

Natalie Quinn

City of Poughkeepsie



Natalie Quinn is an urban planner specializing in transit-oriented development policy, neighborhood revitalization, and community-engagement techniques. She has diverse experience working on urban planning projects on both coasts of the US and around the world.

Natalie joined the City of Poughkeepsie as Senior City Planner in January 2018. Natalie is responsible for guiding Poughkeepsie's growth and development on both the macro and micro scale. She has led long-range strategic planning efforts for the city through the implementation of the Poughkeepsie Innovation District policy and zoning code update, revisions to city-wide sign regulations, and an update to the city's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program ("LWRP"). Natalie also assists in turning plans into reality as she works with local property owners and developers to shepherd development proposals through the city's land use approvals process.

Before joining the City of Poughkeepsie, Natalie worked in the private, public and non-profit planning sectors in New York City. As Junior Associate at Kevin Dwarka Land Use & Economic Consulting, Natalie provided municipal clients throughout the New York Metro Region with expert regulatory and policy analysis focused on the rejuvenation of commercial districts, achievement of smart growth principles, and adoption of transit-supportive land use policies. Prior to KDLLC, Natalie worked at the NYC Department of City Planning, Bike New York, and Citizens Planning Association in Santa Barbara, California.

A native Californian, Natalie moved to New York City in 2012 to pursue an M.S. in Urban Planning at Columbia University's Graduate School for Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. With a dual concentration in International Planning and Sustainable Land Use, she worked on projects in South America and South East Asia including: growth management in Medellin, Colombia; downtown redevelopment in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Complete Streets in Yangon, Myanmar. For her Master's thesis, Natalie investigated the success of TOD policy implementation along the Gold Line in Los Angeles, California. Her research assessed the barriers, opportunities, and practical issues affecting the translation of TOD policy from vision to reality.

Natalie received a BA in Environmental Studies and Geological Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara.