

Charlotte Barton

Charlotte Barton has worked at CRC since 2005. She got her start when she met then Executive Director Anne Murphy planting riparian buffers in her subdivision along Ridley Creek, which led to working together. Anne had just been made the first employee of CRC; Charlotte became the second. At that time, CRC's office was at the Hunting Hill Mansion at Ridley Creek State Park. Charlotte remembers early projects included removing dams, tree plantings, grabbing water in pails from the creeks to help nourish newly planted trees, MS4 educational events, and helping to coordinate the first streams cleanup in 2006.

Charlotte has a BA in Education from the University of Michigan, with double majors in Science and Social Science and double minors in English and Fine Arts. She has a Master's in Organizational Behavior from Central Michigan University. Charlotte's first job was as a mechanical engineer designing conveyor systems for automobile plants. Later, she changed her career to human resources. In 2003, she moved to the Philadelphia area.

Charlotte comes by her love of the environment from her childhood, when her father took his children to explore forests all over their home state of Michigan. Her dad loved water, too – there was a creek and pond in their backyard. As a child, Charlotte liked to catch pollywogs, frogs and turtles for pets.

"Caring for nature fills my love of being outdoors," says Charlotte. "It's fun working with volunteers and other people who are passionate about creation and wildlife."

