

Wanda Wilson, a resident of Point Breeze in City Council District 8, is the Executive Director at Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC). She is a committed and experienced leader in community development, nonprofit management, urban planning, and neighborhood revitalization. She has a breadth of experience in forming collaborations, building consensus, and managing complex projects. Ms. Wilson and the hardworking, passionate team at OPDC have successfully reclaimed vacant, blighted land to meet the community's need – mainly through affordable housing development. The Oakland Community Land Trust provides permanent affordable homeownership opportunities to support equitable development and neighborhood stability. OPDC recently completed Oakland Affordable Living, a 49-unit low-income housing tax credit development, on formerly vacant tax-delinquent land. OPDC is a Registered Community Organization and hosts public meetings for development review and works closely with resident groups on advocacy, planning, volunteer projects, and community organizing.



Ms. Wilson is proud to be familiar with all city neighborhoods through her prior work experience and continues to network with colleagues in neighborhoods across the city. Prior to her work at OPDC, she served as senior planner for the City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning and as a program officer for Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development (now Neighborhood Allies). She serves on the board of PennEnvironment, Inc. and is a former board member of The Midwife Center for Birth and Women's Health. Ms. Wilson earned her Master of Arts in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning from Tufts University, and her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology from Denison University.