

*Daniel Castle, AICP.*

*Commissioner of the Erie County Dept of Environment & Planning*

*Mr. Castle currently serves as Commissioner of the Erie County Dept of Environment & Planning, and has 38 years' experience as a Land Use and Environmental Planner in both the public and private sector. He began his career working as a Planner with the Oneida and Herkimer Counties Planning Departments. He then spent 30 years working at Ecology & Environment Inc working his way from Planner/Project Manager to the Vice President of Business Development consulting on a wide array of planning and development projects including brownfield redevelopment, waterfront redevelopment, transportation and utility infrastructure, military installation planning/Base Closure studies, energy facilities permitting, municipal/facility master plans, and NEPA/SEQR environmental impact assessment projects throughout the United States and internationally. WNY projects that Mr. Castle consulted on include the Buffalo Convention Center, KeyBank Arena EIS, Lakeside Commerce Park, Southtowns Connector, US Route 219 Extension, Peace Bridge Expansion, and the Niagara River Greenway Plan.*

*Mr. Castle joined the Erie County Dept of Environment & Planning in 2019 as the Deputy Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development and was appointed as Commissioner in 2021. In this role, he oversees the Division of Planning & Economic Development, the Division of Sewerage Management, and the Division of Environmental Compliance Services. He represents Erie County on several Boards and Committees and is the Chair of the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee.*

*Mr. Castle lives in the Village of East Aurora, where he has been on the Village Planning Commission for over 25 years, including its Chair from 2000 to 2021.*