## Watershed Health and Environment Policy Expert Group



**Ann Beier** is the Director of the City of Portland's Office of Healthy Working Rivers. She has over 25 years experience working on environmental policy, economic development, land use planning and sustainability issues. Before leading Portland's Rivers Office, she served as Sustainability Director for the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prior to that, she worked for the State of Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Department as manager of the Planning Services Division. Ann has extensive experience on water quality issues and worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds in Washington, D.C. She has a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ann grew up on a lake in Northern Wisconsin and spent hours swimming and boating in the summers and ice skating and cross-country skiing in the long winters. She has one son, Erik, in graduate school at the University of Mississippi. Ann and her husband Alan love to bike, ski and hike and spend many weekends in Central Oregon.



**Ben Duncan** is a policy analyst with Multnomah County Health Department, Environmental Health Division and Board Chair of OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon which works for Environmental Justice in the Portland metro area. His work focuses on the relationship between health and the environment, through both policy and community based empowerment work, and touches all aspects of environmental health issues including food borne illness, vector control, air quality, toxics reduction, food policy and housing. Ben also works with the Diversity and Quality Team and the Health Equity Initiative and is currently Chair of the Oregon Governor's Environmental Justice Task Force. Ben lives in Southeast Portland's Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood with his wife and two year old son.



**Bob Sallinger** is the conservation director for the Audubon Society of Portland where he has worked since 1992. Bob also serves as an adjunct professor of law at Lewis and Clark Law School and as an elected director at East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. He lives in Northeast Portland with his wife Elisabeth, two children, dog, goats, chicken and assorted other critters. He has a BA in biology from Reed College and a JD from Lewis and Clark.



Claire S. Carder: "I grew up in a career Air Force family. We moved regularly, and I include Washington D.C., Texas, Arizona, California, Oregon and Norway in my past address list. Both parents were native-born Oregonians from Baker County with pioneer family roots, so I have strong Eastern Oregon connections. I attended the University of Oregon not once, but twice, earning degrees in Geography and Landscape Architecture. I live in Southwest Portland, with my husband, Jim Scherzinger, a native Portlander. We have two daughters who have recently graduated from college, and a wonderful standard poodle, who manages our household. I enjoy an active, outdoor oriented life-style and expect to finish running a marathon in every state in 2013. My professional career includes working for the Oregon Legislature, City of Salem, Willamette National Forest, Oregon State Parks, and 27 years with the Oregon Department of Transportation doing environmental compliance work. My volunteer career includes school volunteer, public school funding activist, soccer coach, school PTA officer, Native Plant Society board member, and most recently, Maplewood Neighborhood Land Use Chair. I feel honored to be participating in the Portland Comprehensive Plan update process as a member of the Watershed Health and Environment Policy Expert Group, and look forward to an outcome that will help Portland address the challenges of the 21st Century."

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Corky Collier has been Executive Director of the Columbia Corridor Association since 2004, combining his business, environmental and political experience. Prior to this position, he worked on media and public outreach for organizations advocating preservation of old growth forests and improved salmon habitat. From 1987 to 1998, Corky co-owned a whitewater outfitting company in northern California. During those years, he led efforts to combine business and environmental concerns into cooperative action. Dam construction and operation, government regulations and fees, law enforcement and development were targets for reform. Significant successes were achieved at the local, state and federal levels. At the Columbia Corridor Association, Corky works on a wide variety of issues affecting the economic prosperity of the largest industrial corridor in Oregon. He has chaired the Portland Freight Committee and served on the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Harbor Red-I Steering Team and Mayor's Transportation and Planning & Sustainability cabinets. He holds degrees in Biology and Geography from the University of Texas. Old awards include Eagle Scout; new awards include volunteer of the year for the North Portland Tool Library. Corky lives in North Portland within view of the St. Johns Bridge and Forest Park.



**Jeri Williams** has been a community activist in Portland for the last 18 years. She has organized and does public presentations on issues of Environmental Justice, poverty, peace, domestic violence and many topics of social justice. Throughout her career she has trained hundreds of community leaders and advocates. She currently is the program manager for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement where she manages the contract for the Diversity and Civic Leadership projects which fund organizations of color and immigrant and refugee groups to teach their constituencies organizing and Civic Engagement with the City of Portland. She believes that with the right investment, change is possible for anyone and it is her goal to provide that investment that was made to her into others. You can be empowered – you can be what you want to be, there is hope!

She is a member of the Klamath tribe, a mother of 4 and a grandmother of 9. She uses her art as a form of healing making jewelry, painting, sketching and writing. She ran for City Council in 2012. She also enjoys making videos that tell a story.



**Judy BlueHorse Skelton** (Nez Perce/Cherokee), MA, has worked with federal and state Indian Education programs throughout the Northwest for 18 years, creating cultural activities focusing on traditional and contemporary uses of native plants for food, medicine, ceremony, and healthy life ways. Judy is author of six collections of essays for teachers, including *Native America: A Sustainable Culture* (1999), and *Lewis & Clark Through Native American Eyes* (2003); she wrote and recorded 24 segments on Health & Healing and Sacred Landscapes for Wisdom of the Elders radio programs, airing on Public Broadcasting and AIROS (American Indian Radio on Satellite). Judy wrote *Ancient Futures*, an essay for the new edition of *Wild in the City*, published 2011, and is a faculty member at Portland State University, where she teaches Environmental Education Through Native American Lenses, Learning Gardens and Civic Affairs and Leadership for Sustainability.

Judy received the Oregon Indian Education Association's award for Outstanding Indian Educator in 2006 and serves on the boards of the Urban Greenspaces Institute, The Intertwine Alliance, the Portland Parks Board and the Native Advisory Committee to Portland Parks and Rec. Blending permaculture principles with traditional ecological knowledge, Judy shares her passion for food sovereignty and generational healing through edible and medicinal garden design, focusing on garden-based education models to reconnect families and communities with traditional foods and the land, to restore health.



Maryhelen Kincaid is a native Oregonian, and has also lived in the San Francisco Bay area and San Diego. Maryhelen worked for 16 years in Senior Citizen programs in both California and Oregon as a manager/administrator. While living in San Diego she worked for Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) and US Airways in various capacities. She was employed at AAA Oregon/Idaho for 22 in their Travel, Accounting, and Information Technology departments. Maryhelen is the current land use chairperson, and a past chairperson for the East Columbia Neighborhood Association. She has been chairperson for the Port of Portland's Citizen Noise Advisory Committee for 5 years, and was the North Portland Neighborhood Services representative on the Airport Futures Public Advisory Group. She is a member of the Development Review Advisory Committee and an alternate to the Public Works Appeal Panel. As a member of the Watershed Health and Environment PEG she will advocate for unique solutions to natural habitat protection in neighborhoods by addressing the infrastructure demands and support needed in preserving the health of our neighborhoods.

Maryhelen shares her life with her husband Jim, and cat, Penny. She enjoys traveling to unique places, gardening and learning new things like playing the ukulele and welding. Her favorite quote is from Eleanor Roosevelt "Do one thing every day that scares you."



Marie Johnson Walkiewicz, Environmental Program Coordinator, Johnson Creek Watershed Team, Bureau of Environmental Services coordinates interbureau involvement and public outreach for floodplain restoration projects. She also represents Environmental Services in efforts to integrate watershed health goals into the city's Comprehensive Plan policies and growth strategies. Prior to working at Environmental Services, Marie was Senior Planner at the Portland Bureau of Planning, where she worked on several plans that aimed to integrate urban development and the natural environment.

Marie is married and has two sons and a step-daughter. She loves to cook and is an avid knitter. Currently Marie is settling into a circa 1971 rambler, where she's contemplating how to care for 15' tall rhododendrons and a 40-year old apple tree. Marie and her husband hope to hike in every National Park. This year's destinations are Yellowstone and Grand Teton.



**Marla Harrison** has been resolving environmental issues associated with operating facilities for over 20 years for the Port of Portland, C-Tran, and for NASA. Her experience ranges from Superfund site remediation to construction of Streaked Horned Lark habitat to sediment management. She is a registered Civil Engineer in Oregon and California. She also has a M.S. degree in Science and Civil Engineering from Stanford University, a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University, and an A.S. degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology from Gwynedd-Mercy College.



**Mike Houck** has been Urban Naturalist and founded the Urban Naturalist program at the Audubon Society of Portland in 1980. He has conducted Goal 5, fish and wildlife habitat inventories in the Portland region and assisted with Portland's Goal 15 (Willamette River Greenway) inventory in 1984. More recently he's participated in Portland and Metro's fish and wildlife habitat inventories. He was involved in Metro's early work with regional acquisitions of parks and trails beginning with the 1989 Metropolitan Greenspaces Program and more recently The Intertwine and The Intertwine Alliance (www.theintertwine.org).

He co-edited *Wild in the City, A Guide to Portland's Natural Areas* (2000, OHS Press) and *Wild in the City, Exploring The Intertwine* (2011, OSU Press). Mike serves on the city's Planning and Sustainability Commission, board of The Intertwine Alliance (www.theintertwine) and directs the Urban Greenspaces Institute (www.urbangreenspaces.org) which he founded in 1999. He is an adjunct instructor in PSU's Geography Department.

Mike is a Portland native and graduated from Estacada Union High in 1965. He attended lowa State University, graduating with a B.S. in Zoology. He received his MST in Biology from Portland State University in 1972 after which he directed the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's Community Research Center and the museum's NSF sponsored summer research programs at OMSI's Hancock Field Station in eastern Oregon. He was a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design from 2003 to 2004. Mike shares a 4-plex in NW Portland, enjoys local, national and international travel and great food and wine. He has been known to go on occasional birding expeditions as well.



**Noelwah R. Netusil** is the Stanley H. Cohn Professor of Economics at Reed College. Her teaching fields include environmental and natural resources economics, economics of the public sector, and law and economics. Current research projects explore the effect of environmental conditions on property values. Dr. Netusil serves on several government agency and non-profit boards. Dr. Netusil received her BS in Chemistry and Economics from Allegheny College in 1986 and her PhD from the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1992. She has been at Reed College since 1990.



**Paul Ward** is a Yakama Tribal Member and manager of Yakama Nation's Fisheries program. He has worked for the past 16+ years in fisheries management, tribal natural resource issues and environmental issues. Paul has a BA in History, a JD and Executive MPA all from the University of Washington. He feels that his education and work experiences provide many tools for working through different perspectives, including the perspective that the Yakama Nation brings to resource management.

Paul is the father of two sons and a daughter that are growing up with an appreciation for the natural resources that the Yakama Nation believes in protecting and restoring.



Renee Hackenmiller Paradis, PhD, MPH is the co-founder and principal at SHARP Strategies Consultants, LLC where she helps clients navigate policy, politics, and people. Prior to forming SHARP Strategies, Renee was the Environmental Health Program Director at Oregon Environmental Council (OEC). Renee's achievements while at OEC include leading successful campaigns that reduced pesticide use at Oregon schools, cleaned up Oregon's dirty diesel school buses, and removed toxic bisphenol A (BPA) baby bottles and sippy cups from store shelves in Multnomah County and the City of Portland. In addition, Renee researched and authored several reports while at OEC including the *Oregon Pollution in People* report, the *Price of Pollution: Cost Estimates of Environmentally Related Disease in Oregon* and *What's in My Make-up Bag?!*. Before joining OEC, Renee worked as a bio-medical researcher in cell and developmental genetics as a National Institute of Health (NIH) fellow at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) and at the University of Chicago.

Renee has a BS in cell and molecular biology from the University of Washington, a MPH in health management and policy from Portland State University, and a Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Chicago. Renee sits on the Board of Directors of the Oregon Public Health Association, The Mother PAC and Family Forward Oregon. She is the Policy Committee Chair for the Oregon Public Health Association. Renee lives in SW Portland with her husband and two children, Nicolette and Nate. In her spare time, Renee can be found on the running trails throughout Forest Park or at a sporting event (soccer, volleyball, track, cyclocross) cheering on her kids and husband.

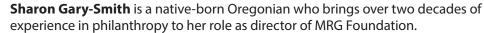


**Roberta Jortner** (Senior Planner, BPS) has almost 30 years of experience in land use and natural resources policy and planning, and is committed to a career in public service. She has worked as a planner and a policy analyst for an array of city, county and state government agencies, in the arenas of land use planning, watershed and water resources management, and natural resource management. For the last 20 years Roberta has been employed by the City of Portland, holding positions with the Water Bureau, Bureau of Environmental Services, and Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Roberta received BA degrees in Environmental Studies and Sociology from University of California-Santa Barbara, and a MS degree in Water Resources Management from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Roberta is devoted to family and friends, and has many interests including walking (sometimes with her cat), yoga, and cooking with her husband Karl. Roberta sings with a local women's chorus (Aurora Chorus), enjoys playing guitar and singing with friends, and is learning to play the violin (not easy!). She loves hiking, camping, and rafting, and has a passion for rivers, oceans, and trees. Roberta completed Metro's Nature University, Volunteer Naturalist training several years ago and enjoys helping out with children's and adult educational programs at Oxbow Regional Park and Smith and Bybee Wetlands. Current travel goals include going to Baja to see the whales and to Africa and/or India to experience elephants and other wildlife.







She has been a grants program officer, a leader with national and regional progressive funder networks and a foundation board member. Sharon has worked locally and nationally for racial and economic justice, with a special focus on addressing health inequity and reproductive justice.

**Thomas J. Puttman,** PE, AICP, LEED AP is President and CEO of Puttman Infrastructure, Inc., a sustainable infrastructure advisement and development firm specializing in energy, water, carbon and ecosystem service solutions for public and private infrastructure providers across North America. Tom oversees all strategic, operational, investment and portfolio development efforts of the firm.

Prior to founding Puttman Infrastructure, he co-founded ProjectDX and helped guide its growth, including acquisition by Renewable Funding LLC, to become the leading provider of turnkey administration, financing and technology services for clean energy and water programs to hundreds of communities across the US – including Energy Upgrade California.

Tom is a faculty member of the EcoDistrict Institute and helped the City of Portland and Portland Sustainability Institute create the EcoDistrict concept. He earned a BS in Civil Engineering, specializing in environmental engineering, from Gonzaga University, and a MS in City and Regional Planning, with a concentration in environmental planning, from the School of Architecture at Pratt Institute.



**Sallie Edmunds** (River and Environmental Planning manager, BPS) moved to Portland just in time for the big freeze, thaw and flooding in February 1996. She began working for the City of Portland later that year and is the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's River and Environmental Planning Manager. Prior to that she worked on stream and water-related issues for the National Park Service and the State of Hawai'i's Office of State Planning and the Commission on Water Resource Management. Living in the Hawaiian Islands gave her a special understanding of sustainability and multicultural societies. Sallie lives in Portland with her husband Geoffrey and their cat Alias who they walk on a leash. They love to go on long bike rides, hike in Forest Park and listen to live music.



**Dena Marshall** brings over fifteen years experience in bilingual mediation, community engagement, and collaborative processes. Trained as a lawyer, facilitator, and mediator, she understands the multiple, sometimes competing demands of coordinating a diverse working group. Dena has facilitated large group strategic planning sessions and a small group visioning processes. She guides policy change, community processes, and regional trans-boundary efforts to improve communities and their freshwater ecosystems. The results are stronger, more resilient communities. Dena has a Certificate in Water Conflict Management and Transformation from Oregon State University. She received her JD from American University and her BA from Amherst College. As a self-described "pretty typical 4-H kid" from upstate New York, Dena was raised on a small sheep farm overlooking the Hudson River. She grew up swimming, skiing, gardening and showing sheep at the county fair. Now settled into life on the West Coast, Dena is no less passionate today about the importance of water and community. She lives in Southeast Portland, with her husband and two daughters, all goofballs.