

# Speaker Biographies

## **Rosalie Anders**

Rosalie Anders is a planner for the City of Cambridge, working on energy and transportation issues. She came to the City after cofounding and leading the Sustainable Cambridge Coalition, a grassroots environmental organization. She is interested in helping people move through some of the emotional and social barriers around dealing with climate change. Her first career was as a family therapist and community organizer.

## **James Boyd**

James Boyd is a Coastal Policy Analyst for the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, (CRMC) the State's coastal zone management agency. He has been employed with the CRMC for 10 years and is responsible for the development and implementation of the Council's Special Area Management Plans. He is also developing policy to address emerging coastal zone management issues such as climate change and sea level rise impacts on the coastal environment. Mr. Boyd has a graduate degree in Natural Resources Science from the University of Rhode Island and has over 20 years of environmental policy and regulatory experience specializing in watershed management. He has previously worked for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, the State of Vermont Environmental Board and the New England Onsite Wastewater Training Program at the University of Rhode Island. He was also a RI-licensed commercial fisherman for over a decade in Narragansett Bay.

## **Dave Everett**

Dave Everett is a Principal Planner for the City of Providence, concentrating largely on environmental issues and neighborhood, institutional, arts, and comprehensive planning. He has been a professional planner, writer and environmental advocate for over twenty years. Before returning to his hometown of Providence, Dave did planning work in a variety of settings in New England and New York, from small towns to big cities to a regional planning agency, as both staff and consultant. An environmentalist at heart, over the past few years he has become increasingly involved in policy and planning relating to reducing the amount of paved surface; supporting and enabling urban agriculture and composting; promoting green design, energy efficiency and improved stormwater management; and other sustainability initiatives. Dave is also a painter of real and imagined landscapes, seascapes, treescapes, and other things, and is really into birds. He holds a Master's in City Planning from MIT.

## **Janet Freedman**

Janet Freedman is a coastal geologist at the RI Coastal Resources Management Council. Ms. Freedman holds an M.S. in Geology (1998) from the University of Rhode Island. She works on coastal hazard issues, mapping, and habitat restoration, emphasizing science based approach to coastal policy and planning. She coordinates with federal, state, local and non-government partners on issues dealing with erosion control technologies, the beneficial re-use of dredged materials, climate change impacts and habitat restoration. She is currently partnering with several state agencies on developing

and implementing climate change and sea level rise regulations for the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program. Ms. Freedman serves on the board of the Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association, and is a member of the Rhode Island State Hazard Mitigation Committee, the NERACOOS Coastal Resiliency Workgroup, the Northeast Regional Ocean Council Coastal Hazards Committee, the Mapcoast Steering Committee and the NOAA Restoration Center Steering Committee for the development of guidelines for incorporating sea level rise into habitat restoration projects. Ms. Freedman has been with CRMC since 1999.

### **Anne Herbst**

Anne Herbst is Conservation Administrator and Community Rating System Coordinator for the Town of Hull, MA. She manages the town's hazard mitigation grants from FEMA and climate adaptation technical assistance grant from MA Coastal Zone Management. She recently received the Walter B. Jones Memorial award for Excellence in Local Government from NOAA for leading Hull's efforts in climate change adaptation. Ms. Herbst holds a Master in City Planning from MIT.

### **Daniella Hirschfeld**

Daniella Hirschfeld works as a Program Officer in ICLEI's Climate Programs Division. In this role she builds climate adaptation tools, resources, and trainings for local governments throughout the country. With a focus on vulnerability assessments and hazard mitigation planning, Daniella helps increase local government's resilience to climate change. Daniella Hirschfeld joined ICLEI's climate adaptation team after a two-year NOAA Coastal Zone Management Fellowship, during which time she worked with Massachusetts communities to prepare for and adapt to sea level rise. Daniella has a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and a B.A. in, psychology and philosophy from Dartmouth College.

### **Michael J. Murphy**

Michael J. Murphy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and is Director of Planning and Development in the Town of Groton, CT. His Office of Planning and Development Services (OPDS) administers the Town's land use and environmental planning functions, its economic and community development programs, community sustainability efforts, and zoning, property maintenance, rental housing and building codes. Mr. Murphy holds a B.A. in Political Science with a minor degree in French from Fairleigh Dickinson University, College at Florham (NJ), a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Long Island University/C.W. Post Center (NY), and a Certificate of Local Government Management from the University of Connecticut. He lives in Oakdale, CT with his wife Debra.

### **Jared Rhodes**

Jared Rhodes is currently the Chief of the Statewide Planning Program. Prior to this he had worked in the City of Cranston Planning Department since 1999 attaining the position of Director in 2005. Mr. Rhodes has also served on the State Planning Council, the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Geographic Information System and as the Vice President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association. He is

a graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a BA in Marine Affairs and Master's Degree in Community Planning. He lives in East Providence, Rhode Island.

### **Pam Rubinoff**

Pam Rubinoff is a Coastal Management Extension Specialist with the URI Coastal Resources Center (CRC). She works in both the U.S.-based Rhode Island Sea Grant initiatives and International Programs focusing on sustainable coastal community development through capacity building, policy creation, and direct technical assistance to government and non-government partners in the field. Currently, her efforts help advance regional ecosystem management by incorporating smart growth principles, coastal hazard prevention, and leadership training into local Rhode Island Sea Grant initiatives. In the Indian Ocean, she is collaborating in a project to create guidelines and tools for coastal community resilience, as a step forward in recovery from the 2004 tsunami. For five years, Rubinoff led a multi-year, multi-million dollar program to build capacity to manage critical coastal resources in Mexico for CRC's cooperative agreement program with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). This program oversaw the creation of one of Mexico's first community-based marine national parks as well as the first para-municipal framework for bay conservation and development. She has recently co-authored a Spanish language guide on marina good management practices, complementing an earlier publication on low-impact coastal tourism now employed by government and developers. Prior to joining CRC, Rubinoff was coordinator of the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program's Cape Cod/Islands Region. Rubinoff has a M.A.F. in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island and a B.C.E. in Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware.

### **David Vallee**

David Vallee is the Hydrologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service's Northeast River Forecast Center. The center provides detailed water resource forecasting information to National Weather Service Forecast Offices and the hundreds of federal, state and local water resource entities throughout the Northeast and New York. Prior to becoming the Hydrologist-in-Charge, David served as Science and Operations Officer, and Hurricane Program Leader at the NWS Weather Forecast Office, in Taunton, MA from 2001 through 2006, and as Senior Service Hydrologist from 1993 through 2000. David has extensive experience leading hydrometeorological forecast and warning operations and directing weather research and training programs. David has conducted research on a variety of topics including flooding, severe weather forecasting and radar detection, orographically enhanced heavy rainfall in southern New England, coastal flood climatology and the behavior and characteristics of New England Tropical Cyclones. David has served as the NWS lead investigator with the State University of New York, at Albany, on a multi-year project addressing Land Falling Tropical Cyclones in the Northeastern United States. This multi-faceted project was aimed at improving the forecasting of heavy precipitation associated with these land falling tropical cyclones, as well as developing a better understanding the mechanisms which lead to the recurvature and rapid acceleration of tropical cyclones as they approach the Northeast. David is a graduate of Lyndon State College. He is a life long resident of the Rhode Island, living

in the northeast part of Cumberland, with his wife and two sets of twins! He considers it a tremendous privilege to be serving the people of the very region he calls home.