

Full Bio

NaTisha Washington is currently the Campaign Director for the Black Appalachian Coalition (BLAC), where she works on healing justice organizing that incorporates environmental, economic, and other health-related issues. Through storytelling and civic engagement BLAC works to improve these issues through uplifting the voices of impacted black and indigenous Appalachians. Formerly, she was the Communications Manager at the Breathe Project/Collaborative where she worked alongside 60+ Air and petrochemical advocacy organizations to advocate for and educate communities throughout the region on their air quality and petrochemical health impacts.

Being a Pittsburgh native NaTisha has always had the goal of improving the environment of disinvested communities like her hometown Wilksburg. With her long-term skills in organizing, researching, and teaching skills she hopes to create a beneficial impact that changes communities like hers into healthier and safer places to live. After graduating from Wilksburg High school, NaTisha went on to study Landscape Contracting Design at the Pennsylvania State University where she received her bachelor's in Horticulture. Through the Penn State Extension she became a certified Master Gardener, and also worked many clerical jobs to improve her data, research, communication and engagement skills.

Her community non-profit work started in the Hilltop community at the former Pittsburgh Work and blossomed in her long-standing position at Operation Better Block (OBB) as their Green Initiative Coordinator. At OBB NaTisha put all her efforts into working with the community and Junior Green Corp to plan out and improve green spaces among other environmental issues in Homewood. The Junior Green Corp, which is a job-readiness program for teens 14 to 18 focused on horticulture, vacant lot restoration, and job readiness under the leadership and teaching of NaTisha for 3 years and continues to flourish to this day.

As an Environmental Justice Organizer for 412 Justice she was actively involved and partnered with many local environmental organizations to implement, facilitate, and support advocacy projects with impacted residents. Through trauma-informed organizing she worked with communities to get affordable utilities, reduce air pollution, improve water quality, have access to healthy food, and many other community-focused efforts. She currently sits on the boards of Upstream, Communitopia, Community Forge, and Feed the Hood.

NaTisha also owns a consulting company called Washington's Green Solutions LLC where she strives to help limited capacity organizations and non-profits to create more sustainable practices in and outside of their organization. With business partner Kelly Henderson, she worked to provide facilitation services to businesses and organizations looking to make their work more inclusive and equitable.

In 2022 I started my political journey as a special election candidate for the PA House of Rep for the 34th District, and was voted in as a Wilksburg Borough Council member in 2023. In January 2026 I was voted to be Council President for Wilksburg Borough and I am excited to make some direct change in my hometown through my many positions and passions to improve disinvested

communities in our county (of course including my hometown). Currently, she is a member of her borough's Blight & Infrastructure Committee, Shade Tree Committee, and the council representative for the Wilkesburg Landbank.

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Short bio:

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In 2024 NaTisha was sworn in as a Wilkesburg Borough Council member, and elected president in 2026 for her hometown where she hopes to make a great and positive change. Within the borough she is an active member of the Blight & Infrastructure committee, Shade Tree committee, and the council representative for the Wilkesburg Landbank.

Her ultimate goal is to ensure that disinvested EJ communities are provided with the resources and investment needed to create an equitable, safe, and healthy environment. As a community advocate, she works with community leaders and organizations around the state and country to improve their health and environment, prioritizing the people impacted by it. In 2024 she was honored with the position of Co-Chair for Sustainability, Environmental Justice, and a Green Economy for the Allegheny County Executive transition. In December of 2024, NaTisha was awarded the national 2024 Community Sentinel Awards for her 10 years of environmental justice and stewardship work in PA.

In addition to her organizing work, she also owns a consulting business named Washington Green Solutions and also co-owns a Facilitation & DEI consulting business named Just by Nature. In these businesses, she strives to improve the work environment through capacity support, facilitation, training education, and communication support.

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organizing experience and communication skills to educate residents on air quality and petrochemical issues alongside 60+ organizations. Before then, she worked as an Environmental Justice Organizer for 412 Justice advocating with community members to improve the quality of their environment through policy change, and as the Green Initiative coordinator at Operation Better Block she worked with the Junior Green Corp youth program to do urban farming, vacant lot restoration, and community engagement work within Homewood, Pittsburgh, PA. In addition to her organizing work, she also owns a consulting business named Washington Green Solutions and also co-owns a facilitation consulting business named Just by Nature. In January 2024 she officially became a Wilkesburg Borough Councilmember, and was elected Borough president in January 2026. At the end of 2024, NaTisha was awarded the national 2024 Community Sentinel Awards for her 10 years of environmental justice and stewardship work in PA.

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