

Lisa Werder Brown

Lisa Brown is the Director of Environmental Initiatives and Projects for Economic Development South (EDS) . A major environmental focus for EDS is Saw Mill Run, the stream that flows along Route 51 in the South Hills and ties the Saw Mill Run Watershed communities to the shared environmental issues of stormwater runoff and sewage overflows. Ms. Brown works closely with the watershed communities to identify opportunities for implementation of Best Management Practices for stormwater mitigation, including Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development.

Ms. Brown is also a Ph.D. student at the University of Pittsburgh in Administrative and Policy Studies. She recently worked for the Collaborative for Evaluation and Assessment Capacity (CEAC), a research group within the School of Education. Her work with CEAC focused on evaluating program efficacy for small nonprofits as well as larger state – wide educational initiatives.

Prior to her work with CEAC, Lisa was the director of operations and outreach for the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA), a small urban watershed situated in Pittsburgh's East End. While at NMRWA, Lisa worked to raise community awareness around the issues of stormwater runoff and sewage overflows. Lisa connected citizens to their watershed by creating a suite of events and opportunities that were designed to engage local residents in their environment.

Ms. Brown holds a BS in biology from Chatham University, where she conducted research on the long term impacts of acid mine drainage on native plant populations in Western Pennsylvania.