

## **Bio for Edgar Miller, Riverkeeper/Executive Director, Yadkin Riverkeeper, Winston-Salem, NC**

Edgar Miller became executive director of the Winston-Salem based Yadkin Riverkeeper in October 2018 and became the Riverkeeper/executive director on July 1, 2021. Yadkin Riverkeeper's mission is to protect and enhance the Yadkin River and its lakes and tributaries through education, advocacy and action.

Prior to working with Yadkin Riverkeeper, Miller served as the director of government relations for the Conservation Trust for North Carolina for 17 years. As a registered lobbyist he represented the NC land trusts before the NC General Assembly and US Congress advocating for increased conservation funding and tax incentives. He also represented the state's land trusts on the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund from 2006-2018 and served on the statewide NC Local Foods Advisory Council from 2015-2018.

Miller was the director of policy for the National Recycling Coalition from 1990-2000 and worked as a lobbyist for the American Iron and Steel Institute from 2000-2002, both in Washington, DC, before moving home to Lexington, NC. He is the former president of the Tourism Recreation Investment Partnership (TRIP) for Davidson County, serving as president between 2011-2020. TRIP is a local nonprofit that supports the development of tourism and recreation assets in Davidson County, NC.

In that role, he led efforts to establish the Yadkin River Park and Daniel Boone Heritage Canoe Trail on the Yadkin River and improve access to and appreciation for the River in Davidson County. He helped establish the Davidson County Local Food Network and Keep Davidson County Beautiful and is the coordinator of the First Reformed UCC Community Garden. He lives south of Lexington, NC, in the Abbotts Creek watershed in the Central Davidson community with his wife Kivi and two teenage daughters Ava and Jia.

Miller holds a BA in Botany from Duke University and a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment.