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Judy Adler
President and Treasurer, Turner Foundation

As President of the Turner Foundation, Judy is responsible for implementing the Foundation’s mission of protecting and restoring our natural systems - air, land, and water on which all life depends. Before being appointed President, Judy managed the energy and water programs at the Foundation. Judy has over 20 years of environmental experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Prior to joining the Turner Foundation, Judy worked for the State of Georgia’s Sustainability Division where she managed a team of engineers that helped businesses and institutions reduce their environmental footprint. She also worked as a project manager and project engineer with Metcalf & Eddy, Inc. (now AECOM) where she provided environmental services for industrial, municipal and federal clients.

Judy received a Bachelor of Engineering from Vanderbilt University summa cum laude and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Judy is a licensed professional engineer, LEED Green Associate, Certified Energy Manager, and former Chair of the Board of Directors for the Institute of Georgia Environmental Leadership. Judy lives in Atlanta with her husband, Ted Hull, and daughter Iris. In Atlanta, you may find Judy leading a courageous group of Girl Scouts, cooking and trying out the latest new restaurants with friends, and exploring the great outdoors with her family.

Deron Davis
Executive Director, Georgia, The Nature Conservancy

As the executive director of The Nature Conservancy in Georgia, Deron Davis leads a dedicated team working to protect, manage and restore Georgia’s unique natural areas. Deron came to the Conservancy from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources where he served on the State Water Plan leadership team, launched a water conservation campaign and directed an environmental school improvement program. Deron is a graduate of the University of Georgia’s Terry College of Business, an alumnus of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership and a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2020. Recognized as a leader in environmental education, sustainability and water issues, Deron led the coalition that developed and advocated for legislation allowing voters to approve by an 83 percent margin the creation of a conservation trust fund for Georgia. Deron has been highlighted as a Leader in Nonprofit Service by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians by Georgia Trend magazine.

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Chief Executive Officer, One Hundred Miles

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Before becoming the founding executive director of One Hundred Miles, Megan spent 10 years at the Coastal Conservation League in South Carolina. She was instrumental in efforts to conserve land in the Ashley River Historic Corridor and on Johns Island. She also worked to establish the organization’s first climate and energy and agriculture program agendas.

Megan has worked through the years to help start up organizations form and become sustainable coastal advocacy partners in Georgia and South Carolina. In addition to forming One Hundred Miles, she worked with a team to start South Carolina’s first local food hub and collaborated with a group of diverse leaders to initiate Charleston County’s Greenbelt Program. Megan has also served on the founding boards of the South Carolina Outdoor Education Program and Charleston Moves, a bicycle/pedestrian advocacy organization.

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Prior to his appointment as commissioner, Dusenbury was Executive Director of Park Pride, a nonprofit dedicated to building civic and corporate support for Atlanta’s parks. During his six years at Park Pride, the organization significantly increased its capacity while launching a wide range of programs designed to increase community capacity and leadership, bring community gardens to underserved neighborhoods, and help residents create and implement community-driven master plans for their parks. Also under his leadership, the organization expanded its geographic scope and played a pivotal role in engaging community groups and corporate partners to realize the vision of the Atlanta BeltLine, a transformative urban park and trail system. Dusenbury first became active in Atlanta’s environmental community while serving as legislative director and district director for Congressman John Lewis.

**Steven Friedman**  
*Chief of Real Estate, Georgia Department of Natural Resources*

Steve Friedman is the chief of real estate for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Since 2005, Friedman has directed all real estate projects for DNR’s State Parks and Wildlife Resources Division. Friedman has closed numerous acquisitions throughout the state, including within the Paulding and Sheffield Forest wildlife management areas, along the Altamaha River and in partnership with many of Georgia’s military bases.

Friedman actively works with multiple partners in his role as chief of real estate. He is a member of SERPPAS (Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability), which is a multi-state partnership with the Department of Defense.

A native of Miami, Florida, Friedman earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from the University of Florida and a master’s degree in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia. Friedman and his wife, Judi, live in Atlanta, Georgia and have two children, Emily and Dimitry.

**Stacy Funderburke**  
*Assistant Regional Counsel and Conservation Acquisitions Associate, The Conservation Fund*

Stacy Funderburke is assistant regional counsel and conservation acquisitions associate in the Georgia office of The Conservation Fund. He works on land conservation efforts in Georgia and Alabama, including expansion of parks, greenspace and trails within the metro Atlanta area with the Atlanta Beltline and the City of Atlanta Parks Department. He leads the Finding the Flint and Working Farms Fund initiatives for the Fund and serves on the Green Infrastructure Task Force for the City of Atlanta.

He serves on the boards of the Georgia Heirs Property Law Center, the Candler Park Conservancy and Global Growers Network. Prior to joining The Conservation Fund, Stacy worked as in-house securities counsel for Mirant Corporation and as a corporate and securities attorney for Troutman Sanders, LLP.

Stacy has a B.B.A. in finance from the University of Georgia and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

**Jen Hilburn**  
*Riverkeeper, Altamaha Riverkeeper*

Jen Hilburn was born and raised in Oregon, and spent much of her childhood outdoors skiing, hiking, climbing, canoeing, kayaking and rafting the Pacific Northwest. She studied at Portland State University and the University of Copenhagen, and recently completed her master’s degree through a National Science Foundation-funded program at the University of Miami.

She has worked as an ornithologist in Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Italy, and San Clemente Island off the coast of Southern California. Most recently, she spent 13 years on St. Catherines Island working primarily with shorebirds.

**Shana Jones**  
*Planning & Environmental Services Unit Manager, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia*

Shana Jones, J.D., manages the Planning & Environmental Services Unit at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia and directs the Georgia Sea Grant Legal Program. Her primary research and outreach focus involves coastal flooding issues and adaptation planning. Jones’ experience includes developing robust legal and policy guidance for local governments related to environmental, land use, infrastructure, and utility-related issues. Thanks to generous funding from the R. Howard Dobbs, Jr. Foundation, she also directs an annual Environmental Policy Academy for the Georgia House and Senate Natural Resource committees.

Prior to joining the University of Georgia, Jones was the director of the Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic, which she founded in 2012, at William & Mary Law School. She also served as the executive director of an environmental law think tank, was an associate at McGuireWoods LLP, and clerked at the federal district and state appellate levels. She has authored several law review articles and co-authored The Case for Grassroots Collaboration: Social Capital and Ecosystem Restoration at the Local Level. She contributes annually to the law treatise, Waters and Water Rights. She serves on the Athens-Clark County Greenway Commission and on the board of the directors for the Georgia Heirs Property Law Center.
Mark Masters
Director, Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center, Albany State University

Mark Masters serves as director of the Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center at Albany State University and is a leading expert in agricultural water use and policy in the Southeastern United States. Throughout his career, Mark has led numerous research and outreach projects related to water resources in Georgia and has positioned the Center as a trusted technical resource for the state and its water planning efforts. Beyond our borders, he has recently supported development of the Potomac River Basin Comprehensive Plan and, as a founding member and executive manager of ACF Stakeholders, Inc, was instrumental in helping the group reach consensus on a Sustainable Water Management Plan for the entire ACF Basin.

Mark is active on a number of local, state and national advisory boards including the American Farm Bureau Water Advisory Committee, Governor’s Soil and Water Advisory Committee, Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership Board of Directors and as a Supervisor for his local Soil and Water Conservation District and Board of the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts.

When he’s not busy professionally, Mark stays out of trouble volunteering at church and raising grass-fed beef with his family on their farm in Terrell County. Mark and his wife, Amy, also enjoy watching their three beautiful daughters make other kids look foolish on the soccer field.

Hannah Palmer
Writer and Urban Designer; Co-Founder, Finding the Flint

Hannah Palmer is a native of Atlanta’s southside and the author of the award-winning memoir Flight Path: A Search for Roots beneath the World’s Busiest Airport (2017, Hub City Press). She leads an effort called Finding the Flint, a collaboration between the Atlanta Regional Commission, American Rivers and The Conservation Fund focused on revealing and restoring Georgia’s Flint River headwaters in the Atlanta airport area.

As a writer and activist, Palmer’s work explores the intersection of Southern stories and urban landscapes. A graduate of Agnes Scott College, she earned Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from Sewanee: The University of the South. She lives near the Atlanta airport with her husband and sons.

Cheryl Peterson
Senior Managing Director, McIntosh SEED Sustainable Environment and Economic Development)

As Senior Managing Director of McIntosh SEED (Sustainable Environment and Economic Development), Cheryl Peterson provides technical assistance to organizations in youth leadership and development, community outreach and engagement, local and regional organizational development, and educational supervision and instruction. McIntosh SEED is a grassroots organization that fosters quality education, housing, recreational facilities, business opportunities and environmental protection for McIntosh County, Georgia, through community development, organizing and advocacy. Peterson managed the farmers market and gardening program. She also co-manages a Ford Foundation project building agricultural value chains in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

Peterson is a member of the State Schools Superintendent’s Principals’ Advisory Council. She has been awarded the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement “Gold Award” and has served on several local, state and regional education committees. Peterson earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and her Masters of Science in Administration and Supervision from Georgia Southern University.

Eleanor K. Ratchford
Board Member, Knoblauch Family Foundation

Originally from Florida, Eleanor moved to Atlanta at the age of seven. She attended The Westminster Schools and graduated from The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut. She graduated from Davidson College with a bachelor’s degree in economics and received her M.B.A. from the Goizueta School of Business at Emory University.

Eleanor and her husband, Tom, lived in Central and South America in the 1990s. They have lived in Atlanta for the past 24 years. Eleanor currently serves on the boards of the Forward Arts Foundation and the Knobloch Family Foundation. She has also served on the boards of Davidson College and Atlanta International School.

Gordon Rogers
Riverkeeper and Executive Director, Flint Riverkeeper

Gordon Rogers was raised in South Georgia. He graduated high school from Glynn Academy in Brunswick and attended college at Oxford College of Emory University, the University of Georgia and Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. Following formal schooling, Gordon was employed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at their Coastal Resources Division office in Brunswick, initially as a fisheries statistician and later as a marine biologist and policy analyst. After 10 years at GADNR, he worked in the waste and recycling industry for nine years. He has also fished professionally and taught about fishing.
He served as the executive director and Riverkeeper at Satilla Riverkeeper for five years and was appointed executive director and Riverkeeper for the Flint in 2009. Gordon and his wife, Gina, have three grown children, daughter Jamie Leigh and sons Joe and Quint. They live in Talbot County, Georgia, on a farm along the Flint River at Old Ypsilanti, the site of a defunct cotton gin and general store.

Andrew Schock  
Georgia State Director, The Conservation Fund

Andrew has been with The Conservation Fund since September 2003 and is currently the Georgia state director. He is part of the team working to secure a 205,000-acre conservation easement that promotes longleaf pine restoration in southern Alabama and the panhandle of Florida.

At the Fund, he has worked to protect thousands of acres of vital habitat, including parks and greenspace throughout the Metro Atlanta area, Georgia and Alabama. Recently, Andrew was involved in the 19,577-acre acquisition of the Sansavilla tract that connects past conservation efforts on the Altamaha River in Georgia. In Alabama and Georgia, he is playing a role in moving the Pinhoti Trail, a National Recreation Trail, from the roadways into the forests.

Andrew has past affiliations with the National Wildlife Federation as the Southeastern Center director managing the field office in Atlanta; The Nature Conservancy, where he completed real estate transactions to protect biodiversity, assisted with the establishment of the botanical inventory at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, and established the Integrated Management Plan at Ft. Benning, Georgia; the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission as a district wildlife biologist; and the Department of Defense as a biological technician working on endangered species management at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Andrew has an M.B.A. from Kennesaw State University and a bachelor's degree in zoology from North Carolina State University.

Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd  
Professor of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Georgia

Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd is a leading international expert in weather and climate and is the Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Georgia. Dr. Shepherd was the 2013 President of American Meteorological Society (AMS), the nation's largest and oldest professional/science society in the atmospheric and related sciences. He serves as director of the University of Georgia's (UGA) Atmospheric Sciences Program and full professor in the Department of Geography.

Dr. Shepherd is the host of The Weather Channel's award-winning Sunday talk show Weather Geeks, a pioneering Sunday talk podcast/show. He co-authored a children's book on weather and weather instruments called Dr. Fred's Weather Watch. He is also the co-founder of the Alcova Elementary Weather Science Chat series that exposes K-5 students to world-class scientists. Ted Turner and his Captain Planet Foundation honored Dr. Shepherd in 2014 with its Protector of the Earth Award.

Prior to UGA, Dr. Shepherd spent 12 years as a research meteorologist at NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center and was deputy project scientist for the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) mission, a multi-national space mission that launched in 2014. President George W. Bush honored him in May 2004 at the White House with the Presidential Early Career Award for pioneering scientific research in weather and climate science.

Dr. Shepherd is frequently sought as an expert on weather, climate and remote sensing. His TEDxAtlanta Talk on “Slaying Climate Zombies” is one of the most viewed climate lectures on YouTube. Dr. Shepherd is also frequently asked to advise key leaders at NASA, the White House, Congress, the Department of Defense, and officials from foreign countries. In February 2013, Dr. Shepherd briefed the U.S. Senate on climate change and extreme weather. He has written editorials for numerous outlets and has over 90 peer-reviewed scholarly publications.

Dr. Shepherd currently chairs the NASA Earth Sciences Advisory Committee and was a past member of its Earth Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Nature Conservancy (Georgia Chapter), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Science Advisory Board and Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed’s Hazard Preparedness Advisory Group.

Dr. Shepherd received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in physical meteorology from Florida State University. He was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from the Florida State University Department of Meteorology, one of the nation’s oldest and respected. He is originally from Canton, Georgia, and is married to Ayana Shepherd and has two kids, Anderson and Arissa.

The Honorable Lindsay Thomas  
Former Member, U.S. House of Representatives, Georgia's 1st Congressional District

Lindsay Thomas represented Georgia's 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983 until 1993. He was active in agriculture, natural resource, and energy issues and rose to the No. 2 position on both the Energy and water and Military Construction subcommittees of the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

He voluntarily resigned his seat at the end of his fifth term in order to return to his native state, his land, and his family, and to assume the position of director of state governmental relations for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, a role he held until 1996.

From 1998 until 2002, Lindsay served under a presidential appointment as the federal commissioner for the tri-state water compacts between the states of Georgia,
Florida, and Alabama. The appointment was a result of his lifelong involvement in and knowledge of water and natural resource issues that he exemplified while serving in Congress.

Lindsay also led the Georgia Chamber of Commerce from 1996 until 2002 as president and CEO. During his tenure at the Chamber, its membership experienced its largest expansion in its nearly 100-year history, growing from 1,800 to 3,100 members in 2001.

Lindsay, who currently operates as a consultant under Lindsay Thomas Consulting Inc., serves on the boards of the University of Georgia Press and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, as well as the advisory board of the University of Georgia Southern Wildlife Center. He also serves on The Altamaha River Basin Commission and has been a part of the effort to complete a Statewide Water Plan since the beginning of that effort.

Lindsay and Nancy live at Grace Acres Farm in Screven, Georgia, where Lindsay manages the land for wildlife and environmental purposes with a timber operation that is focused on reestablishing the land in Long Leaf Pines. He has three children, Lindsay Jr., Rans and Nell, and six grandchildren.

David Weitnauer  
President, R. Howard Dobbs, Jr. Foundation

David joined the Foundation in 2007 following 11 years with the Rockdale Foundation as a founding Board member and its first Executive Director. An Ordained Presbyterian minister, David previously served on the pastoral staff of four congregations and as a pastoral counselor/marriage and family therapist. He earned an A.B. in Psychology from Davidson College and his M. Div. and Th.D. from Columbia Theological Seminary. He and his wife Nancy have two children in college and live in Decatur.

Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome  
Senior Program Officer, Kresge Foundation

Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome is senior program officer at the Kresge Foundation, responsible for the Environment Program’s grant portfolio on Climate Resilient & Equitable Water Systems (CREWS). Jalonne also created the framework and continues to provide leadership for grantmaking in Kresge’s new climate change, health and equity initiative, the largest cross-program initiative in the foundation. In addition to her grantmaking practice, within Kresge, Jalonne is a member of Kresge’s Operationalizing Racial Equity Team, purposed with normalizing and operationalizing racial equity across the foundation.

Her leadership expands beyond Kresge as a steering committee member for the Urban Water Funder’s Group for The Funder’s Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, co-chair of the Health and Environmental Funders Network, and many other non-philanthropic related boards.

Jalonne’s career has spanned both the private and public sectors, academia, environmental justice, science advocacy and now, philanthropy. Before joining Kresge in early 2016, Jalonne served as director of federal policy at West Harlem Environmental Action Inc. (WE ACT) where her work helped ensure that the concerns of low-income communities of color were integrated into federal policy, particularly on clean air, climate change and health issues. Before WE ACT, Jalonne was the inaugural Climate Change Post-Doc Fellow with the Union of Concerned Scientists in Washington, D.C., and spent over a decade working as an environmental manager professionally, and an advocate and educator in her spare time.

For the past six years, Jalonne has been an adjunct professor in the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and continues to engage in research on climate, health and equity with colleagues at multiple universities.

A native of Detroit, Jalonne earned a Ph.D. in environmental health sciences from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, a master’s degree in environmental engineering from Southern Methodist University and a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Northwestern University. When she’s not working, traveling or

Dr. Katharine K. Wilkinson  
Vice President of Communication & Engagement, Project Drawdown

Dr. Katharine K. Wilkinson is an author, climate expert, strategist and teacher, working to heal the planet we call home. She is vice president of communication and engagement at the nonprofit Project Drawdown and lead writer of the New York Times bestseller Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming, which has more than 150,000 copies in print. Her first book, Between God & Green: How Evangelicals Are Cultivating a Middle Ground on Climate Change, was dubbed “a vitally important, even subversive, story” by The Boston Globe.

Dr. Wilkinson is known for bringing humanity and heart to the climate crisis and inviting awake, aware, active participation in the community of life. She speaks internationally, sharing her expertise at the Aspen Ideas Festival, National Geographic, Skoll World Forum, Talks @ Google, TED Women, and through frequent media appearances, including PBS and The Weather Channel. Her TED Talk on gender equity and global warming has more than 1.4 million views, and her writing has been published by the BBC, CNN, and USA Today, among others. In 2019, Planned Parenthood honored her as a “Legend in the Making,” and GreenBiz named her one of “25 badass women shaking up the corporate climate movement.”

Dr. Wilkinson’s interdisciplinary background spans academia, business, and the social sector. Previously, she was director of strategy at the purpose consultancy BrightHouse and worked for The Boston Consulting Group and Natural Resources Defense Council. Dr. Wilkinson has taught at the University of Oxford and Agnes Scott College. She currently advises on Mary Robinson’s climate podcast, Mothers of Invention, and serves on the boards of Chattahoochee NOW and WildArk.
Dr. Wilkinson holds a doctorate in geography and environment from Oxford, where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and a bachelor’s degree in religion from Sewanee: The University of the South. A lifelong bitter Southerner, she resides in Atlanta, Georgia, with her rescue dog, Arthur.

**Katherine Zitsch**  
*Manager of Natural Resources, Atlanta Regional Commission*

Katherine Zitsch serves as managing director of natural resources at the Atlanta Regional Commission, a position she has held since January 2013. In this role, she is responsible for directing the work of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, the 15-county water planning agency for Metropolitan Atlanta. Additionally, Katherine is responsible for managing ARC’s involvement in the tri-state water litigation. Katherine is also responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Metropolitan River Protection Act and ARC’s Green Communities program – a sustainability certification program for local governments across metropolitan Atlanta.

Katherine serves on the Executive Committee of ACF Stakeholders (ACFS) and is immediate past chair. She also serves on the boards of the National Water Supply Alliance and the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership. Katherine holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and a master’s degree in environmental systems engineering, both from Clemson University. She is a registered professional engineer as well as a board-certified environmental engineer through the American Academy of Environmental Engineering. Katherine lives in Cobb County with her husband and three daughters who are 17, 14 and 12.