

Philadelphia Climate Change Resilience Initiatives

Bios for Expert Panelists



Saleem Chapman is the Deputy Director of the Philadelphia Office of Sustainability. Saleem is responsible for the implementation of and reporting on *Greenworks: A Vision for a Sustainable Philadelphia*. He also oversees the City's climate adaptation planning as well as the application of a racial equity lens to sustainability in Philadelphia. Before joining the Office of Sustainability, Saleem amassed a vast array of experience in the sustainability field, including professional work in urban policy analysis, environmental justice, and sustainable economic development. Saleem.Chapman@phila.gov



Julia Rockwell has been with the Philadelphia Water Department since 2009. She has worked on a variety of initiatives, including the Source Water Protection Program and Capital Planning Program. In 2014, Julia transitioned to leading the development and implementation of the department's Climate Change Adaptation Program. The goal of the program is to reduce the risks and associated expenses PWD will face from the impacts of climate change by identifying and implementing effective and feasible adaptation strategies. Julia holds a bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Bucknell University and a Master of Environmental Management Degree from Duke University.

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Josh Lippert, CFM, is the Floodplain Manager for the City of Philadelphia, where he works collaboratively among many departments to develop, coordinate, train, implement, and maintain all facets of the City's floodplain management program. In this role, he leverages his expertise in landscape architecture, planning, and design to build capacity among City departments. He has past experience as a Senior Environmental Planner at the City of Pittsburgh's Planning Department where he managed park planning, stormwater management, floodplain management, environmental planning. He received his Bachelors of Landscape Architecture from the Pennsylvania State University.



Jessica Caum is the Program Manager for Public Health Preparedness at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), where she has worked since 2011. Jessica has led a variety of strategic planning initiatives at the Health Department, including leading public health planning for severe weather events, as well as climate change. Jessica has an MPH from Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, where she is also an adjunct instructor.

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AeLin Compton, Stewardship Coordinator for Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, engages volunteers and partners to support PPR's ecosystem management initiatives. She develops service opportunities designed to raise Philadelphians' eco-literacy, and promote a culture of environmental stewardship. AeLin supports Philadelphia's Park Friends Network, Love Your Park, and several city-wide engagement initiatives. AeLin is an ISA Certified Arborist and holds a BS in Ecology and Natural Resource Management from Rutgers University.

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