14th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Practical Tools and Innovative Strategies for Creating Great Communities

Speaker Biographies

**Azibuike Akaba**
Azibuike Akaba, Public Health Institute, is currently a policy Analyst that manages an environmental program that includes air quality; land use, transportation and public health policy. Currently he is a consultant for the AB32 Environmental Justice Advisory Board for the California Air Resources Board.

**Mustafa Ali**
Mustafa is a founding member of the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) and has played major role in the design and implementation of many of EPA’s most successful programs focused on environmental justice and community revitalization. He currently serves as the Acting Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Environmental Justice. In this role Mustafa helps to elevate EJ issues to the highest levels of the Agency.

**Shirronda Almeida**
Shirronda Almeida, MACDC Director of Membership Initiatives, assists CDCs in improving their capacity as community resources through the Mel King Institute for Community Building. The Institute provides professional education and other learning opportunities for community development leadership, staff and board members.

**John Anderson**
John Anderson is a builder, developer, planner, and urbanist. Prior to the Great Recession he was the director of planning and design for New Urban Builders in Chico and Redding, where the firm has demonstrated that California production builders can build sustainable neighborhoods. In 2009 John and his partner David Kim formed Anderson / Kim Architecture + Urban Design with offices in Albuquerque and NYC. The firm specializes in infill design and development.

**Kate Ange**
Katharine Ange, AICP is a Principal and Vice President with Renaissance Planning Group. She currently serves as program manager for EPA’s Local Foods, Local Places technical assistance program that will serve more than 26 communities nationwide in 2015. Kate is well versed in a broad range of smart growth and sustainability topics and excels in facilitation and capacity building techniques to help communities move towards more livable futures.

**Jeanne Anthony**
Jeanne Anthony is a Senior Program Manager with AARP’s Education & Outreach Department. Her portfolio includes the Age Friendly Communities Network program as well the Active Living Workshop program delivered in partnership with the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute.
Katie Arevalo
Katie Arevalo is a highly committed board member to Youth As Resources. Katie is also part of Youth As Resources’ Project Support and Follow Committee.

Miriam Avins
Miriam Avins is the executive director of Baltimore Green Space, a land trust that works with neighborhoods to preserve their treasured open spaces, such as gardens, forest patches, and horseshoe pits.

Kristin Baja
Kristin Baja is the Climate and Resilience Planner with the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability. She is responsible for development and implementation of the City’s Disaster Preparedness Plan, which integrates climate adaptation with hazard mitigation. She is also responsible for floodplain management, CRS certification, resiliency planning and STAR Communities certification.

Ben Bakkenta
Ben is a Program Manager in PSRC’s Growth Management department, where he specializes in long-range land use and transportation planning. Ben holds a BA from the University of California Santa Barbara, and a Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of Washington.

Sandy Ballard
Sandy is a Harvard Law School & Kennedy School of Government graduate and serves as the local bar association’s volunteer coordinator. In 2009, she was elected and began working on updating the Comprehensive Plan with Smart Growth principles. Sandy is part of a regional bike/ped advocacy group investigating Bike Share.

LisaBeth Barajas
LisaBeth Barajas is the Local Planning Assistance Manager at the Metropolitan Council, where she oversees a planning team in providing technical assistance to local governments; advising the Council’s Land Use Advisory Committee; collaborating with other governments on issues of regional importance; and reviewing local plans, amendments, and environmental documents.

Benjamin Beach
Ben works with organizations and local governments in cities across the country on a variety of matters, including their efforts to transform local economies. This work includes advising and representing campaigns for community benefits at major development projects and for high road approaches to critical local sectors like construction, waste and recycling, energy efficiency, goods movement and retail.

Joel Beauvais
Joel Beauvais is the Associate Administrator for EPA’s Office of Policy. Previously he served as Associate Assistant Administrator in EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation, where he oversaw a broad portfolio of domestic and international air quality and climate policy issues. Prior to that he served as Special Council to EPA’s Office of General Council.

**Chris Beck**  
Chris Beck has served the Obama Administration representing USDA on a variety of place-based initiatives. A native of Oregon and a student of that state’s nationally recognized land use planning system, Chris works to help rural communities understand the role that place-making can play in shaping future economic prosperity.

**Alyssa Begley**  
Ms. Begley is Chief of Caltrans Transportation Planning’s Office of Sustainable Community Planning. The office strengthens the planning linkage between proposed and existing land uses and transportation decisions at the local level. The work supports sustainable transportation system development, livable communities, and smart growth.

**Kevin Belanger**  
Kevin Belanger is a Transportation Planner and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for Rockville, MD.

**Judith Bell**  
Judith Bell is the president at PolicyLink. Under her central leadership, PolicyLink has developed into a national voice for access and opportunity for all people — particularly low-income people and communities of color. Bell also leads PolicyLink efforts to improve access to healthy food at the local and state levels, including work with the Obama administration and Congress to launch a national Healthy Food Financing Initiative.

**Dena Belzer**  
Ms. Belzer is President and founder of Strategic Economics, an urban economics consulting firm specializing in analytic and decision-making tools to support public agencies, non-profit organizations and developers in making policy and/or investment decisions to support strong communities.

**Randall Keith Benjamin**  
Randall Keith Benjamin, II currently serves as the Street Scale Campaign Manager for the Safe Routes to School National Partnership identifying the keys to increasing equitable livability, accesses, mobility and health of populations most disproportionately affected. He and can be followed @rkbtwo

**Shana Berger**
Shana Berger, Co-Director, is an artist, writer, and curator who works in collaboration with CCA Co-Director Nathan Purath. Driven by the idea that art can play an integral role in realizing positive social change, their work blends modes of art, activism and organizing. Since beginning tenure at the CCA in 2005 they have developed architecture for creating participatory projects, and maintain a relational framework through which artists and community members collaborate.

**Stephanie Bertaina**
Stephanie Bertaina is a Senior Policy Analyst with the U.S. EPA Office of Sustainable Communities in Washington, D.C. where she focuses on smart growth issues that affect small towns and rural communities, local food, economic revitalization, and disaster resilience. Stephanie has a master's degree from the University of Michigan and bachelor's degrees from Westmont College.

**Karen Black**
Karen L. Black is the CEO of May 8 Consulting, Inc. a firm that performs policy research, analysis, coalition building and facilitation to form innovative and creative solutions to seemingly intractable problems.

**Fred Blackwell**
Fred Blackwell, a nationally recognized leader with a longstanding career in the Bay Area, is CEO of The San Francisco Foundation. He leads one of the largest community foundations in the country, working hand-in-hand with donors, nonprofits, community leaders, business, and government to identify, influence, and leverage best practices and long-term solutions to ensure shared prosperity and equity in the Bay Area.

**Michelle Bland**
Michelle Bland is Manager for Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States Educational Theatre. Educational Theatre provides free health education to the region using theatre arts.

**Alex Bob**
Alex Bob works for the City of Somerville's Housing Division on programs aimed at reducing traffic air pollution exposure and removing lead paint hazards for low-income households.

**Hayley Bonsteel**
Hayley joined Futurewise in 2014 as Community Engagement and Outreach Manager, and works on science, policy, and livable communities projects. She brings years of experience producing graphics, tools, and reports on outreach efforts like the Growing Transit Communities Equity Network and Safe Routes to School. She holds a BA in Architecture and a Masters in Landscape Architecture, and is passionate about equitable environmental solutions and community-driven change.

**David Bowers**
David Bowers is vice president and Mid-Atlantic market leader for Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. His work includes facilitating affordable housing and community development deals in collaboration with government agencies, lenders, for-profit and nonprofit developers in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas. His office provides capacity building and technical assistance to local nonprofit developers.

Ellen Braff-Guajardo
Ellen Braff-Guajardo is a national program officer on the Healthy Kids team at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, based in Battle Creek, MI. Ellen’s work supports efforts to build healthy communities by innovation, and policy and systems change, through the lenses of racial equity, community engagement and leadership development.

Ilana Branda
Ilana Branda is the Policy & Neighborhood Development Manager for Montgomery Housing Partnership. In this capacity she directs the organization’s policy agenda, spearheads neighborhood revitalization activities and manages research. Ms. Branda holds a Master’s of Community Planning from the University of Maryland. She is a member of ULI Washington Housing Initiative Council and serves on the policy committee for Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition and Community Development Network of Maryland.

Meg Brannon
Meg Brannon is Creative Education Specialist for Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States Educational Theatre. Educational Theatre provides free health education to the region using theatre arts.

Dana Brechwald
Dana Brechwald is a Resilience Planner at the Association of Bay Area Governments. Dana works with local governments, earthquake professionals, businesses, and residents on hazard mitigation and long-term disaster recovery planning for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ben Brown
Ben Brown is a former newspaper and magazine journalist who specializes in strategic communications for New Urbanist/Smart Growth policies and projects. He’s been a partner in the consulting firm of PlaceMakers, LLC, since 2008.

Ellis Brown
Ellis Brown came to Morgan State University in 2004. He is the Director of the Morgan Community Mile Initiative, Morgan’s flagship effort for community engagement and revitalization. The Initiative partners with Northeast Baltimore neighborhoods and other stakeholders to leverage the University’s human and other resources to positively impact community outcomes.

Michael Brown
Michael Brown is the Vice-President of Community Programs at The Seattle Foundation. Michael oversees the Foundation's community impact efforts, strategic grantmaking initiatives, convening activities, and plays a lead role with the Foundation's impact investing program.

**Kristin Brubaker**
Kristin Brubaker has been with the Local Government Commission since 2014, working with the Climate Change team. Kristin acts as the Program Manager for the Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program, CivicSpark, which provides capacity building support for local governments throughout California.

**Chris Bryant**
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**Devon Buckels**
Devon Buckels' work in the public, private and non-profit sectors has focused on creating healthy and sustainable communities. She has a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado at Denver, and a Certification in Sustainability Leadership and Implementation from the Daniels College of Business.

**Ignacio Bunster-Ossa**
Ignacio F. Bunster-Ossa is a landscape architect and urban designer with over 30 years of experience in the planning and design of urban landscapes, including new communities, university campuses, waterfronts, urban parks and civic places. He is recognized as a leading proponent of Landscape Urbanism, the planning and design of sustainable and landscape-leveraged urban areas, especially through the integration of green infrastructure and public art.

**Dan Burden**
Dan Burden, the Director of Innovation and Inspiration for Blue Zones, LLC, has focused his entire career on helping the world get back on its feet. Dan created the walking audit; a highly interactive way to help people see their community through a sharper, more people focused lens. This popular annual NPSG walking audit workshop is designed to help participants fine-tune their most engaging public interaction skills.

**Brad Buschur**
Brad Buschur is a Project Director with Groundwork Lawrence. Through an innovative partnership with the City of Lawrence (Massachusetts), he has assisted with the implementation of transformative open space projects that increase people’s access to open space. Over the past five years this partnership has resulted in the creation of nine parks, the renovation of five parks and the establishment of the Spicket River Greenway. He is overseeing Groundwork Lawrence's expanding role in urban waters programs and oversees several economic development initiatives. Mr. Buschur holds a Bachelors in Urban Planning and Political Science
from Miami University and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

**Brent Butler**
Brent Butler manages the Planning and Housing Division, which is responsible for general planning, zoning, and housing. He holds a Master of Urban Planning (UW), a Master in Design Studies (GSD), and bachelors in chemistry (Williams College).

**Kevin Byrd**
Kevin Byrd, AICP is the Executive Director of the New River Valley Planning District Commission. He oversees a broad range of federal, state and local programs, which include housing, transportation, environmental, economic development, land use planning and GIS services. He has a MURP from Virginia Tech and BS from Appalachian State University.

**Clarrissa Cabansagan**
Clarrissa Cabansagan manages the San Francisco Bay Area’s Safe Routes to Transit grant program, jointly administered by TransForm, Bike East Bay, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Clarrissa also leads TransForm’s advocacy to permanently repurpose underused parking, and to ensure low-income communities benefit from tech-enabled shared mobility options and Express Lanes.

**Steve Callahan**
Steve Callahan is the lead lender for Self-Help Credit Union in affordable housing. Prior to that he was the HUD liaison to Chicanos Por La Causa on their $137 million national NSP2 grant. He previously was a campaign coordinator at the AFL-CIO’s Center for Strategic Organizing (2005-2009). Previously he directed the social investment and shareholder responsibility programs for the Jesuit religious order and the economic development programs of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

**Mark Cameron**
Mark Cameron is the Watershed Liaison, Environmental Compliance and Laboratory Services Division of the Baltimore Department of Public Works.

**Armando Carbonell**
Armando Carbonell chairs the Department of Planning and Urban Form at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a think tank in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Carbonell has taught urban planning at Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania. He was also the founding executive director of the Cape Cod Commission.

**Matt Carpenter**
Director, Transportation Services; oversees planning/implementation efforts allocating over $150 million yearly for operation/maintenance/expansion of surface transportation network; project director on two award-winning long-range transportation plans; member, TRB Committee on Metropolitan Planning, Policy and
Processes; Masters in Urban Engineering, University of Tokyo; Masters in City Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Rochelle Carpenter**
Rochelle is the Deputy Outreach Director for Transportation for America and Senior Policy Analyst at the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Rochelle has worked to build a coalition to develop and advocate for national transportation policies that would improve health and advance equity, including funding for public transportation, funding for bicycling and walking projects, health equity performance measures and more.

**Ann Carroll**
Ann Carroll has over 30 years of experience in environmental and public health work in risk assessment and risk communication, environmental justice, lead poisoning prevention and contaminated site assessment and cleanup.

**Rachel Reilly Carroll**
Rachel Reilly Carroll is the Investment Marketing Manager at Enterprise Community Loan Fund, and manages the Enterprise Community Impact Note program. Rachel holds a Masters in Real Estate Development from the University of Maryland’s Colvin Institute, and is an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Washington, D.C.

**Dion Cartwright**
Dion has served at the BCF since 2001. With a focus on intergenerational community engagement, she is responsible for the implementation of BCF’s Neighborhood Strategies that focus on creating safe, clean, green and vibrant neighborhoods, and increased leadership development and capacity building in communities. This includes the Neighborhood Grants Program, which provides funding to support community-based organizations in Baltimore to address issues.

**Cheryl Casciani**
Cheryl Casciani is the Baltimore Community Foundation’s Director of, Neighborhood Sustainability. Cheryl received an MBA from the Yale School of Management, Bachelors of Science in Economics and Bachelors of Applied Science from University of Pennsylvania. She serves on the Baltimore City School Board and chairs the Baltimore Sustainability Commission.

**Renato Castelo**
Renato Castelo is Community Engagement Specialist at MAPC in the Regional Plan Implementation Department. As a first-generation immigrant from Ecuador, Renato is passionate about engaging diverse groups for the development of sustainable communities.

**Rashelle Celestin**
Rashelle is the Senior Program and Data Manager for Baltimore Housing.
**Janelle Chan**
Janelle Chan is the executive director of Asian Community Development Corporation, a non-profit that serves Asian Americans in the Greater Boston region. Janelle is experienced in participatory planning and is currently leading the redevelopment of a city block with the construction of One Greenway, a $150MM mixed-use, mixed-income residential project.

**Jim Chandler**
Mr. Chandler is an IEDC certified Economic Development (CEcD) and LEED Accredited professional specializing in local urban revitalization and economic development place making. Since 2007, he has worked for the City of Hyattsville, leading the community’s Smart Growth efforts focused on revitalization, redevelopment and reuse.

**Ruben Chandrasekar**
Ruben Chandrasekar is the executive director of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Baltimore, the largest refugee resettlement agency in central Maryland. The IRC works to ensure refugees become self-sufficient and integrated in their communities across central Maryland and strengthen the social and economic health of Baltimore City.

**Todd Cherkis**
Founder United Workers 2002, successful campaigns for living wage jobs for over 1,000 workers at development projects in Baltimore, spent the last 20 years focused on grassroots leadership development focused on human rights and poverty in Baltimore, Washington, DC and Atlanta.

**Dennis Chestnut**
Dennis is the founding Executive Director of Groundwork Anacostia River DC, a nonprofit business committed to improving the community’s physical landscape through tangible projects. A lifetime resident of Ward 7 Washington, DC. A vocational educator and master carpenter by training, lead citizen forester, community organizer, nonprofit board member, ELP Senior Fellow, and Master Watershed Steward. Dennis is a lover of nature and works to connect people to the outdoors.

**David Chipman**
David H. Chipman is the SVP of Public Safety Solutions at SST, Inc. where he leads efforts nationally to partner with cities fighting gun violence and related crime through the use of its ShotSpotter gunfire data and intelligence. An experienced law enforcement veteran, Chipman served over 25 years in numerous executive and field agent roles at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF).

**Abby Cocke**
Abby Cocke is a long-time Baltimore resident with a background in community organizing and neighborhood greening. In 2011, she joined the City of Baltimore’s Office of Sustainability, where she works on urban agriculture, green school initiatives, and forest conservation.

**Dana Coelho**
Dana Coelho manages the Urban & Community Forestry Program for the Rocky Mountain Region of the USDA Forest Service. She holds masters degrees in Sustainable Development, Conservation Biology, and Public Policy from the University of Maryland and a bachelor’s degree in Urban & Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia.

**William Cole**
William “Bill” Cole was twice elected as a member of the Baltimore City Council representing downtown Baltimore before being appointed in August, 2014 by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake to head the city’s quasi-governmental economic development agency, the Baltimore Development Corporation. A former member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1998-2002 and a former Special Assistant to U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings (MD-07) from 1996-2003, Bill served as an Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement at the University of Baltimore for nearly 12 years. He serves as chairman of Cecil Bank and its holding company, chairman of the Baltimore Hotel Corporation, and as co-chair of the Opportunity Collaborative, the consortium charged with developing a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the Baltimore region. In addition, he serves on more than a dozen other civic and non-profit boards. Bill holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Government & Politics from the University of Maryland and a Master’s Degree in Legal & Ethical Studies from the University of Baltimore. He lives with his wife and three children near Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

**Christine Conn**
Christine coordinates policy development and environmental project review for the Department as Director of the Integrated Policy and Review Unit. The unit works to advance improved coordination, collaboration and early action to achieve better protection of the State’s natural resources.

**Robin Corathers**
Robin Corathers is an environmental policy planner and executive director of Groundwork Cincinnati/Mill Creek, a dynamic nonprofit celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Her work experience includes 28 years in the environmental field and 12 years as a social worker.

**Jay Corbalis**
Jay Corbalis helps build smart growth as a Development Associate at Federal Realty Investment Trust. Prior to joining Federal, Jay worked for the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District and Smart Growth America. He has an
undergraduate degree in Urban and Regional Studies from Cornell University, and a Masters in Real Estate Development from Georgetown University.

**Judith Corbett**
Judy Corbett is the Founder of the Local Government Commission and served as Executive Director for over 30 years. Currently she is the organization's Innovation Advisor. Corbett is also co-developer of Village Homes, a plan that still remains a cutting edge model of sustainable development.

**James Corless**
James Corless is the Director of Transportation for America (T4America). T4America is an alliance of elected, business and civic leaders from communities across the country, united to ensure that states and the federal government step up to invest in smart, homegrown, locally-driven transportation solutions. Prior to Transportation for America, Mr. Corless served as a senior planner for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Jackie Cornejo**
Jackie Cornejo is the Director of the Don’t Waste LA Project. She previously worked on the Construction Careers Project as Research Analyst and later as Project Director. Before coming to LAANE, Jackie was a community organizer focusing on food access and tenants’ rights issues in the Westlake community, as well as facilitating community planning projects in Westlake and South LA. She holds a Bachelor’s degree from Occidental College and a master’s degree in Urban Planning from UCLA.

**Katherine Cornwell**
Katherine Cornwell is the Planning Director for Madison, WI, a city that defies reality for the better. She leads a wildly progressive team committed to shaping Madison’s future with the public’s trust.

**Cheryl Cort**
Cheryl Cort is Policy Director for the Coalition for Smarter Growth (CSG), the leading organization addressing where and how the Washington, D.C. region grows. She leads CSG’s equitable development efforts to promote transit-oriented development, housing choices, economic development and pedestrian safety and access in less affluent communities, especially eastern D.C. and Prince George’s County. She is a leading member of the D.C. Campaign for Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning and continues to work for stronger commitments to affordable housing in city land developments. Cheryl also leads policy campaigns to support transit-oriented development initiatives, such as Complete Streets, zoning and parking policy reforms.

**Erin Coryell**
Erin Dearborn Coryell joined the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation in November of 2010 as Program Officer in the Relief and Resilience Program. Erin is responsible for
the development, strategic direction, and grantmaking of the Foundation’s domestic disaster program, which is focused on the Midwest. Erin manages a portfolio of grants that span the continuum of disaster preparedness through long-term recovery projects in a ten state region.

**Amy Cotter**
Amy Cotter directs implementation of greater Boston’s regional plan, "MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region," a role that has included its Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant and MAPC’s work as a member of the MA Smart Growth Alliance. Her work uses public engagement, research, analysis, evaluation and advocacy to explore policy and planning options, develop best practices, and informs decision making from local to national levels.

**Damon Cox**
Damon Cox is the Director of Economic Development at The Boston Foundation, overseeing the Foundation’s portfolio of workforce and economic development investments. Damon brings an extensive background in enhancing opportunities for entrepreneurs, most recently as the Director and Program Designer for the Boston Small Business Contest, a prize competition designed to create and support business development opportunities for residents in Boston’s Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan neighborhoods.

**Lyz Crane**
Lyz Crane is the Deputy Director for ArtPlace America. Previously, she served as the Communications Director at ArtHome and the Director of Program Development at Partners for Livable Communities. Crane received her MPA in policy analysis from the NYU Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service.

**David Cristeal**
Cristeal’s community organizing, development and affordable housing experience in Chicago, Raleigh and Arlington has spanned a wide range of settings and challenges. Since June 2013, has served as Arlington’s Housing Director. David received a Master’s Degree in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina.

**Robert Dallari**
Robert E. "Bob" Dallari was elected to the Seminole County Commission on November 2, 2004. He resides in Oviedo where he served for 8 years on the Oviedo City Council (4 of them as Chairman) prior to his election to the Seminole County Board of Commissioners. He strongly supports the Arts; greenways & trails; sustainable growth, always respectful of the voters' wishes to maintain rural boundaries; Communities For A Lifetime (for elders); preservation of county and state natural lands and wilderness areas; water conservation and re-supply programs; safety and advocacy measures for children; and schools.

**Jeff Davis**
Mr. Davis has served as a Principal Planner for Land Use at the Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program since February 2012. He has a Masters of Community Planning from the University of Maryland, with a professional background in neighborhood planning, community development and housing.

**Jake Day**
Jake Day is the City Council President in Salisbury, Maryland - his hometown. He is an urban designer and a US Army Cavalry officer. Jake is a graduate of University of Maryland, Carnegie Mellon University and Oxford University.

**Liz Delaney**
Liz Delaney is Program Director of EDF Climate Corps, an innovative fellowship program that places talented graduate students in companies and organizations to advance their building energy management practices. Since 2008, EDF Climate Corps has helped organizations identify approximately $1.4 billion in potential savings from energy projects.

**Stefanie deOlloqui**
Stefanie deOlloqui MS, MCHES is a public health professional whose work focuses on policy, practice, research and projects that have a tangible impact on local communities. As a shared mobility expert, she led the effort for the planning and implementation of Bike Chattanooga. The result was the largest new US deployment of a bicycle sharing system in 2012.

**Barbara Deutsch**
Barbara Deutsch is Executive Director of the Landscape Architecture Foundation. Barbara has served as an Associate Director for BioRegional's OnePlanet Communities program and also as Senior Director of Casey Trees. Barbara earned a Master’s in Landscape Architecture from the University of Washington, and was awarded a Loeb Fellowship at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

**Kate Dineen**
Kate Dineen is the Managing Director of the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program within Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Office of Storm Recovery. Prior to joining the Governor’s team, she served as U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s Policy Director, covering environmental, energy, and economic development issues. She graduated cum laude from Williams College and holds a Masters in City Planning from MIT.

**Joe DiStefano**
Joe DiStefano is Principal and Partner at Calthorpe Analytics. Building on nearly 20 years of experience in land use and transportation planning, Joe is leading the development and deployment of the RapidFire and UrbanFootprint modeling platforms, leading-edge tools that facilitate scenario planning and analyze the impacts of land use and transportation scenarios for fiscal, environmental, and public health impacts.
**Linda Jo Doctor**
Linda Jo Doctor is a program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. In this role, she helps develop programming priorities, designs and implements national grant initiatives and place-based work. As a member of the Food, Health & Well-Being team, she co-leads the Food & Community Program, an effort to transform food systems so vulnerable children and families benefit. In Michigan, Ms. Doctor co-leads the foundation’s placed-based work in Detroit.

**Richard Dolesh**
Rich develops national policy related to conservation and parks, builds strategic partnerships, represents NRPA on national coalitions, and writes extensively in a variety of publications on kids and nature, conservation practice, and urban parks.

**Kimberly Dowdell**
Kimberly Dowdell is a Sheila C. Johnson Fellow within the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard. She is a licensed architect with a specialty in real estate project management and public interest design. In 2005, she co-founded SEED (Social Economic Environmental Design) in an effort to improve the quality of life for people living in cities.

**Marc Draisen**
Marc Draisen has served as the Executive Director at MAPC since 2002. MAPC’s work covers a wide range of areas related to smart growth and regional collaboration, including transportation, land use, water resources, clean energy, public safety, public health, housing, economic development, and collective procurement.

**Paula Dressel**
Paula Dressel is Vice-President of JustPartners, Inc. a Baltimore-based nonprofit consulting firm promoting age- and race-inclusive communities. Previously she was Director of Planning at the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Professor of Sociology at Georgia State University.

**Matt Drew**
After developing a latent demand analysis study for bike lanes in Salisbury, MD, Mr. Drew founded the local advocacy group Bike-SBY. He has championed several local initiatives centered on the 5E approach to making Salisbury a Bicycle Friendly Community.

**Andres Duany**
Andrés Duany is an architect whose work focuses on town and regional planning. He and his wife, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, founded their practice in 1980, at the time of their design of the town of Seaside, Florida, which began an ongoing debate on the alternatives to suburban sprawl. Since then, DPZ, their planning practice, has over
200 plans in the process of implementation. DPZ has particular expertise in writing
codes. The firm is dedicated to both practice and research.

**Steve Dubb**
Steve Dubb is Research Director of The Democracy Collaborative, where he directs
the organization’s DC office, writes reports and books, and oversees the Community-
Wealth.org information portal. Dubb has helped to develop community wealth
building strategies in many cities, including Cleveland, Atlanta, Washington,
Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Jackson, New Orleans, and Denver.

**Kate Dykgraaf**
Kate is a program analyst at the Office of Economic Resilience, U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban Development.

**Don Edwards**
Don Edwards is considered one of the most deft mediators and civic engagement
designers working today in the field of land use and development by international,
federal, regional, state and local planning, transportation, parks and economic
development agencies, corporations, universities, foundations and community-
based organizations.

**Stacey Epperson**
Stacey is President/CEO of Next Step, a social venture that mobilizes a network of
nonprofits to provide affordable housing. Stacey is an Ashoka Fellow, CFED
Innovator-in-Residence and alumnus of the Achieving Excellence in Community
Development Program. She received an MPA at Western Kentucky University.

**Jen Faigel**
Jen Faigel is a real estate and community economic development professional based
in Boston. Jen spent much of her career developing affordable housing and mission-
based commercial projects. She is the co-founder of CropCircle Kitchen, Boston’s
only non-profit food business incubator, and recently stepped in as Executive
Director to lead the redevelopment of the former Pearl hot dog factory into a multi-
tenant food manufacturing facility located within Boston’s Promise Neighborhoods
Zone.

**Kathleen Ferrier**
Kathleen Ferrier, AICP is the Director of Advocacy and Outreach for Circulate San
Diego where she takes the lead on building public support for active transportation,
better transit, and sustainable land use. Key to her position is outreach to
community members, government officials, and city staff about the benefits of
healthy, walkable, bikeable communities that are well served by transit and the
policies that make these communities the norm.

**David Fink**
David Fink has been policy director the The Partnership for Strong Communities since 2004. He spent 27 years as a politics and government reporter, editor and opinion page editor for five newspapers including The Hartford Courant, USA Today and St. Louis-Post Dispatch and served as press secretary for the Speaker of the House in CT. He and his wife, a lawyer, have two children and live in West Hartford.

**Jodee Fishman Raines**
Jodee has been the vice president of programs at the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation since its creation in 2008. Prior positions include executive director of The Jewish Fund, program officer at The Skillman Foundation, and associate attorney at Bodman LLP.

**Diana Flora**
Diana has worked in Detroit for six years on issues of public policy and community and economic development. She currently serves as Project Manager and Detroit Revitalization Fellow for Data Driven Detroit. Diana has a dual Master’s degree in Public Policy and Urban Planning from the University of Michigan.

**Mark Focht**
As First Deputy Commissioner, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Mr. Focht is responsible for operations, maintenance, planning, capital, property management, urban forestry, ecosystem management and security of a 10,300-acre park system. In 2015, Mr. Focht serves as Immediate Past-President of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

**Chris Forinash**
Christopher Forinash leads the Sustainable Communities Learning Network for ISC. Previously he led transportation policy work in the US EPA’s smart growth program, including diverse projects such as efforts to develop street design standards, promote car-sharing, change parking requirements, and otherwise create a transportation system to support smart growth communities. He is also Chairman of the Planning Commission in Arlington, Virginia.

**Susan Fox**
Susan Fox joined the NOAA Coastal Services Center in January 2005. She is a Project Manager and Training Specialist with the Baldwin Group at the NOAA Coastal Services Center, based in Charleston, SC. Susan manages the Coastal Community Planning and Development (CCPD) training, coordinates smart growth and sustainability projects, and serves as the NOAA liaison to multiple organizations.

**Lawrence Frank**
Dr. Frank has been studying the effects of neighborhood walkability on travel patterns and sustainability for 20 years. He works directly with local governments to help translate research into practice-based tools that can provide direct feedback on the health and environmental impacts of alternative transportation and land development proposals.
Hilary Franz
Hilary brings over 14 years of experience working on environmental, local government and public policy issues. Hilary has represented local governments, non-profit organizations, and citizen groups on a broad range of land use and environmental law issues. From 2008 to 2011, she served as a Bainbridge Island city council member, bringing together diverse coalitions of local, state, and national public and private entities and developing nationally recognized environmental policies and programs.

John Frece
John W. Frece retired in March 2014 after five years as director of the Office of Sustainable Communities at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The program provides direct policy assistance to states, technical assistance to local governments on smart growth issues, 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.

Holly Freishtat
Holly Freishtat, Baltimore City's first Food Policy Director works to align priorities to improve the food environment. Freishtat uses a multi-sector perspective and engages with diverse stakeholders to dismantle policy barriers, facilitate new partnerships and leverage funding to implement innovative solutions to address food access issues. Previously, Freishtat spent a decade working on food issues as a consultant, nutritionist, educator and farmer.

Naomi Friedman
Naomi Friedman is a Community Liaison and Outreach Coordinator in HUD's Office of Economic Resilience. She manages Regional Planning and Community Challenge grants, coordinates activities for HUD regional and field staff, and is a communications’ lead. Before coming to HUD, Naomi worked at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, NARC, NACo, and some environmental and energy groups.

Matthew Gallagher
Matthew Gallagher is the President and CEO of the Goldseker Foundation. Prior to joining Goldseker, Matthew served as the Chief of Staff to Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley. Matthew was born and raised in Baltimore, and received a Masters in Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

Mike Galvin
Mike Galvin is Director of the Consulting Group at SavATree and provides project support to the USFL Baltimore Urban Field Station.

Tracy Gant
Mayor Gant was elected in May 2014 after serving over 21 years on the Edmonston Town Council. Her dedication to her country and community extends beyond her military service of 7 years, the small Town of Edmonston and Prince George's County. Since 2013 she has served on the Maryland Advisory board of Smart Growth America. She’s an at-large member of the board of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and has served as Chair on the MML Convention Planning Committee and Communications Committee. Mayor Gant serves locally as an Executive Board Member for Ports Town Community Development Corporation and as a Board Member for the Prince Georges County Municipal Association. Above all, she is married and the mother of three children along with three grandchildren.

**Robert Garcia**
Robert Garcia is the Founding Director and Counsel of The City Project, a non-profit legal and policy advocacy team based in Los Angeles, California. He received the President’s Award from the American Public Health Association in 2010. PODER Magazine named him one of the top 100 Latino Green Leaders.

**Mackenzie Garvin**
Ms. Garvin is currently a Special Assistant in the Mayor’ Office of Economic and Neighborhood Development Office.

**Shawn Garvin**
Shawn Garvin is the Regional Administrator for the U.S. EPA Mid-Atlantic Region; Shawn’s responsibilities include administering federal programs governing air and water pollution, industrial discharges, the protection of streams, lakes and bays and the protection of public health in communities in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

**Jenna Gatto**
Jenna Gatto is a resilient community specialist at Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve. In this position she works one-on-one with New Jersey Municipalities to identify current and future coastal hazards and vulnerabilities using FEMA flood maps, the NJFloodMapper, NJAdapt.org, and the Getting to Resilience GTR community evaluation process.

**Rahwa Ghirmatzion**
Rahwa Ghirmatzion is the Development Director for PUSH Buffalo. For over thirteen years, Rahwa has worked with community-based organizations throughout WNY that promote community development across many sectors. Working in primarily underserved and underrepresented communities to ensure that alternative voices are heard, fostered and encouraged to participate in building a more just, equitable and civically engaged community.

**William Gilchrist**
William Gilchrist, FAIA, is Director of Place-Based Planning for New Orleans, LA. Throughout his career, he has practiced urban design as an integrated discipline,
cutting across architecture, landscape architecture, visual arts, environmental conservation, and transportation. He is an alumnus of MIT and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

**Calvin Gladney**  
Calvin Gladney, LEED AP, is Managing Partner of Mosaic Urban, and is a trusted advisor to cities and non-profits seeking to sustainably regenerate urban communities. He is currently working on neighborhood revitalization projects in Detroit, Memphis, Houston, Jacksonville, Prince George’s County, MD and the District of Columbia.

**Evan Goldman**  
Mr. Goldman is a Vice President at Federal Realty Investment Trust. He is responsible for managing the redevelopment of Pike & Rose a 24 acre mixed use development in North Bethesda, Maryland. He joined FRIT in July 2008 after ten years of experience in development, finance, and architecture.

**Amy Goldsmith**  
Oversees all Clean Water Action’s NJ water, toxics, sustainability, energy, environmental justice (EJ), Newark-based youth leadership training, and statewide civic engagement programs including Vote Environment Committee. Chair the Coalition for Healthy Ports, appointed member of NJDEP’s Clean Water Council and serve on the Board of NJ Work Environment Council.

**Ira Goldstein**  
Ira Goldstein, Ph.D., President of Policy Solutions at The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), designs and conducts studies used by government and other investors to make evidence-based decisions around resource allocation and policy impacting a broad array of community development issues.

**Robert Goo**  
Robert Goo currently works US EPA in the Office of Water. His areas of concentration include: integrated water resource management, water sensitive urban design, voluntary codes and standards such as LEED, IGCC and ASHRAE, decentralized stormwater and wastewater treatment systems and green infrastructure/low impact development practices. He served on the Sustainable Sites Initiative hydrology and pilot committees and is currently a technical advisor for SITES.

**Ashlee Grace**  
In her current role, Ashlee is responsible for providing place-based information needed for developing and improving municipal policy and infrastructure investments related to climate adaptation in the Great Lakes region. She holds a Masters degree in Urban Planning and a second in Natural Resource Management from the University of Michigan.
**Regina Gray**
Regina is a Coordinator of Sustainable Communities for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Stephanie Greenwood**
Stephanie Greenwood is a program officer with the Victoria Foundation in Newark. She also serves as the Sustainability Policy Adviser to Newark Mayor Ras Baraka. Heidi earned her Master’s of Urban and Regional Planning at Portland State University and her Master's of Public Health at Oregon Health & Science University, where she focused on health disparities. Heidi works on land use and active transportation policies at the intersection of social justice, public health, and the built environment to reduce health disparities, build power with community partners, and promote climate change mitigation & adaptation.

**Heidi Guenin**
Heidi earned her Master’s of Urban and Regional Planning at Portland State University and her Master's of Public Health at Oregon Health & Science University, where she focused on health disparities. Heidi works on land use and active transportation policies at the intersection of social justice, public health, and the built environment to reduce health disparities, build power with community partners, and promote climate change mitigation & adaptation.

**Thom Guertin**
Thom Guertin is the Chief Digital Officer for the State of Rhode Island. Thom oversees the technology strategy and management of a number of large scale projects, including the launch of HealthSource RI, multiple agency website redesigns, modernizing the Tax system, and the statewide e-permitting initiative. He has also launched the Rhode Island Transparency Portal and established a partnership with Code for America to develop a number of civic tech applications. Thom chairs a number of Lean Process Re-Engineering teams and works with all of the state agencies to prevent duplication of systems and efforts. Prior to his current role, Mr. Guertin served as Executive Director of Business Technology Solutions at The Boston Globe and New York Times; Senior eBusiness Manager and Interactive Marketing Manager for the Acushnet Company; and as one of the first five employees to launch Monster.com in 1994.

**Myrtle Habersham**
Ms. Habersham, a Macon-area resident, has more than three decades of professional, civic and caregiving leadership. Her tenure with the federal government included 18 years as a member of the senior executive corps. She was the Volunteer Lead in having Macon-Bibb designated as an Age-Friendly Community in AARP’s Network of Age Friendly Communities. Since 2012 she has served as a member of the AARP Georgia Executive Council.

**Robin Hacke**
Robin Hacke is a Senior Fellow in the Presidential Office at The Kresge Foundation, a $3 billion national foundation that works to expand opportunity in America’s cities through grant making and investing. A former venture capitalist and investment banker, she leads a project to help cities attract and leverage investment for social and environmental goals.

Jonathan Halfon
Jonathan Halfon currently works within FEMAs innovative long-term planning group as a sustainability planner. He has played an integral role in initiatives including the Smart Growth and Resiliency Partnership and planning for green infrastructure across the region. He is a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and trained in City and Regional Planning at the Pratt Institute.

Jasmine Hall-Ratliff
Jasmine N. Hall Ratliff is a program officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Her programs include policy and environmental change impacting childhood obesity prevention, using program-related investments to impact the health of communities and focusing on improving disparities in community health.

Sara Hammerschmidt
Sara Hammerschmidt is a research associate at the Urban Land Institute, supporting the Building Healthy Places Initiative. She previously worked at PolicyLink on issues of health and place. Sara is currently a PhD candidate and holds a master’s degree in community and regional planning from the University of Texas.

Steve Hansen
Councilmember Hansen represents Sacramento’s 4th Council District since 2012, including our historic mid-town and downtown neighborhoods, Land Park, and River Oaks communities. For the last decade, Steve Hansen has lived in and cared deeply for Sacramento. He’s worked as an advocate for neighborhoods, civil rights, and responsive government. As a resident of Alkali Flat, he is active in the local neighborhood association.

Peter Harnik
Peter Harnik is director of the Center for City Park Excellence at The Trust for Public Land, based in Washington, D.C. Widely published, has served on the board of Smart Growth America and is the author of "Urban Green: Innovative Parks for Resurgent Cities.

Max Harper
Max Harper is co-founder and Director of Impact Hub DC, a globally-networked shared workspace for social innovators. Previously, Max co-founded Groundswell, an award-winning innovative social enterprise. Max produced video for the Obama campaign and administration. Harper also helped launch a digital creative agency and civic software company, IB5k.
Malcolm Harris
Malcolm Harris, Director of Programs & Organizing for T.R.U.S.T. South LA, recently celebrated approval of a 140 unit mixed-use, affordable family housing development on community-held land in a transit-adjacent, gentrifying area of South Central Los Angeles. Malcolm believes that POWER in poor/working class Black and immigrant communities can only be built through solidarity and strategic planning that is led by the community itself.

Eddie Hawkins
Eddie is the Student Commissioner for Baltimore City Public Schools. His current work revolves around increased student voice, youth advocacy and leadership development.

Roxie Herbekian
Roxie Herbekian, President of UNITE HERE Local 7. UNITE HERE is the largest hospitality industry Union in North America representing workers in Hotels, Casinos, Food Service and Airport Food and Retail. She has been involved in labor and community campaigns in Maryland to insure that workers interests are represented in urban development.

Mauricio Hernandez
Mauricio Hernandez is a transportation planner with a focus in bike share feasibility, implementation and evaluation. Mauricio served as the lead researcher for a team representing the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on a comprehensive national analysis on bike sharing implementation in cities across the U.S. Mauricio has a background working in policy issues as well as different alternative transportation initiatives.

Lisa Hodges
Ms. Hodges currently is the principal of Hodges Development, LLC, Senior Advisor to Oystertree Consulting, L3C and also currently part of a training team delivering the curriculum, “Energy Performance Contracting for Small Housing Authorities,” for US Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD) nationally.

Dan Hoffman
Dan Hoffman is the Chief Innovation Officer for Montgomery County, MD. He is responsible for creating and maintaining strategies and programs that generate innovative ideas in Montgomery County. In the community Mr. Hoffman was one of the primary community organizers during the development of the White Flint Sector Plan.

Davin Hong
Davin Hong is founder of Living Design Lab, a Baltimore architecture firm seeking to intersect design excellence, innovation, and social impact. He has been a leading advocate for placed-based holistic neighborhood revitalization strategies that utilize the construction of schools as catalysts for change.
Jen Horton
Jen serves as Program Manager for community and economic development at NACo where she provides technical assistance and resources to local elected officials and staff related to economic resilience. Before joining NACo, Jen served as a Planning and Policy Fellow at EPA’s Office of Sustainable Communities, where she managed technical assistance programs for local governments and communities related to land use, smart growth and economic development.

Stephanie Hyre
Stephanie Hyre is a Program Officer at The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation in Charleston, West Virginia. Stephanie has an MA from the University of Georgia and she currently works in community development with the goal of improving the educational outcomes for those living in the Greater Kanawha Valley region.

Laura Jackson
Dr. Laura Jackson is an ecologist with the U.S. EPA, in Research Triangle Park, NC. She is a principal investigator in the Sustainable and Healthy Communities Research Program, leading the community component of EnviroAtlas. Her work addresses the linkages among urban ecosystem services, built infrastructure, and human health and well-being.

Wendy Lewis Jackson
Wendy Lewis Jackson is a Deputy Director with the Kresge Foundation, working with the Detroit and Community Development Teams. Ms. Jackson earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and communication from the University of Michigan and received her Master’s of Social Work degree from The University of Michigan.

Celeste James
Director of Community Health for Kaiser Permanente, the nation’s leading integrated health care delivery system. Celeste leads and supports Kaiser's community-based strategies to improve health and save lives by targeting environmental and social conditions in the communities Kaiser Permanente serves.

Curtis Jones
The Honorable CURTIS JONES, JR. represents the 4th District in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which includes the sections of Overbrook, Manayunk, BelmontVillage, Wynnewfield, EastFalls, Allegheny West and Roxborough. Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. consistent and dedicated approach has earned him the trust, loyalty and respect of both his constituents as well as his peers as he was unanimously elected Majority Leader January 2, 2012. Currently in his 2nd term Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. is the Chair of Public Safety and Vice Chairman to the Committees of Park, Recreation & Cultural Affairs and Appropriations.

Dwane Jones
Dwane Jones, Ph.D., is the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at the University of the District of Columbia, a division of the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability, and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES). Dwane and his colleagues conduct research and teach courses in Urban Sustainability, Urban Design, Urban Planning Public Policy and Health, Research and Ethics and Low Impact Development. He has degrees in Urban Planning, Environmental Planning, and Urban Design.

George Jones
George A. Jones became Executive Director of Bread for the City (BFC) on January 2, 1996. In 2012, the BFC Board of Directors voted to change his title to Chief Executive Officer. BFC’s mission is to alleviate the suffering caused by poverty and rectify the conditions that perpetuate poverty.

LaShawn Jones
LaShawn Jones is a highly committed board member to Youth As Resources. LaShawn is also the chair of Youth As Resources Outreach and Task Force committee.

Marisa Jones
Marisa Jones is an Assistant Program Manager at the Institute for Public Health Innovation, where she manages the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign for the Mid-Atlantic, an initiative to support local government leaders to shape their communities into places where all people can make healthy choices about physical activity and nutrition.

Melissa Jones
Melissa Jones is a Senior Program Officer at Local Initiatives Support Corporation in Boston, where she directs their comprehensive community development initiative, Resilient Communities, Resilient Families. She also manages the grant making and technical assistance for the office’s Financial Opportunity Centers and community safety programs.

Shyam Kannan
Shyam directs Strategic, Long-Range, Systems and Capital, Accessibility, and Sustainability Planning for WMATA, the nation’s 2nd busiest subway and 6th busiest bus provider.

Calvin Keene
Reverend Calvin Keene leads the Memorial Baptist Church in Baltimore’s Oliver neighborhood. He is a clergy leader of Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development (BUILD) and founding member of TRF Development Partners (TRF/DP), the joint effort of BUILD and The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), created to implement redevelopment of the Oliver community.

Meg Kelly
Meg Kelly is the Space to Grow Project Manager at Healthy Schools Campaign, implementing the vision of a unique partnership to revitalize Chicago’s schoolyards, using site scale green infrastructure. With a background in land use planning and sensitive resource protection, Meg has worked on many projects in the US that integrate stormwater management with public access to open space.

**Dena Kennett**
Dena Kennett is Toole Design Group’s Landscape Architect Practice Leader. She has a broad landscape architecture and urban design background, spanning from private sector project management to oversight of national network of practitioners and experts for the American Society of Landscape Architects. The ability of transportation and infrastructure to define a city and impact the quality of life of its residents drives her interest and practice.

**Yariela Kerr-Donovan**
Yariela Kerr-Donovan serves as the Director of Strategic Workforce Planning & Development for The Johns Hopkins Health System, and has worked for that Institution for 10 years. She has earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Cornell University and is a certified Strategic Workforce Planner.

**Rabi Kieber**
Rabi is EPA Region 2’s Sustainability Coordinator. She is responsible for the regional implementation of several EPA programs including the EPA/HUD/DOT Sustainable Communities Partnership, FEMA/EPA MOU, Smart Growth, and Green Buildings. Prior to EPA, Rabi worked on programs to support at-risk communities at Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of New York. She was a field coordinator for Africare in Niger, West Africa where she developed and implemented numerous agricultural and forestry projects and is a former Peace Corps volunteer. She received her Master’s in Public Administration from Columbia University and Bachelors in Natural Resources Management from the University of Michigan.

**Hildy Kingma**
Hildy Kingma is the Director of Economic Development and Planning, a position she has held for 10 years. In this position, Hildy has been responsible for adoption and implementation of the comprehensive plan, including a major sustainability plan element. Currently she is working on a complete revision of the Village’s development regulations to create consistency with the comprehensive plan and to incorporate sustainability measure.

**Robin Kniech**
Elected to the Denver City Council in 2011, Robin has dedicated her life to making Denver a better place for middle class families and those struggling to make ends meet, championing policies that support access to and funding for affordable housing, equitable regional transit, good paying jobs, and sustainability.

**Chris Kochtitsky**
Chris Kochtitzky has a Master's of Science in Urban Planning and is the Associate Director for Program Development in CDC’s Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services, which houses CDC’s Healthy Community Design Initiative, the Healthy Homes Program, and the Environmental Health Services Program. Chris also is adjunct faculty in Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health.

**Gail Kohn**

Gail Kohn is a nationally recognized aging services leader who is now the Age-Friendly DC Coordinator, implementing the Age-Friendly City World Health Organization initiative, aimed at preparing communities for their future with double their present proportion of older adults.

**Christine Lai**

Christine Lai is a cross-sector collaboration catalyst, connecting ideas and individuals across private, public, and non-profit sectors to create positive social change. She currently serves as Chief of Staff for Delivering Happiness, an organization focused on inspiring passion and purpose for people, companies, and communities and a happier world.

**Margaret Lamar**

Margaret is the Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Children & Nature Network where she builds initiatives in target communities across the U.S. to fuel the effort to connect children to nature. Margaret’s work connects environmental learning and play with the goals of achieving health and wellness for children.

**Tim Lampkin**

Lampkin is currently the Community Development Officer for Southern Bancorp Community Partners (SBCP) in Clarksdale, Mississippi. He has secured funding for community projects related to recycling, youth engagement, creative placemaking, and cultural tourism. He was recently appointed to the Delta Regional Authority Executive Leadership Academy and the Placemaking Leadership Council.

**Sarah Landry**

Sarah Landry is the Executive Director of Mercy Housing and Human Development, a Community Housing Development Organization, in Gulfport Mississippi. MHHD’s programs assist low wealth families in acquiring and keeping sustainable, affordable housing.

**Linda Langston**

Linda Langston completed her term as President of the National Association of Counties (NACo) in July 2014 and now serves as the immediate Past President. She was elected to the Linn County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors in 2002, one of five supervisors in the second largest county in Iowa. She is a member of the Resilient America Roundtable for the National Academy of Sciences and also serves on the National Advisory Council for FEMA.
**Regina Langton**
Regina Langton is a Senior Policy Analyst in EPA’s Office of Sustainable Communities. She recently led a technical assistance project with the city of Billings, Montana to create tools to help the city better align school siting with city planning processes.

**Sarah Lansdale**
Sarah is the Director of Planning for Suffolk County, New York. Prior to joining the County, she was Executive Director of Sustainable Long Island. Ms. Lansdale has a Master’s Degree of Urban Planning from New York University.

**Jon Laria**
Jon Laria is Chairman of the 36-member Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission, charged by law with assessing and advising on state, regional and local planning priorities to further Maryland’s statewide economic growth, resource protection, and planning policy. He is Managing Partner of the Baltimore office of Ballard Spahr LLP, a national law firm, where his practice focuses on real estate and land use matters.

**Genevieve LaRouche**
Genevieve LaRouche is the Field Office Supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Chesapeake Bay Field Office in Annapolis, Maryland. She works to protect and conserve wildlife and its habitat in one of the most densely populated and ecologically fragile watersheds in the country.

**Allison Lasser**
Allison Lasser is the Executive Director of Congregations Organizing for Renewal (COR), an affiliate of the PICO National Network in N. Silicon Valley, leading a campaign for a community benefits agreement as part of a larger regional push for climate and economic justice for renters and low wage workers.

**Kathryn Lawler**
Kathryn Lawler is the Manager of the Aging and Health Resources Division and Director of the Area Agency on Aging for the Atlanta Regional Commission. She supports a team of diverse professionals planning for the rapidly aging population and delivering a wide range of services to older individuals and caregivers living in the 10 county metro Atlanta region.

**Rod Lawrence**
Mr. Lawrence has over 25 years of experience at JBG in all areas of commercial real estate investment and development. He has focused on the creation and development of mixed use, transit-oriented development for much of his career as well as the development of over 5 million square feet of GSA leased office space. He is member of the Steering Committee for LOCUS, a national organization to promote transit-oriented, mixed use, walkable development across the country.
Mary Leary
Dr. Mary Leary is the Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration’s Chief for Rural and Targeted Programs overseeing almost $1B in Federal formula grants that assist states and their communities to develop public transportation services for people living in rural areas; tribal citizens; people with disabilities and seniors.

Chris Leinberger
Christopher B. Leinberger is a land use strategist, teacher, developer, researcher and author, balancing business realities with social and environmental concerns. He is the President of LOCUS: Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors. Mr. Leinberger is also the Charles Bendit Distinguished Scholar and Research Professor and Chair of the Center for Real Estate and Urban Analysis at the George Washington University School of Business.

André Leroux
As Executive Director of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, André has led efforts to reform zoning laws, increase transportation investment, and support vibrant communities. He has worked in the state Legislature, Harvard University, and a community development corporation. Andre studied at Dartmouth College and El Colegio de México in Mexico City.

Greg LeRoy
Greg LeRoy directs Good Jobs First www.goodjobsfirst.org a resource center promoting accountable development and smart growth. He pioneered two arguments: economic development incentives contribute to sprawl (and can be reformed to promote smart growth); and sprawl is a broadly anti-union phenomenon. He also co-founded Americans for Transit.

Chin Lin
Mr. Chin Lin is a Senior Associate and Green Resource Manager at HMFH Architects, Inc. with 22 years of experience in a range of project types and also serves as Green Resources Manager for many HMFH Projects.

Angelo Logan
Angelo is the co-founder of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice and the Moving Forward Network. Angelo has worked with a wide variety of coalitions to achieve health protective policies specifically regarding goods movement and Green Zones.

Lydia Lowe
Lydia Lowe is the Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association. She has led efforts to preserve more than a thousand units of affordable housing, to increase access to energy efficiency services and job opportunities, and serves on a project to mitigate highway pollution exposure through smart development design.
Kim Lucas
Kim is a Bicycle Program Specialist for the District’s Department of Transportation where she manages the Capital Bikeshare and Bike Parking programs for Washington, D.C. In the over ten years since Kim began her work in transportation, she has held positions in the public and private sectors, and as a researcher working on a variety of modes. Kim recently returned to the D.C. metro area after completing her Master’s in City Planning at the University of California, Berkeley.

Teresa Lynch
Teresa Lynch is the Principal of Mass Economics, a research and consulting firm that specializes in urban economic growth and equity. Mass Economics has recently worked on projects in a number of legacy cities, including Detroit, Cleveland, Memphis, and New Orleans.

Patrick Lynch
Patrick is the Research and Development Manager for the George Washington University Center for Real Estate and Urban Analysis and Smart Growth America. He has six years of experience as a consultant advising private and public sector clients on issues related to real estate markets, economic development, and the fiscal impact of new development. Patrick earned a Masters in City Planning in 2008.

Ting Ma
Ting Ma is a Ph.D. research assistant at the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education, University of Maryland. Ting has 11-year experience in urban planning field and participated in projects in both the United States and China. Her concentration is transportation and land use coordination, GIS spatial analysis, and sustainable and equitable community development. Currently, Ting has been working on maximizing transit benefits of the proposed Purple Line in Maryland.

Selina Mack
Selina Mack is the Executive Director of Durham Community Land Trustees in Durham, NC. She has over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit/governmental industry. Selina is passionate about equitable housing issues.

Noelle MacKay
Noelle MacKay was appointed Commissioner of DHCD in 2011. During her time with the Department, she has led community and economic development recovery efforts after Tropical Storm Irene hit Vermont; worked to restructure and stabilize staffing to enhance customer service and communication; collaborated with policy and funding partners to increase program impact; and directed efforts to update the state’s smart growth designation programs and land use regulations.

Jake Mackenzie
Jake Mackenzie is the chair of the Local Government Commission and is currently he
is a Council Member 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.

Jeremy Madsen
Jeremy Madsen is Greenbelt Alliance's Executive Director. Greenbelt Alliance champions the places that make the San Francisco Bay Area special by working to shape the region’s rules governing growth.

Miguel Maestas
Miguel Maestas is the Associate Administrator of El Centro de la Raza, a leading Seattle-based civil rights, human services, educational, cultural and economic development organization with an operating budget of $5.9 million that serves over 14,000 people annually. He has actively engaged in community development, organizing communities for advocacy and participation, and distinguishing himself as an effective leader and a respected community organizer.

Toody Maher
Founder of 501c3 nonprofit organization in Richmond, California that transforms broken, inner-city parks and playgrounds into vibrant play spaces that foster healthy child development and revitalizes communities.

Alan Mallach
Alan Mallach is a senior fellow at the Center for Community Progress in Washington DC. A city planner, advocate and writer, his books include Bringing Buildings Back: From Abandoned Properties to Community Assets and A Decent Home: Planning, Building and Preserving Affordable Housing. He is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and holds a B.A. degree from Yale University.

Thibault Manekin
Thibault Manekin is the Co-Founder of Seawall Development Corporation. Prior to starting Seawall, Thibault launched the nonprofit organization PeacePlayers International, which uses basketball to bring together children on different sides of racial and religious conflicts. The White House recently recognized Thibault as a Champion of Change.

Michael Marcus
Michael Marcus currently serves as Program Director for Older Adult Services at The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in North America, and the second largest funder in the field of aging in the US. The Foundation provides support through operating, program and capital grants to nonprofit organizations focusing on those living in poverty, especially older adults.

Sandy Markwood
Sandy Markwood is the CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), which represents the nation’s Area Agencies on Aging. AAAs plan, coordinate and deliver services to support older adults remain at home and in the community. Prior to joining n4a, Markwood worked for in local government for 20 years. She holds an MA degree in urban and environmental planning from UVA.

**Jamecca Marshall**
O. Jamecca Marshall, MPP, Program Manager manages and supports PI projects related to health equity, land use, mobility, and injury and violence prevention. A native of Los Angeles, Jamecca, works toward social justice and equity and has demonstrated capacity engaging multi-sector partners in community-centered, policy focused initiatives.

**Sunaree Marshall**
Sunaree is a sustainability and environmental justice program analyst at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Economic Resilience.

**Martha Matsuoka**
Martha Matsuoka is Associate Professor of Urban and Environmental Policy and Co-Director of the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College. She is coordinator of the Moving Forward Network, a nationwide network focused on transforming the freight transportation to improve public health, quality of life, environmental integrity, labor conditions and environmental justice.

**Cara Matteliano**
Cara Matteliano has more than 20 years experience in not-for-profit leadership experience focused on community collaborations, leadership development and board governance. Currently, Cara is VP for Community Impact at the Community Foundation and focuses on creating local, state and national partnerships among funders, government, grassroots organizations, and businesses to create change in WNY.

**Julie Mawhorter**
Julie Mawhorter, Ph.D., serves as Mid-Atlantic Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator for the USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry. Located at the Chesapeake Bay Program office in Annapolis, Maryland, she works with a network of federal, state, local and nongovernmental partners on community greening and watershed health.

**Catherine McCall**
Ms. McCall has been with the Department of Natural Resources and the State’s Coastal Zone Management Program since 2006. She leads planning initiatives related to coastal habitat assessment and conservation; compatible uses of coastal and ocean environments; and coastal communities’ efforts to prepare for the impacts coastal hazards.
Barbara McCann
Barbara McCann is Director of the Office of Safety, Energy, and Environment in Office of the Secretary of the US Department of Transportation. Prior to joining federal service, McCann founded the Complete Streets movement and authored Completing Our Streets: The Transition to Safe and Inclusive Transportation Networks. (Island Press, 2013).

Leigh McClure
Leigh McClure is Special Project Coordinator/Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development. Leigh serves as Special Projects Coordinator and Assistant Director for Community and Economic Development for the Southeast Tennessee Development District. Leigh is currently working on several downtown revitalization projects and the effort to expand broadband into underserved areas.

Megan McConville
Megan McConville manages the National Association of Development Organizations’ disaster resilience technical assistance and research programs and provides capacity-building services to regions and communities working to encourage smart growth and asset-based economic development. Prior to joining NADO, Megan worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Sustainable Communities.

Tynesha McHarris
Tynesha McHarris joined Brooklyn Community Foundation as Director of Community Leadership in June 2014. She has worked with the Foundation since January 2014, helping to launch and implement the Brooklyn Insights initiative; in her current role, she is developing the Foundation's core initiatives and grantmaking strategies. Previously, she was Director of Programs and Community Engagement at Newark Trust for Education, Director of Community Programming for PENewark, and Newark Program Director for the Sadie Nash Leadership Project.

Shawn McIntosh
Shawn McIntosh is the American Public Health Association’s Project Manager in the Center for Public Health Policy. In this position, she is working to increase awareness and use of system and environmental change prevention strategies.

Leslie Meehan
Leslie Meehan is the Director of Healthy Communities for the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. She specializes in active transportation and the relationship between transportation and health. She works closely with the public health community and serves on the Board of the Tennessee Obesity Taskforce. Leslie is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Josh Meyer
Josh Meyer is Director of Community Planning Programs at LGC. He joined LGC in 1997, following service as Yolo County Watershed Education Coordinator with AmeriCorps. Over the last decade he has directed numerous transportation corridor, downtown and rural community public design charrettes in California that included walkability assessments, focus meetings and collaborative workshops.

**Erik Meyers**  
Erik currently leads projects on climate adaptation and resiliency, provides leadership on urban and coastal water sustainability, and assists with the Fund’s mitigation efforts. He also chairs Natural Capital Investment Fund, an independent green lending subsidiary. Previously, he was the Environmental Law Institute’s Vice President and General Counsel.

**Bill Michaud**  
Bill Michaud is a local government official and consultant with SRA International, engaging in and providing advice on a range of smart growth and sustainability issues, including school siting, for federal, state, and local agencies. Bill’s work emphasizes the use of interactive tools and techniques to support better informed, collaborative decisions.

**Glenard Middleton**  
Glenard is the Executive Director of Maryland Public Employees, Council 67.

**Roger Millar**  
Roger Millar, PE, AICP is Director of SGA’s Leadership Institute and the National Complete Streets Coalition. Roger has held numerous leadership positions, including Manager of the City of Portland, Oregon’s Arterial Streets Division in the 1980s, and more recently Director of the Missoula, Montana Office of Planning and Grants.

**Joseph Minicozzi**  
Joseph Minicozzi founded Urban3, the econometric consulting firm that emerged from Public Interest Projects, an Asheville real estate developer. Joe combined his expertise in city planning and real estate finance to develop award-winning analytical tools. Joe’s work has been featured at national conferences initiating momentum for the paradigm shift in development patterns.

**Arsh Mirmiran**  
Arsh Mirmiran has been developing real estate for over a decade, after starting his career in engineering. He is focused primarily on urban, mixed-use projects, in both Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Major current projects include the $250M Stadium Square project in Baltimore’s Sharp-Leadenhall neighborhood and Towson Row, a $350M project in Towson, MD.

**Kristen Mitchell**
Kristen Mitchell is the Director of Smart Growth Design and Development for the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP). She has also worked for the Baltimore Development Corporation and nonprofit smart growth organizations. Ms. Mitchell has a B.S. in Geography/Urban Planning from Penn State University and M.C.P. from University of Maryland.

**Meishka Mitchell**
Meishka L. Mitchell, AICP, PP, Vice President of Neighborhood Initiatives, draws on her background as a Camden native to bring a unique perspective to her work in planning and revitalization at Cooper Ferry Partnership. Meishka has played a key role in broadening CFP's mission to address planning and redevelopment efforts in Camden’s neighborhoods, overseeing the development of plans and implementation of key neighborhood projects with a high level of community input and participation.

**Emeka Moneme**
Emeka Moneme is with the Federal City Council, a non-profit organization that works with government to develop and implement solutions to important problems in the District of Columbia. He leverages his leadership experience in the region to manage the FCC’s transportation and infrastructure portfolio, with a focus on better leveraging public-private partnerships.

**Katie Monroe**
Katie Monroe is the Better Bike Share Outreach Manager for the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. The Better Bike Share Partnership is a collaborative, multi-pronged effort at both the local and national level to make bike sharing more equitable and accessible to all. Katie is also the Founder of the Bicycle Coalition’s Women Bike PHL program, and has worked for Gearing Up, a Philadelphia nonprofit serving women in transition from addiction, incarceration, and/or abuse with bicycle programming. Katie graduated from Haverford College in 2012 with a degree in Anthropology and Gender and Sexuality studies, and has been excited to continue to make connections between social justice issues and active transportation issues through her work over the past few years.

**Katherine Moore**
Katherine Moore, AICP, is a community planner with 16 years of experience. Katherine currently serves as Director of Georgia Conservancy’s statewide Sustainable Growth program. This program has worked with 27 communities across Georgia, placing emphasis on school siting, small town stabilization, and public recreation access as key sustainability initiatives.

**Zorayda Moreira-Smith**
Ms. Moreira-Smith has several years of experience with monitoring and analyzing local and state legislation and regulations relating to affordable housing, community and economic development. Ms. Moreira-Smith manages CASA’s numerous relationships with local, state and federal housing and community development
officials. She is a bar certified attorney with legal training and experience that will continue to support the development and expansion of this project.

Paul Morris  
Paul Morris, President and CEO of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. has more than 30 years of experience in strategic consulting and executive management roles, spanning 25 states and 10 foreign countries. Prior to joining ABI, he served as the Deputy Secretary for Transit for the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Evan Morville  
Focusing on historic, adaptive mixed-use projects in Baltimore and Philadelphia, Seawall Development Company has created a niche of providing affordable housing for teachers and office space for non-profit organizations. As a Partner at Seawall, Mr. Morville is responsible for all design, development and construction aspects of Seawall’s projects.

Dylan Mullenix  
Dylan Mullenix is Principal Transportation Planner at the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), where he coordinates activities related to long-range planning projects and manages activities of the MPO’s planning staff. He also has worked as a planner for city and county government in Iowa and Florida.

Stephanie Murdoch  
Stephanie Murdoch is the president and founder of the nonprofit organization Skatepark of Baltimore, dedicated to the construction of a world class, public, concrete skatepark in the City of Baltimore.

Jessica Murray  
Jessica Murray leads all activities in public affairs, stakeholder outreach, marketing and project communications for Skanska’s Infrastructure Development unit. Before this post, she served as Director of Communications for Skanska USA, the company’s umbrella organization in the U.S. responsible for all strategic C-level counsel, executive messaging, crisis management and business plan development construction and commercial development business units.

Arthur Nelson  
Arthur C. Nelson is Associate Dean for Research and Discovery in the College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture and the University of Arizona. He is the author of more than 20 books and more than 300 other works in and related to smart growth.

Karen Nelson  
Karen Nelson is currently the COO of the American Leadership Forum- Mountain Valley Chapter. She also is the Program Director for the Sacramento/Sierra Encore Fellows Program since the program launched in the Greater Sacramento and Sierra
regions in 2011. In this role, she matches highly skilled retirees with nonprofits to perform high-impact, capacity building projects. Karen firmly believes in making an impact in and conducting work that helps shape the future of her community.

**Kevin Nelson**
Mr. Nelson is a senior policy analyst for the U.S. EPA’s Office of Sustainable Communities. The Office focuses on smart growth issues of local, regional and national significance and collaborates with a network of environmental, land use, transportation, open space, design and community-based organizations to highlight best practices and extol the environmental benefits of smart growth development.

**Penny Newman**
Penny Newman is the founder and executive director for the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ), a non-profit, grassroots, base-building organization working on environmental health and justice issues in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

**Robert Nixon**
I’m a young African American male, age 22, who strives for a brighter tomorrow. I believe that one day people will see Baltimore for its beauty and not its crime rate. The youth of Baltimore may be living in troubled times, but all they really need is another youth to guide them on the right path.

**Luke Norris**
Luke Norris is the Director of Government Relations for Code for America, a national nonprofit based in San Francisco who aims to help government work for the people by the people in the 21st century. Luke lives and works in Kansas City, Mo., where he’s been recognized for his nonprofit and civic volunteerism. He was named a Rising Star of Philanthropy and appointed as a Commissioner to the Housing Authority of Kansas City. Most recently, Luke served as the Chair for the Mayor’s Challenge Cabinet in Kansas City, MO and as the Vice President for Leadership Missouri 2014. He’s also a member of the Board of Advisors for Neighborly, a civic crowdfunding service and speaks nationally to elected officials, community leaders and government staff about seven principles identified by Code for America that are critical for governments of any size, structure in serving their communities.

**Celeste Novak**
Celeste is a nationally recognized leader in sustainability and green building systems. In her book, Designing Rainwater Harvesting Systems Integrating Rainwater Into Building Systems she and her co-authors provide an overview of the sustainable use of rainwater collection. Through her activism and practice, she engages numerous individuals in environmental stewardship.

**Pam O’Connor**
She has championed policies and partnerships that enhance community livability and wellbeing. Interested in advance mobility, transportation and sustainability, she
serves on the Los Angeles County Metro Board and Chair of Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority. As President of SCAG, she led the region in the adoption of first SCS.

**Liz O’Donoghue**
Liz O’Donoghue directs TNC California Chapter's infrastructure and land use policy agenda. She serves on Caltrans' Policy Advisory Committee, the Bay Area Open Space Council's Advisory Council and ClimatePlan’s Executive Committee. Prior to her current position, Liz worked at Amtrak West, as a legislative assistant for U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg and at a policy consulting firm. She holds a B.A from Oberlin College and a certificate from U.C. Berkeley Extension.

**Toks Omishakin**
TDOT Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Environment & Planning. He holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) with concentrations in transportation planning and urban design from Jackson State University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology from Mississippi Valley State University.

**Beth Osborne**
Beth Osborne joined T4America as senior policy adviser and to direct a mission-driven consulting service. Beth came from USDOT where she was Acting Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy since 2009. She managed the TIGER program, livability initiative, and development of Administration transportation proposals.

**Frank Patinella**
Frank Patinella is an Education Advocate for the ACLU of Maryland’s Education Reform Project. Frank played a lead role in developing and winning the $1 billion school construction program for Baltimore City and is working with community organizations and government officials to ensure that the program is implemented effectively.

**David Patton**
David Patton is a transportation planner for Arlington County, Virginia. He has been in active transportation for two decades, and manages Arlington’s network of continuous bicycle and pedestrian counters. Before coming to Arlington, David was the statewide bike/ped coordinator at Virginia DOT. He has degrees from UC Berkeley and Rensselaer.

**Colin Pekruhn**
Colin Pekruhn is Program Director for aging, oral health, and healthy eating/active living at Grantmakers In Health. He worked previously at the Children's Dental Health Project and National Association of State Boards of Education. He holds a bachelor’s degree from William and Mary and a master's from George Washington University.
Katherine Perez-Estolano
Katherine Perez-Estolano is co-founder of Estolano LeSar Perez (ELP) Advisors LLC. She also serves on the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning and Development. Ms. Perez-Estolano received her Graduate Degree in Urban Planning from UCLA.

Mark Perlman
Mark Perlman is the Research & Policy Associate with the National Community Land Trust Network, a membership organization of over 160 land trusts and inclusionary housing programs from around the country. He received a Master of Public Policy from the University of Maryland.

Klaus Philipsen
Klaus Philipsen is owner of ArchPlan Inc, a small firm in Baltimore consulting on urban reinvestment, adaptive reuse and transportation projects. He has used his professional skills over his 38 year career for urban revitalization, public transportation and managed growth. He brought traffic calming to Stuttgart, Germany and helped shaping Maryland’s smart growth policies, the renaissance of Baltimore and has been a consultant on the $2.9 billion Red Line currently in design.

Dawn Phillips
Dawn Phillips is the Co-Director of Programs at Causa Justa :: Just Cause, Bay Area membership organization focused on housing and immigrant justice issues. CJJC builds grassroots power and community leadership through rights-based services, policy campaigns, civic engagement, direct action and movement building. Dawn leads the local, regional and national policy campaign work for the organization.

Danielle Pieranunzi
Danielle is director of the Sustainable Sites Initiative, a program that transforms land design and development practices toward regenerative outcomes. She has over a decade of experience in the sustainability field and has taught at The University of Texas at Austin and more recently in Mexico City at Universidad Iberoamericana.

Jeanne Pogge
Jean is known nationally in non-profit and private sectors for her expertise in building triple bottom line institutions, marked by 18 years as executive vice-president of Community and Consumer Banking at ShoreBank. As CEO of Delta, she oversees a diverse portfolio of programs, directs strategic development and manages fundraising efforts.

Patrick Pontius
Patrick works as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, focusing on a number of issues related to fair housing, community development, and regional planning. He has a
passion for the built environment and loves to wander the city as a flaneur in his spare time.

**Nicole Price**
Nicole Price is the Director for Family and Community Engagement at Baltimore City Public Schools.

**Nathan Purath**
Nathan Purath, Co-Director, is an artist and curator who works in collaboration with CCA Co-Director Shana Berger. Driven by the idea that art can play an integral role in realizing positive social change, their work blends modes of art, activism and organizing. Since beginning tenure at the CCA in 2005 they have developed an architecture for creating participatory projects, and maintain a relational framework through which artists and community members collaborate.

**Carolina Quezada**
The daughter of immigrants from Mexico and Honduras, Carolina Quezada grew up in working class neighborhoods of Los Angeles. She is the Executive Director of the Latino Center of the Midlands, the oldest nonprofit organization serving a largely Chicano and Latino community in Omaha, NE.

**Michael Rains**
Michael T. Rains is Director of the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station and the Forest Products Laboratory. He oversees these organizations as they focus on helping forests along complex rural to urban land gradients to be healthy, sustainable, and more resilient to disturbances through leading-edge scientific discovery and technology development.

**Aaron Ray**
Aaron Ray, an Institute Associate at the Center, provides adaptation policy analysis. His past work has focused on international, federal, state, and local adaptation policy; adaptation in the water, energy, and coastal sectors; climate finance; and green infrastructure. Aaron earned an M.P.P. in environmental and regulatory policy from the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Political Science at American University.

**Anna Ricklin**
Anna works with APA members and partners to promote planning practice that supports public health. With a background in transportation, HIA, and community outreach, Anna is an emerging leader in applied research, strategic planning, and coalition building. She has a MHS from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**Matthew Ridgway**
Matthew is a Principal with Fehr & Peers. His key strength is his multi-modal approach. Matthew is an instructor for the University of California at Berkeley
Institute of Transportation Studies Technology Transfer Program, teaching courses on bicycle, pedestrian and complete streets since 1999.

**Breece Robertson**
Since 2001, Breece Robertson has directed enterprise GIS applications for TPL. She manages a team of staff and consultants to design sophisticated models and analysis maps that include a wide range of land protection issues. She holds a Master’s degree in geography and planning from Appalachian State University.

**Jennifer Robinson**
Jennifer Robinson is the Executive Director of the Friends of Patterson Park in Baltimore MD and has been in that role for a year and a half. Prior to that she was the President of the organization’s board. She has been a Patterson Park neighborhood resident since 2001.

**Arturo Rodriguez**
Arturo Rodriguez serves as Director of Public Health for the City of Brownsville. He oversees all aspects of Public Health for the City of Brownsville, including food borne disease, environmental quality, and public health promotion and advocacy. In addition, he is currently Co-President of the Brownsville-Matamoros Bi-national Health Council.

**Catalina Rodriguez Lima**
Catalina Rodriguez Lima is the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs at the City of Baltimore.

**Lynn Ross**
Lynn M. Ross, AICP is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development in the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where she leads the 23-member Office of Policy Development (OPD) team. OPD engages in policy development and analysis, policy-related research and data analysis, and dissemination of policy findings.

**David Rouse**
David Rouse is the Managing Director of Research and Advisory Services for the American Planning Association in Washington, DC. In this capacity he leads APA’s applied research programs, including Planning Advisory Services and the three National Centers for Planning: Green Communities, Hazards Planning, and Planning and Community Health.

**Valerie Rupp**
Valerie Rupp, Assistant Director, Community Greening at Parks & People Foundation oversees the greening and park-related programs to promote the organizational vision of a healthy environment in Baltimore where people can live, work and play. She manages programs that provide financial, technical and material resource to support community-led projects that create stronger, healthier and
greener urban neighborhoods and parks, urban forests and watersheds through active community participation.

Mary Jennifer Russell
Mary Jennifer Russell is the founder and owner of Sugaree’s Bakery and a founding volunteer and sponsor of the Biscuits and Jam Farmers’ Market, which has contributed to the revitalization of downtown New Albany, MS.

Tony Salazar
Mr. Salazar is a principal with McCormack Baron Salazar, a national real estate development and property management company, which specializes in developing large-scale urban projects in distressed communities that involve mixed-use (housing and retail), mixed-income (affordable and market-rate), multi-generational, various housing types (rental and for-sale) and blended financing techniques.

Sean Sallie
Sean Sallie currently serves as the Planning Division Supervisor for the Nassau County Department of Public Works. Mr. Sallie is responsible for managing stormwater mitigation projects and long-range land use and resiliency projects for Nassau County. Mr. Sallie has more than 10 years experience in land use and environmental planning and is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Nick Salmon
Nick Salmon is an eighth generation educator who has facilitated over 150 planning workshops with 250 schools throughout the United States focused on the development of exceptional learning environments. Nick is Montana’s only professional affiliate of the Partnership of 21st Century Skills and past president of the Montana Chapter of CEFPI. He is president of the Montana Chapter of CEFPI, and Montana’s only professional affiliate of the Partnership of 21st Century Skills.

Andy Salmons
The Director of Downtown Corbin, Owner of You and Me Coffee and Tea, and Owner of the Wrigley Taproom and Brewery.

Autumn Saxton-Ross
Autumn Saxton-Ross, PhD, is the Program Director for Place-Based Initiatives for the National Collaborative for Health Equity. With degrees in sociology and health education her interests are on the social and physical environment, their influence on health behaviors in communities of color, and the benefits of parks and green spaces. Her life’s work is improving a community’s health through engagement, education, exposure and opportunity believing that a healthy life is lived better outdoors.

Kif Scheuer
Kif Scheuer is the Climate Change Program Director at the Local Government Commission. Kif is a solution-oriented sustainability professional with a strong history of engaging diverse audiences in real-world climate protection efforts through innovative, market-focused research and analysis, creative program design, effective project implementation and compelling public advocacy and education. Kif’s work at LGC is focused on supporting local government climate change Initiatives through problem solving, technical assistance, and networking.

Elizabeth Schilling
Elizabeth Schilling is a Senior Policy Manager for Smart Growth America. Ms. Schilling’s approach to smart growth has been shaped by work in the private, non-profit, and public sectors at all levels of government, including the regional level in Portland, Oregon, the state level in Maryland, and the federal level for Portland’s Rep. Blumenauer.

Joseph Schilling
As accomplished policy facilitator, Schilling leads MI’s Sustainable Communities and Urban Regeneration Initiatives that explore the intersection of policy, planning and collaboration in the development of more livable communities. His field work serves as a living laboratory for policy change by extracting model program practices through case studies, roundtables and studios.

Marc Schlossberg
Marc Schlossberg is a Professor of city planning and co-Director of the Sustainable Cities Initiative at the University of Oregon. He specializes in sustainable transportation with a special focus on walking and bicycle transportation.

Nancy Schneider
Nancy Schneider is a Senior Program Officer with the Institute for Sustainable Communities serving the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact on implementation of the Regional Climate Action Plan and on coordination between the Compact parties and other key stakeholders. Nancy holds an MBA and an MA in Geography.

Randall Schneider
Mr. Schneider is lead for the Mid-Atlantic region of NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management. He works with states, academia, and other partners on issues such as resilience planning, Smart Growth and working waterfronts, and coastal energy development.

Brett Schwartz
Brett Schwartz is a program manager at the NADO Research Foundation, based in Washington, DC. Brett leads the Research Foundation’s capacity building and training programs for rural communities and small towns by participating in the Sustainable Communities Learning Network, which provides support and technical
assistance for HUD Sustainable Communities grantees and EPA technical assistance recipients.

**Joshua Schwartz**
Joshua is Executive Director of the Mad River Valley Planning District, a unique three-town planning entity developed in 1985 by three towns in Central Vermont to carry out a program of planning directed toward its physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic well being.

**Michael Scott**
A former commercial real estate appraiser/merchant banker, and current WK Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network Fellow (National Racial Equity and Healing Cohort), Michael Scott is a social entrepreneur, strategic organizer, intelligence-operative for community and an investment-banker for the under-served, charged with building beloved community. He’s a dad, a Morehouse Man and graduate of the London School of Economics (International and Comparative Economic Systems, Finance minor.)

**Laura Searfoss**
As part of National Complete Streets Coalition, Laura’s work focuses on building a stronger network of public, private, and nonprofit organizations concerned about safer, more equitable transportation choices. Previously, she served as a neighborhood-level planner in Greenville, North Carolina and conducted research for two national housing organizations. She holds a Master of Urban Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Stefanie Seskin**
Stefanie Seskin is the Deputy Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition at Smart Growth America. She oversees and implements the Coalition’s programmatic and technical assistance efforts, helping to build a strong nation-wide movement for safe, multi-modal streets.

**Julia Seward**
Julie partners with nonprofit, private sector and government clients across the country as Principal for Julia Seward Consulting. She brings long practice in smart growth and deep leadership experience including direction of LISC’s national state policy program, Vice President for Signet Banking Corporation, policy assistant to the Governor of Virginia and independent consulting.

**Yogesh Shah**
Dr. Shah is the Associate Dean of Global Health at Des Moines University. His expertise is in geriatrics and the health effects of climate change on the human population. His passion is to improve the health of people around the world. A Fulbright scholar, he developed a palliative care curriculum in Rwanda.
Dr. Shah holds a Masters in Public Health and has been instrumental in establishing the city of Des Moines as a member of the World Health Organization's network of age friendly cities.

Roy Simon
Roy Simon is staffing the Urban Waters Federal Partnership. He also works in the drinking water program and previously managed the prevention programs drinking water sources. Roy managed the Drinking Water and the Local Government Advisory Committees. He also worked at the National Governors’ Association and Department of Health and Human Services, entering federal service 1978. Roy has an M.S. from Carnegie-Mellon University’s Heinz School and undergrad from Penn State.

Brian Smedley
Brian D. Smedley is Executive Director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity www.nationalcollaborative.org), a project that connects research, policy analysis, and communications with on-the-ground activism to advance health equity. In this role, Dr. Smedley oversees several initiatives designed to improve opportunities for good health for people of color and undo the health consequences of racism.

Conan Smith
Conan Smith serves as Executive Director of the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, a coalition of city governments in metro Detroit. He is also an elected county commissioner in Washtenaw County representing the City of Ann Arbor.

Kendra Smith
Kendra Smith is a Senior Planner with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. She focuses her planning efforts on housing and community engagement; managing the agency’s fair housing work, a variety of land use and housing policy plans and outreach strategies to engage underrepresented populations in local planning activities.

Linda Smith
Linda Smith has served as the Executive Director of U SNAP BAC NON Profit since 1995. Ms. Smith was recently appointed by the Federal Government to the Detroit Blight Task Force. Ms. Smith is a graduate of the Achieving Excellence in Community Development program at John F. Kennedy of Government at Harvard University.

Zachary Smith
Zach Smith is an associate with LOCUS, a program of Smart Growth America, where he advocates on behalf of real estate developers focused on building smart growth and transit-oriented developments.

Ken Snyder
Ken is the founder and CEO of PlaceMatters, a national think-tank dedicated to promoting informed, inclusive decision making in the planning of vibrant communities. Throughout a career focused on integrating civic engagement, technology, cities, sustainability and active design, Ken works on improving the urban mechanics of communities and creating great places.

Lee Sobel
Lee Sobel is RCLCO’s Director of Public Strategies, a position that blends his expertise in real estate and finance with his knowledge of land use and transportation policy. Sobel spent 10 years with the U.S. EPA’s Office of Sustainable Communities in Washington, D.C. He is a recognized expert in urban retail, market analysis, economic development, and smart growth.

Hilarie Sorensen
Hilarie Sorensen is the Climate Change Extension Educator with Minnesota Sea Grant. Hilarie partners with Great Lakes coastal communities to bring climate change science and adaptation into planning and projects. Hilarie obtained a Master of Environmental Studies from Lakehead University, Ontario, Canada and has a research background in multi-stakeholder partnership development for transboundary water resource management and hazards and disaster management.

Jessica Sorrell
Jess Sorrell is a program director with Enterprise Community Partners. Jess leads the day-to-day operations of Enterprise’s transit-oriented development and green initiatives in the Mid-Atlantic market. Her background is in city planning and community development.

Renata Soto
Renata Soto is co-founder and Executive Director of Conexión Américas, a nonprofit organization based in Nashville that promotes the social, economic and civic integration of Latino immigrant families. She is the visionary behind Casa Azafrán, a nonprofit collaborative that opened in 2012 and houses Conexión Américas and nine other groups under one roof. Casa Azafrán is nationally recognized as a model for nonprofit innovation, collaboration and placemaking.

Scot Spencer
Scot Spencer is Associate Director for Advocacy and Influence for The Annie E. Casey Foundation. In this role, Scot supports a portfolio of work to advance place based policies, practices and strategies that aim to afford greater opportunities for children, families and communities to succeed.

Benjamin Starrett
Ben Starrett is founding executive director of the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities. He graduated from Princeton University with a degree in politics and economics and is a member of Leadership Florida Class XIX.
Ben was a Knight Fellow in Community Building and serves on the board of Rail~Volution.

**Mark Stodola**
Mark Stodola was re-elected to a 3rd term as Mayor of Little Rock in 2014. Stodola has promoted the revitalization of Little Rock’s Main Street, which has won state, national and international design awards and has sparked over $76 million dollars in private sector development.

**Beth Strommen**
Beth has 25 years of experience in environmental planning and program implementation. She has developed many of Baltimore’s environmental regulations and plans, including the Forest Conservation Program, Bicycle Master Plan, Maritime Master Plan and Sustainability Plan. Currently Beth is the Director overseeing the Office of Sustainability and Baltimore’s Sustainability Program.

**Lisa Sturtevant**
Lisa A. Sturtevant is Executive Director of the Center for Housing Policy and Vice President for Research for the National Housing Conference. Her primary areas of research include the relationship between housing and economic growth, residential mobility, and demographics.

**Kathy Sykes**
In my role in ORD I have been responsible for EPA’s role with the national prevention Strategy and as a Mayor-appointed DC Taskforce member for making DC an Age-Friendly City.

**Erin Talkington**
Erin is a Vice President with RCLCO, a national real estate advisory firm, engaging with both public and private sector clients to provide market, economic, and fiscal analysis.

**Aaron Tanaka**
Aaron Tanaka is the managing director of the Boston Impact Initiative and the co-founder of the Center for Economic Democracy. He is the co-founder and former executive director of the Boston Workers Alliance.

**Anne Tate**
Anne Tate is an architect, planner and professor at the Rhode Island School of Design with experience in public and private sectors. She created the Sustainable Development Principles and TOD Initiative in the Office for Commonwealth Development in Massachusetts. She works with the City of Somerville MA on development issues.

**David Taylor**
Mr. Taylor has more than four decades of experience in all areas of planning, TOD, transit planning and sustainable development and infrastructure. His firm offers strategic advisory services to select organizations. He previously served as a national director for two global consulting companies.

**Denise Taylor**
Denise Taylor is the Director of Communications and Community Engagement for the City of Somerville, MA, and she will be facilitating Somerville’s 2015 Code for America Fellowship, which will be developing tools for data-informed interventions and policy development for the Somerville Public Schools. She also oversees the City’s ResiStat data-sharing and civic engagement program, which brings the work of the City’s SomerStat Office for Data Analytics and Innovation directly to the public.

**David Tennent**
After 30 years in R&D Project Management, David retired and was elected Town Supervisor of the Town of Campbell, Steuben County, NY. In 3 years, he has completed a new Comprehensive Plan, completely rewrote the Zoning Code, received grants for sidewalks in the hamlet and for writing an historical district application, completed a water district, and has submitted grant proposals for water extension, new sewer district, and a park renovation.

**Sandrine Thibault**
Sandrine Thibault has more than 13 years’ experience in comprehensive/long-range planning, climate action planning, project management, public outreach and engagement. She has more recently managed the development of planBTV-Downtown & Waterfront Master Plan T. Sandrine also worked as Principal Planner for the NH Office of Energy and Planning, Community Planner for North Country Council in NH and Zoning Review Coordinator in Baton Rouge in Louisiana.

**Adam Thiel**
In February, 2014, Governor Terry McAuliffe appointed Adam K. Thiel to serve as a Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Immediately prior to his appointment, Adam was Fire Chief for the City of Alexandria, Virginia (2007–2014).

**Teleange Thomas**
Teleange’ leads the Healthy Eating, Active Living initiative for Cleveland’s Central Neighborhood. It has expanded the greening of the community, promoted economic development, entrepreneurship and greater access to healthy foods. She is also board member of HPIO; Green City Growers, and a fellow of RWJ’s L2L program.

**Critter Thompson**
With a background in biology and environmental science and over 15 years of experience integrating science with the built environment, Critter Thompson, LEED-AP, applies a keen understanding of how human and natural systems interact to shape the places in which we live and work. Through the analysis, modeling and
visual communication of complex systems, Critter supports multidisciplinary teams working to achieve a more sustainable future.

**Bruce Tolar**
Bruce was among those who shaped early designs for Katrina Cottages in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. He has since participated with development teams to turn cottage plans into real structures in real neighborhoods by planning, designing and constructing some 200 units in transit-oriented, infill locations along the coast.

**Emily Torres-Cullinane**
Emily Torres-Cullinane provides support in the implementation of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council’s smart growth plan, “MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region”. Ms. Torres-Cullinane garners constituent involvement and spreads awareness on the various campaigns and activities involved in the plan.

**Harriet Tregonning**
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**Mark Treyger**
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**Nia Umoja**
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**Dawn Zimmer**
Dawn Zimmer became the first female Mayor of Hoboken, NJ in 2009. Prior to that, she served as a Councilwoman after becoming involved in civic life as an advocate for park space. She was a member of the steering Committee of the Southwest Parks Coalition, and was one of five individuals who were named plaintiffs in a lawsuit that stopped a developer friendly redevelopment plan that would have added 1,200 high-rise condo units to Southwest Hoboken. Zimmer supported a better approach
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