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Carol Collier serves as Senior Advisor for Watershed Management and Policy at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. Major efforts include: being a government liaison and involved in a projects including: the Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI); assessing impacts to natural resources and human water use due to potential flow changes on the Delaware River system; and improving river-based recreation opportunities for the overburdened neighborhoods in Philadelphia, Camden, and Chester. From 2014 – 2018 she served as Director for the Environmental Studies and Sustainability Program in the Drexel Univ. BEES Department. She serves on the State-wide and Delaware Basin Committees for the PA State Water Plan and served on Governor-elect Shapiro's Transition Team.

Collier served for more than 15 years as executive director of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) before joining the Academy. The DRBC is an interstate/federal commission that provides a unified approach to water resource management without regard to political boundaries. Before joining DRBC, she was executive director of Pennsylvania's 21st Century Environment Commission and director of the PADEP Southeast Region. Prior to PADEP, Collier served 19 years with BCM Environmental Engineers, Inc., beginning as a student intern and ultimately becoming vice president of environmental planning, science, and risk.

She has a B.A. in biology from Smith College and a Master's in regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP). She was president of the American Water Resources Assn. (AWRA) in 2013. In 2014, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded her the Bronze Order of the DeFleury Medal.

Currently she is Board Chair of the PA/DE Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and serves on the Conservation Council of the NJ TNC, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin, UPenn McHarg Center Board, Conservation Voters of PA, and the Fund for Fairmount Water Works. She taught at the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University and published on environmental and water-related topics. She has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania Legislature. In 2004 she was a member of a nine-person U.S./China/Japan team to assist the People's Republic of China with river basin management. She has also participated in water management and sustainable forest practice events along the Yangtze River in China and in the rain forests of Ecuador. In 2015 and 2016 she attended the UN Climate Change Conferences, COP 21 and 22,

in Paris and Marrakesh, respectively, She believes proper management of water resources is the key to our economic and environmental future.