

Deb Yandala is the CEO of the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The Conservancy connects the community with the park in many ways, including managing the park's education, volunteer and cultural arts programs. It also operates two stores, manages events in the park and raises money for park projects. She has served in this role since 2002. Prior to this she was the director of Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, the residential learning center managed by the Conservancy.

A national leader in the National Park Service partnership community, Deb is the Past President of the NPS Friends Alliance, the network of over 120 national park friends groups. She is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Eastern National, the organization that manages park stores and provides support to 160 NPS sites.

Deb has a B.A. from Miami University and an M.S. in natural resources from the University of Michigan.

As a community volunteer, Deb serves on the Boards of ArtsNow in Summit County, and Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry and the Near West Theater, both in Cleveland.