



Naomi Fireman

Naomi started her transportation fellowship in July 2019 at the **Potomac River National Wildlife Refuge Complex**. The Complex encompasses three individual wildlife refuges in the Virginia/Washington D.C. area. Most of Naomi's work will focus on improving transportation options at the Occoquan Bay NWR, a 600-acre refuge that is home to many migratory species and is currently expanding its facilities for visitors. She will also explore opportunities to enhance transportation between Occoquan Bay and the other two refuges within the complex.

Naomi graduated from Oberlin College in the spring of 2019 with majors in Environmental Studies and Biology, and a minor in Spanish. Specifically, she focused on Sustainable Cities and Systems Ecology during her undergraduate career and worked on combining these pathways in all of her various projects. Her prior research includes studying the social and political implications of rice farming in Japan, working with wild bees in the Ecuadorian cloud forest, and exploring hazelnuts as a sustainable food crop for the Midwest region. She loves working collaboratively and did so on a semester-long project redesigning a 5-way intersection in the city of Oberlin. Some of her core working values are public engagement, community collaboration, social equity, and environmental stewardship. She is serving as the Public Lands Transportation Fellow for the Potomac River Wildlife Refuge Complex for 2019-2020 and is excited to bring her problem-solving skills and interdisciplinary perspective to the work. Broadly, her goals include improving access to and within the refuge complex by exploring ride-sharing options, improving the shuttle system, creating a transit hub, adding bicycle and pedestrian connections, and introducing more complete street elements.