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Heather Sprouse comes from a long line of West Virginians. Now the co-owner of a small farm, she holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Sociology from Marshall University where she focused on community and leadership development. Heather is the Ohio River Coordinator with WV Rivers Coalition where she works with communities to amplify their clean water visions while creating pathways to restoration and protection.



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Tanner Yess was raised by scientists, and grew up paddling, biking, and hiking. After earning a degree in ecology, he worked on a fishing vessel in the Bering Sea. His Peace Corps service involved resource management and eco-tourism.

During graduate school, Tanner helped form Greater Cincinnati's Tri State Trails Coalition. He is a National Park Service Mountains to Main Street Ambassador; SHIFT Emerging Leader; and recipient of the 2018 Murie Center Rising Leader Award. As a co-founder of Groundwork Ohio River Valley, Tanner has led the creation of one of the nation's largest youth green workforce programs and brought Climate Safe Neighborhoods to Cincinnati. Yess' passion is creating new pathways for diverse youth to access green careers.



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Jordan Lubetkin is the director of Ohio River restoration for the National Wildlife Federation. He also serves as communications director for the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition. Prior to joining NWF, Jordan served as a reporter and editor at community newspapers around the country. He oversaw marketing and development efforts at the Toledo Jazz Society and gained media for the non-partisan Americans Discuss Social Security, based in Washington, D.C. Jordan earned a degree in English from Case Western Reserve University.