

Office of State Planning Coordination Director, David Edgell, Announces Retirement



After a fulfilling career spanning almost 25 years and four gubernatorial administrations, I will be retiring as Director of the Office of State Planning Coordination (OSPC) effective January 1, 2027.

I joined the team at OSPC in 2002. I was drawn by the opportunity to help local governments prepare and implement their comprehensive plans, and by the premise that by coordinating local land use and State infrastructure we could make Delaware a better place. All of these years later, I still enjoy working with local governments and our State agencies, and I continue to believe that our mission is critically important to helping Delaware navigate growth and change while retaining the character of the place we call home.

I spent many years as a Principal Planner working directly with local governments and State agencies. Then, in 2021, I was appointed the Director of OSPC. I've valued my time as Director because I have been able to work with communities statewide, as well as with agency leadership and the legislature. A highlight has been working with Governor Meyer and his administration, and I'm thankful for their support of planning in Delaware and our office. I'd also like to thank the leadership here at the Office of Management and Budget, who have always believed in our mission and provided us with the resources to plan for Delaware's future.

We've made tremendous progress in the 25 years I've been a part of this office, and now we have a strong framework for comprehensive planning and coordinating land use and infrastructure throughout the state. But we are not done. Planning is a continuous process of engaging one another to solve problems, envision the future, and create the Delaware we'd like our children to inherit. We always need to monitor and adapt to new trends and changes, and work together to evolve our plans and policies to address them while preserving our quality of life and our environment. As I am preparing to transition from my current role into retirement, I'm most proud of the fact that I'm leaving behind a talented, capable team of planners here at OSPC who are ready to address these emerging challenges. I know they will work tirelessly with all of you to continue to plan for Delaware's long-term growth and success.

I'll be here through the end of the year, so please contact me if you'd like to connect about plans, projects, unfinished business or just to talk about planning. Email me at david.edgell@delaware.gov.