

TAMARA TOLES O'LAUGHLIN

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATE | STRATEGIST |
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



BIO

Tamara is a native New Yorker and environmentalist focused on equity, access and community. She develops capacity building programs and creates multimedia campaigns to dismantle privilege and increase opportunities for vulnerable populations to access healthy air, clean energy, and a toxic free economy at the local, regional, and national level.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor

Vermont Law School

Masters of Environmental Law and Policy

Vermont Law School

Tamara is the North America Director at 350.org where she supports and is accountable to organizers and campaigners on the United States and Canada teams. As the leader of 350's programming in North America she drives critical work of organizational investments in building a multiracial, multi-generational climate

BA, Political Science
The City College of New York
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Focus Areas

- Environmental Issues
- Strategic Planning
- Board Development
- Community Outreach
- Technical Writing

movement capable of holding our leaders accountable to science and justice.

Prior to joining 350.org, Tamara led the Maryland Environmental Health Network (MdEHN), based in Baltimore, Maryland. As its executive director she promoted the elimination of environmental threats to human health, and facilitated the development of coalitions led by impacted community members, and supported by health practitioners and environmental advocates.

Highlights of her time with MdEHN include conception and development of an annual environmental justice digest analyzing statewide policy through the lens of equity, access, and justice, to educate state legislators and decision makers. She launched a ground breaking educational webinar series on human health and environmental impacts on issues ranging from community solar, to transportation and natural gas infrastructure, featuring the input and experience of impacted community members. Likewise, she oversaw the cultivation of groundswell support for legislation to include health impact assessments as standard practice at the Public Service Commission, and co-founded the Healthy Green Maryland Amendment Initiative to define healthy communities and provide multi-generational protections to defend against disproportionate climate impacts in the Maryland constitution. Tamara was also the chief architect of the Baltimore Climate Resolution, which passed in the City Council unanimously in response to the US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accords.

Tamara casts a wide net in service to the environmental community. Among other activities, she recently closed a six year term at the DC chapter of EcoWomen, the final two

years as Chair. DC EcoWomen is a community of approximately 6,000 professional women who inspire each other to create a healthy and equitable society. During her tenure on the Executive Board she held several positions including vice president of professional development where she produced the organization's signature salon and monthly educational forum - EcoHour.

Tamara is the Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee, where she advocates for meaningful engagement and responsive public resources. She is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Women's Voices for the Earth, a mighty organization based in Missoula, Montana, where she supports science based advocacy that gives voice to women fighting to protect their health from toxic chemicals. She is also co-chair of the Green Leadership Trust.

Tamara has over fifteen years of cross-sector environmental experience. Prior to moving to non-profit work she held several positions in state and local government including the Energy Maryland Energy Administration in Annapolis, and District Department of Energy and Environment in Washington, DC, among others.

Prior to relocating to the DC Metro area, Tamara was the Senior Law Clerk to the Honorable Douglas A. Brady, and the Senior Sitting Judge Julio A. Brady (deceased) at the Superior Court of the US Virgin Islands on St. Croix.

Tamara developed her early aptitude for environment and justice issues through internships with the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, The Environmental

Protection Agency, the Center on Race, Poverty and Environment, Natural Resources Defense Council, and employment with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

To date, the defining characteristic of Tamara's career has been a commitment to public service with specific attention to environmentally focused community, and government relations.

Tamara is a strategic thinker, committed to environmental advocacy in support of the poor and chronically under-served. She has worked relentlessly to promote equity in environmental protection and enforcement, with particular attention to community capacity, mobilization, access to opportunity, and reduction of health disparities.

Her hobbies include travel, yoga, slowly reading books about energy, politics, and neuroscience, and writing about civil society.