

## Current Staff, Board of Directors, and Key Volunteers

### Current Staff:

**Kristen Boyer**, BEAT's Communication Coordinator, has an Associates Degree in Environmental Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Geology specializing in Hydrogeomorphology at Smith College. Kristen edits BEAT's News and Calendar pages on the website and is responsible for publishing the weekly e-newsletters. In addition, Kristen researched the extent of the City of Pittsfield's only (probably) non-PCB polluted medium-yield aquifer. Kristen provides outreach to volunteers and area colleges.

**Jane Winn**, Executive Director of BEAT has a Bachelors Degree in biology, Masters Degree in zoology, and additional training in Wetland Science and Geographic Information Systems. Jane worked as accounting supervisor for a county-wide non-profit mental health center and has run several small businesses. Jane is a partner in an educational, scientific, and underwater video production company. Jane served on the advisory committee for Mass Audubon's Berkshire Sanctuaries for 7 years and chairman of that committee for two (the maximum permitted for each), she served on the Board of Directors for Mass Audubon for 5 years, and currently serves on the Board of the Housatonic River Initiative and the Massachusetts Technical Advisory Committee for Toxics Action Center. In 2007, Jane received the "Environmentalist of the Year" award from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions.

**Jeff Schneider**, Coordinator of river cleanups and general organizer, has an Associates Degree in Environmental Science and is currently a student at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Jeff was one of the organizers of the Bella Terra Festival in Stephentown, New York, a festival of art, music, and culture.

### Board of Directors – required to meet at least once per year, but meets more often as time permits:

**Bruce Winn**, President – Bruce has his BS in Psychology and Masters Degree in Zoology. Bruce is an editor at Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson, and has written science and nature articles for area newspapers and publications. Bruce is a partner in an educational, scientific, and underwater video production company. Bruce lives in Pittsfield.

**Thomas Tynning**, Treasurer – Tom is an environmental sciences professor at Berkshire Community College, renowned herpetologist, and author. Tom lives in Pittsfield, MA.

**Rene Wendell**, Clerk – Rene has his BS in Conservation Sciences and is the naturalist at Bartholomew's Cobble with the Trustees of Reservations. Rene divides his time between Pittsfield and Sheffield, MA.

**Timothy Flanagan**, Director – Tim is an environmental sciences professor at Berkshire Community College, wetland scientist, and Conservation Commissioner for the town of Lenox. Tim lives in Lenox, MA.

**Scott McGinnis**, Vice President – Scott has his BS in Environmental Science and is a fire-fighter in the City of Pittsfield. Scott lives in Pittsfield.

### Key Volunteers:

BEAT has numerous volunteers throughout the County and beyond - including:

- Citizens who keep an eye on activities in their towns and let us know if there is anything happening that they think is of environmental concern,
- Citizen activists who write letters; and attend, speak or film meetings in their towns and cities in Berkshire County,
- Friends who supply BEAT with news – Conservation Commissioners who provide their agendas ahead of meetings, town clerks who provide notices of meetings, and members of many other organizations who send us news and event listings for our website and newsletters,
- Berkshire Wildlife Trackers – we have more than 30 monitors trained by Susan Morse of Keeping Track in Vermont. These trackers set up transects to monitor habitat usage by our focal species of mammal (bear, moose, bobcat, fisher, otter, and mink). Our monitors include teachers, staff and volunteers from land protection organizations, doctors, landscapers, homemakers, and more.
- Vernal Pool Certifiers and Monitors who go out each spring to document these extraordinary habitats.
- River Cleanup Volunteers – who help us each year to clean stretches of the Housatonic River and its tributaries