

# Heather Sage

## Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Director of Community Projects



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Heather Sage joined the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy in May 2013 as the Director of Community Projects. She is responsible for working collaboratively with community partners on new and ongoing projects within the parks, providing project management and serving as a liaison between Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and project stakeholders. Sage manages government affairs, foundation relations, and community engagement opportunities, focusing on expanding ways that park volunteers, patrons and supporters can further grow the Parks Conservancy mission and continue to enjoy the multitude of health, economic, and recreational benefit from their parks. Sage also manages Parkwaters, a Parks Conservancy initiative focused on leveraging the critical role park lands play in the region's stormwater management system - including green infrastructure solutions - and overall water quality.

Sage previously served as Vice President at PennFuture, where she worked for over 10 years. There she was responsible for development, staff management, and overseeing programs including outreach, fundraising and communications. Prior to serving as Vice President, Ms. Sage served as PennFuture's Director of Outreach, with a specific focus on public policy campaigns and legislation within issues areas including land use, transportation, air and water quality, and renewable energy. Before coming to Pittsburgh in 2003, she worked for EarthShare of Ohio, developing new opportunities for employees to support environmental groups through their workplace charitable giving campaigns. Sage also managed community relations for an environmental education center and farm in Cincinnati, following work in the Cincinnati parks as a naturalist.



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Sage has served on a number of non-profit boards and government task forces. She currently chairs the Allegheny County Public Participation Panel at the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and co-chairs the grant-making committee for the Three Rivers Community Foundation. She also chairs the Let's Move Outside Pittsburgh steering committee, and initiative of the U.S. Department of Interior, YMCA and local organizations. She has been an active member of the Pittsburgh Greenspace Alliance, and served on other local public policy task forces including the Vacant Lot Toolkit Task Force, the Market-Based Revenue Opportunities Task Force, the Allegheny County Health Department's Air Quality Program Task Force, and on transition teams for Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

Sage graduated cum laude with a B.A. degree in zoology and a Master's in Environmental Science with a concentration on biological conservation, both from Miami University.