

Ben Grumbles
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Ben Grumbles is President of the U.S. Water Alliance, a not-for-profit educational organization based in Washington, DC and committed to uniting people and policies for water sustainability throughout the country. He has a long career in water and environmental policy, serving the public and teaching law students and environmental professionals, over the last 25 years.

Most recently, he led Arizona's Department of Environmental Quality working on air quality and climate change, energy policy and waste management, water efficiency, and wastewater recycling. Regional priorities included protecting the Grand Canyon, Colorado River, and Arizona-Mexico border environment.

Mr. Grumbles served as Assistant Administrator for Water at US EPA from 2004 through 2008. He launched EPA's water efficiency labeling program, WaterSense, and initiatives on green infrastructure, water and climate change, and pharmaceuticals. He carried out and defended the nation's clean water, drinking water, ocean and coastal, and wetlands laws and worked on great waterbody collaborations from coast to coast.

From 1985 to 2001, he served in the US House of Representatives in various environmental counsel and staff director roles for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Science Committee. His particular focus was on water and its connections to people, wildlife, agriculture, and energy.

Mr. Grumbles serves on various boards and committees, including the Water Science and Technology Board of the National Academy of Sciences; Solutions from the Land, an educational nonprofit forging integrated and sustainable policies for agriculture, forestry, and conservation in the U.S. and globally; and the Water Resources Adaption to Climate Change Workgroup of the Federal Advisory Committee on Water Information. He is also a former board member and current supporter of River of Words, a national nonprofit committed to connecting kids to their watersheds and imaginations through poetry and art.

Mr. Grumbles has a Masters degree in environmental law from George Washington U. Law School, a J.D. degree from Emory University Law School, and a B.A. degree from Wake Forest University. He was born and raised in the Beargrass Creek watershed of the Ohio River, Louisville, Kentucky, four-miles east of Churchill Downs. Ben, his wife Karen, and their two children live and play in the Spout Run watershed of the Potomac River, Arlington, VA.