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Joyce is managing director of the Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index (ND-GAIN) for global resiliency, the world's leading assessment informing public and private sector decision-makers about which countries are best prepared to deal with climate change and other global shifts. Previously, she was vice president at Edelman where she provided strategic counsel to multi-national companies on corporate social responsibility and sustainability. She directed the City of Chicago's Climate Action Plan, driving climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, and managed water and air resources in the City of Chicago Department of Environment. Coffee started her career in Asia with the World Bank and U.S. Agency for International Development's U.S.-Asia Environmental Partnership.

Joyce was a founding board member of the Alliance for Water Efficiency and a Great Lakes delegate to Brookings International Young Leaders Climate Change Summit. She is a Chicago Council on Global Affairs Emerging Leader and an Aspen Institute Socrates Fellow. She received a B.S. in biology, environmental studies and Asian studies from Tufts University and a masters in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is the author of the Climate Adaptation Exchange Blog and resides in Chicago, USA with her husband and grade-school son.

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Jim has been the Illinois State Climatologist since 1997 and began work at the Illinois State Water Survey in 1984. He has a broad interest in all things related to weather and climate, including droughts, floods, winter storms, heat waves, tornadoes, and long-term climate change (past, present, and future). He has worked on a number of research projects looking at drought, extreme rainfall events, Great Lakes storms, 19th and 20th century climate change, potential future climate change, as well as the impacts of weather and climate extremes. Besides research, he works with a wide range of users and stakeholders, including students, teachers, homeowners, engineers, other scientists, farmers, as well as federal, state, and local officials on issues related to climate. He maintains a website, blog (<http://climateillinois.wordpress.com/>), and twitter feed (<http://twitter.com/jimangel22>) for addressing a wide variety of climate topics as they pertain to Illinois.

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Abigail is a Conservation Ecologist at The Field Museum of Natural History. Abigail's work in the Science Action Center of the museum, a division dedicated to translating museum science into lasting results for conservation and cultural understanding, focuses on climate change adaptation for urban natural areas in the Great Lakes region. She works closely with natural resource managers at the federal, state and local level, as well as municipal and community leaders, to develop place-based adaptation strategies. Abigail is Co-Chair of the Chicago Wilderness Climate Change Task Force and editor of the Chicago Wilderness Climate Change Newsletter.

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Harriet is director of the Center for Neighborhood Technology’s Water Program. The program is dedicated to working with communities to develop innovative solutions to the climate-related challenges of too much and too little water. Harriet’s background stretches from milking cows in rural England, to placemaking advocacy in New York (Project for Public Spaces) and London (Prince’s Foundation), and the introduction of farmers’ markets to the UK. Before joining the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) in 2012, she worked in UK Government advising the then-Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Miliband, on public attitudes to energy and climate change policy. Harriet has a Masters’ Degree in Business Development from the University of London.

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Angela joined the Alliance for the Great Lakes (Alliance) in 2010. As the Community Resilience Manager, Angela leads the Building Resilience team, focused on implementation of policies, projects and practices through community networks in order to enhance and sustain the Great Lakes’ natural and social environments. Angela leads and facilitates a collaborative planning process to identify relevant climate impacts, assess risks, prioritize actions, and remove barriers to implementation. Often her work focuses on securing and managing a portfolio of public and private investments directed towards implementation of collaboratively developed priorities, drafting communication materials used to persuade decision makers to support climate-informed conservation practices, and creating opportunities for community leaders to share successes and lessons learned with their peers. Angela has a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and a master’s degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois-Chicago with an emphasis in sustainable development.

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Jeffrey is a Senior Project Scientist at Hey and Associates, Inc. and has over 25 years of professional experience in natural resources. He has worked with private, non-profit, and government organizations in the research, management, and assessment of Midwestern ecosystems. This work included several major transportation projects over the years including NEPA compliance, endangered species consultation, wetland permitting, mitigation implementation, and interagency coordination. Jeffrey began his career at the Morton Arboretum, and after a brief stint in consulting, worked as a senior biologist in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Chicago Field Office for 18 years. Jeffrey re-entered consulting in 2010. Over the years, he has developed and maintained close working relationships with policy makers, resource agency personnel, researchers, environmental groups, stakeholders, and elected officials throughout the Chicago region. As a result, he has successfully developed collaborative approaches to resolving resource management issues. He continues to serve in several leadership roles with conservation organizations in the Chicago region. He holds a BS and MS in Biological Sciences from Northern Illinois University, and is a certified Professional Wetland Scientist.

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