighborhoods Campaign at Environmental Health Coalition. After arriving at EHC in 2004, Georgette has focused on land use issues in Barrio Logan and National City and air quality issues related to the Port of San Diego. In addition to the skills acquired as a graduate from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's of Arts in Environmental and Natural Resource Geography Policy Analysis, Georgette also sits on the board of the City Heights Proyecto de Casas Saludables, on the City Heights Project Area Committee, and on the board of the San Diego Community Land Trust.

### **Corinne Goodrich**

Corinne Goodrich is the Manager of Strategic Development for the San Mateo County Transit District. She is the program manager for the Grand Boulevard Initiative, a uniquely collaborative venture to coordinate the transformation of 43 miles of urban highway in 19 cities into a smart growth corridor.

## **Margaret Gordon**

Margaret Gordon, co-founder of the nonprofit West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, is one of 10 recipients of the highly coveted "Purpose Award." Margaret's curiosity lead her to study environmental health and she became a volunteer with a planning grant from the Pacific Institute and trained West Oakland residents about the "power and use of indicators which track environmental conditions and industrial pollutants." The indicators documented how industrial pollution had caused several chronic diseases, including asthma, to skyrocket. Margaret is considered an expert by educational institutions such as University of California, Berkeley, and Intel is in collaboration with WOEIP to design a mobile air quality monitoring device.

# Eric Gorman, AICP

Eric Gorman is a transportation planner with Parsons Brinckerhoff. Originally from Florida, Eric currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina. Eric has extensive work experience with the City of Charlotte and CATS (Charlotte's transit authority), ranging from complete streets to transit facilities. Other recent work includes GIS analysis and mapping for the Cleveland-Columbus-Cincinnati high-speed rail corridor. Eric is a certified planner, holds a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Florida State University, and is passionate about sustainable solutions and innovative design.

# James Henry "Hank" Graham, Jr., AICP

Mr. Graham holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Master's degree in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He currently serves as the Principal Transportation Planner with the City of Gastonia and also serves as President of the North Carolina Association of MPO Coordinators.

## Ellen Greenburg, AICP

Ellen Greenberg's work is focused at the complex intersection of land use, transportation, and urban design. She is a thought leader in the livable communities and smart growth movements, and is well known for her work with State, Local and Federal agencies as well as with non-profit professional and advocacy organizations. She has contributed to the advancement of emerging techniques relating to transit-oriented development, planning for location efficient, form-based coding, context sensitive street design, and smart mobility performance measures. Her background in comprehensive planning is the foundation for her work integrating development, conservation and mobility solutions at all scales. Ms. Greenberg's experience as a volunteer community mediator is the foundation of her skills in working with the public and with project stakeholders. Ellen's big ideas and engaging communication style make her a sought-after public speaker.

### Ismael Guerrero

Ismael Guerrero has served as Executive Director of the Denver Housing Authority (DHA), since June 2007. Guerrero has over 15 years of experience in affordable housing development and finance, including senior positions at U.S. Bank Community Development Corporation and Mercy Housing Southwest.

### Lena Guevara

Lena Guevara is Samoan, Mexican and White and currently lives in Seattle. Her interests are playing the ukulele, volleyball, writing, and singing as well as cooking which led her to FEEST. She has been a journalism intern and consultant for the past 6 months. Her plans after school high school are to get her Bachelor's in business and start her own restaurant where she would like to run a similar program teaching youth how to cook with fresh ingredients.

# Elizabeth Gutierrez

Elizabeth Gutierrez, Director of Programs for the Hispanic Services Council, has over 20 years of experience in community organizing and community development and planning. Throughout Elizabeth

career she has led community based organization's efforts to engage residents in the implementation of physical and economic revitalization strategies and provides training and technical assistance to leaders of community organizations throughout the country seeking to improve their local conditions.

### Peter M. Haas

Since joining CNT in 1994, Peter has expanded its research, geographic information systems (GIS), data, and technical analysis capacity. Peter has revolutionized the geographic analysis of social, environmental and economic data to produce ground-breaking tools for measuring sustainability in urban areas. Peter has been integral in the development of CNT's location efficiency metrics, and developed its Housing and Transportation Affordability Index, co-produced with the Brookings Institution. Peter acted as the Analytical Director for the 22 member CNT Research Team producing a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and 33 mitigation strategies for the Chicago Climate Action Plan. Peter's innovative adaptation of an existing USEPA air emissions model (Mobile 6) made the addition of pollutant reductions criteria possible to calculate for transit agencies in CNT's online emissions calculator, TravelMatters.

# Joseph F. Hacker, PhD, AICP

Joseph Hacker is the Manager of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, the Bi-State MPO for the Philadelphia region. He spent 7 years in private business and taught at the high school and university level for almost 20 years. He received his Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania and has worked at the county and regional planning level. Joseph has published and presented papers on land use and transit planning, coordinated human services, and transportation outreach. Joseph is a member of the Public Transportation Planning and Development committee (AP025) of the Transportation Research Board.

# **Robert Hagemann**

Bob Hagemann is the Senior Deputy City Attorney for the City of Charlotte. Among his assignments, he has represented the City for many years on economic development matters. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law.

# <u>Anita Hairston</u>

Anita Hairston based in Washington DC, works on transportation policy. She advances PolicyLink priorities that relate to promoting equitable and fair infrastructure investments, with a particular focus on surface transportation. Prior to joining PolicyLink, Anita spent six years with the Washington, DC Office of Planning, where she served first as a Community Planner, working on neighborhood and citywide plans and ultimately as the Chief of Staff, providing leadership to the agency's media activities, legislative initiatives, and several of its major projects. She has also worked as a planning consultant on several projects, including a regional smart growth plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. Anita holds a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of California at Berkeley and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

### Michael Hancox

Michael Hancox is CEO at Skeo Solutions, a consulting firm focused on environmental, economic and equity issues, and co-founder of the Green Infrastructure Center, a not-for-profit committed to changing how natural assets are considered in the local planning process. He has extensive experience facilitating multi-stakeholder planning around complicated land use issues.

### <u>Laura A. Harmon</u>

Laura is currently the Assistant Director for Development Services at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department. In her 20 years with the Planning Department, she has played a primary role in a number of projects requiring the integration of Land Use and Transportation, including Station Area Planning for Charlotte's South Corridor Light Rail project.

## <u>Jon Harrison</u>

Jon Harrison is a Senior Consultant for Local Government Applications with ESRI where he has worked for the past 25 years. He is currently also serving as Mayor of the City of Redlands, California, and has been on the City Council since 2001.

# <u>Chris Harrell</u>

Chris Harrell is the Brownfield Redevelopment Coordinator for the City of Indianapolis. Prior to joining the city Harrell received his JD and MPA from Indiana University – Bloomington, and his AB from Wabash College. Harrell previously worked at two environmental consulting firms in Louisville, KY as well as the Slovene Ministry of Finance in Ljubljana. Recent areas of special focus include: driving towards "Safe Soils" protocols for infill lots and brownfields for reuse in urban farming efforts; collecting and analyzing GIS and historical data in a brownfield inventory project to prioritize projects, linking comprehensive community development efforts and sustainability in the urban core, especially in the Indianapolis' Smart Growth District.

# **Rodney Harrell, PhD**

Rodney Harrell is a Senior Strategic Policy Advisor at the AARP Public Policy Institute, and develops policy and related research projects in housing and livable communities. Dr. Harrell has a B.A. from Howard University, master's degrees from Princeton University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.

# **Shelly Hazel**

Shelly Hazel serves as the Smart Growth Leadership Institute's State Coordinator. Prior to joining SGLI in 2006, she worked in public relations and marketing for organizations in a variety of industries including aviation and health care. Previously, Shelly worked in the federal government as a public information officer for the National Transportation Safety Board. She has B.A.s from Vanderbilt University and is currently completing her M.P.A. at the College of Charleston.

### Chris Heaney, PhD

Chris Heaney earned his M.S. in environmental health microbiology and his Ph.D. in epidemiology at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health in 2008. His research focuses on environmentally mediated impacts on health and well-being, specifically community land use, waste disposal, and food production practices, and integrates the academic disciplines of environmental microbiology, molecular biology, atmospheric chemistry, epidemiology, and community-based participatory research (CBPR). During his 10 years of CBPR practice, he has fostered collaborative partnerships with numerous community-based organizations in NC, including the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association, the West End Revitalization Association, the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network, and the Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help.

### Nicola Hedge

Nicola began working with The San Diego Foundation's Climate Initiative in 2008, having recently completed her Master's degree at UC San Diego. Prior to working for The Foundation, she held previous positions working with a World Bank research project in Malawi, and for a Los Angeles-based NPR station.

### Eric Henry

Eric Henry, president of TS Designs, a sustainable printed apparel company based in Burlington, NC. A company whose mission is to build a sustainable company that simultaneously looks after People, the Planet, and Profits. His latest project is working to establish <u>Company Shops Market</u> in downtown Burlington, a local co-op grocery whose goal is to reconnect local agriculture to Alamance County. CSM is scheduled to open this spring in downtown Burlington is an old A&P grocery store.

## Daniel Hernandez

Daniel Hernandez, Managing Director of the Jonathan Rose Companies Planning Practice, has over 20 years of experience as a real estate developer and planner. He teaches at Pratt Institute, is a USGBC LEED-Neighborhood Development Core Committee member, on the Board of Directors of Smart Growth of America, and a Harvard University Loeb Fellow.

# <u>Frank Hebbert</u>

Frank Hebbert is Product Manager, Community Planning Tools, at OpenPlans. He works on product development for our community planning tools. He thinks we can make better places and beat climate change with the winning combo of planning, technology and public participation. Hebbert holds a master' degree in city planning from MIT.

# **Cheryal Lee Hills**

Cheryal Lee Hills, Executive Director, provides oversight of over \$3million in project, levy and grant annual income. Serving a five county area in central MN, Cheryal delivers program development & implementation, organizational planning & financial oversight of 10 staff and 22 elected official-Board who constitutes the Region Five Development Commission. Cheryal secures public, private and non-profit funding to support community/regional development projects. The R5DC program areas include Economic Development, Transportation, Community Development, Energy and Local Foods. The R5DC serves the region through technical assistance loan administration of 3 separate lending programs. Cheryal has acted as a private business consultant to several firms throughout the region and she and her husband own a local low-voltage business.

# Alex Hinds, PhD

Alex Hinds directs Sonoma State University's Center for Sustainable Communities - and recently launched their new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Certificate Program. For 24 years, Alex directed California County community development agencies and was the principal architect of Marin County's award-winning general plan and sustainability program.

# **Dr. Aston Hinds**

Dr. Aston Hinds, Senior Environmental Affairs Manager for the Port of Houston Authority is an internationally recognized Environmentalist and Sustainability practitioner. Dr. Hinds is the former V.P. Global HSE for Halliburton Company, and received his doctorate in Environmental Science from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

### Jocelyn Hittle

Ms. Hittle is the Director of the Sustainable Solutions Group at PlaceMatters. Jocelyn manages projects that promote public engagement and environmental, economic, and social sustainability in decision-making processes. Ms. Hittle has a Master's Degree in Environmental Management from Yale and a BA in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Princeton University.

### Sheila Holbrook-White

Based in Austin, Sheila Holbrook-White serves as the Executive Director of Texas Citizen Fund. Working in communities, Holbrook-White has successfully increased the participatory leadership of persons with disabilities, older adults, and/or low-income families in planning and advocacy that delivers more accessible options for those who cannot or don't drive.

### Malik Holt-Shabazz

Malik Holt is currently the Economic Development Organizer for north Minneapolis's diverse Harrision Neighborhood and its association for over 6 years. He has conducted civic engagement & economic equality organizing events and neighborhood planning that centered on resident leadership development & sustainability, community beneficial development, transit oriented development, and neighborhood undoing racism" organizing.

# <u>Jim Holway</u>

Jim Holway directs Western Lands and Communities, the Sonoran Institute's Joint Venture with the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy. This program focuses on managing growth, sustaining regions, protecting resources and empowering communities throughout the intermountain west. Previously, Jim was Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources and a Professor of Practice at ASU. Jim has a BA from Cornell University and a Ph.D. and Master's in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina. Jim was recently elected to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

### Larry Hopper, AICP

Larry Hopper, AICP is the Planning Manager for METRO Transit in greater Oklahoma City. He is a board member of the Oklahoma Public Health Association and is a past President of APA Oklahoma. Hopper has been a certified urban planner for more than 25 years, has a wide range of experience, and now focuses on various urban reinvestment and livability matters, as well as rail and bus transit planning. With a Master's in Regional and City Planning, he believes in people and cities.

# <u>Savi Horne</u>

Savi Horne is Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, Land Loss Prevention Project which is a non-profit, public interest law firm with an overarching mission of providing legal expertise, community economic development, and advocacy skills to help farmers and rural landowners who face legal, economic, and environmental challenges. The Land Loss Prevention Project is a founding partner of the Black Family Land Trust (BFLT). The BFLT mission area covers land in the southern United States and uses land conservation and community development tools. Savi has been a member of the NC Association of Community Development Association. Currently, Savi chairs the Black Family Land Trust Board and serves on the National Family Farm Coalition, and Rural Coalition boards. As a state, regional and national non-governmental organization leader, she has been instrumental in addressing the needs of small and socially disadvantage farmers and rural communities.

# Karen Howard

Karen Howard is an Urban Planner for the City of Iowa City, Iowa, a UNESCO City of Literature and home of the University of Iowa. Prior to returning to her home state of Iowa, Karen worked as a planner in Portland, Oregon, where she completed her Master's in Urban Planning.

### **Myrick Howard**

*Myrick Howard* is President of Preservation North Carolina, the state's only statewide private nonprofit preservation organization. PNC's endangered properties program has protected more than 600 historic properties, resulting in the investment of over \$200 million. He attended Brown University and UNC-Chapel Hill, where he received graduate degrees in city planning and law.

### Jeff Hughes

Jeff Hughes is Director of the UNC Environmental Finance Center in Chapel Hill and a faculty member at the UNC School of Government. Jeff advises communities, does applied research and runs education programs focusing on methods of paying for environmental services and infrastructure.

# Daniel J. Hutch

Mr. Daniel J. Hutch serves as an economist with EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities who provides technical assistance to cities, states. He has led a federal inter-agency working group on health disparities and has completed policy analysis on the stimulus funding, Brownfields and Superfund. He has a

Master's degree from the University of Chicago and a BA from University of Illinois, and has published articles and book chapters on sustainable development and equity.

### <u>Lisa P. Jackson</u>

Lisa P. Jackson is the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, leading EPA's efforts to protect the health and environment of all Americans. Before becoming EPA's Administrator, Jackson served as Chief of Staff to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and Commissioner of the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Prior to joining DEP, she worked for 16 years as an employee of the U.S. EPA.

#### Wendy Jackson

Wendy Jackson is the Executive Director of the Freshwater Land Trust, a position she has held since 2001. Since joining the Land Trust, Wendy has established the 466-acre Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, spearheaded the Five Mile Creek Greenways Partnership, and preserved the 1,108-acre Red Mountain Park property in Birmingham. During her tenure as Executive Director, the Freshwater Land Trust has protected or helped to protect almost 8,000 acres throughout Central Alabama. Under Wendy's leadership, the Freshwater Land Trust became the first accredited land trust in Alabama in 2009 by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

#### Celeste A. James

Ms. James is Program Director for Community Health Initiatives (CHI) at Kaiser Permanente, a national healthcare delivery system dedicated to wellness and prevention. Ms. James helps low-income communities of various sizes to increase their capacity to influence policy, organizational practice, and the built environment, to enable people to make healthy choices where they live, work and play. Ms. James facilitates collaboration between community residents and institutional stakeholders, youth, elected officials, public agencies, and foundations, encouraging and preparing them to leverage their assets and create systems-level change that is measurable, scalable and sustainable. Celeste is currently leading Kaiser's efforts to support food policy, food systems/economic development, school wellness, and land-use planning and development – at the intersection of public health –in the District of Columbia, Baltimore City, and Prince George's County, Maryland.

### **Brent Jeffcoat**

Mr. Jeffcoat has served as bond counsel primarily in North and South Carolina. At the request of governmental clients interested in development in their jurisdiction, he drafted TIF and CDD legislation for North and South Carolina and has worked on these projects for cities and counties starting in 1985.

### <u>Susan Jenkins</u>

Susan Jenkins, an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation (Oklahoma), came to the Cherokee Preservation Foundation (CPFdn) in 2002 from the Hitachi Foundation, where she was Senior Program Officer. Previously she was with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), where she helped establish a partnership between 55 Delta communities in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi and the WKKF. She has a PhD in Sociology from the University of Georgia.

#### Dianna Jennings

Dianna Jennings serves as Special Projects Coordinator for USDA/Rural Development/Arizona and chairman of the Arizona SET Team. Previously she was: Press Secretary, AZ Attorney General; Executive Director, Casa Grande Chamber; Communications Director, San Luis Obispo Chamber. She is a graduate of the 6-year Institute for Organizational Management program.

### **Derrick Johnson**

Derrick Johnson currently serves as State President for the Mississippi State Conference NAACP. Mr. Johnson was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court as a Commissioner to the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission. Mr. Johnson served as a Fellow with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation in Washington, DC working in the office of Congressman Bennie G. Thompson and as a Fellow with The George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management Minority Fellowship Program. Serving as the Regional Organizer for Southern Echo; Mr. Johnson provided legal, technical and training support for communities within 6 states across the south (Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas and South Carolina). Mr. Johnson is GIS (geographic information system) and database management trained. In response to the Hurricane Katrina devastation in Mississippi, Mr. Johnson was appointed to serve as Vice-Chair of the Governor's Commission for Recovery, Rebuilding, and Renewal. Mr. Johnson has become a leading voice for the equitable rebuilding for the working poor in the aftermath of the hurricane.

#### Jim Jones

Jim Jones is the Executive Director of the Valley Community Development Corp, and three-term City Councilman for District 2. Jim is technically oriented and very resourceful in problem solving, and leads the community effort to revitalize the Langdale and Riverview Mills, which are located along the Chattahoochee River.

#### Lee A. Jones

Lee A. Jones currently serves as the Assistant to the State Director and Community Development Coordinator for USDA Rural Development in Louisiana. In his current role, Mr. Jones assists State Director Clarence Hawkins with day-to-day supervision and management of Rural Development activities in Louisiana. As Community Development Coordinator, Lee leads community development efforts on behalf of Rural Development, including the Stronger Economies Together program. Lee is a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA in Agricultural Economics and is currently pursuing his Master's in Public Administration. Lee is married to the former Kimberly LaCour and has two beautiful children, Alayna and Jacob.

### Lisa Jones-Turansky

Lisa Jones-Turansky graduated with a B.S in natural resources from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She worked for three years as an Agro forestry Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, Central Africa; includes working with farmers and government to promote sustainable farming practices in sub-sahelian Africa. She also worked for the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. for three years in the Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, served as a Project Manager on the land use team for three years at the SC Coastal Conservation League and is currently serving as the Sustainable Agriculture Program Director at the SC Coastal Conservation League.

#### Jason Jordan

Jason Jordan is a principal partner in the public affairs firm of Advocacy Associates. The firm specializes in political advocacy training and consulting, including grassroots programs, issue campaign development and implementation, lobbying, campaign management, and general government relations consulting. The firm helps people and organizations influence public policy through effective grassroots campaigns. Jason Jordan has spent more than a decade helping organizations, candidates, and causes succeed in the political arena. Before joining Advocacy Associates, Jordan spent six years as the director of government relations for the American Planning Association in Washington, D.C. where he was the organization's senior lobbyist and managed grassroots programs.

### <u>Shyam Kannan – LEED AP</u>

Shyam joined RCLCO in 2003 and learned the science and craft of real estate consulting within the firm. With a strong background in urban issues and sustainable development, Shyam focuses on real estate

strategies for urban revitalization, mixed-use and transit-oriented development, and green or sustainable development.

#### Anne Keller, PhD

As EPA Region 4's Senior Sustainability Advisor, Anne Keller supports the Partnership for Sustainable Community effort throughout the southeast. In previous positions, Anne was a research scientist for USGS, a water quality expert at EPA, and the St. Johns River Navigator for the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. She also taught high school science.

### Daniel T. Kildee

Daniel T. Kildee, Co-Founder and President, Center for Community Progress, a national organization dedicated to revitalization of vacant and abandoned properties in America's cities and towns. Kildee previously served as a public official in Flint, Michigan. He founded the Genesee County Land Bank - a model for others around the nation - and served as Chairman until January of 2010.

#### <u>Roger Kim</u>

Roger Kim is the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). APEN organizes and builds the leadership of low-income Asian immigrant and refugee communities to achieve environmental and social justice. APEN has successfully developed cutting-edge community organizing models in Richmond and Oakland, and is now expanding its work to build power statewide. APEN's members have won precedent setting environmental justice campaigns and have educated and mobilized thousands of Asian immigrant voters in their native languages on key ballot issues statewide. APEN is a nationally recognized leader in the fields of environmental and social justice, and civic participation. Mr. Kim brings his background in the social justice, environmental, and philanthropic sectors to the environmental justice mission APEN. Before becoming APEN's executive director, he was previously the organization's associate director and policy director. Mr. Kim is currently the Chair of the Board of the Center for Environmental Health and co-chairs the Advisory Committee to Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

#### Lee Kindberg

Lee Kindberg is Director, Environment & Sustainability for North America for Maersk Line, the world's largest container shipping company. She is active in Business for Social Responsibility's Clean Cargo Working Group, a global group dedicated to assessing and improving the environmental impact of shipping and ensuring responsible corporate citizenship. She holds a Ph.D. in chemistry and spent over 20 years in the chemical industry. Her public service includes 4 years as an elected member of the Charlotte - Mecklenburg Board of Education and service on North Carolina legislative study committees.

### Marva King

Marva King is EPA's Community Action for a Renewed Environment Co-Chair. Professionally, she has sustainable connections throughout the country with a variety of stakeholders. Marva holds a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Delaware and is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Policy from George Mason University.

#### **Robert King Jr.**

Robert W. King, Jr. is deputy commissioner for Environmental Quality Control (EQC), a position Mr. King has held since 2004. He holds a master's degree in environmental engineering from Clemson University and a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Illinois. A licensed professional engineer, King first came to work for DHEC in 1972 and has served in a variety of managerial positions. He has been director of DHEC's Region 3 EQC field office in Columbia; director of DHEC's Division of Domestic Wastewater (now called Water Facilities Permitting); chief of DHEC's Bureau of Land and Waste Management; and assistant deputy commissioner of DHEC's Environmental Quality Control division. In 2006, King was chosen by his peers to serve as president of the Environmental Council of States (ECOS), the national non-profit, non-partisan association of state and territorial environmental

agency leaders. In 2008, he was selected president of the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS), the non-profit educational and research arm of ECOS.

### Mark Kirstner

Mr. Kirstner has 24 years of experience with land use and transportation planning, community and economic development and multimodal network development. Currently with the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, he is responsible for regional transportation planning, the Travel Demand Management program, and is project manager for the Piedmont Triad Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Project.

### Stephen J. Klaine

Stephen J. Klaine is a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and director of the Institute of Environmental Toxicology (CU-ENTOX) at Clemson University. He received his doctorate from the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, Rice University in 1982 and has spent almost 30 years conducting environmental research and educating graduate students. He has served on the board of directors of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry and has been an associate editor for the journal, *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*. Current research in his laboratory focuses on characterizing 1) the bioavailability of metals and pesticides in aquatic systems; 2) the comparative phytotoxicity of pesticides; 3) the response of aquatic organisms to episodic contaminant exposures; 4) the water quality consequences of land use change; 5) the effects of pharmaceuticals on fish behavior; and 5) the bioavailability and toxicity of colloids and nanoparticles in aquatic systems. The goal is to have economically viable land development compatible with preservation of natural resources.

#### Todd Klocke

As the City of Salem's project manager for the Union St Railroad Bridge conversion project Mr. Klocke is very familiar with bicycle and pedestrian projects. Mr. Klocke has over 13 years of local government experience in project management, bicycle and pedestrian issues, and a background in engineering.

### Michael Kodransky

Michael Kodransky conducts and coordinates global research at the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP). In a recently published report, he illustrates how European cities have been using restrictive parking policies, pricing mechanisms and street space reclamation strategies to improve the quality of life in city centers.

#### Eric Kornacki

Eric is proud to be a Colorado native, and an avid environmentalist. Eric has a natural curiosity for the world around him, loves to ask deep questions, and is a life-long learner. Eric has a B.A. in Economics and a minor in International Studies from the University of Denver, where he participated in experiential learning programs in Western Europe, Albania, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. While finishing his studies, he worked as a coffee roaster and barista at a local Fair Trade coffee shop, where he engaged in issues around economics, development, and fair trade. Perhaps a sign of things to come, Eric started and led a campus-wide sustainability movement called SustainableDU. Right before graduating, his work paid off as the university signed onto a nation-wide Climate Commitment, and committed to many sustainable reforms. This successful experience was just the confidence and direction he needed to dream of starting Revision International.

#### Dara Kovel

Dara Kovel joined the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority in January 2010 as the Chief Housing Officer. Dara's responsibilities include oversight of all CHFA multifamily housing development and asset management and single family mortgage operations. In support of CHFA's mission to alleviate the shortage of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents in Connecticut, Dara oversees and coordinates all of CHFA's housing operations to maximize quality affordable housing creation and

preservation throughout the State. Dara's career has involved developing complex affordable housing projects, establishing and coordinating public and private partnerships, managing investment and consulting businesses, overseeing management and administrative staff, developing strategic plans, creating financial performance and management systems and marketing strategies, and coordinating of local and state advocacy efforts. Dara serves as Vice Chair of 1000 Friends of Connecticut and on various leadership committees with the Urban Land Institute.

### <u>John Kramer</u>

John Kramer is the founder and Director of the Center for Excellence in Local Government at Albright College since 1994. The Center provides education, training and technical assistance for local government officials in Berks County and Southeastern PA. Prior to his joining the Center, Mr. Kramer served in positions as the Chief Executive Officer for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Syracuse, New York; a Senior Planner for the Montgomery County (PA) Planning Commission; and the Supervisor of Playgrounds and Community Centers for the City of Reading. Mr. Kramer has a Master of City and Regional Planning Degree from Cornell University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Drexel University

#### Kris Krider

Kris Krider became Planning Director for Davidson, North Carolina in 2003 and in 2010 was appointed as Davidson's first Economic Development Manager. Previously, Kris worked in the private sector for 18 years in a variety of architectural and urban design consulting firms, as well as for the City of Portland, Oregon in their Pedestrian Program.

#### Renee Kuhlman

Renee Kuhlman directs special projects in the Center for State and Local Policy for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since 2008, she has directed the Helping Johnny Walk to School: Sustaining Communities through Smart Policy project which provides grants, technical assistance, and educational materials to encourage state level actions that overcome barriers to community-centered schools. Kuhlman also helps advocates promote state tax credits that encourage the rehabilitation of historic buildings.

#### Jane Lafleur

Jane Lafleur is the Executive Director of Friends of Midcoast Maine, a regional smart growth organization focusing on sound planning principles, smart growth and community engagement. Over the past two years, Jane served as the Project Coordinator for the Heart and Soul Planning Project for the Town of Damariscotta, Maine in partnership with the Orton Family Foundation and the Town. Jane grew up in Lewiston, Maine and has been a city and regional planner since 1981. She has degrees from the University of Maine in Public Management and a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University.

#### Jason Lally

Jason Lally is the Director of the Decision Lab at PlaceMatters. Mr. Lally comes from a background in information technology and planning and uses those skills to build techniques and technologies that can help communities make better decisions. Currently, Jason is building partnerships with other tinkerers, hackers, designers, developers and practitioners interested in building the decision-making tools of tomorrow.

### **Stephane Larocque**

Mr. Larocque is the Practice Group Leader for HDR's Sustainable Return on Investment (SROI) process, which emphasizes environmental and social benefits such as reduced emissions and improved health and safety. Throughout Mr. Stephane career he has excelled in a wide variety of disciplines most notably: cost-benefit analysis, business case analysis, cost risk analysis and regulatory filings. As the lead

developer for SROI, Stephane has successfully managed teams performing studies for clients throughout North America including: the US Army, Johns Hopkins University, BSNF and UP Railroads, the City of Boston and the State of California. Mr. Larocque is also a seasoned public presenter, presenting SROI at conferences for groups such as the Green Building Council, Practice Green Health, New Partners for Smart Growth and the American Planning Association as well as guest lecturing at both Columbia & Harvard.

# Gail Latimore

Gail Latimore is a veteran of nonprofit management and development, with over 25 years experience working in the public or nonprofit sector. She has served as the Executive Director of Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp (NDC) since 1998. In this role, she has overall responsibility for the management, growth and health of this premier community development corporation. During Gail's tenure, the NDC has grown exponentially, expanding its service base to meet the needs of the community. Additionally, during this time, the NDC has developed almost 300 units of affordable housing, both homeownership and rental.

### **Shelley Lauten**

Shelley Lauten is President of myregion.org, a business unit of the Central Florida Partnership. Formed in 1999 to serve as a catalyst for Central Florida's individuals, organizations, businesses, and governments to act together in making our region globally competitive.

# **Brian Leary**

Brian Leary is the President & CEO of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. The organization planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine, one of the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment projects currently underway in the United States. Prior to joining the Beltline team, Brian oversaw the design and development of Atlantic Station – the largest urban brownfield redevelopment in the nation and its 13.5M square foot master plan."

### Mary Leary, PhD

Mary Leary joined the Easter Seals, Inc., Office of Public Affairs in November of 2007 as Senior Director of Project ACTION, the National Center on Senior Transportation and other transportation technical assistance activities. Mary has over twenty-five years of experience in managing federal government programs and projects. Prior to joining Easter Seals, Mary's public service included: working at the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging, working with the United We Ride program, participating in or leading a number of projects including co-chairing the Consolidated Access Workgroup, leading many outreach efforts, and helping expand a focus on transportation and health outcomes.

### Virginia Lee

Virginia Lee, Program Manager at Prevention Institute, oversees projects related to community health and health equity, healthy eating and active living, and preventing injury and violence. Virginia provides training, technical assistance, and consultation to government agencies, community collaboratives, healthcare organizations, and foundations on advancing prevention approaches and building effective interdisciplinary partnerships to support policy and organizational practice change. Virginia is primarily focused on developing and implementing projects for the Convergence Partnership and Health Equity and Prevention Primer. Prior to joining Prevention Institute in 2006, Virginia completed a three-year fellowship with the Public Health Prevention Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and she was honored with the CDC Public Health Prevention Service Distinguished Service and Achievement Award. Virginia was also Project Director for the HIV and tobacco prevention programs at the Asian Youth Center in LA.

# Mary R. LeGree

Mary Rivers Legree was born July 1941 on Saint Helena Island, SC. Upon retiring from the Ford Motor Company and the UAW International in Detroit, MI. Ms. Legree returned to Saint Helena Island and in 2005 was appointed to the Beaufort County Planning Commission. Ms. Legree is considered a local historian on the history and culture of the Gullah people. She is a graduate of the Beaufort Leadership Class of 2010, and also serves in an advisory position on the Saint Helena Community Preservation Committee. She is a mother of two children and three grandchildren.

# **Greg LeRoy**

Greg LeRoy directs Good Jobs First, a national resource center promoting accountability and smart growth in economic development. He pioneered two arguments: economic development incentives contribute to sprawl (and can be reformed to promote smart growth); and sprawl is bad for job quality, unionization and workforce development.

### **Christopher Leinberger**

Christopher B. Leinberger, a land use strategist, teacher, developer, researcher and author, balances business realities with social and environmental issues. Mr. Leinberger has four institutional connections: Professor and founding Director at the Graduate Real Estate Development Program at the University of Michigan; Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. Christopher focuses on research, strategy and management of "walkable urban" places; Founding partner of Arcadia Land Robert Company, a New Urbanism/transit-oriented development and consulting firm dedicated to land stewardship and building a sense of community; and final President of Locus: Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors, advocating for the upcoming transportation, climate change and energy bills before Congress. For 21 years, Mr. Leinberger was Managing Director and co-owner of RCLCO (formerly Charles Lesser & Co.), that today works on over 600 projects a year for developers, corporations and municipalities.

### **Bill Lennertz**

Bill Lennertz, AIA, co-founder and Executive Director of the National Charrette Institute, is co-author of *The Charrette Handbook*. With Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company and as a partner in Lennertz Coyle & Associates, Bill has directed over 150 charrettes. Bill received his Master's of Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard University.

### **Fred Levering**

Fred Levering is a member of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania's Borough Council since 1993, currently serving as the role as president. Fred serves as chair of the Greater Reading Chamber's Transportation Committee; Mr. Levering is a member and past chair of the Center for Community Leadership; Fred is Past President of the following organizations: the Reading/Berks Association of Realtors, the Berks County Conservancy and the Berks County Boroughs Association. Fred is also currently chair of the Berks Municipal Partnership. Mr. Levering is a graduate of Penn State University.

### Craig Lewis

Craig Lewis, AICP, LEED AP, CNU-A is the National Director of Planning with The Lawrence Group, an international town planning, architecture, and landscape architecture firm. For more than 15 years, Mr. Lewis has been a national leader in promoting smart growth, new urbanism, and resilient communities.

### Mayor Aneice R. Liddell

Mayor Aneice R. Liddell, is a lifelong resident of Moss Point, received a BA degree in Political Science from Mississippi State University. She served as the City of Moss Point Alderwoman-At-Large from 2005-2009. Aneice is the first female Mayor of Moss Point. Mayor Liddell has gone through numerous leadership trainings to better service as well as being active in social and civic organization to enhance the quality of life in her community.

## Chuck Liedike

Currently serving as the Government Affairs Director for the Reading-Berks Association of REALTORS®, Chuck Liedike represents real estate professionals on legislative issues. In this capacity, he conducts policy research and analysis, organizes and manages the grassroots advocacy program, and communicates with elected officials and related organizations. He has his Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Aside from his position, Chuck is also involved with his community.

## Marc Littlejohn

Marc Littlejohn is a gifted outreach and recruitment professional who has extensive experience organizing and galvanizing underserved & low-income populations. Marc has done outreach and recruitment for Children's National Medical Center, Tennessee State University and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Marc's talent for outreach and passion for minority inclusion and the environment led him to the National Wildlife Federation in the fall of 2008 where he currently serves as the NWF's Manager of Diversity Partnerships. Marc's external affairs work at NWF to date has already yielded key relationships with civil rights and social justice organizations, minority congressional caucuses and marginalized community groups.

### **Doug Loescher**

Doug Loescher is the Director for the National Trust Main Street Center, and has more than 25 years of experience in revitalization, beginning as a local director for revitalization programs in Maysville, Ky., and Corning, N.Y. Trained as an urban planner, Doug has received additional degrees and certificates in Adult Education and Training, and Creative Problem Solving.

### **Hayes Lord**

Mr. Lord has over 13 years of bicycle, pedestrian and greenway planning, design, and implementation experience in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. Mr. Lord is the Director of the Bicycle Program at NYC DOT responsible for overseeing the Design, CityRacks, and Promotions Units. Prior to joining DOT, Hayes worked for 6 ½ years at The Louis Berger Group, a private consulting firm assisting the State of New Jersey with their 2,000 lane mile campaign. Hayes began his career at the New York City Department of City Planning, Transportation Division, developing bicycle and greenway projects.

#### Pilar Lorenzana-Campo

Pilar Lorenzana-Campo is a senior associate in planning and development for PHLP's Planning for Healthy Places program. Pilar specializes in forging partnerships among disciplines interested in leveraging their resources to improve public health conditions, and engaging community stakeholders in building common goals and priorities across agency and departmental boundaries. Pilar also develops policies and development standards that make healthy choices possible in communities nationwide. Pilar is currently engaged in developing a framework for increased public health advocate participation in regional and local transportation planning process. The ultimate goal of the framework is to provide for healthy transit oriented development that reflects communities needs and priorities. Prior to joining PHLP, Pilar spent 14 years working extensively in the private sector as an architect and urban planning consultant, designing master planned communities and crafting specific plans for developments throughout California. Pilar is a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines and received a graduate degree in urban and environmental planning from Arizona State University.

#### **Thomas Low**

Thomas Low AIA AICP LEED CNU-A, is the Director of DPZ Charlotte and Chair of the Charlotte Region Civic By Design Forum. Low's expertise includes town planning, history of planning,

sustainability, urbanism, transit-oriented communities, traditional neighborhood development, suburban retrofit, form-based codes, and school design.

### Jennifer Lucky

For the past two years Jennifer worked with Human Impact Partners (HIP), a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing health into decision-making. The primary tool that HIP uses to achieve their mission is Health Impact Assessment (HIA). Through her work at HIP she worked on conducting HIA's, providing technical assistance and mentoring others conducting HIA's, and designed and facilitated numerous HIA trainings. As a part of the HIP team, she also had the opportunity to be a part of the national discussion about the growing field of HIA. She also worked with stakeholder groups across the country to conduct, and assist with conducting HIA's on a variety of policy and planning issues. Prior to joining HIP, she developed and facilitated a number of trainings on a variety of health and environmental issues for a range of audiences.

## Michael Lynch

Mr. Lynch began his career as an Airborne Infantry Soldier and served in the Army for seven years before transitioning to a career in civil service. He has held numerous positions throughout his 35 year career cumulating as the Director of Plans, Training, and Mobilization.

## Sam Lytle

Sam Lytle's current responsibilities include managing a portfolio of 50-88 multifamily real estate assets for HUD Region 4, some of which are at risk. He was responsible for collecting vacancy data for Georgia to house Hurricane Katrina Evacuees. Sam was appointed a Sustainability Officer for Region 4 in 2010 to assist with the Partnership for Sustainable Communities.

#### Jake Mackenzie

Jake Mackenzie is the past chair of the Local Government Commission and is currently he is Vice Mayor for City of Rohnert Park. Exhausted from nobly fulfilling these responsibilities, he is currently working on persuading the cities of California to adopt the Ahwahnee Water Principles and in being Vice-chair of the RRWA and the NCIRWMP.

#### Shireen Malekafzali

Shireen Malekafzali, Senior Associate, at PolicyLink. PolicyLink is a national research and policy institute working across policy arenas to create more opportunities for low-income people and communities of color. Shireen is a member of both the PolicyLink Center for Health and Place and the PolicyLink Center for Infrastructure Equity, working at the intersection of how the built environment, including transportation, impacts health and equity. Shireen provides research, technical assistance, training, and policy analysis to collaborative efforts intended to create health-enabling environments for all, regardless of race or class. Shireen is currently working on a multi-state transportation equity analysis, conducting trainings and consulting to Louisville's Planning and Health departments on land use and health issues.

#### Emil Malizia

Emil Malizia, Ph.D., AICP is Professor and Chair, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Emil's recent work focuses on urban redevelopment, impact fee methodologies, and the relationships between the built environment and public health. During leaves, Emil has worked as a senior adviser at MONY Real Estate Investment Management in New York City, as a visiting professor at Georgia Tech, and in federal service at the U.S. Department of Labor. Emil is a member of the American Planning Association, American Real Estate Society, IEDC and ULI.

### Andrew M. Manshel

Andrew Manshel is President of Jamaica Capital Corporation and Executive Vice President of Greater

Jamaica Development Corporation. Mr. Manshel was Associate Director and Counsel at the Bryant Park Restoration Corporation and General Counsel and Director of Public Amenities to the Grand Central and 34<sup>th</sup> Street Partnership.

# **Russ Manning**

Mr. Russell Manning is a Senior Health System Planner in the Portfolio Management and Planning Division (PPMD) of the Department of Defense's Military Healthcare System (MHS). He supports the implementation and coordination of various facility life cycle management (FLCM) tools, research and policy matters to include BIM initiatives and sustainability.

# S. Camille Manning-Broome, M.S.

Manning-Broome oversees statewide planning efforts that provide technical assistance, funding and model tools to communities creating community-driven plans. She has a wealth of experience in the private, government, and non-profit sectors where she has spearheaded multi-disciplinary and inter-governmental statewide projects, as well as community work such as comprehensive plans, waterway plans, park plans, recovery plans.

# Andrew M. Manshel

Andrew M. Manshel is President of Jamaica Capital Corporation and Executive Vice President of Greater Jamaica Development Corporation. Manshel was Associate Director and Counsel at the Bryant Park Restoration Corporation and General Counsel and Director of Public Amenities to the Grand Central and 34<sup>th</sup> Street Partnerships.

## Bryce Maretzki

Bryce has been Deputy Secretary for Administration and Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs at the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. His work has been focused on helping to drive a complete revision of the "silos" attached to economic development and community to create a more coordinated and comprehensive effort to rebuild and revitalize Pennsylvania.

## **Dwayne Marsh**

Dwayne S. Marsh, US HUD Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities. Mr. Marsh formerly worked as an Associate Director, staffs PolicyLink programs on fair distribution of affordable housing, coalition building for regional equity, and leadership development for policy change. He provides technical assistance and capacity building expertise as a facilitator to Action for Regional Equity (www.actionma.org), a coalition of 20 Massachusetts organizations united to address continuing disparities in affordable housing, transportation investment, and environmental justice.

## Joshua Lange Martin

Josh has nearly ten years of professional planning, management, and economic development experience. He began his professional career with the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, and has served as the City of Charleston's first Director of Planning, Preservation, and Economic Innovation. He currently serves as the Program Director of Land Use and Communities at the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League.

## Oscar R. Martinez

As Assistant City Manager he is responsible for overseeing the Finance, Budget, Municipal Information Systems, Maintenance Services, Human Resources, E-Government, Community Development and Economic Development Departments. Currently he is serving as Interim Assistant City Manager for Public Works overseeing the Gas, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water, Streets, Solid Waste, General Services, Environmental Services, and Engineering. Mr. Martinez has a Master of Arts Public Administration from St. Mary's University in San Antonio and a Bachelor's of Arts Political Science/Business Administration from Texas A&I University in Kingsville. He has been married for thirty-two years (32) and has four children.

## Lura Matthews

Lura Matthews, Program Analyst, US EPA leads EPA's RE-Powering America's Land: Sitting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land and Mine Sites initiative. Ms. Matthews has been at EPA since July 2006, where she has worked on climate change issues related to land and materials management for several years. Ms. Matthews has a Master's in Public Policy from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs and a BA in Economics from Lawrence University in Appleton, WI.

# <u>Miranda Maupin</u>

Miranda Maupin is the Manager of the Community Planning and Design Team at Skeo Solutions. Ms. Maupin brings more than eleven years of public-sector planning, policy, urban redevelopment, and stakeholder involvement experience to her current work in land use planning for Superfund and Brownfield impacted communities.

## <u>Justin Maxson</u>

Mr. Maxson is President of the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED). Founded in 1976, MACED is a multi-strategy community economic development organization serving Central Appalachia based in Berea, KY. MACED creates economic alternatives that work for low-income people and natural places. Justin's work is currently focused on exploring local economic development strategies that increase economic security for people in need and provide for a broader regional economic transition. Previous to MACED, Justin was founding executive director of the Progressive Technology Project.

# Larry McCallum, PhD.

Dr. Larry McCallum is currently Assistant Superintendent, Auxiliary Services, Buncombe County Schools, Asheville, NC. Dr. Larry holds degrees from UNC-Greensboro, Western Carolina and North Carolina Central Universities. Member of NC Association of School Administrators and National Association of Curriculum Development. Previous teacher, coach and principal in Asheville City and Buncombe County Schools.

## **Brenda McClymonds**

Since 1991, Brenda had worked for The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a national conservation organization dedicated to conserving land for people. Originally based in Miami, Brenda worked in land conservation in south Florida, doing numerous land acquisitions for local, state and national parks. Brenda also led the planning of the Miami River Greenway project, as well as leading numerous bond referendums for parks and land conservation in South Florida. As a national organizer, The Trust for Public Land conducts studies on the health and economic benefits of parks and publishes annual reports on these topics. For the last six years, Brenda had represented the TPL across the Southern Division speaking at conferences and helping to raise private funding to support their mission.

## **Brent McKinney**

Brent received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from N.C. State and hi M.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. Brent began his career with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and later worked for the City of Winston-Salem. He currently serves as the Executive Director for the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation where he oversees the development of a regional transportation system, regional land use planning projects, and a vanpool program. He has been an Adjunct Professor of Civil Engineering at North Carolina A & T State University since 1997 and is a registered professional engineer in North Carolina.

# Curt McPhail

Curt McPhail has worked closely with the projects that will be discussed in our presentation. In particularly, he has worked closely with the residents of the Northside, a high poverty neighborhood to create more opportunities for physical activity and access to healthy eating. The information he will share will be based on 15 years of citizen engagement work and first hand stories to the work the Foundation and the partners have been doing over the past 9 months.

# <u>Jane Meconi</u>

Ms. Meconi holds an undergraduate degree in Growth and Structure of Cities from Bryn Mawr College, and received her Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Pratt Institute. Meconi is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Ms. Meconi has worked as an urban planner and educator in New York City, and is currently Public Involvement Manager at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in Philadelphia.

# Kate Meis

Kate Meis is the Director of Climate Change and Energy Programs at the Local Government Commission. Her work focuses on assisting local governments to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. Mrs. Meis is the LGC lead on California's Statewide Energy Upgrade California program, the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative and directs LGC's regional adaptation work.

## Mary Beth Mello

Mary Beth Mello is the Regional Administrator for the Region I Office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Mary leads a multi-disciplinary staff in the development and delivery of the FTA's capital, operating and planning programs and initiatives in the six New England States. Ms. Mello also provides technical assistance to transit operators, state, and local officials on a wide range of matters affecting urban and rural transportation systems. She has been a member of several review teams. Mary has received numerous awards for her contributions. Mary is a board member of ITS Massachusetts and active in the Boston Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar.

## Josh Meyer

Josh has led numerous intensive public-planning efforts in California cities, small towns and rural communities to promote revitalization, sustainable development patterns, and address environmental justice and equity-related issues. Mr. Meyer writes plans, educational materials and presents on a variety of topics, including participatory planning, walkable streets, compact development, urban greening and resource-efficient neighborhood design.

## **Tyler Meyer, AICP**

Tyler Meyer, AICP is the Planning Manager for the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City of Greensboro Department of Transportation. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. He is also a Past President of the North Carolina Association of MPOs.

## **Roger Millar**

Roger Millar is the Director of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute, a program of Smart Growth America. Roger's 30-year career has includes recent service in rural/small town America as Community Development Director for McCall, Idaho and City-County Planning Director for Missoula, Montana.

## Matthew J. Millea

Matt Millea- Deputy County Executive for Physical Services, Onondaga County. Matt oversees the operations of nine county departments and has been charged with managing the County's "Save the Rain" effort. Prior to this position he served as Executive Vice President and Acting President of the New York

State Environmental Facilities Corporation, which manages the Cleanwater and Drinkingwater SRFs in NYS.

## **Ronald T. Miller**

Retired volunteer energy assessor for Waste Reduction Partners, an energy-consulting group of the Landof-Sky Regional Council. Former Quality Control Manager for Dow Chemical; Plant manager for International Minerals & Chemical; and owner of a computer network consulting firm for small to medium-sized businesses for 25 years.

# **Tancred Miller**

Tancred Miller is a policy analyst at the NC Division of Coastal Management where Tancred helps to create development policy and regulations. Tancred is currently helping the state prepare for sea level rise. Tancred was previously a community organizer for the Sierra Club's Solutions to Sprawl campaign. Tancred is a graduate of Morehouse College and Duke University.

# **Tee Miller**

Tee Miller has spent his career almost entirely focused on working with small and emerging enterprises. Tee previously served as the State Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development for South Carolina. Rural Development provides grant and loan assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations for fire and police protection as well as health clinics, libraries, and other facilities for community use. Tee previously served as the Deputy Director of the Office of Business Liaison at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. Tee began his government service after spending more than 10 years in private business. Tee is a certified Master Naturalist by the Clemson University Extension Service, a Certified Interpretative Guide (C.I.G.) from the National Association for Interpretation and a Licensed Captain by the U.S. Coast Guard.

## Vernice Miller-Travis

Vernice Miller-Travis is a seasoned urban planner focusing on the interrelationship between racial segregation, land use and environmental protection. She is the Vice-Chair of the Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and recently served as policy consultant to Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and is a principal co-author of their recently released report, "Now is the Time: Implementation of Environmental Justice Policy by the Obama Administration". She is also a Senior Associate at Skeo Solutions.

## Joseph Minicozzi

Joseph Minicozzi, AICP is the interim executive director for the Asheville Downtown Association. Joseph also partners with Public Interest Projects, Inc. (PIP); a private for-profit real estate development company focused on historic preservation, urban infill, and investing in business start-up in downtown Asheville, NC. Joe is a founding member of the Asheville Design Center, a non-profit community design center dedicated to creating livable communities across all of Western North Carolina. Joseph received his Bachelor of Architecture from University of Miami and Master's in Architecture and Urban Design from Harvard University.

## Sandy Misiewicz

Sandy Misiewicz is a Senior Transportation Planner with the Capital District Transportation Committee, the MPO for New York's Capital Region. At CDTC, Sandy coordinates the Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program, a land use and transportation planning assistance program created to implement the regional transportation plan "New Visions 2030".

# Harold Mitchell, Jr.

Harold Mitchell, Jr. is the Managing Principal of the H. Mitchell Group LLC and serves in the South Carolina House of Representatives representing District 31. He is married to the former Wanda Ann Dawkins, and is the father of three children, Elizabeth, David, and Hannah.

# James A. Moore

James A. Moore, AIA, AICP, LEED AP is the National Community Planning & Urban Design Principal with HDR. Based in Florida, he works on planning and urban design projects across North America with a general focus on community sustainability and a particular emphasis on urban redevelopment.

# Stephanie D. Monroe

She has been involved with the American Planning Association for 10 years, and involved with the South Carolina Chapter of APA for nine of those 10 years, and for the last two years she have served as the Professional Development Officer. In that role, she has focused on preparing the next generation of planners for the AICP exam. Ms. Monroe is currently the Planning Director, for the City of Spartanburg where she continues to support and advocate for smart codes, sustainable growth policies, and for bikeable and walkable communities. She is the recipient of the Upstate Forever's Public Servant of the Year Award in 2002 for her courageous efforts as the first-ever Director of Planning for Laurens County. Prior to joining the City of Spartanburg, Ms. Monroe was the Director of Upstate Forever Spartanburg Office, and Planning Director for Laurens County and the City of Clinton.

# Stephanie Monson

Stephanie Monson is an Asheville Urban Planner and the Asheville Riverfront Redevelopment Coordinator. Her areas of expertise include incenting mixed use development, urban revitalization, small business support, rural entrepreneurship, and informal network building. Previously Monson coordinated the City's downtown planning and economic development efforts.

## Andrew Mortensen

Andrew Mortensen is the co-creator and manager of Transpo Group's GIS-based ViaCity program to measure parcel-level connectivity as a key element in new urban design and planning principles. Andrew focuses on developing multi-modal transportation plans with complete street standards and policies that implement enhanced bicycle and pedestrian use and circulation.

## **Tom Murphy**

Tom Murphy is a senior resident fellow, ULI/Klingbeil Family Chair for urban development. Murphy, former mayor of Pittsburgh, joins six other ULI senior resident fellows who specialize in public policy, retail/urban entertainment, transportation/infrastructure, housing, real estate finance and environmental issues. Tom extensive experience in urban revitalization—what drives investment, what ensures long-lasting commitment—is a key addition to the senior resident fellows' areas of expertise.

## Michael Murr

Michael Murr is the Manager of Sustainability Planning and Development for the City of Ottawa, Canada. Michael and his team are responsible for the development and implementation of a long term sustainability plan for the City (the 'Choosing our Future' initiative), which is designed to help the City and Canada's Capital Region successfully respond to the challenges of the 21st century. Michael's most recent projects were the installation of rooftop solar panels on two City facilities, and the development of a corporate policy for the burial of overhead wires within the right-of-way. Prior to the City of Ottawa, he worked with the City of Nepean, City of North York, and the Town of Markham.

## <u>John Muth</u>

John Muth has served as Chief Development Officer/Deputy Director for the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) since 2000 and his responsibilities include the planning and implementation of rapid

transit projects. He helped spearhead the 2030 Corridor System Plan for rapid transit in five priority corridors that set the stage for the 1998 sales tax referendum. The South Corridor portion of the LYNX Blue Line project opened in November 2007 and has exceeded ridership projections. The Northeast Corridor Blue Line Extension and the North Corridor Red Line Commuter Rail project are in the planning/design phases.

## **Catherine Nagel**

Catherine Nagel is Executive Director of City Parks Alliance, the only independent, nationwide membership organization solely dedicated to promoting an urban parks agenda. It unites and serves a growing network of hundreds of civic and community leaders, city officials, funders, park and recreation authorities and others.

# <u>Maria I. Nardi</u>

Maria I. Nardi has over 18 years experience in the private and public sector in the fields of urban design, landscape architecture, park planning, architecture, and preservation. In the private sector, she received the University of Miami Alumna of the Year Award for her holistic, comprehensive park planning work as Chief of Planning and Research for Miami-Dade County, where she directed the vision for the Miami-Dade County Park and Open Space Master Plan; a vision for a more equitable, greener and healthier Miami-Dade County, and for her work as chief of Urban Design for the City of Miami where she initiated Miami 21; a rewrite of the City's land development regulations from land use segregation to mixed use regulations to promote a walkable, pedestrian friendly community.

# <u>Amanda Navarro</u>

Amanda Navarro is an Associate Director at PolicyLink in New York, NY. Dr. Navarro currently leads efforts within the national Convergence Partnership. She also provides research, technical assistance, and training on collaborative, multi-field strategies to improve community environments particularly in low-income communities and communities of color.

# <u>Chris Nelson</u>

Dr. Arthur C. (Christian "Chris") Nelson, FAICP, is Presidential Professor at the University of Utah. He has written 20+ books and 300+ other works. Sponsors of his work include the NSF, HUD, DOT, EPA, NAR, ULI, and Brookings. Dr. Nelson's work focuses on how demographic and economic forces will reshape America over the rest of this century.

# **Deborah Nelson, AICP**

Deborah Nelson worked in Planning, Community Development, Housing and Redevelopment in the San Francisco Peninsula in six cities and counties. Currently she serves as a Planning Manager in the City of San Carlos, California, a city of 28,000 residents whose downtown and Nationally Registered Historic Train Depot are essentially coterminous to the Grand Boulevard.

## **Dionne Nelson**

Dionne is Senior Vice President of affordable housing development and operations at Crosland, which is a leading diversified real estate company in the Southeastern United States. Crosland has developed affordable residential properties for 60 of its 73-year history. Dionne is responsible for identifying new affordable development opportunities and managing the execution of these projects. Dionne is responsible for the strategic and financial performance of affordable housing properties. Prior to joining Crosland, Dionne managed investments at NewSchools Venture Fund and Earnest Partners. Dionne began her experience in financial services as an investment-banking analyst at Salomon Brothers and was also a consultant with McKinsey & Company.

## **Galen Nelson**

Galen Nelson is the GreenTech Business Manager at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the city's economic development and planning agency. Galen is responsible for growing Boston's Cleantech industry, developing programs and policy related to energy efficiency and renewable energy deployment, and promoting sustainable business practices.

# <u>Kevin Nelson</u>

Kevin Nelson, AICP is a Senior Policy Analyst with the EPA Smart Growth Program. Kevin is the project leader for an EPA-led process to develop a model smart growth code. Drawing upon his experience identifying barriers to smart growth implementation, he works to update and revise local regulations to encourage a range of smart growth objectives.

## Marisa New Wells

Marisa New, MPH, OTR, is passionate about advocating for persons disadvantaged by conditions that limit their health potential. Ms. Marisa has served on numerous local, state and national committees, councils and organizations designed to improve the quality of life for all. Currently, she is director of Health Equity and Resource Opportunities at the Oklahoma State Department of Health, where she works with diverse partners on issues impacting the root causes of health status. Ms. Marisa has a MPH degree in health administration and policy from the University of Oklahoma and is a registered Occupational Therapist.

# Tracy Newsome

Since joining the Charlotte DOT as a Transportation Planner in 2000, Ms. Newsome work has focused on the integration between land use and transportation, and specifically on the development and adoption of Charlotte's Urban Street Design Guidelines (USDG). The USDG provide guidance for planning and designing context-based Complete Streets, a critical component of the built environment affecting people's ability to drive, walk, bicycle, and use transit. Importantly, the USDG have been implemented on a wide variety of street, intersection, and sidewalk projects in Charlotte, allowing the City to continue efforts to provide for more active forms of transportation for Charlotteans. Ms. Newsome also serve as Co-Chair of the NCDOT Complete Streets Advisory Group, which is working with NCDOT to develop guidelines to implement the State of North Carolina's adopted Complete Streets policy.

# Vu-Bang Nguyen, AICP

Vu-Bang Nguyen, Land Use Program Coordinator, Urban Habitat. Vu-Bang studied Architecture and City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. His research included community engagement among San Jose's Vietnamese American population. He is Urban Habitat's site coordinator for the Great Communities Collaborative, working in planning efforts throughout the Bay Area.

## **Gretchen Nicholls**

Gretchen Nicholls is a Program Officer for Twin Cities LISC, focusing on the suburban and regional context, transit oriented development, and the Corridor Development Initiative (CDI), a nationally award winning process that engages the community around opportunity sites along transportation corridors.

## Avtar Nijjer-Sidhu, PhD

Dr. Avtar Nijjer-Sidhu is the Senior Health Educator for the Kern County Environmental Health Division. She tackles the obesity epidemic through environmental and policy changes. Avtar is a registered dietitian who received her Bachelor's of Science in Dietetics and her Doctorate in Nutrition from the University of California, Davis.

## Heather Nix

For the last 15 years, Heather Nix has worked on water quality issues from a variety of perspectives, including manufacturing, industrial, regulatory, consulting, and non-profit. Heather currently leads the

Urban River portion of Upstate Forever's Clean Air & Water Program. Since 2008, as part of an EPA Targeted Watershed Grant initiative her team has been working with the EPA, local governments, and numerous additional stakeholders to create a program that will provide incentives for better development. This program strives to combine concepts from both Low Impact Development and Smart Growth for development that is better overall for water quality.

## <u>Tim Nolan</u>

Since 1987 Tim has worked at the forefront of State Government to advance sustainable development in Minnesota. Currently, Tim is working to foster green enterprises and green economy development strategies. He has led an array of programs focused on sustainable community development, demonstrating clean technologies, green manufacturing, eco-industrial development, and public and private sector adoption of sustainability best practices and sustainable design approaches.

### Arthur Noriega

An administrator with a strong background in construction, operations and urban development projects with over 13 years of parking industry experience. Arthur Noriega has headed the Miami Parking Authority since 1999. As Chief Executive Officer, Arthur oversees of all the parking and enforcement operations in a major metropolitan city. Mr. Noriega also must act as a strong advocate in the promotion of public and private sector joint ventures, while maintaining an excellent working relationship with local elected and government officials and development authorities.

## Kathy Nothstine

Nothstine provides research and training for peer learning programs related to regional planning, community and economic development, and transportation planning. Nothstine received her Master of City Planning degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Villanova University.

#### **Doug O'Brien**

Doug O'Brien most recently served as the Assistant Director at the Ohio Department of Agriculture; and has served as the chairperson for the Ohio Agriculture to Chemicals, Polymers, and Advanced Materials Task Force. O'Brien has dedicated his career to agriculture, specifically agricultural law. He has served as senior advisor to Governor Chet Culver of Iowa on renewable energy issues; interim co-director for the National Agricultural Law Center; Senior staff attorney at the Drake Agricultural Law Center, and taught agricultural law at the University of Arkansas and at Drake University.

#### Mayor Priscilla Everette-Oates

The Honorable Priscilla Everette-Oates is the youngest female mayor to serve in the history of Princeville, North Carolina. The Town of Princeville is the oldest city chartered by Blacks in America. Town of Princeville management team (elected board and staff) works tirelessly to improve and demonstrate an economic thrust that directly benefits the citizens of this town. Mayor Everette-Oates is a native Princeville citizen herself and she clearly understands and appreciates the work necessary to grow resources and change the existing Princeville landscape.

#### Melissa Olson

Melissa Olson focuses on educating real estate professionals about MLS benefits which include walkability ratings included with each property listing. Metrolist has been a partner with Walk Score since 2008, and implemented the Walk Score ratings in the MLS system and in its public website, REColorado.com.

## **Cristina Orbe**

Cristina Orbe has been the program manager for FEEST in Seattle for the past 2 and half years. FEEST is a weekly all youth organic dinner that provides young people with a place to cook and eat delicious food,

engage in a positive community, and learn leadership skills. Cristina is also a working singer, songwriter and performance artist.

# Adam Ortiz

Adam Ortiz is the Mayor of Edmonston, a small working class town in Prince George's County, MD. Under his administration crime has been cut in half, years of flooding have ended through the construction of a state-off the art flood control system, and the east coast's Greenest Street is being built, an award-winning project that will reduce storm water pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Ortiz also serves as Deputy Chief of Staff for Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown overseeing communications and policy. Adam is the President of the Maryland Mayor's Association, President of the Port Towns Community Development Corporation and is a board member of the Anacostia Watershed Society.

### Elisa M. Ortiz

Elisa Ortiz joined the team at Smart Growth America as State Campaigns Director in April 2009. Elisa works with state and regional partners on public policy, advocacy and communications campaigns as well as building capacity in the network. Elisa's previous experience includes work on nonprofit leadership and organizational effectiveness (including co-authoring a hands-on workbook designed to help nonprofits identify and leverage the expertise of all generations in the work place titled "Work With Me: Intergenerational Conversations for Nonprofit Leadership"), low-income housing issues, women's rights, reproductive justice, political advocacy and electoral campaigns

### Tom Osdoba

Tom Osdoba is the Managing Director of the Center for Sustainable Business Practices at the Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon. As a social entrepreneur and strategic advisor Mr. Osdoba spent more than 20 years advancing the cause of sustainability. Mr. Osdoba recently served Portland's Office of Sustainable Development as manager of sustainable economic development, where Tom created a framework to guide future economic development strategies and led efforts to launch a collaborative, multi-sector sustainability institute. Mr. Os has been a recognized innovator in the sustainability movement, and will focus his entrepreneurial leadership efforts as the head of the Center for Sustainable Business Practices.

#### Alece H. M. Otero

Alece Otero is a Senior Associate at the Orton Family Foundation, and with more than 12 years of Planning experience, Alece brings a local government perspective to the Foundation's innovative community engagement methods being developed for small cities.

#### **David Panagore**

David Panagore serves as Chief Operating Officer for the City of Hartford. Prior to that, he was Hartford's Director of Development Services; City of Springfield's Chief Development Officer on behalf of the State of Massachusetts; and Deputy Executive Director of the Springfield Finance Control Board.

#### Pete Parkinson

Mr. Parkinson is the Planning Director for the County of Sonoma, California and has over 25 years of planning experience. He has served as President of the California County Planning Director's Association and as Vice-President for Policy and Legislation for the California Chapter of the American Planning Association.

#### **Daniel Parolek**

Daniel Parolek is an architect and urbanist who is committed to creating and reinforcing walkable, sustainable places and designing buildings that reinforce them. Daniel is the coauthor of "Form-Based

Codes: A Guide for Planners, Urban Designers, Municipalities, and Developers," a founding board member of the Form-Based Code Institute, and founding principal of Opticos Design, Inc.

# <u>Jacqui Patterson</u>

Jacqui Patterson is currently the Director of Climate Justice at the NAACP. Jacqui Patterson, MSW, MPH, has served as a trainer, organizer, researcher, program manager, and policy analyst on international and domestic issues and social justice movements with organizations including Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Baltimore City Healthy Start, IMA World Health, United for a Fair Economy, ActionAid, Health GAP, and the organization she co-founded, Women of Color United.

## <u>Jim Patterson</u>

Jim is in his second term as County Supervisor in San Luis Obispo County, California. He has a BS degree in Natural Resources Management and is a professional nurseryman and arborist. Patterson currently serves on the Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee and the California Urban Forestry Advisory Committee.

## **Charles Pattison**

As president, Pattison is responsible to the Board for the day-to-day administration of the 1000 Friends' office which includes working with Florida's citizens and communities. Charles also works with the state's executive and legislative branches on land use and long range planning issues. Prior to coming to 1000 Friends, Mr. Pattison was the Director for the Division of Resource Planning and Management at the Department of Community Affairs. Charles also worked as a Field Representative for The Nature Conservancy's Virginia Coast Reserve. Charles opened the DCA Florida Keys Field Office in Key West, served as the Monroe County Planning, Building and Zoning Director, and was the first executive director of the Monroe County Land Authority. Charles also has served as a planning director in coastal North Carolina and spent five years with the North Carolina Office of Coastal Management in beach access and coastal permitting work. In 2007 Charles was appointed to the Florida Energy Commission's Climate Change Subcommittee and the Governor's Climate Action Team which is developing a state climate action plan.

## **Evans Paull, AICP**

Evans Paull is Principal at the consulting business, Redevelopment Economics, which offers services to businesses and state/local governments in the areas of brownfields and sustainable urban redevelopment. Redevelopment Economics has current or recent involvement in: tax increment financing feasibility analysis; development of green job strategies, policy analysis of state financial incentives with respect to smart growth objectives, and quantification of the climate change benefits of smart growth redevelopment projects.

## **Stefan Pellegrini, AICP**

Stefan is an urban designer and planner and serves as principal with Opticos Design, Inc. During Stefan's 15-year career he has led a wide variety of urban design, planning, and architecture projects, including revitalization endeavors for existing communities, and several Form-Based Codes. Since 2002 Stefan has been active in charrette-based planning, coding, and revitalization strategies for California small towns and underserved communities.

## Lucy R. Penegar

Gastonia native, Lucy is a BFA graduate of U. of Ga. with a major in Arts, and founder of the Gaston Museum of Art & History, and a former Board member of Preservation/NC, receiving their high Cannon Award in 2005. Lucy has served over 30 years on the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission.

## **Bob Perciasepe**

With his return to EPA, Bob Perciasepe brings to the agency a diversity of experience in environmental stewardship, advocacy, and organizational management. In his previous position as Chief Operating Officer at the National Audubon Society, he coordinated national and state programs for one of the country's leading environmental organizations. During the Clinton Administration, he served at EPA as the Assistant Administrator for Water and, subsequently, Air and Radiation. Prior to that, he held the posts of Secretary of Environment for the State of Maryland and Assistant Director of Planning for the City of Baltimore. With his management experience at the federal, state, and municipal levels, both inside and outside government, Bob provides a broad operational understanding that helps EPA carry out its mission effectively and efficiently.

### James Perry

James is currently the Executive Director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC), a private, non-profit organization created to promote equal housing opportunity. Under James' leadership and management, GNOFHAC has tripled in size and helped thousands of residents. His organizations have won all of their civil rights lawsuits filed on behalf people targeted by unfair practices or discrimination based on race, income, disability, mental illness, or against people with HIV/AIDS. James has served on the Historic District Landmark Commission, New Orleans Non-Profit Development Collaborative, and the African-American Heritage Preservation Council. Mr. Perry is a member of the Esplanade Ridge Neighborhood Association and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Building and rebuilding have been a big part of James' life.

### Sara Pesek

Sara Pesek is the Director of Program Development and Strategic Engagement, Center for Sustainable Community Solutions. Sara focuses on developing programs that promote positive environmental benefits and increase sustainability knowledge in communities of all shapes and sizes. She works on projects across the country, but focuses mostly on NJ, NY, Puerto Rico and USVI and hopes to make environmental solutions and smart sustainability planning accessible to all.

## **Barbara** Pierce

A City Council member since 1999 and former Mayor of Redwood City, California, Barbara is a longtime community volunteer who's become a New Urbanist - Smart Growth devotee. Barbara is deeply involved in and committed to "community building" working with community members to shape their community and built environment.

#### **Robert Ping**

Robert Ping is the State Network Director for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) National Partnership. Robert works on policy change in 20 states to strengthen SRTS programs, serve low income communities, build complete streets, and develop community-center schools. Robert served on the National SRTS Task Force, and previously ran Portland Oregon's SRTS program.

# Michael Pitula

Michael Pitula is a Community Organizer with the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO). Pitula's work at LVEJO focuses on public transit and environmental justice in Little Village and Chicago. Michael has over a decade of activity in a variety of social justice, environmental, and cultural movements. He enjoys practicing the Brazilian art form of capoeira angola.

#### **Danny Pleasant**

As the City of Charlotte's Transportation Director, Danny leads all aspects of planning, building, operating and maintaining the city's streets, walkways, bikeways, traffic management and related services. Danny has engaged in building quality urban environments with travel choices that match community aspirations.

## **Jeffrey Pollack**

Jeffrey Pollack has been leading the HDR team that is assisting the City of Corpus Christi in implementing its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. Jeff's interest in the planning and design of livable communities includes a focus on watershed protection through integrated stormwater management. Jeff chairs the Bay Area Smart Growth Initiative in Corpus Christi, TX.

# <u>Jean Pool</u>

Jean Pool has worked as a city planner for over 20 years. Jean has served as Director of Planning in Charleston, SC and currently Planning and Development Manager in Greenville, SC. In this capacity Jean is responsible for future growth management in the city, as well as environmental permitting, who works closely with developers and environmental groups to find creative ways of dealing with storm water runoff.

# Francisca Porchas

Francisca Porchas, National Coordinator, Transit Riders for Public Transportation (Los Angeles CA)- is lead organizer of the Clean Air, Clean Lungs, Clean Buses and the Transit Riders for Public Transportation Campaigns of the Labor/Community Strategy Center. Born in Mexico and raised in Arizona, Francisca is a graduate of the Strategy Center's National School for Strategic Organizing. Francisca's work is at the intersection of mass transit, public health and climate change. Francisca's organizing is primarily focused on working class communities of color in Los Angeles, CA.

## <u>john a. powell</u>

Professor john a. powell is an internationally recognized authority in the areas of civil rights and civil liberties and a wide range of issues including race, structural racism, ethnicity, housing, poverty and democracy. john is the Executive Director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University and he holds the Gregory H. Williams Chair in Civil Rights & Civil Liberties at the University's Michael E. Moritz College of Law. Previously, john founded and directed the Institute on Race and Poverty at the University of Minnesota. john also served as Director of Legal Services in Miami, Florida and was National Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union where he was instrumental in developing educational adequacy theory.

## <u>Shankar B. Prasad</u>

Dr. Prasad has successfully advocated for "Community Benefits Fund" to provide health and economic benefits to the disadvantaged communities in the cap-and-trade scheme. Retiring as the Deputy Secretary for Science and Environmental Justice of Cal/EPA, Dr. Prasad's 30 years career includes clinical practice, air pollution research, and environmental policy development.

## Ilana Preuss

Ilana is the Chief of Staff of Smart Growth America. In this role, Ilana manages the communications strategy of the organization and works with staff across projects to promote SGA's work to influence federal and state policies on smart growth issues. Ilana also leads SGA's efforts on federal programs that finance smart growth development. Ilana served for two years as the Outreach Director for the Transportation for America Campaign, a project of SGA in partnership with Reconnecting America, and seven years at the US EPA Smart Growth program, including leading the technical assistance program, before joining SGA.

# Calvin K. Price

Calvin K. Price has served as Vice President - Director of Community Development and Community Reinvestment Officer for Liberty Bank since 1997. The position has offered Mr. Price the opportunity to be an advocate for positive change in the communities Liberty Bank serves. Calvin has served as a

catalyst for building business relationships between small businesses, municipalities, housing non-profits, and community-based and faith based organizations. Calvin has been a major advocate for the bank's Community Reinvestment program of meeting the credit and financial needs of the communities where Liberty does business. Calvin's involvement has been instrumental in Liberty Bank's achieving an "Outstanding" Community Reinvestment Act rating since 2001.

### Nancy Pullen-Seufert

Nancy Pullen-Seufert, MPH, is Associate Director of the National Center for Safe Routes to School. Among other responsibilities, Nancy manages several program evaluation projects and the development of trainings offered by the National Center. She has developed several technical assistance resources for local and State SRTS Programs.

## <u>Kristin Raab</u>

Kristin Raab MPH (epidemiology), MLA (landscape architecture), has worked for the Minnesota Department of Health for over five years and currently directs two grants: one on health impact assessments and the other on climate change and its impacts on public health. Ms. Raab's work focuses on changing land-use policies and systems that influence the built environment to encourage sustainability and improve people's health. Currently, Kristin is a technical consultant for the Healthy Corridor for All Project, which is performing an HIA on the Central Corridor Light Rail Project in St. Paul, Minnesota. Kristin is also an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Minnesota. Kristin has helped develop health-related performance measures for the Sustainable Sites Initiative, which provides metrics that can be used within an HIA.

## Mike Raible

Mike Raible's work as executive director of planning and project management for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools reflects the expertise on his wide-ranging resume. He is leading the development of the district's next strategic plan – the detailed list of goals, objectives and strategies that will guide CMS through 2014 – and he brings three-plus decades of experience in North Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee and Ohio to the project. Raible is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. He holds a bachelor's degree in architecture and a certificate of professional practice from the University of Cincinnati.

## Andrea Ramage

Ms. Ramage specializes in sustainability strategy, planning, and implementation. With 15 years of experience in sustainable organizations, indicators and rating systems, and sustainable infrastructure design/construction -- and a talent for group facilitation – she is sought after by U.S. and international clients, including cities, counties, and utilities, as well as diverse private corporations.

## Cruz Ramos

Cruz is the city manager for the City of San Joaquin. During her eight years tenure she was instrumental in preventing the insolvency of the Redevelopment Agency, and oversaw the settlement of various lawsuits that threatened the City's viability. Currently, the City is undergoing a "city-wide face lift" funded primarily through grants. Projects include a Tot Lot, Skate park, Sports Park, downtown façade program, street and sidewalk repairs, job training, a California Public Utility Commission approved Local Government Partnership with PGE and a \$8.1 million wastewater treatment plant expansion of which all but \$350,000 is grant funded.

#### **Charlotte Randolph**

As the Parish President of Lafourche Parish and President of Parishes Against Coastal Erosion, Randolph has been diligently working towards achieving economic and ecosystem sustainability for the citizens and environment of Lafourche Parish. She is also a member of various charters, committees and boards and the owner of Randolph Publications.

## Brenda Ranum

Brenda Ranum is a Regional Extension Education Director with Iowa State University Extension, providing Extension programming leadership in six Northeast Iowa counties. For the past 3 years, Brenda has served as the co-convener for the NE Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative.

### **Robin Rather**

Robin specializes in market research and strategy for businesses, non-profits and local governmental clients and is an advocate for sustainability and related policy issues. She is well known for her innovative and collaborative approach between business, environmental and social equity groups and serves on various boards and committees.

### <u>Marisa Raya</u>

Marisa Raya is a Regional Planner for ABAG, the Council of Governments for the Bay Area, where she works on creating regional equity and implementing California's sustainability and climate change legislation. She has also worked as regional planner with Metro, the regional government based in Portland, Oregon. Prior to public service, she helped develop the Program on Human Rights and Justice at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, promoting social, cultural, and economic rights through planning and development. She has a degree in Anthropology from Columbia University and a Master's in Spatial Planning from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden.

### **Bob Reeder**

Bob Reeder currently serves as a Program Director for Rural LISC, providing a full range of services geared to the promotion of sustainable community development in rural America including financial underwriting, project feasibility analysis, organizational development and capacity building assistance and both predevelopment and construction guidance for housing, commercial development, and small business/job creation. Bob has built a thirty-year career devoted to social and economic justice, housing and community development, public policy, and legal and administrative advocacy. Bob earned a BA degree in Government from Wofford College in Spartanburg SC and earned his JD degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville TN.

## Paul Reeves

One world Energy and Upedo Energy Group, the first black owned Wind Development Company in the United States was founded by Paul Reeves, a twenty two year veteran in the renewable energy industry. Mr. Reeves has extensive experience in all facets of wind-power development and community renewable education from both an policy perspective and an wind developer for communities of color. Mr. Reeves has served as a consultant to the Department of Energy, Wind Powering America program, where he was the liaison to Communities of Color for wind development by black farmers and renewable energy utilization by urban communities of color.

#### Sarah Reginelli

As Principal Planner for the City of Albany, NY, Sarah Reginelli manages diverse projects, from neighborhood block planning to developing a citywide vacant building revitalization program. She specializes in community outreach and institutional partnerships. Reginelli is currently coordinating the public engagement and outreach efforts for Albany 2030, the City's first comprehensive plan.

#### **Cindy Reid**

Cindy leads the affordable housing program for the town of Davidson, NC. The town has been a leader among municipalities in developing and implementing affordable housing. Davidson was the first municipality in North Carolina to adopt a mandatory inclusionary zoning ordinance. As the coordinator of the program, Cindy works with developers and town officials during the development and planning process, as well as with potential homeowners. As an attorney, Cindy also is involved in drafting and reviewing ordinances, resolutions, contracts, leases and other legal documents and works extensively with the police department. Prior to joining the planning department Cindy was in a private practice that specialized in civil litigation and an assistant city attorney for Charlotte, NC, where she worked with the engineering and finance departments in project development. Cindy holds a J.D. from Wake Forest University and a B.A. from Queens University.

#### Jeannie Renné-Malone

Jeannie Renné-Malone leads HDR's National Climate and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Management Program and is a member of HDR's Sustainable Solutions Leadership Team. Jeannie is an experienced program manager with extensive background in sustainable development, climate change and renewable energy program development and direction. Jeannie advises clients on policies and technologies that reduce GHG emissions, and she also helps clients explore carbon financing options to implement projects. Jeannie has presented at numerous national conferences focused on reducing GHG emissions in the solid waste, transportation and energy sectors, and has organized several high-level climate change policy meetings throughout the world to promote the exchange of experiences and tools to assess the benefits of emission reduction strategies on health, the economy and the environment. Prior to joining HDR, Jeannie managed the Latin America program for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, focused on renewable energy project implementation and climate change policy issues.

### Michael Replogle

Michael Replogle has more than 30 years of experience in transportation and urban planning, policy, environmental assessment, and finance. Since 2009, Michael has headed ITDP's Global Policy Program, which documents global best practices and enhances the capacity of international development organizations and governments to advance environmentally sustainable and equitable transport. He served as a transportation coordinator for the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission. He co-founded Bikes Not Bombs and ITDP in 1984-85. He served as ITDP's President for all. Michael helped recycle 10,000 bicycles to support health and education in Nicaragua. Replogle is an advisor to the Environmental Defense Fund, where he was transportation director. Michael is a member of the U.S. Advisory Committee on Transportation Statistics and an emeritus member of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Transportation in Developing Countries, which he helped found.

## **Stephanie Reyes**

Stephanie is responsible for coordinating efforts to protect open space and create livable communities on a regional and state level. Works with citizens, elected officials, and diverse groups to protect the greenbelt of open space and improve the livability of existing communities through grassroots organizing, coalition building, policy analysis, political strategizing and local advocacy. B.S., Computer Science, Brown University.

## Deana Rhodeside

Dr. Deana Rhodeside, a co-founder of Rhodeside & Harwell, has been active in the fields of planning, urban design and community outreach for over 35 years. Deana has been particularly effective in the public involvement arena and at incorporating public outreach into planning sustainable communities that are functional and grounded in reality. Deana Rhodeside's work has included a number of exciting community-focused plans, including the creation of sustainable urban development areas in seven Virginia jurisdictions; a redevelopment plan for the Baileys Crossroads area in Fairfax County; work on six future AMTRAK commuter stations from Ashland to Newport News and a Transit Vision Plan for the Hampton Roads region of Virginia.

#### Solana Rice

Solana Rice is a program associate with PolicyLink, a national research and action institute for advancing issues of social and economic equity. Through mapping, research, and facilitation she works with communities and organizations nationwide to promote regional equity and economic inclusion.

# Cy Richardson

Cy Richardson is Vice President for Housing & Community Development and Senior Research Fellow at the National Urban League. Mr. Richardson is responsible for designing, implementing, and evaluating policies and programs that promote asset building and wealth creation for people of color in urban America. Cy earned his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and holds graduate degrees in Urban Planning and Political Science from Pratt Institute and the City University of New York's Graduate Center.

# Dana Richardson

Dana Richardson is Senior Director of Advocacy for Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP), a public-private partnership of over 30 organizations striving to improve the health of San Diegans. CHIP facilitates numerous efforts in South Bay - San Diego County, to reduce community violence and childhood obesity in target neighborhoods.

# <u>Linda Rimer</u>

Linda Rimer serves as Liaison to North and South Carolina from the Region 4 Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Linda has worked extensively on climate change adaptation, focusing on state and local efforts. Linda holds a PhD in environmental policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

# Kathy Rinaldo

Kathy is the Chair of the Teton County Board of County Commissioners and former executive director of Valley Advocates for Responsible Development. She has served on various boards including planning and zoning, urban renewal, affordable housing, smart growth and multi-modal transportation. Kathy and her husband co-own an outdoor retail store and ski guiding business in Driggs, ID.

## **Monte Ritchey**

Monte Ritchey is President of Conformity Corporation, a Charlotte NC based company specializing in mixed use infill and historic preservation projects. Mr. Ritchey is also expert in the area of tax advantaged rehabilitation and has completed a wide variety of certified projects. Recent infill projects include Southborough, The SteelHaus, and Elizabeth Village.

## Karen Roof

Last year Karen Roof was a team consultant for the Denver Housing Authority master plan of South Lincoln housing redevelopment project in a transit oriented neighborhood. Karen reported on the health impacts and provided recommendations to support better access and healthier lifestyles for the South Lincoln residents. Karen's most recent endeavors are health impact assessments of a neighborhood plan and station area plan in two neighborhoods in downtown Denver for the Department of Community Planning and Development. Karen is also an instructor at the University of Colorado Denver and teaches Planning for Healthy Communities. Karen has conducted numerous presentations on health impact assessment and published articles. Wrote articles published in the Journal of Environmental Health July/August 2008.

## Kalima Rose

Ms. Rose works with the infrastructure team to steer resources for transportation, housing, and key amenities to communities of opportunity. Kalima helps local and statewide groups implement economic stimulus funds for greater workforce participation and new investments in underserved communities. Since 2005, Rose has led the organization's Gulf Coast recovery work, collaborating with community organizations to shape the equitable rebuilding of New Orleans and Louisiana.

## Jeffery Rosenhall

Jeffery Rosenhall is the Active Communities Specialist within the California Active Communities unit, a physical activity promotion program of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the University of California San Francisco. Mr. Rosenhall coordinates several statewide projects. Jeffery served as the Vice Chair of the Sacramento City/County Bicycle Advisory Committee, sits on Caltrans' California Bicycle Advisory Committee, and is a founding member of the Sacramento Bicycle Kitchen.

### **Gregory Rushing**

R. Gregory Rushing, PE, "Greg", has been the Director of Planning and Engineering for the Town of Ridgeland, SC since May of 2009. He is a life-long resident of the Ridgeland area and has over 20-years of experience in various aspects of site development including design, inspection, layout, permitting, and modeling. Greg has a BS in Civil Engineering from Clemson University, an MBA from the University of South Carolina, and served four years with the Navy Reserve as a Seabee. He has been married to Jennifer since 1999 and they have two children, Robbie (6) and Emmie (3).

### Brian Scheiderman

Brian Schneiderman is the Vice-President and Director of the Commercial Lending Team for Self-Help Credit Union and Ventures Fund. Self-Help Ventures Fund and Credit Union are subsidiaries of the Center for Community Self-Help, the nation's first statewide community development financial institution, providing development financing for business and housing purposes. Self-Help's Commercial Lending Team provides debt financing ranging from \$5k to \$15MM, including to environmentally sustainable business and/or projects. Brian helped start a non-profit initiative in El Salvador which supported farmers and organizations to develop individual and community economic projects which also benefited the environment and the health of the community. Mr. Schneiderman is also a co-founder and Board member of Entrepreneurs for Sustainability (in Cleveland, OH) and Board Treasurer of Durham Literacy Center.

## **Doran Schrantz**

Doran Schrantz has been working in the field of community-based organizing for 9 years. Doran began working in Chicago doing very local, neighborhood-based organizing around block clubs, community policing and creating community developed plans to make neighborhoods more livable and safer for residents. In 2002, Doran began working ISAIAH in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. ISAIAH is a faith-based community organization made up of 90 member congregations in the Metropolitan Region and St. Cloud. ISAIAH uses a particular methodology of leadership development and the systematic building of community power to impact local, regional, and state level policy. ISAIAH is grounded in an analysis around regional equity, spatial segregation and racial justice. In the past two years, Doran has led ISAIAH to be a leader in linking community organizing and health equity. The organization wrote a bill called the Healthy Communities Act which was supported by the Service Employees International Union, TakeAction Minnesota as well as the Minnesota Association for Public Health.

#### Will Schroeer

Will Schroeer is the Policy and Research Director for Smart Growth America, the coalition of national, state and local organizations working to improve how we plan and build the towns, cities and metro areas we call home.

#### Sue Schwartz, FAICP

Sue Schwartz, FAICP, Is the Interim Director for Housing and Community Development in Greensboro, NC where she has won numerous awards for her redevelopment efforts. This includes Southside, an infill TND which won the US EPA 2004 Smart Growth Award for Built Projects. In 2003 Sue was inducted into the AICP College of Fellows.

## **Deborah Scott**

Deborah Scott is the Executive Director of Georgia Strategic Alliance for New Directions and Unified Policies. She has more than 25 years of unique professional experience in the civil rights community, progressive coalition politics, political empowerment, City of Atlanta and State of Georgia governments, labor unions, and the non-profit sector. Mrs. Scott founded Stand-Up's brother organization, Georgia Trade-UP, a pre-apprenticeship and workforce development non-profit organization currently working with Georgia Building Trades affiliates to develop a green training component which will include weatherization and retrofit construction. Mrs. Scott has served as a national political consultant, campaign and project manager, and organizational development trainer for progressive organizations and small businesses. Mrs. Scott currently serves on the National Executive Board of Directors for the Partnership for Working Families.

### **Phoebe Seaton**

Phoebe Seaton directs the Community Equity Initiative (CEI) at California Rural Legal Assistance. The CEI addresses disparities and inquality of infrastructure and service inequality in, and lack of representation of, disadvantaged communities through advocacy, community education and research. She has been an Attorney with CRLA in the San Joaquin Valley for over five years.

### Libby Seifel

Libby Seifel, A.I.C.P., is President of Seifel Consulting, a strategic real estate consulting firm that specializes in the revitalization of urban areas and public private partnerships. She has guided the creation and implementation of more than 100 redevelopment projects and served as Chair of ULI's Inner City Council.

### Julia W. Seward

Julia Seward is Director of State Policy for Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) where she is responsible for both development and implementation of state community development policy and coordination of LISC's smart growth work. She is located in LISC's national policy office in Washington, D.C. Julia has enjoyed a diverse career in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors including vice president of the corporate community reinvestment and philanthropic programs for Signet Banking Corporation, chairmanship of The Consumer Advisory Council for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, special policy assistant to the Governor of Virginia, private CRA consultant to both financial institutions and nonprofit organizations, and American government and economics teacher at the high school level.

### **Gary Sharp**

Gary Sharp is a community planner with the City of Montgomery's Community Development Division. In that capacity he is working with the Partnership for Sustainable Communities to revitalize the Renaissance Community, the historic neighborhood through which the Voting Rights March of 1965 passed. He also works with EPA to clean up and reuse petroleum brownfields along the Civil Rights Trail and other aspects of this important revitalization effort.

## Joyce Sheperd

Mrs. Sheperd is a graduate of the Atlanta Public School System, a forty-five year resident of the City of Atlanta, and a twenty-five year resident of District 12. She has served as a voice in the Atlanta community for years and is dedicated to making better neighborhoods for all families throughout the District and the City. Sheperd has exemplified community interest in Atlanta through her service as the Chair and Vice chair of many organization/agencies. Joyce is also the recipient of numerous awards recognizing her dedication to the Atlanta community. She is member of Communications Workers of America Local 3204 and recently retired from Avaya Communications where she served as a Customer Systems Engineer.

## Nina Shor

Nina Shor is the founding partner of The Shor Law Firm, PLLC. Nina's practice focuses on mixed-use developments. Ms. Shor represented the City of Charlotte with the negotiations of the Declaration of Covenants for shared uses among the owners/operators of the Wells Fargo Cultural Campus in Charlotte, North Carolina.

# **Tom Shrout**

Fresh off an historic overwhelming win at the ballot box for an increased tax for St. Louis transit and serving 22 years at the helm of Citizens for Modern Transit, Tom Shrout has formed his own consulting company, Avvantt Partners LLC with the goal of assisting communities across the U.S. to build community support for expanding their transit systems.

# **Gregory Sills**

Gregory Sills, a former lending manager, debt restructuring officer, and project manager, who manages community revitalization projects to be financially sustainable and durable over urban time horizon scenarios beset by debt restructuring, collateral-based lending constraints, and reactive human behaviors. Priority on durable green projects. BS Industrial Engineering-Stanford University. Grad level work-UIC Urban Planning.

# Josh Silver

Josh Silver, as a Vice President of Research and Policy, Mr. Silver develops NCRC's policy positions and produces various research studies. Josh has written NCRC Congressional testimony on topics including financial reform and the effectiveness of the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). Mr. Silver holds a Master's degree in public affairs from the Lyndon Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin and earned a Bachelor's degree from Columbia University.

# Mitchell J. Silver, AICP

Mitchell Silver is the planning director for Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Silver is an award-winning planner with over 25 years of planning experience. He is nationally recognized for his leadership in the planning profession and his contributions to contemporary planning issues. Mr. Silver is president-elect of the American Planning Association (APA).

## Tim E. Simmons

Tim received degrees in Environmental Design and Architecture from North Carolina State University. He worked with the architectural firm of Hager, Smith and Huffman, PA in Raleigh and Atlanta from 1983-1990 and has been with the State Historic Preservation Office since 1990. His main responsibility includes working with historic rehabilitation projects that utilize the federal and state historic preservation tax credits. He has served on two North Carolina State Building Code committees that that addressed existing and historic buildings, and he also served a two-year term as Chair of the American Institute of Architects North Carolina Historic Resources Committee. In 2009 Tim received the Robert E. Stipe Professional Award from the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, which is North Carolina's highest award presented annually to a working professional who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to historic preservation as part of their job responsibility.

## **Christine Slattery**

Christine Slattery is a Senior Director at the Delta Institute, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization, focusing on the sustainable reuse of brownfields. Christine has decades of experience in local government and nonprofit organizations in Chicago and holds degrees a master in planning and law from UNC-Chapel Hill.

## **Rebecca Thornton Sloan**

Director of External Affairs and Member Services, Rebecca Thornton Sloan is responsible for directing state and federal advocacy, member services to SACOG's 28 jurisdictions, public education and engagement, community planning, and transportation demand management. She also oversees the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy, implementation of the region's Blueprint and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Media Communications and a Master's in Public Policy & Administration from California State University, Sacramento. She lives in eastern Sacramento County with her husband and three children.

### Dan Slone

Dan Slope, a partner in the Richmond office of McGurieWoods LLP, represents developers, green businesses and localities in developing innovative and sustainable projects and practices. Author of numerous books and articles on sustainable development, Dan also serves on the boards of the National Charrette Institute and the Form-Based Codes Institute.

### **Gavin Smith**

Gavin Smith is Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Natural Hazards and Disasters (CSNHD) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill which focuses on conducting research on issues associated with natural hazards and disasters and translating the findings to practice. In this role Dr. Smith oversees the administration of the CSNHD including the identification of research opportunities, building partnerships among hazard scholars and practitioners and managing additional research initiatives and sub-centers as they emerge. Dr. Smith also serves as the executive director of the Department of Homeland Security's Center of Excellence for the Study of Natural Disasters, Coastal Infrastructure and Emergency Management. Dr. Smith also worked for the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management in various roles including: National Flood Insurance Program planner, Mitigation Grants Management Coordinator and State Hazard Mitigation Officer.

#### John Smith

John Robert Smith is the President and CEO of Reconnecting America and the former Mayor of Meridian, Mississippi. A long-time leader on behalf of passenger rail and station-centered community development, John Robert serves as the co-chairman of Transportation for America and is a former Chairman of Amtrak's board.

## **Lindsay Smith**

A career communicator whose more than two decades of professional experience includes work in broadcasting, marketing, education and public relations, Lindsey Smith joined The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina — the trade association for the state's independent, not-for-profit and member-owned co-ops — in 2008. As public and member relations director, he manages statewide communications, media, marketing and other initiatives on behalf of the association's 18 member co-ops. Most recently, Lindsey has been deeply involved in efforts to launch an innovative energy efficiency pilot program that seeks to weatherize 225,000 cooperative-served homes in South Carolina, saving energy, saving consumers money on their power bills, creating thousands of new jobs and reducing carbon dioxide emissions across the state by 6.7 million metric tons.

## Ken Snyder

Ken started PlaceMatters in 2002, and is a nationally recognized expert on a broad range of technical and non-technical tools for community design and decision-making. Ken was the Chair of the American Planning Association's Technology Division from 2006 to 2009, sits on the Board of the National Charrette Institute, and is a member of Placeways' CommunityViz Technical Advisory Board. Ken incorporated PlaceMatters into the Orton Family Foundation from 2005 to 1007, heading up their Planning Tools Program. Prior to launching PlaceMatters, Ken worked for the US Department of Energy as a Community Development Program Specialist. In 2001, he was awarded a German Marshall Fund Environmental Fellowship and traveled to Europe to study professional peer approaches to land use and transportation planning. In 2000, he served as co-chair of a committee on information and tools for the White House's Livability Council, developing recommendations for the Administration on Building Livable Communities.

## Lee Sobel

Lee Sobel is the Real Estate Development and Finance Analyst in the US EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities (the Smart Growth program). Mr. Sobel's work focuses technical assistance, outreach and education, and research and policy, related to real estate development that achieves smart growth goals and outcomes. Prior to joining the EPA, Mr. Sobel was a Senior Associate in the Miami office of CB Richard Ellis' Investment Property Group, selling shopping centers and retail property throughout Florida. Mr. Sobel has been an active commercial real estate and mortgage broker in Florida for over eight years. Mr. Sobel is the author of *Greyfields Into Goldfields; Dead Malls Become Living Neighborhoods*, and co-author of *This Is Smart Growth* and *Getting To Smart Growth II*. He has a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and is a resident of Maryland.

# Kathryn Sofich

Kathryn has been working as a Council Policy Coordinator at Metro for two of the regionally elected Councilors for the past 6 years. In this capacity she has helped to forward the policy agendas of these Councilors, such as considering health in transportation and land use planning. She has also served as the Project Manager for Metro's HIA pilot project of the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project.

## Scot Spencer

Scot Spencer is Associate Director for Baltimore and Maryland Relations for The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Since his arrival at Casey in October of 2002, the Foundation's work in Baltimore has largely been focused on a revitalization effort on the city's east side that includes the responsible redevelopment as part of a comprehensive plan to strengthen community and economic development in an historic working class neighborhood. In Maryland, Scot currently chairs the Maryland State Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and serves on the board of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. In Baltimore, Scot serves on City's Commission on Sustainability and its HIV/AIDS Commission. Scot also serves on the board of CENTERSTAGE and chairs the Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative. Beyond Baltimore, Scot serves as chair of The Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities and vice chair of Smart Growth America. Scot holds a Bachelor in Architecture and a Master's in Urban and Environmental Studies from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

## Janet Spilman

Janet Spilman joined the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) in March 2000 and has been deputy Director for Planning and Public Outreach for the past 5 years. Janet has overseen the development of 3 countywide transportation plans and is beginning the next.

## Karen Sprayberry

Karen Sprayberry is a Community Program Coordinator for the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control. The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control promotes and protects the health of the public and the environment.

## <u>Sujata Srivastava</u>

Sujata Srivastava is a Senior Associate at Strategic Economics, an urban economics consulting firm based in Berkeley, California. Ms. Srivastava's experience in both public and private sector development, Sujata manages projects focusing on economic and financial analyses of real estate projects, downtown revitalization strategies, infill and mixed-use development, and transit-oriented real estate development.

### Diane Standaert

Diane is a Legislative Counsel at the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), a not-for-profit, nonpartisan, research and policy organization dedicated to protecting homeownership and family wealth by working to eliminate abusive financial practices. CRL is an affiliate of Self-Help, the nation's largest nonprofit community development financial institution. Prior to joining CRL, Diane served as staff attorney at the UNC Center for Civil Rights, focusing on the development on minority communities in the rural south, ranging from access to water and preservation of family-owned land. Diane currently serves on the Governing Committee for the American Bar Association's Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law and as the Legal Redress chair for the Durham Branch of the NAACP.

# **Mathy Stanislaus**

Mathy Stanislaus began work as Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response after being confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 8, 2009. As Assistant Administrator for OSWER, Mr. Stanislaus is responsible for EPA's programs on hazardous and solid waste management, hazardous waste cleanup including RCRA corrective action, Superfund and federal facilities cleanup and redevelopment, Brownfields, oil spill prevention and response, chemical accident prevention and preparedness, underground storage tanks, and emergency response.

## **Christian Stearns**

Christian Stearns, HUD's Greensboro, NC Field Office Director, also serves as the Regional Sustainability Officer, playing a lead role in the Partnership for Sustainable Communities in the southeast. Prior to this assignment, Chris was Field Office Director in Casper, Wyoming, and a Community Planning and Development Program Manager for HUD in Denver.

## Norm Steinman

Norm Steinman manages a group of 25 persons involved in the definition and implementation of work plans and strategies affecting the provision of all types of ground transportation within and beyond the City limits. Norm is responsible for providing high-level advice to City Council and other elected officials, and the CDOT Director and other key managers. Coordinates and directs multiple transportation programs, and planning and design activities. Provides strategic direction for a variety of regional transportation planning initiatives, and for a variety of municipal transportation planning functions. Serves as CDOT's primary technical representative on various inter-departmental efforts dealing with land use and transportation interrelationships, transit, and planning-related City policies. Provides strategic direction for other functions, including data collection, preparation of regional growth forecasts and development and application of a regional travel demand model.

# Ann Steedly

Ann Steedly helps people connect and work together effectively. Her technical engineering and planning background combined with strong communication skills enable Ann to make positive connections between communities and infrastructure planners to enhance project outcomes. Ann has extensive experience in the NEPA/regulatory environment, analyzing community impacts and providing public outreach for nationally prominent projects. Ann works to create strong links between communities and the institutions that serve them. She supports the concept of community-based planning as a way to achieve positive community outcomes and effective governance.

## **Chris Steele**

Chris Steele is the principal consultant at CWS Consulting Group LLC, a location strategies firm. Chris has over 19 years of experience in both helping companies select location and in building community business attraction plans. In addition to this, he teaches real estate and economic development at UMass Boston.

## **Ron Stief**

Ron Stief is an Associate Director of PolicyLink. He organizes the Demand Equity Now grassroots equity network – fostering movement building, online networking opportunities, field strategies and issue advocacy campaigns with PolicyLink partners. Ron is an ordained minister and former Director of the DC office of the United Church of Christ.

# Kathy Stilwell

Kathy Stilwell currently works as Deputy Director for The Affordable Housing Group of North Carolina, Inc. (TAHG). During her 10 years with TAHG she has leveraged over \$47 million dollars and coordinated development of 478 affordable rental units across North Carolina. Prior to joining TAHG, Kathy was Development Associate for the Charlotte Housing Authority where she assisted with implementation of HOPE VI projects.

## Aimee Storm

Aimee Storm works in EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization as the lead for the new Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program. Her work supports community development of areawide plans for brownfields-impacted areas, which will lead to neighborhood revitalization strategies and site reuse planning to inform property assessment and cleanup. Prior to joining the Brownfields Office, Aimee worked on projects promoting green and healthy buildings and using sustainable development approaches within EPA Region 5's Chicago office. She also worked with EPA's Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office, where she coordinated EPA's land reuse and revitalization efforts on federally-owned properties, including military base redevelopment. Aimee holds Master's Degrees in City & Regional Planning and Business Administration.

# **Missy Stults**

Missy Stults serves as the Adaptation Manager for ICLEI USA. In this role, Missy works with local governments throughout the country to help them identify strategies for building resilience to climate change and climate variability through ICLEI's Climate Resilient Communities program.

## <u>Sarah Susanka</u>

Sarah Susanka, FAIA, is an architect and best-selling author of *The Not So Big House* series and *The Not So Big Life*. Sarah is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects and a Senior Fellow of the Design Futures Council.

## **Stacy Swartwood**

Stacy Swartwood is a Biologist with U.S. EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization. Stacy expertise lies in the impact of land use on water resources and the environmental benefits of brownfields reuse. She is the Program's lead on sustainability issues.

## Heidi Z. Sweetnam

Heidi Z. Sweetnam, Vice President of Community Initiatives has fifteen years of experience in policy analysis, urban planning and community outreach and educational programs for community leaders and public officials. She currently directs a number of ULI programs that provide technical assistance to non-profit and nonpartisan ULI District Councils leading community initiatives in the areas of sustainable development, infrastructure and workforce housing and mixed income communities. She has worked for ULI since 2006. Prior to that she was the executive director of Blueprint Houston a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the improving the quality of life in Houston through smart growth practices.

## Kathy Sykes

Since 2002, Kathy Sykes has been serving as the Senior Advisor for the USEPA Aging Initiative. She strives to raise awareness among older adults, and public health and aging professionals about

environmental health hazards. Kathy is committed to protecting the environment through smart growth practices.

## <u>Jeff Taebel</u>

Jeff Taebel is Director of Community and Environmental Planning at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, where Mr. Taebel oversees the agency's sustainable development initiatives. Jeff has 28 years of experience in urban and regional planning, including 24 in his current position. In 2008, Jeff was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

### <u>Mona Tawatao</u>

As a regional counsel with Legal Services of Northern California, Mona Tawatao oversees its land use/housing advocacy and Race Equity Project. There and before at Neighborhood Legal Services (Los Angeles County), she has led numerous housing/land use and civil rights litigation/advocacy projects. She also teaches Housing Law at UC Davis School of Law.

### Chandra T. Taylor

Chandra T. Taylor is a Senior Attorney at the Chapel Hill office of Southern Environmental Law Center, working primarily on litigation and transportation policy, with additional experience in water resources and waste management. She is a 2010 Vermont Law School Environmental Justice/China Exchange Fellowship participant, and a Planning Committee Member of the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network. She currently serves on the board of the Conservation Council of North Carolina, and the City of Durham Housing Appeals Board. She received her law and undergraduate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is a native of Kinston, North Carolina.

### Jason Taylor

Jason Taylor has served as the Ridgeland Town Administrator since 2002. A native of South Carolina, he grew up in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville. He has worked in Government at the State, County, and Municipal Levels. Mr. Taylor worked eight years with the South Carolina Department of Social Services, primarily being involved with the Welfare Reform programs being implemented in the late 1990s. He then served four years as the Economic Development Director for Saluda County, before moving to Ridgeland to become the Administrator.

#### Sean Thomas

Sean Thomas is the Executive Director of Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, a neighborhood-based, not-for-profit community development corporation with a mission to revitalize the physical & social dimensions of the Old North St. Louis neighborhood in a manner that respects the community's historic, cultural, and urban character.

#### Lucy Thompson

Lucy Thompson has worked on neighborhood planning, heritage preservation, riverfront redevelopment, infill mixed-use development, zoning for traditional neighborhood design, transit-oriented development and urban design over her 22 years with the City of Saint Paul. Currently, her emphasis is on planning and urban design for downtown and the central Mississippi riverfront, as well as station area planning and zoning along the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit line.

### Abigail Thorne-Lyman

Abigail Thorne-Lyman is Project Director in Reconnecting America's Oakland office, where she manages a range of technical assistance and research projects. As part of Abigail's technical assistance work in regions around the country, Abigail regularly manages trainings and conducts presentations on both introductory and more technical aspects of planning for Transit-Oriented Development. Ms. Thorne-Lyman has managed the development of curricula and educational materials on the topics of mixed-income transit-oriented development, tools for understanding TOD, corridor planning, regional planning,

and "making the case" for TOD. Abigail has served as Principal at Strategic Economics, a partner in the Center for Transit-Oriented Development, where she managed economic and real estate analyses for a range of different clients including transit agencies and local governments.

## **Catherine Tillman**

Catherine Tillman, a native of Atlanta, GA has lived on Daufuskie, a 2.5 x 5 mile bridgeless island off the coast of South Carolina, for the past 7 years. Creator and editor of the island's primary means for community information and communication, The Front Porch, she has served on the county appointed Daufuskie Island Community Preservation

Committee for the last 5 years (Chair for past two years).

## **Donald O. Tise**

As a principal of Tise-Kiester Architects since 1996, Don has worked on numerous historic preservation projects in the last fifteen years. Donald's body of work spans a variety of historic building types, but he is perhaps best known for his expertise in dealing with the adaptive reuse of historic schools and industrial buildings. Don's ability to maintain the historic architecture and incorporate it to serve the needs of modern occupants has earned him numerous awards. Donald's projects include a number of historic buildings that have been adaptively reused for affordable housing, including the Wilrik Hotel in Sanford, the Ahoskie High School Apartments, the Mount Olive School Apartments, the Rhode Island Mill and the Baker Sanitarium.

# <u>Timothy J. Trautman</u>

Mr. Trautman is currently the Flood Mitigation Program Manager for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services. The Program is responsible for numerous aspects of sustainable floodplain management. Mr. Trautman has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Engineering degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

## Tara Titone

A Project Manager at CPEX, Tara is engaged in CPEX's Louisiana Community Planning initiative, which assists small towns throughout Louisiana in building their planning capacity and growing in a sustainable manner for the future. Tara is currently facilitating the comprehensive planning process in rural communities throughout Louisiana and overseeing the implementation of the Louisiana Land Use Toolkit in two rural 'pilot' communities, West Feliciana and Tangipahoa Parishes.

## Sarah van der Schalie

Sarah van der Schalie is a Coastal Management Specialist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Coastal Programs Division. Sarah is a liaison to the state coastal programs of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia and works on regional and national coastal management issues including sustainable communities, coastal hazards, and climate change. Sarah holds a Master's degree in Environmental Management from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences and a Bachelor's degree in Geography/Environmental Studies and International Development Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to attending graduate school and joining NOAA, Sarah was a Coastal Program Analyst for the California Coastal Commission.

## Keith D. Veal

Keith D. Veal is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. Keith is the President and CEO of Sustainable Solutions an Indianapolis-based environmental consulting firm focusing on brownfields redevelopment. Keith also serves as Management Consultant and Executive Director of the United Northwest Area Development Corporation a non-profit community development corporation in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## Jeff Vincent, PhD

Jeff Vincent, PhD, is Deputy Director and Co-Founder of the Center for Cities & Schools at the University of California, Berkeley, an interdisciplinary research and action center promoting high quality education as an essential component of metropolitan vitality to create equitable, healthy, and sustainable cities and schools for all.

## Kara Vonasek

Kara Vonasek is the project manager of the Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts designed to promote the use of health impact assessments (HIAs) and support the growth of the field in the United States. Ms. Vonasek has a master's degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with a concentration in social and behavioral sciences. She earned an undergraduate degree in biochemistry from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

## Kenneth Walker

Kenneth Walker is a Program Analyst with NOAA's Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management. He works on a variety of coastal community issues including coastal smart growth, waterfront revitalization, and working waterfront issues. Kenneth holds Planning degrees from the University of North Carolina and University of Virginia.

## <u>Aundra Wallace</u>

Aundra C. Wallace fulfills the role of executive director for the Detroit Land Bank Authority, a land bank working with 139 square miles of land. In this capacity he manages and provides organizational and real estate programmatic development. Mr. Wallace has over fifteen years experience managing diverse programs and teams, collaborating with government, community organizations, businesses, and private citizens with emphasis in improving efficiency, productivity and organizational consistency as it relates to community, housing and economic development.

## Benjamin Walsh

Ben Walsh serves as Deputy Commissioner of Neighborhood and Business Development for the City of Syracuse. Ben focuses his efforts on the economic revitalization of the City and surrounding region. Ben has also served as the Director of Urban Initiatives for the Metropolitan Development Association of Syracuse and Central New York (MDA) – the region's business and economic development leadership organization. Ben also served as the Executive Director of the New York State Urban Council. In his previous roles, Ben focused his efforts on the redevelopment of the state's urban cores and the convergence of economic and community development. Ben has also lived in Dublin, Ireland where he interned in the Office of the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of The Republic of Ireland. Ben currently serves on the Board of Directors at the Gifford Foundation and the Near Westside Initiative, and is an active member of several organizations including 40 Below, the Northside Collaboratory, and the Friends of Lipe Art Park.

## Tom Ward

Tom Ward is the Sustainability Coordinator for the Town of Williamston in cooperation North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension, wrote a grant to the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program, which was subsequently funded. The project includes installation of two rain gardens, permeable pavement, a grassed swale, a riparian buffer, and a water harvesting system to capture runoff from the rooftop of the Vocational Agriculture Building.

## Camilla Warren

Camilla Warren provides Revitalization Support to Brownfields communities throughout eight (8) Southeastern States. She works with Atlanta Brownfields and Beltline projects where Railfields are being converted to a new transit and parks system, and other projects where she supports the Sustainable Communities Partnership for improving livability and sustainable redevelopment.

## Kimberly Wasserman Nieto

Kimberly Wasserman Nieto, Coordinator, Little Village for Environmental Justice Organization (Chicago, IL)- Kim has worked at LVEJO since 1998. She oversees the community projects, leadership development and inner workings of the organization. She has participated and facilitated National Trainings with Community Toolbox and the USEPA and has been a facilitator in community development and popular education programs in Chicago.

# Joanne Waszczak

Joanne Waszczak is a Transportation Program Specialist in FTA's Office of Planning and Environment. She manages the Public Transportation Participation Pilot Program, which provides funding to test innovative public involvement tools and techniques for transit planning. She also coordinates the Transportation Planning Excellence Awards, a biennial program that recognizes and disseminates innovative planning approaches.

## Lori Weigel

Lori Weigel is a Partner in Denver with Public Opinion Strategies, a national public policy survey research firm. She has polled extensively on transit and transportation issues nationally and at the state level, including on behalf of Smart Growth America.

### Rachel Weinberger, PhD

Dr. Rachel Weinberger is a professor of transportation planning at the University of Pennsylvania. She is an expert in urban transportation, transportation land use interactions, parking policy and travel behavior. Rachel's work on PlaNYC laid critical groundwork for New York City's current policies on complete streets, street design guidelines and sustainable transportation.

#### Meghan Weir

Ms. Weir has an educational background in Civil Engineering and City Planning, has worked as an environmental engineer, and is now a Transportation Planner in the Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning at DVRPC. She specializes in Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning, and Environmental Justice technical analysis in partnership with the DVRPC Office of Public Affairs.

#### Jonathan Weiss

Jonathan Weiss is Director of Sustainability at ManTech International Corporation, a global consulting firm. In his position, he leads efforts on sustainable land use planning, renewable energy, and climate change. Weiss has lectured in more than a dozen countries on these issues. He held positions in the Clinton administration, at the White House and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School and holds an M.A. and B.A. from the University of Michigan, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

#### **Courtney Welch**

Courtney Welch is a technical assistance project lead at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). Her work focuses on the design and implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy policies and programs, as well as public education and outreach in these sectors. Courtney has a Master's degree in Energy Law and Policy from Denver University's Sturm College of Law and a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Bowdoin College. Courtney is currently NREL's acting project manager for the Environmental Protection Agency's RE-Powering America's Lands Initiative to assess the potential for renewable energy at contaminated sites.

### Jonathan Wells

As the Program Manager for Capital Facilities in the City of Charlotte's Planning Department, Mr. Wells plays a pivotal role in the development of the City's Capital Needs Assessments and Capital Investment Program. Mr. Wells monitor and hold responsibility for successful implementation of several key policies and initiatives relating to collaborative and coordinated capital investment planning. Jonathan is the convener of the Joint Use Task Force, a group developed as result of a mandate of the City Council, County Commission, and Board of Education, that is charged with the identification of collaborative capital investment opportunities between and among City and County agencies through enhanced communication and information-sharing on all aspects of capital facilities planning and development. This forum has enabled Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to more fully understand the capital plans and priorities of other public agencies (and for those other agencies to obtain a better understanding of the CMS capital plans/priorities) to enable fuller and more significant coordination and collaboration. Jonathan also served as a primary point-of-contact for other planning initiatives involving school development and school location. Mr. Wells serve as a City staff resource during the processes used by CMS when updating their school facilities master plans, and also identify potential opportunities for which schools may be integrated into major private development proposals using as a vehicle the City rezoning process.

## Hazel Wesson

Hazel Wesson is a community activist and experienced administrator with over 30 years of management experience, in the banking and non-profit communities. Hazel has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management of Human Relations from the MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas.

### Lauren White

Lauren is the President/CEO of NewView Oklahoma. In the 13 years she has been with NewView Oklahoma, she has led the organization to unprecedented growth both in employment and programs serving people who are blind and visually impaired. She is the current chairman of the Oklahoma Alliance for Public Transportation and serves on the Mayor's Alternatives Analysis Committee. She is a two-time finalist for the Journal Record's Oklahoma Woman of the Year.

## **Steve White**

Steve White has more than three years experience connecting urban planning and health efforts and Steve currently is conducting two health impact assessments in the Portland Metro region.

## Nancy C. Whittle

Nancy C. Whittle is the Community Liaison and Environmental Justice Coordinator for the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control. She works closely with EPA to assure that environmental justice issues are addressed. She is well known for her strong commitment to communities solving their own problems and for building healthy communities around the state.

#### Dr. Daniel Wildcat

Dr. Wildcat is a professor at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, and an accomplished scholar who writes on indigenous knowledge, technology, environment, and education. He is also co-director of the Haskell Environmental Research Studies Center, which he founded with colleagues from the Center for Hazardous Substance Research at Kansas State University. A Yuchi member of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma, Dr. Wildcat is the coauthor, with Vine Deloria, Jr., of *Power and Place: Indian Education in America* (Fulcrum, 2001), and coeditor, with Steve Pavlik, of *Destroying Dogma: Vine Deloria, Jr., and His Influence on American Society* (Fulcrum, 2006). Known for his commitment to environmental defense and cultural diversity, Dr. Wildcat has been honored by the Kansas City organization The Future Is Now with the Heart Peace Award.

# **Carol Williams**

Millgrove Farms is a transitioning farm that formerly used conventional farming methods until 2009 when Carol Williams' husband was laid off from his job. After that time, Carol became a full-time employee of Millgrove, where she used her increased time to researched sustainable farming methods, marketing practices, and CSA, and carried the farm to a more commercial level. Prior to the successful new direction that Carol took Millgrove Farms, they attempted to grow vegetables on a commercial scale without success. Since 2009, the farm has been successful in sustainability with a focus in natural, organic crops.

# David L. Williams, AICP

David L. Williams, AICP Is the Director of Planning for Gaston County, NC, A graduate if Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, where he obtained a Master of Public Administration Degree. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He helped to get the county's award winning Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) adopted.

# Kerry Williams

Kerry is the Director, Environmental Health for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). She is responsible for the portfolio areas covering the Built Environment, Safe Water, Toxicology, and State Environmental Health Directors peer group. Kerry is the primary staff member representing ASTHO on the National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures initiative, and facilitator of state health agency participation on this project. She also manages the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Capacity Building Grants with state health agencies, and oversees the State Environmental Health Directors peer group, including the Safe Water, HIA, and Toxicology workgroups.

## **Rochelle Williams**

Rochelle Williams is a community organizer in Spartanburg, SC, where she is supporting community action to prevent childhood obesity. Previously, she worked as a policy analyst at the North Carolina Justice Center, an anti-poverty organization in Raleigh, North Carolina and as an assistant editor at the nonprofit Carter Center, in Atlanta, Ga.

## **Rosalind F. Williams**

Rosalind F. Williams, Director of Planning and Development, City of Ferguson, Missouri. She is currently working with Trailnet and Live Well Ferguson task force on active and healthy initiatives in Ferguson, including community gardens, urban agriculture and form-based zoning. Ms. Williams has a MUP from the University of Washington.

## Clark Wilson

Clark Wilson is the senior urban designer with EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities. Mr. Wilson's area of focus is ecologically sustainable development, with a specific concentration in advancing the transportation, livability, and environmental goals of smart growth in neighborhood design.

## Joyce Wilkerson

Formerly Mayor Street's Chief of Staff in Philadelphia, Joyce Wilkerson now serves as Executive Director of the New Orleans Redevelopment. In both positions, Ms. Wilkerson has been immersed in the challenges confronting a historic city confronted with lost industries, a shrinking tax base, declining, population and abandonment.

## Dahvi Wilson

Dahvi is a project coordinators for three of four Heart & Soul Community Planning projects supported by the Orton Family Foundation. The experimental Heart & Soul alternative encourages broad citizen engagement and offers ways for townspeople to contribute their energy, talents, stories and legacies to planning for their future.

## Valarie Wilson

Valarie Wilson serves as Executive Director of the BeltLine Partnership, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to fostering support for Atlanta's BeltLine, the largest urban revitalization project in America. As executive director, Ms. Wilson is responsible for a capital campaign to raise \$60 million in private funds to meet critical BeltLine needs, and she oversees an extensive program of public education and community outreach initiatives. In her role, she also leads BeltLine Partnership staff in the convening of partners to help address social issues raised by the implementation of the BeltLine.

# **Richard (Dick) Winters:**

I advocate for a built environment that supports physical activity, specifically active transportation. I also coordinate local SRTS initiatives, chair the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee, am a member of the County's Greenway Advisory Council and on the boards of Trips for Kids Charlotte and the NC Active Transportation Alliance.

# Heather Wooten

Heather Wooten, MCP, is a senior planning and policy associate with PHLP's Planning for Healthy Places program, where she researches best practices, develops tools, and works with communities to connect land use, economic development, and health. She is a co-author of one of the premier publications on developing and implementing health policy language in land use plans, *How to Create and Implement Healthy General Plans*. Prior to joining PHLP, she co-authored the *Oakland Food System Assessment: Towards a Sustainable Food Plan* through the Oakland Mayor's Office of Sustainability; she also currently serves on the Oakland Food Policy Council. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and earned a Master's of City Planning from the University of California at Berkeley.

# Carl D. Wren

Carl D. Wren is chief engineer for the Austin Fire Department. His section performs all plan review duties of the Fire Department, including review of site plans, building permits, and fire/life safety system shop drawings. A professional engineer, certified firefighter, fire inspector, and fire service instructor, he graduated from Texas A&M University.

## **Tom Wright**

Tom Wright is the Executive Director of Regional Plan Association and a Visiting Lecturer in Public Policy at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He lectures widely on growth management and regional planning and supervised production of the *Draft Vision Plan* for the City of Newark (2006), *The New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan* (2001), and *A Region at Risk: The Third Regional Plan for the New York–New Jersey–Connecticut Metropolitan Area* (1996). He received a B.A. in History and a Certificate in American Studies from Princeton University and an M.S.U.P. from Columbia University.

## **Carol Wyant**

As Executive Director of FBCI, Wyant draws on her 30-year involvement with community planning and advocacy for downtowns as well as professional experience in commercial real estate development and leadership of not-for-profit historic preservation organizations at the state and national levels.

# Amee Xiong

Amee Xiong is the Hmong Organizing Program Director at TakeAction Minnesota. She has a B.A. in Sociology and Education from Hamline University and a M.A. in Public Policy and Leadership from the University of St. Thomas. She has organized the community around issues of racial justice and the light rail transit in St. Paul, MN. She was a 2008 graduate from the Organizing Apprenticeship Project and from the Gamaliel Foundation- National Leadership Training. In 2006, she received the Racial Justice Award, and the prestigious Barbara Simmons "Eagle" Award from Hamline University. She also received the "Youth Leadership Award" from the Council of Asian Pacific Minnesotan.

### **Christopher Yake**

Chris is a Senior Planner with Metro's Transit-Oriented Development Program where Christopher facilitates joint development projects in the Portland region. Prior to Metro, Mr. Yake is specialized in TOD as an urban economics consultant and in local government as a station area planner. Chris currently serves on the RailVolution National Steering Committee.

### <u>Anita Yap</u>

Anita Yap is the Community Development Director for the City of Damascus, the first new city in Oregon in 22 years. She is leading the creation of a comprehensive plan for a new sustainable community. Key projects include: comprehensive planning, ecosystem services and urban agriculture. Anita has a diverse background in city, county, regional and transportation planning. Anita received several awards for her innovative work in planning and community development, including the Governor's Livability Award and the Oregon Downtown Development Association, Creative Solutions Award. Anita is president of the Board of Directors for the Oregon City Planning Directors Association and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

### **Elizabeth C. Yeampierre**

Elizabeth was born, raised in New York City. Coming from a home, politically and spiritually grounded in Puerto Rican culture and African Ancestry she learned that the sacrifice and power of people who struggled to *abrir camino* should always be at the heart of all we do. Consequently as Executive Director of UPROSE, the oldest Latino community based organization in Brooklyn, Elizabeth works to build community power. Elizabeth is a co-founder of CURE (Communities United for Responsible Energy) and OWN (Organization of Waterfront Neighborhoods) She is a member of the Mayor Bloomberg's Sustainability Advisory Board and the first Latina to Chair the US EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

## James A. Young

James A. Young became Philadelphia, Mississippi's first African American mayor on July 3, 2009. In Mayor Young's own words he believes "that Philadelphia has made a huge step forward in our relationships, in our politics, and in our effort to bring change in our community." Mayor Young pledges to move Philadelphia forward by any means necessary. "We are going to work hard and we are going to pray hard. Young is also pastor of a Pentecostal church in Louisville for the past 18 years.

#### Margo Younger

Margo Younger is a Public Health Analyst for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### Suzanne Zakowski

Suzanne works with local and regional governments, private developments, resort destinations, and a multitude of stakeholders to engage communities in a comprehensive planning process based in the principles of sustainability. Ms. Zakowski received her MS in Environmental Policy from Bard College, and BS from West Virginia University. Ms. Zakowski has expertise in community planning, environmental policy and law, water conservation and quality, alternative energy, open space protection, and environmental risk and management.

#### Sam Zimbabwe

Sam Zimbabwe is an urban designer with a background in TOD planning and pedestrian-oriented design. He directs the Center for Transit-Oriented Development, working to develop innovative applied research tools and public policies to improve the connections between public transit and equitable development.

## <u>Mariia Zimmerman</u>

Mariia Zimmerman is the Deputy Director for Sustainable Communities =, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In her roles she has been the Vice President for Policy at Reconnecting America and its Center for Transit-Oriented Development. In this role Mariia was leading the organization's research and development of federal policy initiatives, particularly related to mixed-income TOD and reform of federal transportation policy to better support transit and livable communities.

# <u>Sara Zimmerman</u>

Sara Zimmerman is a senior staff attorney at Public Health Law & Policy, working on PHLP's childhood obesity project, NPLAN. Sara works on legal issues related to healthy land use and transportation policy, including topics such as safe routes to school, complete streets, and active design.

# **Yves Zsutty**

Yves Zsutty is San Jose's first Trail Manager. He oversees development of the City's award-winning Trail Network; one of the nation's largest. Yves' background Civil Engineering (Transportation) and design has supported development or trails that meet commute and recreational goals.

# Paul Zykofsky, AICP

Paul Zkyofsky manages the Local Government Commission's land use and transportation Programs and has been Director of the Commission's Center for Livable Communities since 1995. As director of the Center, he provides technical assistance to communities throughout the nation. He is coauthor of documents on transit- oriented development and has edited documents on infill development, street design, traffic calming, smart growth zoning codes, compact development, revitalizing older suburbs and smart economic development.