

Flint Hills Group Candidate Statements

Gerry Snyder

It's awesome to be a long-time member of the Sierra Club and an active team leader for the Flint Hills group. We are in a critical time to protect our environment, its land, air and water. I have been on the Kansas Chapter Excom as the Flint Hills rep for the past 4 years. Several things that I want to continue to do is more educational public programs, expand our Purple Air monitoring network, advocate for the Ornate Box turtle and to stop the building of destructive data centers. I currently serve as chair of the KS Chapter Legislative and Communications committees as well as a member on the Conservation, Energy, Ornate Box Turtle, CAFOs and Education committees. We have great opportunities to protect not just our state but also planet in these challenging times. Think Green, Act Green!

Diane Beachly

I moved to Kansas from Nebraska a little over two years ago, where I served on two board of directors, I have worked with endangered species, and coordinating volunteers. My husband and I led environmentally focused travel classes with college students. Since moving to Concordia, I reorganized a former group of progressives and I host monthly informational meetings. With my experiences, I can be an asset to the Sierra Club. I would like to build coalitions and a stronger local group as an excom member. Considering the seriousness of climate chaos, I see the need for building future food resilience, and I dabble with growing novel fruits, both indoors and out. Ask me about my pomegranate's, because if I can grow them here then so can others.