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### **Baltimore City**

**Ava Richardson, MPH, (Program Manager)** serves as the Sustainability Director for Baltimore City's Office of Sustainability. She previously served as the Sustainability Manager and a Food Matters Technical Advisor in the office, where she led the implementation of special projects including the city's plastic bag ban, supported the Commission on Sustainability, and helped to pilot new sustainability programming. In her current capacity, Ava oversees the implementation of the city's 2019 Sustainability Plan, 2023 Disaster Preparedness & Planning Project, and the 2024 Climate Action Plan, environmental regulations, policy implementation as well as special projects, pilots and initiatives to achieve 500+ climate-related strategies, goals and actions committed across citywide plans. She has over a decade of experience leading public health initiatives, advocating for environmental policies, and managing programs designed to address social, racial inequities and environmental justice. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Biology, a Masters of Public Health, and is currently obtaining a Doctorate of Public Health with a focus on environmental health and engineering.

**Sophia Hosain, BA, (Program Manager)** is a multi-hyphenate creative whose work and abilities meet at the center of sustainability, systems thinking, art and activism. She joined Baltimore City's Department of Public Works as their first Zero Waste Manager in November 2022, working to expand municipal waste diversion practices and develop organizational zero waste culture. Prior to joining DPW's Waste Diversion Team,, she worked on NRDC's Food Matters program at the Baltimore Office of Sustainability and at the Institute for Local Self-Reliance as their Baltimore Lead on the Composting for Community program. She seeks to empower communities by harnessing the transformative potential of circular economies and sustainable food systems, believing firmly that every individual deserves access to opportunities that uplift and nourish both people and the planet.

**Chris Ryer, Director of the Baltimore City Planning Department,** returned to the Department of Planning as the Director in February 2019 after serving for over a decade as Executive Director of the Southeast Community Development Corporation (CDC), an organization dedicated to the vitality and growth of neighborhoods in Southeast Baltimore. Prior to joining the Southeast CDC, he worked for the Department of Planning, including 10 years as Community Planner and four years as Deputy Director.

**The Honorable, Stephanie Smith, JD,** is the Assistant Director of the Baltimore City Planning Department and a member of the Maryland Bar. She has spent the bulk of her professional career working to advance environmental health and justice through federal clean air policy. As a former congressional staffer, Stephanie worked on affordable housing and voting rights issues. Most recently, Stephanie served in the executive leadership of a professional association focused on higher education and public health. Stephanie is an active member of the Greater Baltimore Urban League and Greater Baltimore Leadership Association. Stephanie is a proud graduate of Hampton University (BA), University of Delaware (MA), and Howard University School of Law (JD). Stephanie is married to Calvin, a mother to Parker, and a friend of Baltimore. She resides with her family in Baltimore City's Middle East community.

**Mira Green, MPA,** currently serves as the Fiscal Officer for the Department of Planning of the City of Baltimore and has 10 years of experience serving in various fiscal roles within the City, previously serving the City's Department of Housing and Community Development and the Bureau of Budget and Management Research. She has an MPA from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

### **Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis**

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**Matt Fleming** is the Director of the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, holding more than 25 years of experience in the areas of coastal restoration, natural resource management, and program administration. Prior to taking on this new role, Mr. Fleming served as Maryland's Coastal Zone Program Director, overseeing several federal awards, and developed the state's largest water quality financing program. While new, the Resilience Authority has quickly established a track record for jumpstarting large initiatives. Due in large part to Mr. Fleming's leadership in resilience and restoration work in the region, the Resilience Authority raised over \$20 million for projects in 2023 alone. As a public instrumentality specifically chartered to develop resilience-based infrastructure, including infrastructure designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Resilience Authority is positioned to participate as a subawardee of this award.

### **Baltimore County**

**Seth Blumen, MPA**, is the Energy & Sustainability Coordinator with the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability in Baltimore County. He has served in the current role for 5 years, with primary responsibilities including implementation of energy conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, electrification, and alternative fuel vehicle programs and policies. Seth's prior experience includes working with an electric utility in Phoenix, Arizona, where he was responsible for managing/coordinating corporate sustainability goals setting and reporting, science-based targets, strategic planning, transportation electrification, water resource management, and renewable energy.

### **Carroll County**

**Scott Graf**, serves as a Project Specialist for the Carroll County Department of Public Works. In this role Scott support waste reduction projects through coordination, data tracking and program management. One such initiative Scott has contributed to is the County's Fair Trash Reduction (FuTuRe) Pilot Program.

### **Harford County**

**Jeffrey T. Schoenberger, P.E.**, serves as the Administrator for Harford County's Bureau of Solid Waste Management. In this capacity, Jeff is responsible for the planning, directing, supervising and managing all permits, programs and fiscal aspects of the contract for solid waste management services. He establishes guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the contracts intended to meet objectives specified by the active permits and implementation of new procedures and programs that may be the result of changing Federal and/or State regulations/ statutes. Jeff ensures that all necessary reports as required by permits have been submitted to Maryland Department of the Environment, as well as, the preparation of the annual budget and maintains communication with various County officials, general public, state officials and agencies. He holds a Bachelors of Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware.

### **Howard County**

**Leah Miller, BA**, is the Energy Manager for Howard County. In this position, Ms. Miller develops policies and manages programs to address climate change, conserve energy, and promote the use of renewables both within County government and for the public. She has twenty years of experience in sustainability and environmental education program management. She has a BA in Political Science and Organismal Biology from Yale and is a LEED Green Associate (LEED GA), Certified Energy Manager (CEM), and a Climate Change Professional (CCP). Before working for Howard County, she worked as the Sustainability Program Manager for Montgomery County and the Clean Water Program Director for the Izaak Walton League of America.

### **Queen Anne's County**

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**Amy Moredock, CFM**, serves as the Director of Planning for Queen Anne's County's Department of Planning and Zoning. In her role as County Principal Long Range Planner she has had many great accomplishments including Text and Code Amendments, chairing a working group for the Climate Resilience Plan, conducting Critical Area Project Reviews. As the Planning Director, she provides vision and management leadership to the Department of Planning and Zoning which is charged with community planning, land planning, design management, project review, building code review, inspections and enforcement. She previously served in the Kent County Planning, Housing and Zoning Department in Chestertown, MD.