



Presenter Biographies

Mayor Mike Wiza is a lifelong resident of Stevens Point and has been active in the community for most of those years. He has served as a City Alderman for more than 10 years and as a Portage County Supervisor for more than nine. Mike is active in outdoor and conservation groups, including the Izaak Walton League, Prime Water Anglers, and more. Before being elected Mayor in April, 2015, he worked in the IT field as a hardware engineer. Mike believes in being responsible stewards of the world around us and has focused on sustainable initiatives much of his adult life. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

Nancy Frank is an Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Urban Planning at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. In addition, she is an affiliate faculty member at the UWM School of Freshwater Sciences and Director of the Center for Water Policy. Nancy's research interests involve land use policies and ecosystem services that reduce the development impacts on the environment. She also has substantial policy experience in relation to both water and brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. Through work funded by the Brico Fund, she facilitated a series of meetings that led to the creation of the Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust, Inc. (Sweet Water). Nancy also serves on the boards of the American Planning Association – Wisconsin Chapter, the Great Lakes Observing System, and the Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group.

Judy Fassbender joined DNR as the Policy and Technical Resources Section Chief in 2013. Before that, Judy was an environmental consultant for nearly 25 years. Her experience includes work on projects regulated under Wisconsin Administrative Code in addition to Superfund, RCRA and TSCA. Since joining the Remediation and Redevelopment Program, Judy has been coordinating development of guidance for implementing all aspects of NR 700. Judy has a B.S. degree in Geology from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh, completed graduate studies at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, and received her M.S. in Geosciences from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

Christine Haag is the Brownfields and Outreach Section Chief for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. She is responsible for management and administration of the state brownfields initiative, as well as statewide outreach and education for the Remediation and Redevelopment program. Prior to joining DNR in 2013, Christine spent six years working for a successful entrepreneur, helping grow his business entities as a real estate development project manager, vice-president of real estate and president for their start-up confections company. In the first 11 years of her career, Christine worked for a national non-profit conservation organization including eight as executive director. Christine has served on the boards of the American Hiking Society and the Partnership for the National Trails System, and as a citizen member of the Dane County (Wis.) Park Commission. She has a B.A. in Anthropology from UW – Milwaukee and a M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from UW – Madison.

Michael Prager is the Land Recycling Team Leader with the Wisconsin DNR Remediation and Redevelopment program. He's worked for the DNR for 18 years on brownfields policy and oversees a statewide team of DNR staff who provide assistance to local governments and private businesses with their cleanup and redevelopment projects. Before joining DNR, Michael was an environmental policy analyst with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Michael has a B.S. in Business Administration from Emory University in Atlanta and a M.S. in Public Policy Studies from the University of Chicago.

Margaret Renas is a Senior Manager at Delta Institute, a nonprofit organization that works throughout the Great Lakes region to build a resilient environment and economy through sustainable, market-driven solutions. Margaret is a P.E. and LEED AP with substantial previous experience in financial analysis, operations analysis, and business development. She has expertise in energy efficiency, waste management, community-based brownfield redevelopment, community outreach and engagement, environmental site assessments and remediation, and the development of environmentally sustainable operations and plans. Margaret is currently focused on community-based brownfield redevelopment and promoting sustainable and innovative approaches to redevelopment in the Great Lakes region. She earned a Professional Masters in Environmental Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and has a B.S. in Mathematics from Purdue University.

Darsi Foss is the director of the Wisconsin DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment program. She has more than 30 years of policy and program experience associated with cleaning up and reusing contaminated properties, both at the federal and state levels. While at the US EPA in Washington, D.C., Darsi worked for four years on policy issues pertaining to RCRA corrective action and Superfund, including the National Contingency Plan. She's been with DNR for 25 years, working on brownfields issues for the last 20. She has played a significant role in the development of the state's comprehensive cleanup rules, NR 700, and its brownfields initiative. She is a graduate of Iowa State University, and has a B.S. in Political Science and a M.S. in Public Administration.

Art Harrington is an attorney and a member of the Environmental and Energy Strategies Practice Group at Godfrey & Kahn S.C. Art serves on the state's Brownfields Study Group and was actively engaged in preparing the model salvage ordinance recommended by the Group for use by Wisconsin communities. He has represented a number of municipalities in large scale brownfield redevelopments including the cities of Kenosha, Glendale, Oshkosh, Cudahy, and Two Rivers. Art received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison Law School and is an Adjunct Professor at Marquette Law School in which he teaches a course on energy law.

Mark Geall is the president and founder of Tanesay Development, specializing in acquisition and green redevelopment of former industrial properties. Mark manages all aspects of site selection and due diligence, regulatory review, design development, capital structure, grant applications, fund raising and project management, including compliance with the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program. Earlier in his career, Mark served as Assistant Regional Counsel for the US EPA in Chicago, trying cases under many federal environmental statutes, including air, water, CERCLA, FIFRA, RCRA, EPCRA, and others. As part of this work, he tracked the changes in brownfields law from its inception with prospective purchaser agreements, comfort letters, and later the brownfields amendments to CERCLA. Mark also spent a year in Chicago at the United States Department of Justice as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. Mark earned a B.A. in English and history at Cornell University, his J.D. from Loyola, and an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth.

Randy Stadtmueller gained extensive experience in community development through his various management and ownership positions prior to launching Stadtmueller & Associates in 2002. His leadership of Future Neenah, incorporated from 1987 to 1999, provided the hands-on experience of implementing economic development and urban renewal projects. As executive director, he played an integral role in neighborhood revitalization, downtown business recruitment, and community enhancement programs such as the Neenah Access Trails system and waterfront beautification planning. Randy has since led several major preservation efforts throughout the Fox Cities, including the historic renovation of the Jersild Knitting Mill in Neenah, the renovation of the historic Atlas Paper Mill in Appleton, and the adaptive reuse of the former Gilbert Paper Mill in Menasha. Randy graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay with a B.S. in Urban & Regional Planning. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, Washington D.C.

Marvin Wanders started in the real estate business while attending the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. Three Sixty Real Estate Solutions, LLC is the umbrella entity which oversees all the daily business operations of multiple ownership entities in which he is involved. This dynamic organization plans, develops, and manages real estate holdings including mixed-use brownfields and the repositioning of multi-family communities. In addition to overseeing those business operations, Marvin is active in the La Crosse community, having served on numerous community committees and non-profit boards. He is a passionate outdoor recreation enthusiast and a founding member of Outdoor Recreation Alliance. His early experience was in the dual role of maintenance and management of a small property in La Crosse. He later went on to co-manage a 233 unit tax credit property in the area and was

promoted to a regional management position inside of a year, overseeing 761 units. Marvin served in that capacity for two years before joining a different group with responsibility over a 1,800 unit portfolio, which contained approximately 1,500 tax credit units. In 1999 he became the corporate supervisor of Home Apartment Development in La Crosse, overseeing a 1,110 unit portfolio covering three states. Marvin earned his B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

Garth Frable is the Planner for the City of Prairie du Chien and has served in that capacity since December 2002. Before that he was the Executive Director of the Iowa Recycling Association, a Program Planner with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and a Planner with the East Central Iowa Council of Governments. Garth has a B.A. in History from Grinnell College and a M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa.

Mayor Debra Lewis is the first woman elected Mayor of Ashland. Elected on April 1, 2014, Deb previously practiced family law in Ashland and Ohio and has served on the Ashland School Board. She is a native of Minneapolis, but with her husband has lived in Ashland for the past 22 years, raising four of their six children in the community. She is a graduate of Ohio Northern University where she earned a B.A. in Business Administration in 1988 and her Juris Doctorate in 1992.

John Stibal is the Director of Development for the City of West Allis, guiding the city's redevelopment, economic development, city planning, and housing efforts for the past 25 years. He is also the Executive Director of the West Allis Community Development Authority, responsible for leading the city's redevelopment of blighted and contaminated properties, including structuring brownfield environmental cleanup financing strategies. John also heads up the First-ring Industrial Redevelopment Enterprise, Inc. (FIRE), a \$193 million New Market Tax Credit entity that provides equity financing to businesses in the four county area of southeast Wisconsin. He also serves as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Milwaukee Continuum of Care, a collation of 125 Milwaukee County organizations addressing the needs of the homeless. He also works on fundraising for Beyond Vision, a private, non-profit manufacturing and assembly facility providing opportunities for sustainable employment to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. John is a founding member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group. He has Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Political Science, with an emphasis on municipal government, from the University of Northern Iowa.