

Bethany Davidson, a North Side resident, has been the Director of the Pittsburgh Land Bank [PLB] since January of 2019, where she oversees the daily operations and implementation of the inaugural strategic plan of Pittsburgh's newest government agency. As part of this work, Ms. Davidson is spearheading the effort to reform the intersection and interaction between community-based nonprofits and local government entities around land acquisition for the realization of community visions. Ms. Davidson transitioned to the PLB from her role as Manager of Land Recycling at the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh where she worked to implement comprehensive land use systems reform for various public agencies and departments, including the start-up of the PLB.



A Philadelphia transplant, her commitment to affordable housing and equitable development has spanned 15 years in Pittsburgh. Prior to her time in local government, she spent 10 years as Director of Land Use Policy at the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group, a membership organization comprised of Pittsburgh urban core neighborhood groups. Ms. Davidson has served on numerous committees in her capacity as a regional land use and affordable housing expert, including the City's Greenways for Pittsburgh 2.0 Management Committee, the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Task Force of the Fair Housing Commission, the City of Pittsburgh Affordable Housing Task Force, Common Ground: Pittsburgh Regional Community Land Trust, the Green Ribbon Committee for the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Real Estate Loan Review Committee, the Urban Forest Master Plan Steering Committee, and the Mayor's Land Recycling Task Force and ServePGH Committees.

Bethany is active in her community and has also served in leadership positions for Pittsburgh Social Venture Partners, Coro National Board of Governors, and the Midwife Center for Birth and Women's Health. In her free time, Bethany sings karaoke at the top of her lungs and runs (jogs) marathons, as an excuse to explore the many incredible cities throughout the world. Ms. Davidson earned her Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University, and her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Penn State University.