

A few more thoughts from Jane...

Why are you excited about serving on the POWR board?

I am always excited when I think about scientific research and monitoring. I am also very excited when I have the opportunity to combine my interest in people and watersheds with enhancing scientific data collection that will be used to improve water quality and quantity and restore habitats within the aquatic ecosystem and in the riparian zone of streams, rivers, and lakes. There is a natural inner desire to steward the environment and helping to bring this desire out in people who are already interested and invested in their watershed, energizes me.

Why is the vision and mission of POWR important to you?

I think what is most exciting is the opportunity to facilitate, encourage and educate people who are already motivated to act as stewards. In my opinion, it is a privilege to teach others to wisely use and restore their watersheds, especially those who live in that watershed and invest regularly in improving its value for wildlife and humans. Teaching watershed managers what to focus on in watershed management and providing them with the tools and knowledge to stay focused on investing in watershed restoration is what I see as most important.

Do you have any professional ties related to POWR's mission/goals and partners? How else would you like to contribute to the advancing the mission?

My professional work as a wetland scientist and restoration ecologist is definitely tied to POWR's mission, and I hope that I can help others learn the techniques and skills I have learned throughout my career. These skills include both an understanding of wildland and wetland hydrology, soils, watershed management, ecological plant communities, fisheries and benthic communities, as well as endangered species, special aquatic sites, the federal and state regulatory programs and restoration of wetlands, streams and lakes.

What outdoor activities do you enjoy participating in? What other hobbies do you have?

I love to hike, especially in wetlands and salt marshes, along the beach, and in the deep woods. I enjoy identifying plants, bird watching, and observing pristine ecological communities—although there are very few left. I am a bike rider; and I like to golf (although I need a lot of improvement). I garden and like to read.