



Board Member Candidates

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Diane Angell

I have been involved in Clean River Partners in a diversity of ways over the past 25 years. When I first moved to town, I believe it was the first organization I joined. Since that time, I have pretty regularly participated in the fall Cannon River Cleanup either with my own children or guiding St. Olaf Students. Many years ago, I donated a set of books to the Cannon River Watershed Partnership about the water cycle, purchased through extra grant funds we had, that were then distributed throughout Northfield's Elementary schools. I also worked with the organization while teaching a section of St. Olaf's ES 237 Civic Engagement class which regularly works with community members on environmental issues. That spring students generated community involvement ideas for the Cannon River Watershed Partnership by researching what other similar groups were doing around the country and then sharing those materials with your organization.

Kathleen Doran-Norton

Clean River Partners is an essential organization in maintaining the health and habitat of the Cannon River Watershed. Minnesota gave special designation to this river/watershed by declaring it a "wild and scenic" river, and rightly so. The Cannon River Watershed has defined our history, our community, and our future. I've participated in a multi-year discussion about Rice Creek with community members, Rice Creek MPCA Clean Water Partnership grant-CRWP end, Bridgewater Township, CRWP on-farm field days, WRAPS—Cannon River. I have served on the CRP Board since 2019 and am the Treasurer and Chair of the Internal Committee.

Sarah Fortner

I'm committed to clean water, soil conservation, and climate equity and resilience and have experience in soil & water research & education that supports organizational direction setting and engagement. In the past I have worked on watershed restoration projects, rain garden installation, and road salt, chloride management studies in Ohio watersheds engaging hundreds of college students and larger public audiences. I am currently employed at Carleton at the Science Education Resource Center and serving on the leadership team for the Midwest Climate Collaboration Education Community of Practice. My hope is that I find ways to support positive decision making locally.

Beth Kallestad

Having worked at CRP for many years I am very familiar with the watershed and the organization. I understand nonprofit governance, finances, fundraising and program development. Most recently I've been working in climate change/sustainability as well as diversity, equity and inclusion at the local government level and could bring those perspectives. I have volunteered at the River Cleanups and also helped to lead the events. I'm very interested in natural resource management, especially tree planting and prairie restoration as tools to help reduce atmospheric carbon. I'm also interested in engaging underserved populations in exploring the outdoors and connecting with the watershed.