

A few more thoughts from Anne:**Why are you excited about serving on the POWR board?**

As a new member of the POWR board, I look forward to applying my volunteer and professional experience serving the non-profit watershed organizations of Pennsylvania to support the vision and mission of POWR. Supporting the grassroots efforts of local environmental organizations has been a personal mantra for me since I was a teenager, and I went to my first tree planting organized by the volunteers for the watershed in which I lived. Now, over 20 years later, I still strive to build capacity, solve problems, connect people, and fill gaps for the watershed organizations I serve across the state. Joining POWR will allow me to reach more watersheds and develop projects that support strong and successful non-profit groups.

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

I believe that the health of our local environment depends on progressive leadership in our federal and state governments, a willingness to partner with business and industry, and above all, the efforts of local non-profit organizations. Pennsylvania has been lucky to have all of these aspects working for it over the last few decades. But, most non-profit environmental and recreation organizations are all-volunteer and low-budget, presenting challenges to their effectiveness. POWR provides the tools needed to help Pennsylvania's watershed groups be better equipped to serve the watersheds and communities where we live and raise our families.

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

I am a runner, preferring to run on my local rail-trails. I also love hiking, bike riding, and going to the gym. I am an avid gardener and home cook and own over 300 cookbooks.

Tell us a little about your family.

I am a mother of two, Coby (22 yrs old) and Mia (15 years old), and I am expecting my third child this spring. I am lucky to live part time in the home I grew up in with my father, on the top of Hog Back Hill, in Armstrong County, Mahoning Creek Watershed, and part time with my boyfriend, Beau, in the Mexican War Streets neighborhood of Pittsburgh. I have two dogs, two cats, and ten chickens.