

Karen Wilson Forget BIO

- Karen's interest in the environment started early growing up on an organic farm in Indiana.
- She has a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and a master's from the College of William and Mary and has enjoyed living in the Hampton Roads area since 1976.
- She immediately fell in love with the natural beauty of this area and the many ties to the water. Her first three years here were spent living on a sailboat and learning about the natural history and beauty of the Chesapeake Bay.
- Karen came to Lynnhaven River NOW after thirty years as a science teacher and Headmaster of a private school. She first become involved with Lynnhaven River NOW was as a citizen oyster gardener which she has been doing now for twenty years.
- Since 2005, Karen has been working full time with Lynnhaven River NOW first as the Education and Outreach Coordinator and since 2007 as the Executive Director.
- Karen serves on a variety of city and regional committees including the Green Ribbon Committee and the Norfolk Environmental Commission.
- She also serves on the Boards of Buy Fresh, Buy Local Hampton Roads and Virginia Forever. She is the Vice President of the Virginia Conservation Network Board and was a Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute Fellow in 2012.
- She has four sons and five grandchildren.