

**Cosima Wiese**

**Why are you excited about serving on the POWR board?**

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the POWR board to support the work of watershed organizations across Pennsylvania. I look forward to learning from my colleagues on the Board and about the incredible work being done by the passionate volunteers who strive to preserve our watersheds and rivers. POWR serves a unique role in connecting, educating and supporting local initiatives, and I am excited to be a part of that important work.

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

POWR's mission is very compelling and resonates strongly with me. Its focus on empowering community watershed organizations to live out their missions validates the work of those organizations while supporting their efforts and connecting them to other groups. As an umbrella, POWR can support initiatives, facilitate interactions between organizations, and connect members to share strategies and best practices. Throughout my volunteer work with the Master Watershed Steward program, I have learned how critically important it is to engage everyone in the protection of our water resources. Community watershed organizations have the reach and the connections to their community members that facilitate this engagement, and POWR plays a critical role in supporting and growing the work of community watershed organizations as they protect and support our waterways.

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

I really enjoy spending time outside, taking walks, hiking and gardening, and those activities are most fun when shared with my family. Kayaking at Lake Louise where I do my research is always a highlight for me. I am an avid reader and do a lot of cooking and baking. Traveling and exploring new beautiful places is a family passion!