

Carmera Thomas-Wilhite is the Vice President for Communities & Partnerships at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). In this role, she spearheads initiatives to amplify inclusivity in the mission to achieve a thriving Chesapeake Bay and sustainable communities for everyone.

Previously, Carmera served as the Director of Urban Conservation Initiatives at The Conservation Fund, where she led the Parks with Purpose program. This program focused on creating safe and accessible parks and greenspaces through community-driven visioning and conservation solutions. Her greatest passion lies in elevating all voices in nature-based and culturally relevant solutions in a changing climate, fostering environmental stewardship and healthier communities.

Before her time at The Conservation Fund, Carmera was the Baltimore Program Manager at CBF, starting her career as a member of the inaugural class of the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps.

Carmera currently holds several board positions, including Vice Chair of the Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy, and board member of the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc., and Friends of Anacostia Park. She earned her B.S. in Biology from North Carolina Wesleyan University. In her free time, Carmera enjoys camping and spending quality time with her family, especially her husband and their dog, Benji.