

Meet the Panelists

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ERICA ANTILL works as an Environmental Scientist at URS Corporation, and is on the NEPA/Natural Resources Team within the Sustainability and Environmental Management Group. Her responsibilities include planning and performing fieldwork, evaluating data, researching a variety of environmental topics, and writing reports. She received her M.S. in Geography and Environmental Systems from UMBC in 2011 and has a B.S. in Biology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

STEPHANIE BERTAINA is a Senior Policy Analyst with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities in Washington, D.C. In this role, Stephanie conducts policy research on local, state, and federal policies that support smart growth, and provides technical assistance to states and communities across the country that are seeking to implement more sustainable approaches to development. In her work at EPA, she focuses on issues related to disaster resilience, local food systems, and on helping small towns and rural communities implement development practices that lead to better economic, environmental, and public health outcomes. Prior to joining EPA, Stephanie worked for the U.S. Forest Service's Cooperative Forestry program where she promoted land conservation and urban and community forestry efforts. Stephanie received an M.S. in Environmental Policy and Planning from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment in Ann Arbor, Michigan and Bachelor degrees in Biology and Psychology from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California.

TOMMY LANDERS is the Maryland & DC Policy Director for the Chesapeake Climate Action Network. He helps drive CCAN's campaign planning and policy development, and he is the chief lobbyist in Annapolis. A Maryland native, he was born and raised in College Park, where he also later studied at the University of Maryland. He earned a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics and a Bachelor's of Art in Theatre. After college, he traveled and taught English in Europe for a year, worked in a physics lab at the University of California, Los Angeles for another year, and then came back to Maryland to teach math at UMCP. While teaching math, he became familiar with Mike Tidwell and CCAN, through Mike's books and open houses as well as volunteer opportunities on CCAN's campaigns. Those experiences inspired Tommy to seek out work as a climate activist. He started as a field organizer for Environment Maryland, part of a national federation of state-based environmental groups called Environment America. Tommy worked his way up at Environment Maryland over six years, spending the last two as director of the organization. In summer of 2013, he made the switch to CCAN.

MARCO SANCHEZ is a Communications Coordinator for The Piedmont Environmental Council, a non-profit working to promote and protect the rural economy, natural resources, history and beauty of the Virginia Piedmont region. He focuses on communicating and engaging with citizens through email alerts, website updates, and social media. Marco graduated in 2012 from Michigan State University with a major in Fisheries and Wildlife and specialization in Environmental Studies.