



**Biography for Ed Stierli,
Vice President of Government Affairs
National Parks Conservation Association**

Ed Stierli joined NPCA in 2012 and became Vice President of Government Affairs in 2026. He leads NPCA's Government Affairs department, supporting a talented team of experts who drive the organization's legislative and administrative policy priorities, and represents NPCA with Congress, federal agencies, partners, and the media.

Ed brings more than 15 years of experience directing advocacy campaigns for conservation and education, with a focus on public lands, the protection of historic and cultural resources, and park funding. He is passionate about safeguarding the landscapes, battlefields, memorials, and cultural sites that make up the National Park System, making parks inclusive, welcoming, and accessible to all, and about ensuring the laws and policies that protect them are upheld.

As NPCA's Senior Regional Director for the Mid-Atlantic, he led a team protecting parks across five states and the District of Columbia, advancing park-protection policies, establishing new national park sites, and securing funding for critical projects. Earlier at NPCA, he coordinated conservation advocacy across the Chesapeake Bay watershed, launched the "Freedom to Float" campaign, and directed the "Find Your Voice" initiative during the National Park Service Centennial. Between his two tenures, Ed served as Senior Director of State and Electoral Campaigns for the Save the Children Action Network, expanding its field and electoral program, and earlier held roles with the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Alliance for Climate Protection (now the Climate Reality Project).

Originally from New Jersey, Ed began his career as a middle school English teacher in Louisiana. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Florida State University, a master's in public policy from George Mason University, and lives just outside Annapolis, Maryland.