

**Greensboro Community Sustainability Council
Member Biographies
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Dr. Vicki Foust, Chair

City Council District 4, Appointed on August 15, 2017
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Dr. Vicki Foust is a native North Carolinian and has called Greensboro home since 1991. She holds a PhD in Energy and Environmental Systems from NC A&T State University, an MBA from Elon University, and a BS in Business Administration from UNC Greensboro. Dr. Foust works as a Research Associate with the Center for Energy Research and Technology (CERT) at NC A&T, where she utilizes her expertise in sustainability assessment in the higher education, private and government sectors. Dr. Foust previously taught sustainable business for six years in the Business Management department at Guilford College, where she was also a founding member of the college's Sustainability Committee. She serves as an advisor with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), and is a member of the NC A&T Sustainability Committee. Dr. Foust aspires to work with the CSC to assess the City of Greensboro's sustainability efforts, and then develop a comprehensive means of presenting its progress. When not engaged in sustainability efforts she will probably be either spending time with her family and friends, strumming Dylan on her guitar, or running through the Greensboro Arboretum in her beloved Lindley Park neighborhood.

Jacques Pierre, Vice-Chair

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Jacques Pierre is the Energy and Sustainability Officer for NC A&T State University. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Temple University with a concentration in powder metallurgy and a master's in sustainability from Wake Forest University. He has over 15 years of experience in operations management, primarily in the areas of manufacturing, higher education, and sustainability. Jacques Pierre serves as the co-chair of the Energy Management and Sustainability Committee at NC A&T.

Veda Howell

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Veda Howell, a Greensboro native, believes that it is our responsibility to be good stewards of the earth and its resources. She retired from the Internal Revenue Service where she played an integral role in developing policies and procedures for and in the marketing of the IRS e-file program which was implemented to streamline tax return processing and reduce the quantities of paper used.

Veda is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill (BSBA) and UNC-Greensboro (MBA). She spends her time serving her community and church and enjoying times with her family.

Tiffany Turner

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Tiffany has called Greensboro home for 10 years. She holds a BA in Public Policy with minors in Social and Economic Justice, and Marine Science. She is a Masters of Public Administration (in local government management) candidate at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Government. Tiffany also currently serves on the Guilford County Health and Human Services Advisory Board. Though she resides in Greensboro, Tiffany works as the food resilience project manager with the City of Winston-Salem. In her role, Tiffany leads the planning and implementation of Winston-Salem's comprehensive city-wide initiatives to address food insecurity and build a robust food economy for residents to find affordable healthy food. Her work involves using vacant lots for community gardens, waste reduction, nutritious meals, urban farming and landscape, hydroponics, and urban resiliency. Tiffany recognizes food and environmental justice as a strong opportunity for community and economic development.

Tiffany passionately brings together community members, nonprofits, religious institutions, foundations, corporations, and local government to create a more just and equitable food system. Tiffany's passions for working in the food system stem from her own experiences as a woman of color, growing up under the poverty line, and not always having access to culturally relevant foods to her Colombian upbringing. Prior to joining the City of Winston-Salem, Tiffany served within the food system in a variety of capacities in the state of North Carolina. From co-authoring a national toolkit on farm to early care and education with the National Farm to School Network to providing emergency food-aid and nutrition education to youth in Chapel Hill-Carrboro with TABLE, Inc. Tiffany brings an energetic, empathetic, and empowering approach to her collective impact work in the Piedmont Triad and on the Community Sustainability Council.

Sophia Dubrovsky

Serving City Council District 5, Appointed on April 16, 2019

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Sophia Dubrovsky has been a resident of Greensboro since 2011. She is a graduate of Babson College, where she majored in Business Administration. She has also studied abroad at the London School of Economics and Universidad de Granada. Her professional career began as an operations associate at a hedge fund. Now you will find her at Greensboro Montessori School. Her interest in sustainability began after researching agricultural and dietary impacts on the environment. She cares deeply about caring for the environment and ensuring a sustainable climate for future generations.

Raleigh D. Stout

Serving At-Large, Appointed on December 3, 2019

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Raleigh Daniel Stout grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina. After graduating from Northwest Guilford High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force for duty as a cryptologic linguist. Mr. Stout travelled to assignments in Texas, California, Maryland, Republic of Panama, and Florida. He served as mission supervisor; analyst; plans and resource manager with responsibility for planning manpower, mission and personnel space, equipment and facilities for military and other U.S. government communications; and later as Chief, Air Force Spanish Training, achieving master instructor certification.

Raleigh Stout earned a Certificate of Accomplishment in Engineering Technology from the Graduate School, U.S. Department of Agriculture and two Associate in Applied Science degrees from Air University, Community College of the Air Force: Interpreting and Translating, and Instructor of Technology and Military Science. He earned a third Associate in Applied Science degree from Howard County Junior College of Texas in computer information systems with a specialization in networking.

Upon leaving the U.S. Air Force in September 1997, Mr. Stout worked as an electrician helper on the Grandover Plaza Hotel and Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina, then briefly as a front desk clerk for a hotel chain, then moved back to electrical construction in November 1999. In 2003, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Texas Division of Emergency Management awarded Mr. Stout completion of the Professional Development Series in Emergency Management

From 2015 to 2017, Raleigh Stout served on the board of directors with the Historic Aycokk Neighborhood Association, renamed as Dunleath Neighborhood Association. In 2018, the Greensboro Police Department conferred the Chief's Award to Mr. Stout for leadership and dedication with the Safer City Summit Initiative.

A. Nicole Gaines

Serving At-Large, Re-Appointed on December 3, 2019

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Ms Gaines came to appreciate the idea and subsequent 'calling' to the issues of sustainability activism because she didn't want to stand by while our human footprints on the earth trample everything that lies in our path. She has been a resident of North Carolina for over 30 years, and 18 of those years have been in the city of Greensboro. Her work in environmental advocacy and sustainability comes via work in climate justice. She was a co-organizer and volunteer coordinator of Greensboro's Women's March in 2017 and has served two terms on the leadership team of the North Carolina Climate Justice Summit that has been held at the Haw River State Park for the last 3 years. Nicole has supported clean water initiatives through personal donations to clean water campaigns and has submitted ideas for solar-powered waste cans for the city through the city of Greensboro's Participatory Budgeting process. While the idea fell short for this year's budget process, she says will try again next year.

Nicole has attended several CSC meetings as a citizen of the city. The more meetings she attended, the more interested she became in participating on the council. Ms Gaines' work leading the local chapter of the Sierra Club has provided her an opportunity to promote sustainability in our natural areas; trails, preserves, and passive parks. The Piedmont Plateau Group of the Sierra Club collects Styrofoam at their meetings so that Dart Container Corporation in Randleman, NC can repurpose it to other uses. As an advocate for solar and wind energy, she hopes to aid in discussing its importance to the community of Greensboro. Her priorities in sustainable action are in:

- working with community and business partners to promote renewable and efficient energy use
- waste reduction
- repurposing
- recycling education
- sustaining natural spaces

She believes hers is a voice that can speak to communities on their terms and to their issues; and that communicating the necessity of creating responsible, sustainable societies is just as important as years of academic study in sustainability work.

Jonathan King (Youth)

Serving At-Large, Appointed on August 21, 2018

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Jonathan King, 22, is a recent graduate of Urban Ecology from Greensboro College. During his time as an undergraduate, Jonathan centered his studies on the social effects of environmental justice in communities and how these burdens can be symbiotically combated to both better communities and the environment. With a strengthened passion for social justice and environmental stewardship through his studies, Jonathan completed an academic internship with the City of Greensboro Planning Department where he provided environmental policy recommendations and strategic guidelines for the PLANIT GSO Comprehensive Plan update. His draft environmental stewardship document focused on developing first of its kind sustainability policy and goals for the Greensboro Comprehensive Plan. Recommendations addressed: energy security, air quality, light and noise pollution, green infrastructure, native wildlife and habitat preservation, environmental justice, human-scale development, urban canopy restoration, water quality, and environmental education.

Following his time as a student, Jonathan is now directing his focus toward broadening his participation in the Greensboro community and obtaining experience in the fields of sustainability and community development. Through the opportunities provided by the Community Sustainability Council, volunteer programs, internships, and furthering his education, Jonathan aspires to apply his passion for environmental preservation through obtaining a full-time career in one of the numerous developing fields of sustainability.

Dr. Susan Phillips

Serving At-Large, Appointed on September 25, 2018

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Dr. Phillips is a retired faculty member from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and has called Greensboro home since 1999. She is a lifelong advocate of simple living as well as respect and love for our planet. She did her previous NIH-funded research in noise-induced hearing loss and has taught acoustics. Her research has provided her with strong skills in data management and analysis, and she looks forward to using these skills to help Greensboro become a STAR community. She loves painting, gardening and hiking, and is an advocate for personal divestiture from fossil fuel investments.