



# Jessica Dandridge-Smith

Executive Director

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## EDUCATION

B.A. in Political Science | Xavier University of Louisiana

M.A. in Political Science | The New School, Milano School of Public Engagement International Security and Conflict

## BIOGRAPHY

Jessica Dandridge-Smith is the Executive Director of The Water Collaborative of Greater New Orleans (TWC), focusing on community-led water justice and climate resiliency. She promotes equitable access and blue/green jobs through nature-based water management. With a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in International Affairs, she has worked with numerous organizations since 2005. Dandridge-Smith co-chairs the National Academy of Sciences' Climate Resiliency Roundtable and has been recognized as an Obama Leader and a member of the Grist 50 list. She also co-owns a Jamaican/Creole catering business.

## STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The Water Collaborative of Greater New Orleans (TWC) is a nonprofit focused on urban water management and water justice. Originally a grassroots movement, TWC now supports various stakeholders, including nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies, through educational programs, research, and policy initiatives. As the EPA Urban Water's Partnership Program Lead for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, TWC addresses challenges like flooding and water quality with the "One Water Louisiana" initiative. TWC also co-chairs the National Academies of Sciences' Resilience Roundtable and leads the Southern Water Call, advocating for water justice and resilience in Louisiana and the southeastern U.S.

## ORGANIZATION: The Water Collaborative of Greater New Orleans

The Water Collaborative seeks to build a diverse network for all impacted by flood risk by focusing on equitable practices to sustainably live and thrive with water. You can find out more by visiting this website: [www.nolawater.org](http://www.nolawater.org).



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