

**Michael S. Regan,  
EPA Administrator**



Michael S. Regan was sworn in as the 16th Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency on March 11, 2021, becoming the first Black man and second person of color to lead the U.S. EPA.

Administrator Regan is a native of Goldsboro, North Carolina, where he developed a passion for the environment while hunting and fishing with his father and grandfather, and exploring the vast lands, waters, and inner Coastal Plain of North Carolina.

As the son of two public servants - his mother, a nurse for nearly 30 years, and his father, a retired Colonel with the North Carolina National Guard, Vietnam veteran, and former agricultural extension agent - Michael Regan went on to follow in his parents' footsteps and pursue a life of public service.

Prior to his nomination as EPA Administrator, Michael Regan served as the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

As Secretary, he spearheaded the development and implementation of North Carolina's seminal plan to address climate change and transition the state to a clean energy economy. Under his leadership, he secured the largest coal ash clean-up in United States history. He led complex negotiations regarding the clean-up of the Cape Fear River, which had been contaminated for years by the toxic chemicals per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS). In addition, he established North Carolina's first-of-its-kind Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory board to better align social inequities, environmental protection, and community empowerment.

Previously, Administrator Regan served as Associate Vice President of U.S. Climate and Energy, and as Southeast Regional Director of the Environmental Defense Fund where he convened energy companies, business leaders, environmental and industry groups, and elected officials across the country to achieve pragmatic solutions to the climate crisis.

He began his career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, eventually becoming a national program manager responsible for designing strategic solutions with industry and corporate stakeholders to reduce air pollution, improve energy efficiency and address climate change.

Throughout his career, he has been guided by a belief in forming consensus, fostering an open dialogue rooted in respect for science and the law, and an understanding that environmental protection and economic prosperity go hand in hand.

Administrator Regan is a graduate of the North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, making him the first EPA Administrator to have graduated from a Historically Black College and University. He earned a master's degree in Public Administration from The George Washington University.

He and his wife Melvina are proud parents to their son, Matthew.

**Adam Ortiz**  
**Regional Administrator for EPA Region 3**



Before coming to EPA, Adam was the Director of the Montgomery County Maryland Department of Environmental Protection, where he launched programs boosting recycling, curbside compost collection, building energy efficiency standards, and ecological targeting to watershed restoration projects with a focus on equity.

Previously, Adam was the Director of the Department of Environment for Prince George's County, Maryland, where he led the county to the highest recycling rate in the state and led a \$100M public-private green infrastructure construction program focusing on small and minority business development. He served in the administration of Governor Martin O'Malley and at the Department of Labor under former Secretary Tom Perez. Adam also served three terms as Mayor of Edmonston, Maryland.

**Glenn Youngkin**  
**Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia**



Governor Glenn Youngkin is a homegrown Virginian who grew up in Richmond and Virginia Beach. As his father changed jobs, Governor Youngkin learned that moving around didn't equal moving up – nothing was handed to him. From his first job washing dishes and frying eggs at a diner in Virginia Beach, he embraced hard work and responsibility to help his family when his father lost his job. His determination to succeed earned him multiple high school basketball honors in Virginia and an athletic scholarship to college.

After earning an engineering degree at Rice University, and his MBA at Harvard Business School, Governor Youngkin and his wife Suzanne moved to Northern Virginia. He landed a job at The Carlyle Group, where he spent the next 25 years. Working his way to the top of the company, Governor Youngkin played a key role in building Carlyle into one of the leading investment firms in the world. His efforts have helped fund the retirements of teachers, police officers, firefighters and other frontline public servants and supported hundreds of thousands of American jobs.

Married for over 27 years to his amazing wife Suzanne, Governor Youngkin is a dedicated father of four wonderful children. Their family journey has been and continues to be guided by their faith.

**Andrew Wheeler, Director**

**Office of Regulatory Management for the Commonwealth of Virginia.**



Andrew Wheeler is currently the Director of the newly created Office of Regulatory Management for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Andrew served as the 15<sup>th</sup> Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, serving on President Donald J. Trump's cabinet. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on February 28, 2019 having previously served as the Acting Administrator and the Senate confirmed Deputy Administrator.

Prior to his service at the EPA, Andrew was a consultant and *of counsel* at Faegre, Baker Daniels law firm where he led the DC office Energy and Environment team and co-led the firm-wide Energy and Natural Resources Industry Team. Andrew also spent fourteen years working in the United States Senate including six years as the Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

Andrew graduated with a BA from Case Western Reserve University, an MBA from George Mason University and a JD from Washington University in St. Louis.

Andrew Wheeler is an Eagle Scout.

**Sarah Elfreth,  
Maryland Senator 30<sup>th</sup> District**



Elected in 2018 to represent Annapolis and southern Anne Arundel County, Senator Sarah Elfreth is the youngest woman ever elected to the Maryland Senate. She is passionately committed to serving her constituents both in the State House and in the community. Sarah worked with colleagues across the aisle and around the State to pass over 65 bills - all with bipartisan votes - she sponsored in her first term. These new laws range from the largest investment in Maryland's State Parks, creating Maryland's first Office of Statewide Broadband, providing treatment to veterans living with PTSD, investing in libraries, small businesses, and critical prenatal care for healthy Maryland mothers, and protecting oysters and clean water.

Sarah serves on the Budget & Taxation Committee, Chair of the Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation, and as one of two senators representing Maryland on the multi-state Chesapeake Bay Commission. In January, 2022, Sarah was elected by her colleagues in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania to serve as Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Commission. Despite serving in her first term, the Senate President has also given Sarah the leadership roles of Chair of the Pensions Subcommittee, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Administrative, and Legislative Review, as a member of the Senate President's Workgroup on Equity & Inclusion, and as the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area.

As a member of the Budget committee, Sarah fights to secure millions in funding every year to support local projects and nonprofit organizations serving District 30. These include investments in the Thomas Point Lighthouse, Wellness House, the Stanton Center, the Shady Side Community Center, the Brewer Hill Cemetery, Arundel Lodge, Annapolis Maritime Museum, both the Annapolis and Mayo American Legions, and the YWCA.

Sarah graduated, magna cum laude, from Towson University and holds a master's degree in Public Policy from The Johns Hopkins University. Prior to her time in the Senate, Sarah served as the Director of Government Affairs for the National Aquarium and as Director of University Projects, focused on economic development in university towns, for Margrave Strategies.

Outside of the Senate, Sarah teaches political science and public policy at Towson University's Honors College and lives in downtown Annapolis. Despite receiving the "Baby Senator" trophy in 2019 for joining the chamber as its youngest member, Sarah's success in passing legislation earned her the designation of Baltimore Sun's "Freshman of the Year". She lives in downtown Annapolis.

**Ann P. Swanson**  
**Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission**



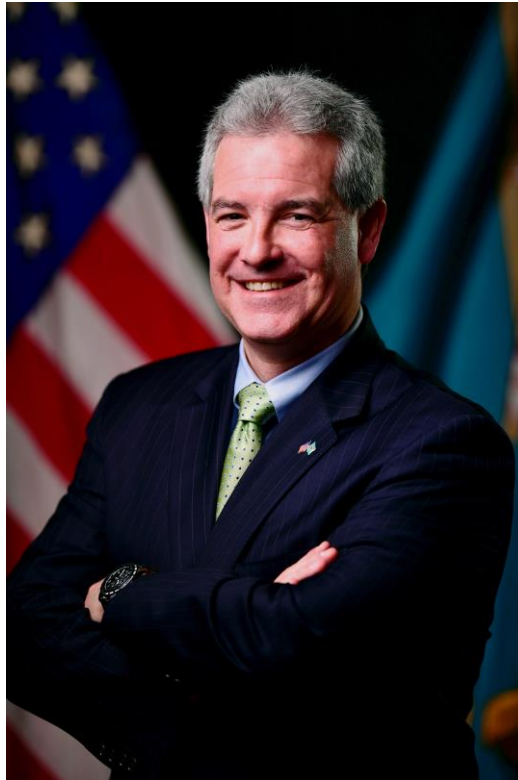
Ann Swanson has served as a leader in the Bay restoration for 40 years, the last 35 as the Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a tri-state legislative authority serving the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. It is the Commission's responsibility to sponsor legislation at the state level and to work with state legislators, members of the U.S. Congress, and the federal and state regulatory agencies to coordinate programs aimed at restoring the Chesapeake Bay. The Commission's 21-members hailing from three states (MD, VA and PA) work to translate science into policy that will advance environmental sustainability across the watershed – ranging from air, land, water and living resources.

Although Ann operates in a highly political environment, she is trained in the sciences. A trained wildlife biologist and forest ecologist, she graduated with honors from the University of Vermont and Yale University. She holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Vermont.

Ann has been recognized regionally, nationally and internationally for her work. She delivered a keynote address at the Stockholm Water Festival, chaired the University of Vermont's Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources for 11 years, and has been recognized with awards by her colleagues in the Bay watershed, the governors of the region and the General Assemblies of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Ann is a founder of the Chester River Association (now ShoreRivers), the BayFunders and the Chesapeake Conservancy. She currently serves on the Advisory Boards of the Maryland Sea Grant and the Galapagos Conservancy. Ann has been married for 38 years, is a published illustrator, an accomplished cook, gardener, mosaic artist, backpacker and sea kayaker, and is the proud mother of two boys.



**Secretary Shawn Garvin**  
**Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control**



Shawn M. Garvin joined Governor John Carney's cabinet in March 2017 as Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, leading the agency tasked with protecting and managing Delaware's natural resources, protecting public health, providing outdoor recreational opportunities and educating Delawareans about the environment.

Secretary Garvin's career in intergovernmental affairs spans more than 25 years at the federal, state, and local levels. In November 2009, he was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as Administrator of Region 3 for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), overseeing the agency's work in the Mid-Atlantic, which includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia.

Before he was named regional administrator, Secretary Garvin served as the senior state and congressional liaison for EPA Region 3, providing counsel to agency leadership on complex public health and environmental matters. Prior to his service with the EPA, he served as an aide to then-U.S. Senator Joe Biden, and also was executive assistant to former New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse.

Secretary Garvin is a Delaware native and graduate of the University of Delaware.



**Larry Hogan**  
**Governor, State of Maryland**



Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. was sworn in as the 62<sup>nd</sup> governor of the State of Maryland on January 21, 2015. In 2018, he was overwhelmingly re-elected to a second four-year term, receiving the most votes of any Maryland gubernatorial candidate and becoming only the second Republican governor to be re-elected in the 242-year history of the state.

In his first inaugural address, Governor Hogan reminded citizens of Maryland's history as a state of middle temperament and pledged to advance the best ideas, regardless of which side of the political aisle they come from. He is recognized nationally as a strong, independent leader who consistently delivers real results and achieves common sense, bipartisan solutions.

**Economic Turnaround.** Immediately upon taking office, Governor Hogan took decisive action to create a more business-friendly future for Maryland by bringing tax relief, balanced budgets, and long-term fiscal responsibility to the state. He eliminated or reformed nearly 850 regulations, reduced or eliminated 250 fees across state government, and cut tolls at every single state facility for the first time in more than 50 years. In total, Governor Hogan has already delivered nearly \$1.3 billion in tax, toll, and fee relief for hardworking middle class families, retirees, and small businesses.

As a result of these efforts, Governor Hogan is effectively growing Maryland's private sector, creating jobs, and turning the state economy around. The governor's first year in office was the most successful in total job creation in a decade and private-sector job growth in the last 16 years, and one of the biggest economic turnarounds in America.

**Top Priority: Education.** Governor Hogan believes that every child in Maryland deserves access to a world-class education, regardless of what neighborhood they happen to grow up in. He has

invested record funding six years in a row—a record \$40 billion—in local K-12 education funding and is committed to thinking outside the box and advocating for innovative solutions to close the performance gap and prepare children for the jobs of the future. In 2018, the governor worked with members of the legislature to enact landmark school safety measures. He is also leading the fight for more accountability in local school systems and advocating for new initiatives to provide relief from student debt, greater access to higher education, and to make college more affordable.

**Environmental Stewardship.** Governor Hogan has made historic progress to protect the state's most precious natural asset: the Chesapeake Bay. He has fully funded all bay restoration efforts five years in a row and committed a historic \$6 billion toward wide-ranging bay initiatives. In addition, under the governor's leadership, Maryland continues to be a national and international leader in combating greenhouse gas emissions and has some of the strongest air quality standards in the nation.

In 2017, Governor Hogan was elected chair of the six-state Chesapeake Executive Council and served three consecutive terms. Under his leadership, members implemented and updated the Phase 6 Watershed Model to guide jurisdictions' restoration efforts; formally identified and began to address the threat posed by the Susquehanna River pollution entering the bay at the Conowingo Dam; and began to address long-term challenges posed by the impacts of extreme weather and climate change.

**Rebuilding Infrastructure.** To get Marylanders moving, Governor Hogan is rebuilding the state's transportation infrastructure through historic investments in roads, bridges, and transit. The state is moving forward on top priority road projects in every jurisdiction, fixing every single structurally deficient bridge in Maryland, and has resurfaced more than half of the state highway system.

In 2017, Governor Hogan broke ground on the long-anticipated \$5.6 billion Purple Line light rail project in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, which represents the largest Public-Private Partnership in America. He was the first leader in the region to propose a real solution to save the Washington, D.C. Metro system, introduced a transformative Traffic Relief Plan to widen the Capital Beltway, I-270, and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, which represents the largest transportation Public-Private Partnership (P3) in North America, and led a yearlong national infrastructure initiative, *Foundation for Success*, as chairman of the National Governors Association.

**Opioid Crisis.** Governor Hogan has consistently displayed bold and effective leadership, and not just when it's easy. He is shining a spotlight on the heroin and opioid crisis and using every tool at his disposal to bring a heightened level of awareness to this threat that is tearing apart families and devastating communities. One of his first actions as governor was to establish the Maryland Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, and he immediately implemented nearly all of their 33 comprehensive recommendations. He was the first governor in America to declare a full-scale State of Emergency in response to the opioid crisis, and has committed nearly \$1.2 billion toward fighting the heroin, opioid, and substance abuse epidemic with a four-pronged approach of education, prevention, treatment, and enforcement, led by the Opioid Operational Command Center.

Baltimore Riots. In addition to tackling countless policy issues head-on, Governor Hogan also has faced a number of unexpected challenges with courage and candor. Just 90 days after his inauguration, protests in Baltimore City turned violent and the state's largest city was in flames. Faced with the worst violence the city had seen in 47 years, the governor acted swiftly and decisively. He declared a State of Emergency, called in the National Guard, and within hours, order was restored. The Hogan administration received credit for strong leadership and a rapid and effective response and has been asked to teach others around the country best practices for handling similar crises.

Cancer. Sixty days after the riots in Baltimore, Governor Hogan was diagnosed with aggressive Stage 3 non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Over the next five months, he underwent 30 days of aggressive, 24-hour chemotherapy, multiple surgeries, spinal taps, scans, drug therapies, and other procedures. On November 16, 2015, he announced that he was 100% cancer free and in complete remission, and on June 18, 2020, this was confirmed after his final, five-year anniversary PET scan. Since waging his own fight, Governor Hogan has made it his mission to raise awareness for those battling cancer and support efforts to find a cure.

National Governors Association. With a proven track record of delivering real results to change Maryland for the better, Governor Hogan's principled, bipartisan, common sense leadership extends to both the regional and national stages. In 2019, he was unanimously elected to lead America's governors as chairman of the nonpartisan National Governors Association (NGA), which represents all 55 U.S. states, territories, and commonwealths. During his term as NGA Chair, Governor Hogan launched a yearlong national infrastructure initiative, *Foundation for Success*, which focused on rebuilding, repairing, and modernizing America's infrastructure in order to grow the economy, create jobs, and meet the needs of the 21st century. The governor led stakeholder summits in Boston, Detroit, San Francisco, and Australia. He concluded his chairmanship in August 2020 by establishing an NGA staff position to continue driving his infrastructure initiative through January 2023.

Coronavirus Pandemic. In response to the unprecedented COVID-19 global pandemic and after confirming the first positive cases of the virus in Maryland in March 2020, Governor Hogan immediately declared a State of Emergency, convened a Coronavirus Response Team of doctors, scientists, and public health experts, and took some of the earliest and most aggressive actions in the nation to prioritize the health and safety of Maryland residents.

During his term as NGA chairman, the governor led more than 50 calls with the nation's governors, the president and/or vice president, and members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Under Governor Hogan's leadership, the NGA successfully pushed for Title 32 funding to support the National Guard's COVID-19 response missions, convinced the federal administration to invoke the Defense Production Act to produce ventilators and swabs, and achieved greater flexibility in federal CARES Act funding.

In Maryland, the Hogan administration successfully expanded its hospital surge capacity in record time, exponentially increased its testing capacity, acquired millions of units of personal protective equipment (PPE), and launched a robust contact tracing operation in order to find and fight the

virus. In April 2020, following a science- and data-driven approach, Governor Hogan launched the 'Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery,' a safe, effective, and gradual plan forward for the state's health and economic recovery.

Change Maryland. Prior to his election in 2014, Governor Hogan – who had never before held elective office – spent more than 25 years building and running small businesses in the private sector. In 2011, he founded Change Maryland, the largest nonpartisan grassroots citizen organization in state history, which is dedicated to bringing fiscal responsibility and common sense to state government.

Family. Governor Hogan is married to Yumi Hogan, a first generation Korean-American, artist and teacher. She is the first Asian first lady in Maryland history and the first Korean-American first lady in United States history. They have three daughters: Julie, Jaymi, and Kim; four grandchildren: Daniella, Cam, Ada and Nora; and two dogs, Anna and Chessie, whom they rescued from BARCS animal shelter in Baltimore City in 2018.

**Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources**



Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio is an Eastern Shore native, born and raised in Talbot County, Maryland. She earned a degree in Political Science from Salisbury University with a focus on environmental policy and international affairs.

In 2003, she was appointed to the Maryland House of Delegates making her the youngest woman in the nation to serve at the state level at that time. While in the House of Delegates, her committee assignments included the Economic Matters Committee, the Public Utilities Subcommittee, and the Joint Committee on Federal Relations covering Maryland policy on the economy, natural resources, agriculture, energy, labor, insurance, and the environment. In 2014, she joined the Hogan administration as Deputy Chief of Staff, where she advised on similar issues.

Her work experience has been in the public, private, and non profit sectors including the Maryland Department of the Environment's Air and Radiation Management Administration and the National Audubon Society (Maryland-DC Office).

She was appointed Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in March 2019.

**Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary,  
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**



Cindy Adams Dunn has served as secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the past seven years; upon her appointment by Governor Wolf, she returned to the agency where she worked under three governors in multiple positions over the last two decades. Cindy has helped position Pennsylvania as a leader in land conservation, outdoor recreation, green practices and public land management. During her tenure, the department created the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps to connect youth and young adults with job opportunities relating to the outdoors and the environment; advanced water quality initiatives within the Chesapeake Bay and across the Commonwealth through investments in conservation, buffer plantings, and restoration; advanced mitigation and adaptation best practices related to climate change; managed the highest visitations at state parks and forests; and received historical levels of funding to address the growing conservation and recreation needs of the Commonwealth.

**Greg Hostetter**  
**Executive Deputy Secretary**  
**Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture**



Greg Hostetter brings hands on farming experience to his role as executive deputy secretary at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Hostetter has a quarter-century of farming under his belt, from his family's dairy farm to his own grain and beef operation. As deputy secretary since 2015, Hostetter has overseen the bureaus of food safety, animal health, and the Farm Show Complex.



**Basil Seggos, Commissioner  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**



Basil Seggos has served as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) since 2015, leading an agency of more than 3,000 professionals. At DEC, he oversees efforts to protect and restore New York's air, lands and waters; combat climate change; enforce environmental laws and regulations; respond to natural disasters; and support world-class outdoor recreation. Seggos is the Co-Chair of the State's Climate Action Council, the committee developing the Scoping Plan to achieve the State's nation-leading climate goals.

Seggos advises Governor Kathy Hochul on environmental policy and serves on boards including the Adirondack Park Agency, Environmental Facilities Corporation, and New York State Energy and Research Development Authority, among others. Prior to state service, Seggos served as V.P. of Business Development at Hugo Neu Corporation, a clean tech private equity company, Chief Investigator and Attorney for Riverkeeper, Associate at NRDC, and legal clerk at the White House. Seggos graduated from Trinity College and Pace University School of Law. Seggos is a U.S. Army veteran.

**Tommy Wells**  
**Director of DC Department of Energy and the Environment**



With a career in public service that spans 32 years, Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) Director Tommy Wells is chiefly responsible for protecting the environment, conserving natural resources, and developing innovative improvements for all residents of the District of Columbia. Tommy's team is comprised of approximately 500 environmental professionals collectively working to improve the quality and equity of life for residents and the natural inhabitants of the Nation's Capital.

**Jeff Seltzer**  
**Deputy Director, Natural Resources Administration,**  
**DC Department of Energy and Environment**



As Deputy Director for the Natural Resources Administration at the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), Jeff Seltzer is responsible for programs that conserve, protect, and improve the water, soil, and living resources of the District of Columbia. Jeff is a Professional Civil Engineer with over twenty-five years of experience in natural resources management. Jeff lives in the District with his wife and two children and looks forward to the day when his family and other residents can safely swim in the District's rivers.



### **Kathleen Boomer – Chair, Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee**

Kathleen (Kathy) Boomer received her bachelor's degree in natural resources, her master's degree in wetland ecology and her doctorate degree in biogeochemistry all from Cornell University.

Boomer is currently the Scientific Program Director at Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) and is responsible for developing programs in sustainable water management. Boomer has extensive experience in landscape modeling and watershed research and a passion for advancing science-based decision-making in resource management.

Before joining FFAR, Boomer served as the lead watershed scientist for the Nature Conservancy's Chesapeake Bay Project. She led numerous research partnerships to engage stakeholders and advance targeted agricultural and urban conservation practices. Boomer also worked in China as a monitoring consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

She is Chair of the [Chesapeake Bay Partnership's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee](#). Earlier in her career, she worked with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center as a geospatial ecologist. In this capacity, she investigated ecosystems services provided by a range of terrestrial, wetland and coastal habitats.

**Jasmine Gore**  
**Local Government Advisory Committee**  
**Chair**



November 2012, Jasmine Gore made history within the City of Hopewell and Commonwealth of Virginia during the municipal elections. Just two years after obtaining dual bachelor's degrees in Biology and Political Science from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Ms. Gore became the second 26-year-old to sit on Hopewell's City Council

Since being elected, Ms. Gore has served in various local, state, and national leadership positions. Most notably, Ms. Gore served as a Board of Directors Member for the National League of Cities and At-Large Board Member with the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. She also served as the only elected official on the Virginia Board of Medicine and is currently serving in her second term on the Local Government Advisory Committee for the Executive Council of the Chesapeake Bay. Ms. Gore's love for science is a cornerstone for her advocacy as she also served on VCU's College of Humanities and Sciences Advisory Board.

Ms. Gore has over ten years of government experience beginning as a city-appointed volunteer, intern for the Virginia General Assembly, and now local elected official. November 2020, Ms. Gore had the honor of being appointed to serve as Mayor for the City of Hopewell. In this capacity, she served as the youngest African-American and female Mayor within the Commonwealth of Virginia. During her tenure, Mayor Gore received municipal grants designed to address social determinates of health, access to opportunity, and social/economic factors. She advocated for the City's participation in the Governor's Health Equity Initiative during Covid-19, lead the charge to provide residents with free PPE, programs, and tax relief during the pandemic. Additional accomplishments include the establishment of a youth workforce program, addressing the digital divide, establishing an early childhood task force, championing open government access/software, and spearheading a new Citywide Strategic plan.

Ms. Gore was noted to be the "Next Generation of Government" by the national elected official organization and selected as the Emerging Leader of the Year for a state party within Virginia. She has proven to be both diligent and innovative about addressing the

needs of the City of Hopewell. Ms. Gore promotes, advocates, and creates programs and legislation that reflect the citizen-driven goals to move the City of Hopewell forward. Her single greatest achievement in office to date is the successful reinstatement of the City of Hopewell's Office on Youth and Youth Commission.

**Julie Lawson**  
**Citizens Advisory Committee Chair**



Julie Lawson is a skilled team builder and communicator with more than 20 years of experience as an entrepreneurial advocate, marketing professional, and project manager. She is recognized as an international expert on plastic pollution policy and behavior change, and is a respected leader in engaging diverse communities on the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. She developed multiple local, state, and national coalitions to pass cutting-edge legislation to protect neighborhoods and waterways, from the Anacostia River to the oceans.

Julie currently serves with the District Department of Energy & Environment as the liaison with the University of the District of Columbia and with DC Public Schools, identifying educational and work opportunities for youth and young adults that will sustain their futures as well as the future needs of the District's sustainability workforce.

In 2017, Julie was appointed to the Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser, serving as the Director of the Mayor's Office of the Clean City. In that role, she engaged residents, businesses, and District and federal agencies in collective action to keep the District clean, safe, and healthy. In 2010, Julie founded and served as Executive Director of Trash Free Maryland, a nonprofit organization working to reduce trash pollution through policy and behavior change. Previously Julie was principal and founder of Communication Visual, a graphic design and marketing studio specializing in public service communications.

Julie is passionate about restoring the Anacostia River so that it can be a full recreational, economic, and natural resource for all Washingtonians to enjoy. She is an active volunteer with local schools, animal rescue organizations, and local politics. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in linguistics from Haverford College and lives in the Takoma neighborhood of Washington, DC, with her son Owen.