Kandyce Perry serves as Director of the Office of Environmental Justice under Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette.

Kandyce is responsible for the management and oversight of the OEJ, which provides guidance to the DEP and all New Jersey state departments and agencies on how they can incorporate environmental justice into their statutory and regulatory responsibilities, policies, programs and core functions. She also oversees the convening of the State’s Environmental Justice Interagency Council and Environmental Justice Advisory Council, while acting as a key contact for overburdened communities.

Prior to joining the department, Kandyce worked at a Trenton-based nonprofit, where she directed policies and programs aimed at reducing flooding, improving water quality and ensuring equitable funding of stormwater infrastructure upgrades in the state. She also had worked on brownfield redevelopment for the Camden Redevelopment Agency.

Kandyce holds a master’s degree in environmental studies from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Science from Spelman College. She believes that environmental justice for our must vulnerable and overburdened communities brings about justice for all of Earth’s inhabitants.
Sharonda Allen, MPA is an Author, Historian, Climate Activist, Social Philanthropist, New Jersey Equitable Energy Coalition (NJPEEC) Steering Committee Member, Tri-County Sustainability Environmental Justice Co-Chair, Greater NJ Gateway Climate Reality Project Chapter Co-Chair, and Founder and Executive Director of East Orange, NJ based nonprofit organization Operation Grow, Inc.

A trained Climate Reality Leader, Ms. Allen also serves as a trainer for the NJ Council for Economic Education, a Service Learning Facilitator, an Amistad Fellow, the Region 1 Membership Coordinator for ASALH, an NJ Audubon Teacher of Ecology, and a Rutgers Environmental Steward & Green Infrastructure Champion.

The Singer, Television Series Host, and Public Speaker is a graduate of Kean University, where she holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology, a Minor in Africana Studies, and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration.
Tomia MacQueen is an Educator (BA) of 20 years, Farmer and Master Gardener specializing in edible gardens. She is the owner of Wildflower Farm and the founder of Dance for LIFE (Love, Inspiration, Faith and Empowerment) and Gardening for LIFE. Tomia has been an Edible Gardens Consultant for 16 years, and has been in Dance Ministry for over 14 years. She is the founder of the Healing Waters Project which provides land access and training to new and beginning farmers at Wildflower Farm.

Tomia is a Board member of the Northeast Organic Farming Association New Jersey (NOFA-NJ and a member of Governance for the Ujamaa Cooperative Farming Alliance where she is the Coordinator for the Value-Added Working Group and a member seed grower. She is also a Board member of Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (FoHVOS).

Tomia partners with local organizations and schools as a featured Farmer/Mentor within youth and young adult programs such as the Outdoor Equity Alliance Agrihood Program and the Princeton University Seed Farm and others. She also served as the pilot Coordinator for the Food Systems Literacy program at Princeton Public Schools.

She dedicates herself to imparting healthy habits and positive body image to both her dance and gardening students, and to closing food security gaps through education both in schools and through other speaking engagements.

When she is not in her family gardens, out caring for their animals, dancing or teaching, Tomia enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, canning, horseback riding, sports, and of course, a very good book.

Wildflower Farm hosts educational workshops on Self (and Community) Sustainability through workshops for adults and children. The farm sustainably produces organically and ethically raised, pastured and truly free-range poultry, lamb, and culturally relevant vegetables and seeds with a truly unique focus on humane animal husbandry policies and conservation practices. www.WildflowerFarmNJ.com
Priscilla Oliveira, Pri, joined The Watershed Institute in 2019 as the Outreach Specialist and has since assumed the role of Outreach & Inclusion Manager. Some of Pri’s responsibilities include coordinating the Annual Watershed Conference as well as other webinars, workshops, and advocacy training. An active member of the staff JEDI council, she also works on integrating The Watershed Institute’s values of environmental justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in efforts and decision-making.

Prior to The Watershed, Pri worked as an Environmental Specialist in FEMA’s Environmental and Historic Preservation Cadre. Pri earned a bachelor’s degree from Rutgers University in Environmental Policy, Institutions, and Behaviors in 2017, and a Master’s in Environmental Policy and Management with a concentration on Natural Resources Management and a Master’s Certificate in Geographic Information Systems from the University of Denver in 2022.

Pri is passionate about many things including nature and wildlife, maps, music, and gaming. She loves spending time with her friends and family consisting of her younger sister, younger brother, mom, dad, and her cat Zeus. When not at the Watershed, Pri can be found taking her non-verbal, low-functioning, brother out on local trips, volunteering to help others and the environment, or traveling around the world for more adventures. She also routinely visits family and friends in Brazil and Portugal.
Sean joined the team in November of 2022 as the Access Nature and Disability Advocate. Attending Rutgers University, he graduated with a B.A. in American History & Political Science.

Since 2014 he has worked in the New Jersey Park Service at Batsto Historic Village in Wharton State Forest as a member of the history department. Overcoming many challenges, he was born with a birth defect, (Spina Bifida) and needs the use of leg braces and forearm crutches to get around – but that doesn’t hold him back from accomplishing his goals. A lifelong Southern New Jersey resident.

Being an avid outdoorsman – any chance he gets, you’ll find him kayaking one of the many rivers in the Pinelands or exploring the countless historic/cultural sites with his dog. He’s devoted to the preservation of natural, cultural, and historic sites being a proud member of American Battlefield Trust which protects hallowed ground. He’s thrilled about working in an organization that shares the same goals and commitments as he does for preserving, restoring, and interpreting natural and historic resources for current and future generations and ensuring everyone in our diverse collective community has a chance to enjoy the magnificence of New Jersey’s great outdoors.
Daniel Lawson

Daniel currently serves as PowerCorpsPHL's Director of Technical Assistance, focusing on sharing PowerCorpsPHL's model of equity-centered workforce development with other communities. Daniel describes himself as a diligent and collaborative manager of programs and projects with 15 years of experience in advancing initiatives, building relationships, and capturing resources. Previously, Daniel served as Sustainability & Quality Control Manager for Philadelphia Parks & Recreation where he oversaw innovative projects aimed at making the park system cleaner and greener, and prior to that he served as one of PowerCorpsPHL's first Project Managers. Daniel’s roots are in AmeriCorps, serving in City Year Washington DC Civic Engagement Team. He holds a BA in Conflict Analysis & Resolution with a Community, Group & Organizational concentration from George Mason University and a Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership from the University of the District of Columbia.

Jillian Lopez

New to her Technical Assistance Associate role with PowerCorpsPHL, Jillian Lopez has over a decade of experience working in the nonprofit and public sectors. Most recently, Jillian worked for the City of Philadelphia as the Volunteer Engagement Manager and then Equitable Engagement Training Manager. There, she supported capacity-building and created training programs for those who engage and manage volunteers. Jillian brings to PowerCorpsPHL an experience in training curriculum creation and facilitation, a focus on relationship building, a solution-based approach, and desire to reduce barriers and increase access to engagement.

Seth Degginger

Seth spent three years as a Crew Leader at PowerCorpsPHL before transitioning into a Workforce Development Manager role where he launched or grew four industry Academies. These Academies train young Philadelphians, placing successful graduates into high quality employment including skilled trade unions and municipal jobs. In 2024 he joined the Technical Assistance team, offering expertise to other organizations establishing similar programs. Seth had a diverse work history prior to his time with PowerCorpsPHL, serving in the United States Army, managing construction logistics, and managing a regional marketing program for a Fortune 500 Corporation. He graduated from Temple University in 2006 and considers himself a real Philadelphian despite growing up in rural Nova Scotia.