

PAUL BEYER – DIRECTOR OF SMART GROWTH

Paul Beyer is the State Director of Smart Growth Planning at the NYS Department of State. In this position, Paul promotes the principles of Smart Growth on the state, regional and local level in New York. Paul's experience in land use and Smart Growth began when he worked in the New York State Legislature, where he focused on land use, environmental and public health policy. Paul served on the Planning Board in the Town of Amherst, NY for five years, where he helped develop the town's Comprehensive Plan. Paul also served on the Board of Directors of Partners for a Livable Western New York, the premier Smart Growth advocacy group in the Buffalo-Niagara region. Paul has a law degree from the University at Buffalo.

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EDUCATION

University at Buffalo School of Law - Admitted to NYS Bar-2/96

SUNY at Fredonia - BA, History/Political Science-1984

PUBLIC POLICY EXPERIENCE

New York State Department of State, Albany, NY, 1/08-Present
Director of Smart Growth Planning

Coordinate the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet - inter-agency effort to promote Smart Growth and sustainable development in state operations and public policy.

Executive Chamber, Office of Taxpayer Accountability, Albany, NY, 6/10-Present
Special Advisor/Public Relations

Conduct public relations; develop website; coordinate data-based performance system.

Executive Chamber, Office of NYS Governor Spitzer, Albany, NY, 2/07-1/08
Special Assistant for the Environment

Developed and promoted public policy in the areas of environmental protection, land use, and sustainable development/Smart Growth.

American Cancer Society (ACS), Albany, NY, 9/89-8/92
Director of Public/Governmental Affairs

New York State Legislature, Albany, NY, 1/87-8/89
Legislative Staff Director to Assembly Member Pete Grannis

V.I.S.T.A. Volunteer, Dunkirk, NY, 6/84-6/86

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NYS Department of Law, Albany, NY, 1/03-2/07
Assistant Attorney General -- Health Care Bureau

NYS Supreme Court, Buffalo, NY, 1/98-12/03
Confidential Law Clerk to Hon. Patrick H. NeMoyer, JSC

Erie County Department of Law, Buffalo, NY, 1/96-1/98
Assistant County Attorney

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Amherst Town Planning Board Member, Amherst, NY, 6/99-1/03

Better Business Bureau (Upstate New York) Board Member, Buffalo, NY, 1/00-1/11

