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The Hoosier Chapter of the Sierra Club announces Bowden Quinn retirement, names Amanda Shepherd as new Chapter Director.

INDIANAPOLIS – The Hoosier Chapter of the Sierra Club has named Amanda Shepherd the new Director of the statewide chapter.

Shepherd currently serves as the Senior Manager of Outreach for the Hoosier Environmental Council and will be assuming the Chapter Director role with the Sierra Club on April 15th.

“I am so excited to work with the Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter to address the growing environmental crises facing our world in multi-faceted ways. I have been particularly inspired by the Sierra Club’s recent focus on working toward a more just and equitable future as evidenced by their public stances on both social and environmental justice, which are so often linked, and am thrilled to be able to help in forging ahead in this new intersectional landscape, while maintaining the necessary work of protecting our natural resources here in Indiana and beyond” says Shepherd.

Shepherd grew up in rural Indiana, and earned her B.S. and M.S. in Geology from Indiana State University. Shepherd taught in public schools before moving to the environmental field. After serving as a volunteer for Sustainable Indiana 2016 and Earth Charter Indiana, she was hired by the Hoosier Environmental Council, where she has served as a staff member since 2014.

Jesse Kharbanda, Executive Director of the Hoosier Environmental Council: “Amanda's passion for the environmental and climate cause, her vitality, her can-do, collaborative spirit, and her wide-ranging talents make me confident that Amanda will achieve great things at the helm of the Chapter, which is a longtime and very valued partner of our organization.”

Bowden Quinn, Director of the Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter, has announced his retirement, effective May 1st, 2021. In recognition of his many years of dedicated service, current Hoosier Chapter Chair, Julia Lowe, had this to say on his retirement:

“It was not until I began working closely with Bowden that I realized how important he is to the Hoosier Chapter. His extensive knowledge of the Indiana natural landscape and the history of environmental legislation and regulation is unparalleled, and his experience and leadership in advising volunteers and staff inspires us to continue working towards our goals. I will miss Bowden but am happy for him that he is able to retire. I have complete confidence that the transition of the Directorship of the Hoosier Chapter to Amanda Shepherd will go smoothly. I know that I speak for the Executive Committee leaders in welcoming Amanda wholeheartedly and with great enthusiasm. We look forward to the work ahead with renewed energy.”

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About Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter: The Sierra Club is the oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organizations in the United States with more than three million members and supporters. The Hoosier Chapter was formed in 1975 and has more than 10,000 members. Our mission is to explore, enjoy & protect wild places.
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