

# Annual Planning Symposium

June 7, 2012

## PRESENTERS

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

## Robert M. Simpson



Rob Simpson serves as president of the CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity (CenterState CEO), a private, not-for-profit regional business leadership and economic development organization. Additionally, Mr. Simpson serves as the executive director of the Central Upstate Regional Alliance and president of Syracuse's business incubator, The Tech Garden. He previously served as president and CEO of the Metropolitan Development Association of Syracuse and Central New York (MDA).

Mr. Simpson was a driving force behind the creation of CenterState CEO, which resulted from the 2010 merger of the MDA and the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce. CenterState CEO represents 2,000 members across twelve counties and serves as the region's primary economic, community and business development catalyst. Through his efforts, this historic partnership is a new nationally-recognized model as a more effective approach to regional economic development and business services.

Since joining the MDA in 2003, Mr. Simpson directed its efforts to guide and accelerate the transformation of the CenterState New York economy from its primary reliance on traditional manufacturing to a globally competitive knowledge-based economy. He was largely responsible for the strategic planning and implementation of the Essential New York Initiative - a comprehensive regional development strategy whose programs largely led to the framework for CenterState CEO's core focus areas: 1) Business Expansion, Retention and Attraction; 2) Innovation and Entrepreneurship; 3) Infrastructure and Urban Initiatives; 4) Talent and Workforce Initiatives; 5) Government Relations and Business Advocacy; 6) CenterState Chamber Services; and 7) Tourism and Regional Marketing.

Mr. Simpson is a strong advocate of partnerships and coalition building to promote effective regional economic development, most notably through the creation of the Central Upstate Regional Alliance, with members representing business, academia, and economic development organizations from each of the twelve CenterState New York counties.

Mr. Simpson's work to position the region as a best-practice model for regional economic development, sustainability, and equity has led to national attention and support from organizations such as the Ford, Surdna and Kauffman Foundations. He serves as co-chair of the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (CNY REDC), responsible for coordinating the economic development of Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego counties. In 2011, the CNY REDC was awarded the top prize in the state for its five-year strategic plan, securing \$103.7 million for 74 projects in the region. He has also actively engaged the Brookings Institution to work with the region to develop a Metropolitan Business Plan and a Metropolitan Export Initiative – the region's most sophisticated planning effort to date.

Prior to joining CenterState CEO, Mr. Simpson worked as a policy associate and a government relations associate for Defenders of Wildlife and the State Environmental Resource Center, in Washington, DC. He also served as policy director for the State Environmental Resource Center, in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Simpson served as assistant legislative director for the Office of John D. Rockefeller, IV, in the United States Senate.

Mr. Simpson is a native Central New Yorker who graduated from Colgate University in 1997. He earned a master's degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Rob Simpson and his wife, Corinne Ribble, are residents of Syracuse.

## PLENARY SESSION

### Matthew J. Millea

Matthew J. Millea was appointed Deputy County Executive for Physical Services by Onondaga County Executive Joanne Mahoney on June 28, 2010. As Deputy County Executive Mr. Millea oversees the operations of nine county departments and assists the County Executive with the development and implementation of the annual county budget. Matt has been charged by the County Executive to manage the County's "Save the Rain" effort, which is a multi-million dollar public works program using both grey and green infrastructure approaches to mitigate sewer overflows into Onondaga Lake.

Prior to joining the Mahoney administration, Mr. Millea served as Executive Vice President and Acting President of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. During his tenure with EFC, Mr. Millea oversaw the administration and distribution of \$500 million in federal stimulus dollars and launched the award winning Green Innovations Grant Program, which promotes the adoption of innovative water treatment and conservation technologies.

Prior to his service at EFC, Mr. Millea served Governor George E. Pataki as a Program Manager in the Governor's Public Authorities Office and as Director of Environmental Programs. While serving on the Governor's staff, Mr. Millea played a key role in the passage of legislation that reformed and refinanced the State's Superfund program and created the Brownfield Cleanup Program.

Mr. Millea also worked for two years as a legislative assistant with the State Department of Environmental Conservation and as a Senior Legislative Analyst with the New York State Association of Counties.

Mr. Millea serves on the Board of Directors of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, and the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency. He also served for four years on the Board of the Great Lakes Protection Fund, an environmental endowment that invests in the research and development of new technologies and environmental strategies focused on protecting the natural resources of the Great Lakes basin.

Mr. Millea is a graduate of Siena College, where he currently serves as an Associate Trustee, and has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Columbia University. Mr. Millea and his wife Lori reside in Syracuse with their three sons, Ethan, Aaron and Luke.

### Peter B. Fleischer

Peter Fleischer is the first Executive Director of the statewide, 59-member Empire State Future coalition. He started in this role in February 2008. Empire State Future seeks the economic revitalization of New York's main streets, town centers and urban areas by advancing the principles of smart growth in land use and development decision-making. Mr. Fleischer holds a BA from Harvard and an MBA from the Yale School of Management. From 2003-2007, he was the Senior Vice President at the Empire State Development Corporation's Governors Island subsidiary. Prior to this, he was a Transportation and Environmental Policy Advisor to the New York City Mayor's Office. He also served as Assistant Commissioner for Policy at the New York City Department of Transportation. Prior to his government service, Mr. Fleischer worked in strategic planning and private banking at Shearson Lehman American Express. A long time resident of Manhattan's West Village, he now lives in downtown Albany.

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### **Patricia Burke**

*Sessions: Planning and Zoning: An Introduction & Walkable Communities*

Patricia Burke is a Land Use Training Specialist with the New York State Department of State. Prior to her service at the Department of State, she worked at the New York State Office of Real Property Services. Ms. Burke holds a master's degree in Regional Planning from the State University of New York at Albany, with an environmental concentration that studied wind turbine planning considerations, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from St. John Fisher College in Rochester. Prior to her public service, she was an editor for a national legal publishing firm.

### **Diane Carlton**

*Session: Understanding and Using the New SEQRA Environmental Assessment Forms*

Diane Carlton is the Regional Director for Public Affairs and Education for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in Syracuse, New York. Her job includes public outreach and education regarding DEC programs and policies, working with the media, updating the DEC's website, facilitating public meetings, and writing and editing DEC publications. Diane is a certified planner; before working for the DEC she was the Otsego County Planning Director (Cooperstown, NY) for over 10 years where she assisted many local planning and town boards with SEQRA. Diane also is an adjunct professor at SUNY/Oneonta where she teaches courses on environmental planning and environmental impact assessment, which includes NEPA and SEQRA. She sits on the board of directors for the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Planning Association. Diane has a Master's of Public Administration in Environmental Planning from the University of Delaware and a bachelor's degree in history and environmental studies from SUNY/Geneseo.

### **James D'Agostino**

*Session: Sustainable Streets*

James D'Agostino has been a staff member at the SMTC since 2000 and became its director in March of 2007. As Director, Mr. D'Agostino is responsible for administering the agency's annual planning program, ensuring adherence to federal and state requirements, and managing the agency's central staff. He has extensive experience in land use planning, transportation planning, computer modeling, and GIS. He has worked with city, county, and regional governments in New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania from both the public and private sector perspectives.

### **Khristopher Dodson**

*Session: Rural Applications of Smart Growth*

Khristopher Dodson is the Environmental Finance Center's Communications and Program Manager, having responsibility for outreach and education on water and land-use BMPs, among other programming subjects including stormwater management, water and wastewater management, green infrastructure, Great Lakes science, public communications and community fiscal planning. He leads the EFC's strategic communications activities. He has direct experience with a number of business, non-profit, governmental and community organization in Onondaga County and has established relationships with a number of key organizations in the area. Dodson has a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Studies from Binghamton University, a Masters of Professional Studies in Environmental Communication from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a Masters of Arts in Magazine, Newspaper and Online Journalism from the Newhouse School of Public Communication at Syracuse University.

## **Klaus Doelle**

*Session: Case Study: Village of Minoa Sustainability- Cleanwater Educational Research Facility (CERF)*

Klaus Doelle is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Paper and Bioprocess Engineering at SUNY-ESF. He previously worked as a Professor for Mechanical and Environmental Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences Brandenburg in Germany. Dr. Doelle earned a Dipl. Ing. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Applied Science Aalen in Baden-Württemberg, Germany and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Wisconsin. He has authored/co-authored numerous publications and has 60 issued patents.

## **Brian J. Donnelly**

*Session: Sustainable Streets*

Brian Donnelly is the Commissioner of the Onondaga County Department of Transportation. He was appointed Commissioner in June of 2008 by County Executive Joanne Mahoney. Mr. Donnelly is responsible for the oversight of an operation consisting of 170 staff personnel and New York State's second largest County Highway System comprised of more than 793 centerline miles of road and 220 bridges with an annual operating budget of over \$35 million dollars. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Donnelly served as a Project Manager with the City of Syracuse's Engineering Department and the Department of Public Works. He also served as the Assistant Director of Management and Budget for the City of Syracuse.

Mr. Donnelly serves as a member of the Onondaga County Planning Board, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) Executive Committee and is Vice Chair of the SMTC Planning Committee.

## **Richard J. Donovan**

*Session: Case Study: Village of Minoa Sustainability- Cleanwater Educational Research Facility (CERF)*

Richard J. Donovan has been the Mayor of the Village of Minoa for 8 years. Previously, he served 22 years on the Village Board. Mr. Donovan is President of the Onondaga County Mayors Association and 1st Vice President of the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

## **William P. Fisher**

*Session: From Problem Properties to Prosperity: The Making of a City-County Land Bank*

Before his appointment as Onondaga County Deputy Executive in June 2009, Bill Fisher spent 24 years in the software industry, including 18 years as CEO of Summit Software, a company he co-founded in March 1991. Beginning in 2005, Bill reduced his work schedule and became involved in civic activities including angel investing, service on corporate and non-profit boards, and volunteering on political campaigns. After Joanie Mahoney's election as County Executive in November 2007, Bill served as the director of Ms. Mahoney's transition team until her inauguration as the third Onondaga County Executive in January 2008.

Eighteen months later, County Executive Mahoney named Bill Fisher as her Deputy. In this role, Bill's responsibilities include oversight of various County departments and offices including Finance, Law, Personnel, Purchasing, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Relations and Information Technology

## **Timothy A. Frateschi**

*Session: Case Law Update for Planning and Zoning*

Mr. Frateschi is a member of the firm Harris Beach, PLLC. He practices in the Municipalities and Quasi-Governmental Agencies Team and the Public Finance and Economic Development Practice Group, where he represents governmental and quasi-governmental agencies in various aspects of law. He also serves on the Energy Industry Team. Mr. Frateschi represents several municipalities throughout central New York in all areas of general municipal law, land use planning, environmental review, collective bargaining agreements, creating special districts, and negotiating tax certiorari cases. Mr. Frateschi is also the Chairman of the Town of Salina Planning Board.

From 1997- 1999, Mr. Frateschi was regional director for the Empire State Development Corporation, where he oversaw all state related economic development activities within Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties. From 1992-1997, Mr. Frateschi was chief of staff for State Senator John A. DeFrancisco. Prior to joining Harris Beach, Mr. Frateschi was a named partner of a Syracuse, New York law firm, where he focused his practice on municipal law, corporate law, real estate transactions, real property law, and civil litigation.

## **Steven Giarrusso**

*Session: Case Study: Village of Minoa Sustainability- Cleanwater Educational Research Facility (CERF)*

Steven Giarrusso has been the Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator for the Village of Minoa since 1996. He has a B.S. in Biology from LeMoyne College and has authored or co-authored several research papers.

## **Mark Grainer**

*Session: Sustainable Streets*

Mark Grainer is a career New York State Department of Transportation employee working in an engineering capacity for over fifteen years. In 2005, after receiving a Department sponsored scholarship, he graduated with a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University at Albany. Shortly thereafter, he transitioned into a position that integrates land use and transportation strategies. Within and outside of his position, he has served local communities in developing comprehensive and corridor management plans, progressing SEQRA actions, and community outreach. Mark is a Professional Engineer and a Certified Planner.

## **Ellen Hahn**

*Session: Reconciling Green Infrastructure Implementation Challenges: Case Studies and Local Experience*

Ellen Hahn is the Stormwater Control Specialist for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 7 Division of Water in Syracuse and is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) and a Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality (CPSWQ). At NYS DEC, she provides guidance to consultants, developers, contractors, planning boards, code enforcement officers, highway departments, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and other agencies on the technical and programmatic implementation of the NY SPDES General Permits for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. Ms. Hahn develops and delivers training courses in Erosion and Sediment Control, Stormwater Management and the NYS Stormwater Phase II Regulations, and actively participates in the NYSDEC Stormwater Implementation Teams for the Construction and MS4 General Permits. She has worked for NYS DEC since 2004, and held prior positions as Water Quality Technician with the Erie County (NY) Soil and Water Conservation District, and NAPRA Specialist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Water Resources Management from SUNY ESF.

## **Stephen Harris**

*Session: Why You Should Care About Emerald Ash Borer*

As City-County Arborist, Stephen Harris oversees the management of 30,000 street and park trees for the Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs and tree planting for Onondaga County's Save the Rain program. Prior to that, Steve was Sales Manager for a native tree nursery involved in wetland restoration and an urban forestry educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County. Steve has degrees in Forestry from Paul Smiths College and SUNY ESF.

## **Charlotte (Chuckie) Holstein**

*Session: Shaping the Future of the Onondaga Lake Shoreline*

Charlotte (Chuckie) Holstein is founder and Executive Director of F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse, a citizen driven organization that fosters change in Central New York by enabling citizens to work together with government, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to improve the quality of life and economic future of citizens living in Central New York.

In honor of her service to national and international communities, in 1998 she received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, from LeMoyne College, a Jesuit college located in Syracuse.

She is an Honorary Vice President of the American Jewish Committee where she chaired the National Committee on the Role of Women and participated in the AJC sponsored "Women's Interreligious Mission" to Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Israel. She delivered a paper on elderly women at the 1985 United Nations NGO Conference for Women in Nairobi, Kenya and led an AJC delegation to the 1995 U.N. World Conference in Beijing, China. She co-led a delegation to four countries in South America where they met with the President of each country. She also met with Pope John Paul at his residence in the Vatican.

On October 16th, 2007 the City of Syracuse Mayor Matthew J. Driscoll proclaimed the day as "Charlotte (Chuckie) Holstein Commitment to Community Day" and planted a red maple tree downtown in her honor. In June, 2010 she was named F.O.C.U.S. "Wisdom Keeper" and a plaque was established in the City Wisdom Keeper Garden adjacent to City Hall Commons.

She is the recipient of many national and local awards for citizen trusteeship. The State of New York Court of Appeals appointed Holstein a member of the Board of Trustees of the New York State Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection. She is also a member of the Central New York District Board for Key Bank. In 2007 she was one of the Civic Ventures and Atlantic Philanthropies national Purpose Prize awardees for community service by senior citizens.

She served for 13 years as chair of Loretto, a multi-service cluster of organizations that provides care for older people. She spearheaded the development of The Nottingham, the first retirement community in New York State. Loretto honored her by naming the Loretto Administration building the "Charlotte G. Holstein Administration Building".

She is a founder of Leadership Greater Syracuse and Youth Leadership Greater Syracuse, the Syracuse Commission for Women, Meals on Wheels, and the City/County Office on Aging, Chuckie also served President Jimmy Carter on the Advisory Committee for the White House Conferences on Families, Governor Nelson Rockefeller on the New York State Board of Social Welfare, and Governor Hugh Carey as a member of the New York State Division for Youth. In partnership with University College of Syracuse University, she was instrumental in founding the "Citizens' Academy", a course of study about government. A graduate of SUNY College at Brockport, she served on the board of the Brockport Foundation. She has spoken to groups abroad and at home on a variety of topics. A number of her speeches and articles have been published.

She is married to Alexander Holstein, also a civic leader, has two married daughters, two married sons and 8 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Her children are all involved in their respective communities.

## **David Johnson**

*Session: Case Study: Village of Minoa Sustainability- Cleanwater Educational Research Facility (CERF)*

David Johnson is a Professor Emeritus of Environmental Chemistry at SUNY-ESF. Dr. Johnson has been with SUNY-ESF since 1975 as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor on the Environmental Chemistry Faculty. His current research activities focus on biomass energy, and in particular the use of anaerobic digestion to recycle the carbon from food wastes. Dr. Johnson earned a B.S. in Chemistry from Antioch College and a Ph.D. in Chemical Oceanography from the University of Rhode Island. He has authored/co-authored numerous publications.

## **Karyn L. Johnson**

*Session: Sustainable Streets*

Karyn Johnson is a Public Health Educator for the Onondaga County Health Department. She has worked in public health for over 12 years, including 4 years in Cayuga County and 8 years in Onondaga County, focusing on public health policy to decrease obesity and chronic disease for the past two years. Karyn has a master's degree in health education and is a Certified Health Educations Specialist (CHES)

## **David H. Kubek**

*Session: Reconciling Green Infrastructure Implementation Challenges: Case Studies and Local Experience*

Mr. Kubek is a Senior Planner with Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board. He holds a B.S. in Environmental Science from Saint Bonaventure University as well as an M.S. in Environmental and Forest Biology from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Mr. Kubek is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Quality, and has worked in the stormwater management field for seven years. Mr. Kubek's experiences include coordination of a regional committee of regulated municipalities while working as a Conservation District Technician with Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District; preparation and review of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans – particularly for municipal projects - as an Environmental Scientist with Barton & Loguidice, P.C.; and most recently, providing education, training, and stormwater retrofit planning assistance to municipal officials and the land development industry as part of CNYRPDB's MS4 Stormwater Assistance program.

## **Bill Lansley**

*Session: Shaping the Future of the Onondaga Lake Shoreline*

Bill Lansley is a native of Camillus, where he currently resides. He spent 20 years in private business management, traveling nationwide working in the field of family entertainment for Bally and Namco corporations, from business development and operations to construction, as well as partnering with large venue operators such as Six Flags.

Bill returned to Syracuse in 2002 to work in the not for profit world of youth development with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Syracuse, where he developed programs such as after school childcare systems, extended education and recreation programming, and worked with the Syracuse City School District with summer school and after school club programs.

In 2008, Bill joined the Onondaga County Department of Corrections as Business Administrator, and was responsible all financial, Human Resources and inmate programs and activities for the facility.

Bill was appointed as Commissioner of Onondaga County Parks and Recreation in 2009.

## **Kenneth P. Lynch**

*Session: Shaping the Future of the Onondaga Lake Shoreline*

Kenneth P. Lynch is a native of Central New York where he was raised and graduated from Jordan-Elbridge High School. He graduated from Yale University in 1984 with a B.A. degree in Economics and Political Science. He obtained his law degree from Syracuse University College of Law in 1988 and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1989.

Prior to joining the NYSDEC, Ken was in practice in Syracuse by himself with a general practice, emphasizing real property law, land development and land use/zoning. Ken has represented developers, large and small business, municipalities and private individuals.

Ken joined the DEC in November, 1995 as Region 7's Regional Attorney. As Regional Attorney he was in charge of enforcement of the State's environmental laws and regulations, permitting regulated activities, advising the Department's staff and informing the public on environmental matters.

In December, 1996 Ken assumed the role as Acting Regional Director of Region 7. He was appointed as Regional Director in May, 1997. As Director, Ken is in charge of implementing and overseeing the Department's policies in the nine county Region.

Specifically, Ken's work has included implementation of the 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Environmental Bond Act, negotiation and implementation of the Amended Consent Judgment to address Onondaga Lake wastewater issues, and negotiation of a Consent Decree with Honeywell to implement the remediation of hazardous waste in Onondaga Lake. Ken has also worked on the implementation of several brownfields projects in Central New York.

Ken represents the DEC Commissioner and the Governor on the:

- Susquehanna River Basin Commission;
- Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission; and
- Onondaga Lake Partnership

Ken is an active outdoorsman and resides in Elbridge, New York with his wife, twin twenty year old sons, and thirteen year old daughter.

## **Jessi Lyons**

*Session: Why You Should Care About Emerald Ash Borer*

Jessi Lyons is the Team Coordinator of Natural Resource programs at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County. She received a Bachelor's of Science in environmental studies from Southern Oregon University and a Master's of Landscape Architecture from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Her work has focused on forest ecology management and research, community design, and environmental education.

## **Aaron McKeon**

*Session: Sustainable Streets*

Aaron McKeon has been a transportation planner with the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council since 2010. His previous experience includes working as a planner with CHA, Inc. and seven years as an environmental planner with the California Department of Transportation in Sacramento. Aaron is a graduate of the University of Rochester and of Cornell University's Master of Regional Planning program.



## **Paul S. Mercurio**

### *Session: Sustainable Streets*

Paul S. Mercurio is the Transportation Planner for the City of Syracuse, working out of the Department of Public Works. A native New Yorker, he has lived in Syracuse for nearly 10 years where he came to Syracuse to attend SUNY ESF and obtain a Master of Landscape Architecture. In the course of his studies, Paul focused on street corridor design, complementing his undergraduate thesis on the impacts of flooding on the subway system in Boston. Falling in love with Syracuse, Paul bought a house and has worked locally as a Neighborhood Planner with the City, and regionally as a Transportation Planner with the SMTC.

## **Craig Milburn**

### *Session: Shaping the Future of the Onondaga Lake Shoreline*

Craig Milburn is a Partner at Brown & Sanford Consulting and has been working with Honeywell on the Onondaga Lake project since 2004. He oversees Honeywell's communications, community affairs, and government relations programs associated with their work on the lake cleanup. He works closely with community members on the Onondaga Lake Community Participation Working Group, local stakeholders and government officials to keep them apprised of the progress with the lake cleanup. Craig has overseen two community planning projects that gathered community input for future uses of Honeywell-owned land along the southwestern lakeshore of Onondaga Lake. He's lived in Central New York since 1994 and is a 2007 graduate of Leadership Greater Syracuse.

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## **Dominic Robinson**

*Session: From Problem Properties to Prosperity: The Making of a City-County Land Bank*

Dominic is the founder and director of the “Northside Urban Partnership” (Northside UP), a neighborhood revitalization initiative sponsored by St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center, the CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity (CenterState CEO), Catholic Charities, and several community-based organizations. In that role Dominic has been responsible for developing and administering programs related to commercial property renovation, workforce development programs, business development, beautification, and housing. Northside UP began as “the Northside Collaboratory” which Dominic founded in 2007. In March of 2008 Dominic began to work with the Metropolitan Development Association (now CenterState CEO) and St. Joseph’s Hospital in coordinating the revitalization efforts within Syracuse’s Northside. As more partners have come to the table over the years, the efforts have been formalized under the Northside UP banner. In all of his work, Dominic is working to bridge the gap between grassroots community development and large scale economic investment.

Dominic is also the Deputy Director of Urban Initiatives for CenterState CEO, a regional economic development and business leadership organization in Central Upstate New York. In this role he works on developing and advocating for public policies that are essential for development in Upstate post-industrial cities, and he is working with the Center for Community Progress to facilitate a strategic plan for the disposition and development of vacant properties within the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County.

## **David Skeval**

*Session: Why You Should Care About Emerald Ash Borer*

David Skeval is a Forestry Resource Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County. David holds a Master of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a dual B.A. in Advertising and Psychology from Syracuse University. He previously worked as Chief Forester for Cotton-Hanlon and has managed 50,000 acres of forest land in New York and Pennsylvania. More recently, he has worked as a consulting forester serving forest landowners throughout New York.

## **Jamie Sutphen**

*Session: Planning and Zoning: An Introduction*

Jamie Lynn Sutphen is a partner in the Syracuse Law Firm of Baldwin & Sutphen, LLP. Ms. Sutphen’s practice includes representation of municipal planning and zoning boards as well as town boards on land planning issues. As a member of a town board appointed committee, she was recently instrumental in advising the Town of DeWitt on the comprehensive redrafting of the town zoning and planning codes. Ms. Sutphen also represents clients on matters of development and zoning before various municipal boards and is currently the planning board attorney for the Town of DeWitt Planning Board. She has frequently represented both municipal and landowner clients on Article 78 proceedings involving zoning and planning issues. Ms. Sutphen is a member of the Onondaga County Bar Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the Onondaga County Planning Federation where she recently assisted in the redrafting of the Federation by-laws. Ms. Sutphen is a graduate of Temple University School of Law and is a member in good standing of the New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

## **Katelyn Wright**

*Session: From Problem Properties to Prosperity: The Making of a City-County Land Bank*

Katelyn Wright is the lead planner for the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency (SURA), which the City has repurposed to function as an “interim land bank,” utilizing SURA for site assembly and to facilitate public-private partnerships in the redevelopment of blighted neighborhoods. In this capacity, she has planned for the Land Bank’s functions within the City to complement other revitalization tools and to redevelop derelict properties in order to improve residents’ quality of life, stabilize property values, and encourage private investment. Katelyn worked with the Division of Code Enforcement to implement a mobile phone app that enables code inspectors to better monitor and collect data on the condition of vacant buildings. She also worked with Code Enforcement to establish new procedures, using this data, to plan for court-ordered demolitions to complement other City-sponsored revitalization efforts.

Katelyn is also the land use planner for the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability. She is currently completing a citywide land use plan that will guide a major overhaul of the City’s zoning ordinance. This plan focuses on the need for the zoning ordinance to reinforce walkable urban patterns, mixed-use neighborhood centers, and provide predictable design guidelines for new construction and major renovations. Zoning revisions called for in this plan will also enable alternative and green uses for vacant land and encourage the connection of open spaces and focusing development around neighborhood business corridors. Katelyn holds a master of regional planning degree from Cornell University.