

**MICHELE S.W. PAUL, L.S.P.**  
**Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship**  
**City of New Bedford, MA**

**PROFILE**

Environmental professional and community advocate with over 30 years of experience managing multi-faceted and complex public and private projects to enhance and improve environmental quality equitably. As the Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship, oversees City-wide Energy, Resilience, Environmental Response, and Conservation initiatives.

**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

**City of New Bedford, MA (2012 to present) – *Licensed Site Professional, Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship***

- Spearheads and coordinates interdepartmental municipal resilience initiatives and projects including coastal management, energy efficiency and clean energy transition, sustainable practices, green infrastructure, greenhouse gas reduction, and climate mitigation and adaptation planning.
- Identifies, procures, and manages federal and local grants for departmental operations; and
- Oversees management of hazardous materials and cleanup of property throughout the City, manages City obligations relative to environmental issues, promotes Brownfield redevelopment, and coordinates cleanup activity by responsible parties.

**Fall River Office of Economic Development – *Licensed Site Professional, Project Director, Harbor Coordinator***

- Provided project management services for the Fall River Redevelopment Authority and the Office of Economic Development, working with multiple state agencies and programs including the Massachusetts Seaport Council, and MassDevelopment, MassWorks, and the office of Housing and Community Development; and
- Managed the City's Brownfields efforts including grant application, project procurement and oversight, and reporting.

**Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. Providence, RI – *Licensed Site Professional, Senior Project Manager, Brownfields Coordinator***

- Lead Brownfield redevelopment efforts to revitalize underutilized sites and stimulate economic development in older industrial areas with a focus on Massachusetts' Gateway Cities;
- Coordinated work among VHB's disciplines to cross-sell and to provide maximum service toward total project success; and.

**Lincoln Environmental, Inc., Smithfield, RI – *Senior Project Manager***

- Managed client team and ensured performance satisfaction for company's largest client, cultivating inclusive participation to streamline communication and to provide a consistent, comprehensive approach to client needs. Oversaw client-team budget management and invoicing procedures to ensure adherence to specific client criteria.
- Directed field staff and self-performed drilling, monitor well installation, sample collection, and remedial system installation, operation, and maintenance.

**LICENSURE**

Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional, 2001 to present

**EDUCATION**

B.S., Civil Engineering, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, 1989

Masters Coursework - Public Policy (Economic Development concentration), University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth 2006-2008

Community Preservation Institute, Certificate Program, University of Massachusetts, 2002

Certificate, Business Leadership Program, Bryant College, Smithfield, RI, 2001

**PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION**

Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional Association:

Board of Directors 2017 – 2023, President 2019, 2020

Education Committee 2010 – present; Chair 2011, 2012, 2014, 2023

Legislative Committee 2016 – present

Swansea Advisory and Finance Board – September 2014 – present

MassDevelopment Brownfields Advisory Group – 2015 – present

MassDevelopment New Market Tax Credit Advisory Board – 2015 – present

MassDEP Waste Site Cleanup Advisory Committee 2015 – present

MassDEP Greener Cleanups Working Group 2013 – 2018

Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development/Legislative Affairs, and LNG Committees – 2001-2012

Leadership SouthCoast, graduate – 2007, board member – 2008 -2016

Swansea Board of Health, member - 1992 through 1997

**PRESENTATIONS**

Bringing Democratic Decision Making to Authentic Community Engagement, Urban Sustainability Directors' Network, October 2023, New Orleans, LA

Equity in Engagement, National Brownfields Conference, August 2023, Detroit, MI

Deep Democracy in the Policy Process, Resilient Cities Summit, June 2023, Falmouth, MA

NB Resilient, American Planning Association National Conference, September 2022 (virtual)

Climate Change Considerations for Environmental Professionals, Environmental Business Council, July, 2020 (virtual)

New Bedford's Climate Action and Resilience Plan, Environmental Business Council, October 2019, Quincy, MA