

**Evan Pratt, P.E.**, Water Resources Commissioner of Washtenaw County, Director of Public Works [pratte@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:pratte@ewashtenaw.org)

Evan Pratt has enjoyed a career in municipal infrastructure, most recently as the elected Water Resources Commissioner for Washtenaw County since 2013, and appointed as Director of Public Works in 2014. Prior to that, he worked 24 years as a municipal consulting engineer, including several years as a Board member and Corporate Treasurer for a 200 person consulting firm. He was appointed to the Governor's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure Commission in 2016, partly based on past leadership in professional organizations focused on infrastructure.

He is a 1987 graduate of MIT, and an active leader in several professional and volunteer organizations focused on governmental policy, including the Planning Commission and Capital Improvement Planning Committee for the City of Ann Arbor. In addition to serving as President of the Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association, among other roles, Mr. Pratt has served on statewide land use committees for the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of Planners, along with the committee that developed the statewide Low Impact Development manual for stormwater management.

**Michelle Parkkonen**, Manager, Redevelopment Ready Communities  
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Michelle Parkkonen is the Manager of the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation where she oversees the team of RRC planners and the management of the certification program promoting effective redevelopment strategies through a set of best practices. In her current position, Ms. Parkkonen is working to lead the team to support community revitalization in Michigan. Prior to joining the MEDC, Ms. Parkkonen worked for the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) Regional Commission as a Planner, providing technical assistance to communities in Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee and Schoolcraft Counties. She is a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a degree in Biology and a Master's degree in Public Administration.

**Andrea Brown**, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Planning (MAP)  
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Andrea Brown has served as the Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP), the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association, since 2004. MAP is one of the largest of APA's chapters with nearly 4,000 members and serves professional community planners and elected and appointed land use decision makers like planning commissions zoning boards and elected local leaders. MAP provides information, education and advocacy that support quality community planning.

Ms. Brown is responsible for the development of MAP's land use and planning policy; for advancing MAP's legislative agenda in Lansing; and for developing relationships and partnerships, forming coalitions, and working closely with other land use leaders, state agencies, and non-profits. Brown is the chief fundraiser for MAP and has successfully secured more than \$1.3 million in grants, sponsorships and contributions since 2004 which advance the MAP mission. Before being appointed as executive director, Ms. Brown served as MAP's Information Director for 4 years. She is a member of steering committees and advisory boards too numerous to mention. She is a member of the Mi Place Leadership team, the Sense of Place Council, and was appointed to the Complete Streets Advisory Council by Governor Granholm in 2010.

Prior to joining MAP in 2000, Ms. Brown had accrued over a dozen years of experience as a professional community planner, working in both the public and private sectors. She received awards for two comprehensive plans for which she was project manager during her tenure with the City of Ann Arbor. Ms. Brown is an AICP certified planner, a registered lobbyist, and holds certificates from the Form Based Institute and Charette Systems and Charette Management certificates from the National Charette Institute. She holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in urban planning from Eastern Michigan University.

**Roger Belknap**, Coordinator, Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC)  
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The Michigan Department of Transportation hired Roger Belknap as the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) Coordinator in January of 2016. Rog brings a strong planning and infrastructure management background to this role that he gained while working as the Public Works Director for both the City of Cedar Springs and more recently the Village of Spring Lake. Rog also worked for the Kent County Road Commission for 11 years as a Transportation Planner, and was heavily involved with the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) data collection for the TAMC and other local transportation planning initiatives. Rog earned both a Bachelors and Masters in Public Administration from Grand Valley State University and has obtained licenses for municipal water supply distribution and limited treatment.

**Elizabeth Riggs**, Deputy Director, Huron River Watershed Council  
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Elizabeth Riggs serves as Deputy Director for the Huron River Watershed Council, a research and education not-for-profit recognized internationally for its successful collaborative approach to integrated river basin management. Elizabeth manages RiverUp!, a public-private revitalization of the Huron River focused on projects that improve river ecology, recreation, and placemaking that leverages freshwater assets. She also manages the Huron River Water Trail and led the effort for its 2015 designation as

the 18<sup>th</sup> National Water Trail through the National Park Service. Elizabeth previously facilitated initiatives with municipal, business, and university partners to achieve Clean Water Act program compliance, including Michigan's first nutrient and bacteria TMDLs. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Lawrence University.

**Sean Reed**, Founder & Executive Director, Clean Energy Coalition  
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As Clean Energy Coalition's founder and executive director, Sean Reed provides strategic planning, leadership, and guidance to the organization. Mr. Reed has successfully acquired, managed, and completed more than 50 state, federal, and foundation grants valued at more than \$90 million. Before founding Clean Energy Coalition in 2005, he served as a program developer and energy analyst for the City of Ann Arbor's Energy Office. Mr. Reed has also worked for WARM Training Center in Detroit, at Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation also in Detroit; the Olkonorei Integrated Pastoralist Survival Program in Tanzania, Africa; and as an instructor at the Japanese Ministry of Education. He holds master's degrees in social work and urban planning from the University of Michigan.

**Dave Marshke**, Utilities Superintendent, City of Burton  
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Dave Marshke has been Utilities Superintendent for the City of Burton for more than 18 years and was a Water Operator and Pipeline Welder for the San Diego Regional Water Authority for over six years. Dave holds S-1 and D-4 Water Operator Licenses with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Marshke has spearheaded Burton's technical and engineering efforts to upgrade its water and sewer systems.

**Dr. Dima El-Gamal**, Senior Associate, Stantec Consulting  
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Dr. Dima El-Gamal is a Senior Associate with Stantec Consulting. She holds a PHD in civil engineering from Wayne State University. Dr. El-Gamal leads the infrastructure master planning and project funding efforts in Stantec's Ann Arbor Michigan Office. Over the last 18 years she has assisted numerous communities in securing over one hundred twenty-five million Dollars (\$125,000,000) in low interest loans and grants. Dr. El-Gamal is very familiar with a variety of funding programs including but not limited to Michigan's DWRP and SRF programs. She is instrumental in supporting municipalities in submitting for and/or administering grants and loans. She also served on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ's) Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) program grant advisory workgroup.