Member Bios (17 in total)

Vickie Jacobsen A professional transportation planner with 15-years’ experience in helping communities find sustainable solutions to mobility, focusing on multimodal and context-sensitive approaches. A graduate of the University of Colorado in Urban and Regional Planning. Founding member of Go Evanston in 2016, an organization committed to making our transportation system work for all users, regardless of age, income, ability or mode of travel. Dedicated to teaching and training children about active transportation to foster healthier and happier lives. Evanston resident since 2006; loves raising her three daughters here with husband Steve, as well as riding her bicycle, cooking and traveling whenever possible.

Sarah Lovinger, MD is an internal medicine physician and climate change activist. As director of the Chicago chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility (ChicagoPSR) since 2009, Sarah has lead public health advocacy to help shut down Chicago's coal-fired power plants, work with Northwestern students to create a Climate Change and Health Resilience Plan for Cook County and start and help manage five medical student PSR chapters in the Chicago area. A graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University and Rush Medical College, Sarah speaks French and medical Spanish, and designed and taught a course on climate change and public health in the global health program at Northwestern for several years.

Mariana Oliver Urban planner, specializing in housing and economic development, and current PhD candidate in Sociology at Northwestern University. Urban planning master's degree from NYU Wagner School for Public Service, and work experience including Research Assistant for the Furman Center for Land Use and Real Estate Policy and policy intern for the NY State Empire Development Corporation's Real Estate Department. Graduate of Washington University in St. Louis with a background in International and Area Studies, with a focus on Latin America. Language skills include fluent Spanish and some Portuguese. Mariana has been a resident of Evanston since 2015 and enjoys finding great coffee shops, cycling, film, and traveling.

Lonnie Wilson Lonnie has worked in the green energy field for 15 years as a Geo thermal driller and tech as an employee of indie energy and has solar installation experience also.

Lauren Marquez-Viso (CARP Co-Chair) Conscientious global citizen, activist, and non-profit management professional with over 9 years of experience in international...
humanitarian and educational grant management at The Rotary Foundation. A graduate of the University of Michigan with academic background in Anthropology, Religious Studies, and International Studies. Currently a member of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps and board member of Citizens’ Greener Evanston. Additional language skills include Spanish and some Japanese. Lauren has been an Evanston resident since 2011 and enjoys connecting with nature, volunteering, doing photography, traveling, yoga, and spending time with her family and dogs.

**John Moore** is Director of The Sustainable FERC Project, a coalition based initiative housed within Natural Resources Defense Council. (The Project promotes the transition to a cleaner, lowcarbon, and sustainable energy future through reforms to wholesale electricity markets, operations, and planning across the country.) Mr. Moore previously was a Senior Attorney at the Environmental Law and Policy Center in Chicago, and he started his career in Washington, DC as an environmental attorney at the firms Akin Gump and Squire Patton Boggs. He has resided in Evanston since 2005 and enjoys hiking, sailing, fiddle playing, and travel.

**Joel Freeman (CARP Co-Chair)** Licensed Professional Engineer with the engineering consulting firm of Grumman/Butkus Associates in Evanston for over 30 years in technical work related to analysis and design of building mechanical and electrical systems. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Mechanical Engineering with post graduate studies and professional affiliations that include the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) and LEED AP. Previous Evanston activities include membership on the Mayor's Wind Farm Committee, chair of the Utilities Commission, and convener of Evanston’s Energy Future (an early predecessor of Citizens’ Greener Evanston). Joel has been an Evanston resident since 1991 and enjoys canoeing, camping, history, astronomy and raising two daughters.

**Jerri Garl** is Chief of the Materials Management Branch at U.S. EPA Region 5 in Chicago. She is responsible for the sustainable materials management program, including efforts to minimize waste generation, foster efficient materials use across their lifecycle and increase recycling. She also manages the pollution prevention program as well as efforts to assist states with municipal solid waste disposal issues. During the previous administration she worked on climate change mitigation from a materials management perspective and served on the Region’s climate adaptation committee for the past 5 years. A member of Environmental Justice Evanston since 2014, Jerri plans to represent EJ issues on the CARP working group. She is also a member of the Evanston Environment Board. She and her husband have been Evanston residents for the past 34 years and have two grown children.

**Henry Eberhart** is a 15 year-old sophomore at Evanston Township High School, where he participates in Speech & Debate, wrestling, baseball, and the Emerge program. His
concern for environmental issues is connected to conversations at home with parents, his involvement at First United Methodist Church, and his research focus in debate on indigenous worldviews. In particular, he is interested in how climate change and other forms of environmental harm are linked with histories of colonialism, white racism, and modern Western thought. Henry, his parents, and younger brother and sister have lived in Evanston for over 7 years after moving from Nashville, TN. He is currently thinking about studying environmental engineering and indigenous studies in college.

**Emily Lawrence** As a specialist in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investing with the Northern Trust Company, Emily works with institutional and individual investors to support their education and adoption of sustainability and ESG investment strategies and tools. Emily was appointed to the Principles for Responsible Investment working group on Sustainable Development Goals and active ownership in 2017. A recent transplant to Evanston, Emily and her family enjoy spending their free time discovering the different family friendly amenities the community has to offer, including the beach, bike trails and playgrounds.

**Likwan Cheng** Likwan Cheng is a teacher and researcher at the City Colleges of Chicago. Previously, Likwan was a staff member in the Laboratory for Planetary Studies at Cornell University, and a postdoctoral fellow in the Environmental Research Division at Argonne National Laboratory. Combining academic trainings in science and sustainability management, Likwan has worked in both basic science and policy actions. He has presented invited lectures at leading research institutions in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the United States. His publications have been cited over 2,000 times in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. Mr. Cheng received a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from Northwestern in 1998. He is a naturalized U.S. citizen and a former member of the City’s Environment Board.

**Chris Kucharczyk** Ph. D. Candidate in Materials Science enrolled at the California Institute of Technology and completing his doctoral work at Northwestern University. His thesis research focuses on improving the power and efficiency of solid oxide fuel cells for use as a clean energy technology. A graduate of Stanford University with an academic background in Physics and Computer Science. Currently a member of the Evanston Environment Board. Chris has lived in Evanston's fifth ward since 2015, where he resides with his wife Danielle and their two cats.

**Judy Pollock** Former Director of Bird Conservation at Audubon Chicago Region and founding president of the Bird Conservation Network, Judy finds joy in collaborating and organizing at the intersection of birds, plants and community. Her work has resulted in well documented increases in bird populations. Her project locations include North Shore Channel, Gillson Park, LaBagh Woods, Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary, the Obama Presidential Center, Bartel Grassland/Killdeer Wetland, and others. She is a
part of Bird Friendly Evanston, which is working to reduce bird mortality due to windows and lights, and organizer of the BCN Survey, a citizen science monitoring project. Judy believes that habitat restoration and landscape solutions for birds can engage citizens and landowners, both large and small, in meaningful conservation work in urban areas.

Bob Dean is the Deputy Executive Director for Planning with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). He oversees CMAP’s programs that provide assistance to local governments, covering topics including transportation, land use, sustainability, housing, economic development, and many others. Before holding this position, he was the project manager for GO TO 2040, the long range comprehensive plan for the Chicago metropolitan area, and previously worked in transportation and land use planning for the City of Naperville and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. Bob has lived in Evanston for a little more than a year, and this is his first volunteer experience with the City.

Gabriela Martin Program Director at the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, where she oversees energy grants, including efforts to promote net zero energy buildings and net zero energy wastewater treatment plants. Has over 25 years of experience in policy, research, analysis, energy modeling, program and product development in the fields of renewable energy, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions. She is a Fellow of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES), has served on the ASES Board of Directors and chaired the Magazine Advisory Council for Solar Today magazine. Gabriela received her MS in Environmental Management and Policy at the University of Pennsylvania and BA in Economics and French at the College of William and Mary. She has lived in Evanston since 1999.

Gajan (Gaj) Sivandran Joined the Engineering Science Department at Loyola University of Chicago in 2016 as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering. After graduating from the Environmental Engineering Department of the University of Western Australia (2002), conducted environmental impact assessment and emergency response plans for the oil and gas industry. After the 2005 Indian Ocean tsunami, volunteered with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Indonesia as a water and sanitation delegate. Completed a PhD at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2012 incorporating vegetation water interactions into climate models. Gaj has been an Evanston resident since 2016 and enjoys being outside as much as possible with his dog and daughter and engaging students in environmental issues.

Jack Darin serves as the Executive Director of the Illinois Chapter of Sierra Club. Jack works with volunteer leaders and staff to set priorities, hold elected officials accountable, build new alliances, and makes sure Sierra Club has the financial and
other resources needed to protect the Prairie State for future generations. Jack is an 18 year resident of Evanston and has been involved locally as a volunteer board member for local organizations.