



Kelley M. St. John

Resiliency Grants Manager, City of Buffalo

Kelley St. John is a Resiliency Grants Manager for the City of Buffalo who works to secure unique funding streams that support the City's sustainability and resilience initiatives. In this role, St. John primarily works between the Office of the Mayor and Buffalo Fire Department on resilience projects, and is responsible for coordinating the City's Climate Smart Community Task Force – a collaborative climate action stakeholder group that assists to guide the City's participation and implementation of state-sponsored climate and energy programs.

St. John began her career with the City of Buffalo as a Climate Fellow assisting with climate impact analysis for the City's Energy Master Plan and Buffalo Sewer Authority's RainCheck 2.0 initiative. A dedicated public servant and resident, St. John represents the City of Buffalo on the Board of the Western New York Environmental Alliance, creating connections between regional non-profit groups and local government to advance environmental justice and social equity through policy.

St. John brings experience from her contributions to applied research and policy making in communities across the Great Lakes. As a research assistant with the Resilient Buildings Lab, St. John prepared vulnerability assessment tools for the City of Cleveland, Ohio climate action plan update. During her time with the Food Systems Planning and Healthy Communities Lab, St. John worked on the Growing Food Connections team to manage a national database of local government food systems policies.

St. John is a life-long resident of Western New York, growing up among the rural landscapes of Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties on her family's fourth-generation dairy operation. She holds degrees in Urban and Regional Planning, and Environmental Studies from the University at Buffalo, and currently resides in North Buffalo.