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## Allison Tjaden

Special Projects Manager, Climate Change Program

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### AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL FOCUS

- Coalition and Stakeholder Development
  - Public, Community and Environmental Health
  - Community Outreach
  - Project Management
  - New Program Development
  - Research, Data Analysis, and Reporting
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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Allison has a wealth of experience developing new sustainability programs inside of large organizations. In her roles, Allison has built and led teams and projects of many types and sizes, working hand-in-hand with multiple and various stakeholders to achieve successful project implementation. Nearly two decades of professional experience has earned Allison a deep bank of management skills and an immense capacity for team building. As the Special Projects Manager for the Climate Change Program at the Maryland Department of the Environment's Air and Radiation Administration, she provides coordination and project management support for implementation of Maryland's Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022, the federal Inflation Reduction Act, and other major state and federal climate policies. Allison serves on Governor Moore's Federal Investment Team to facilitate state-wide information sharing and coordination on federal funding opportunities to accelerate climate-action. She is leading the State-wide EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant for Maryland including interagency, local government, and regional coordination and public outreach.

### YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE 17

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### SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE

#### **Special Projects Manager, Climate Change Program | Maryland Dept. of the Environment, Baltimore, MD**

January 2023 - Present

- Leadership, coordination, and project management support to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration's Climate Change Program for implementation of the newly established goals set in Maryland's Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022, federal Inflation Reduction Act, and other major climate policies.
- Implementation lead for Maryland Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) regulation including support for the development of the proposed regulation, technical support documentation, stakeholder outreach, and hiring and onboarding of new three-person MDE Climate Change Program Building Decarbonization Section
- State of Maryland lead for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant for planning including coordination with Governor Moore's Federal Investment Team

#### **Interim Associate Director & Assistant to the Director, Dining Services | University of Maryland, College Park, MD**

July 2022 - January 2023

- Support the Director in administrative operations which includes approximately 2,000 staff members
- Supervise and support six leadership professional staff to implement programs
- Project management lead for key efforts including opening largest dining facility, energy performance audits, and retro-commissioning
- Design, develop, and continuous improvement of strategic new initiatives, business process re-engineering for existing programs, and support teams through transitions
- Liaison to University departments, government, nonprofit, corporate, and community partners
- Develop sustainability strategic plans and programs to achieve goals; to-date 34% reduction in food related green-house gas emissions per-plate since 2017

*Assistant Director of New Initiatives, June 2014 – July 2022*

- Departmental planning and project management for key initiatives including COVID-19 departmental response, emergency protocols, and collaboration with Prince George's County's COVID Cares

- Collect, analyze and report on progress toward organizational goals, milestones, and success metrics for departmental, University, and external partner use
- Develop and implement marketing and communications strategy for new and ongoing initiatives to maximize internal and external stakeholder engagement
- Serve as a spokesperson for new initiatives and sustainability policies and programs through lectures, conferences, and with the media
- Fundraise through grants and donations to manage project budgets and expenses

*Sustainability and Wellness Coordinator, June 2011 – June 2014*

- Research, develop, launch, track and assess the UMD sustainable food program
- Design and lead student internships, workshops, and volunteer opportunities

**Senior Management Consultant | Dynamics Research Corporation, Arlington, VA**

**June 2007 - August 2010**

- Provide management consulting services for United States federal offices in the Department of Agriculture, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Defense, and Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Services include business process re-engineering, database management, staff training, analysis and reporting, and IT helpdesk support

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**EDUCATION**      Master of Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2012  
                          B.A. Psychology and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2007

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**AFFILIATIONS AND ADDITIONAL ROLES**

Member, [United States Climate Alliance](#)  
 Member, BPS Advisory / Working Group  
 Member, PNNL Audit Template Technical Advisory Committee  
 Participant, Federal DOE Building Technologies Office BPS Technical Assistance  
 Participant, Federal EPA ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager BPS Technical Assistance

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**SELECTED PROJECTS, AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS**

- 2024 Environmental Health Changemaker Award
- 2023 First Half 2023 MDE Employee Award Winners
- 2021 Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Leadership Honor Society
- 2018 Office of Community Engagement University Staff Making A Difference Award
- 2017 Students Affairs Outstanding Service Award