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RACHEL CARSON COUNCIL HIRES MACKENZIE BODMAN AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CIVIC AND CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

WASHINGTON, March 17, 2023 – The Rachel Carson Council (RCC) welcomes Mackenzie Bodman to its staff as Associate Director of Civic and Campus Engagement. Bodman was brought on to bring her expertise in environmental science higher education to expand the RCC Campus Network and supervise the RCC Campus Fellowship Program. She will engage with faculty, students, and administrators at universities around the country to participate in RCC Campus Network programming and continue to facilitate the exchange of ideas and action on climate justice, environmental health, and student organizing between academia and civil society. Through her direction of the Network and oversight of the Fellowship, Bodman will augment existing and build new campaigns for fossil fuel divestment, the installation of sustainable technology and practices, and environmental writing on campuses and communities throughout the country.

Bodman has established herself as an advocate for environmental justice in academia through her time at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Geography and Environmental Systems with a focus on Environmental Science and is now completing her graduate degree in the same discipline, with a focus on Environmental Justice and Policy. Bodman has a long professional track record in environmental science as well. For the last four years, she has worked as an environmental scientist at the engineering firm, McCormick Taylor, specializing in stream restoration projects and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analysis. Previously, she has worked with a variety of Chesapeake Bay area environmental organizations, including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Chesapeake Research Consortium, and OUR Schools, concentrating on community outreach, water quality data analysis, and curriculum development, respectively.

Bodman's considerable career in the hard sciences has always been underscored by a passion for environmental justice, education, and civil engagement. She plans to use her new role to combine science, justice, and policy to advocate for imaginative solutions to environmental challenges. In her spare time, Bodman enjoys hiking trails around D.C. and Maryland and trying new restaurants.

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