Deborah Steele has been a passionate advocate and organizer on a variety of issues from healthcare to environmental concerns for the past decade. Growing up in the United Church of Christ in Minnesota she gained a deep appreciation for being connected to, and worshiping in nature. She moved to Ohio in the mid 1990's and has chosen to stay here because there is so much important work to do in this state. Deborah earned a BA in Sociology in 2003 from Ohio State University, with a focus in Ethnic and Minority Studies.

Deborah enjoys learning about all the ways there are to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels while educating others along the way. More recently local food and supporting farmer markets have become an enjoyable way for her to be more connected to her community. She is focused on building and strengthening long term relationships with those who want to support a more sustainable future.

Deborah is married and lives on the North East side of Columbus with 2 dogs and a cat. This past summer, after previous attempts, she was able to finally enjoy herbs and tomatoes grown in their back yard and is already planning next year's garden.