

Olivia Glenn

Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Justice and Equity, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Appointed in July, Olivia is responsible for prioritizing the advancement of the administration's environmental justice and equity goals.

A longtime advocate of ensuring underserved communities have access to the outdoors, Olivia believes every New Jerseyan has a right to experience and enjoy the benefits of nature.

Olivia previously led the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry, serving since 2018 as its director and managing its 450,000 acres of natural and historic resources. From 2003 to 2009, she worked as the Division's Urban Initiatives and Outreach Coordinator and subsequently served as special assistant to the DEP Deputy Commissioner. Olivia later was a member of the DEP's Environmental Justice Advisory Council, leading its efforts in outreach, education and land management.

Olivia also has worked with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, making outdoor spaces and trails more readily available to Greater Philadelphia residents, especially people living in Camden. In 2018, the Camden Collaborative Initiative honored her with the Camden Environmental Hero Award. As Deputy Commissioner, Olivia will chair CCI's Steering Committee and will be responsible for environmental justice, diversity and environmental education.

Olivia earned a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Dartmouth College. She holds a master's degree from the Yale School of the Environment, where she wrote her master's thesis on park revitalization in Camden. In her free time, she enjoys the outdoors, as well as singing and playing the flute, piano and bassoon. Olivia is married and has three children.











