

# Karen Dettmer

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## CREDENTIALS

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Licensed Professional Engineer, Wisconsin #40129-06

## EDUCATION

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<b>Milwaukee School of Engineering</b>	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
<i>Master of Science in Environmental Engineering</i>	
<b>Milwaukee School of Engineering</b>	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
<i>Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering</i>	

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Department of Public Works, City of Milwaukee** Coordination Manager

June 2016 – Present

- Manages and coordinates all engineering and related services and activities required by Public Works Divisions needed to successfully plan and complete major development projects.
- Serves as the Department's point of contact for Common Council members, developers, Public Works personnel, community groups, the public, and all others regarding projects and programs. Initiates planning meetings and consultations with all interested and affected parties. Represents the Commissioner of Public Works at these and other meetings.
- Serves as Department's ADA contact overseeing compliance with the 2016 Department of Justice Settlement Agreement.
- Investigates, reviews, and solves complex and/or politically sensitive issues and problems regarding the planning and implementation of projects and programs; prepares reports and implements directives regarding issues; represents the Commissioner of Public Works before the Common Council, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the City Plan Commission, and other official bodies.
- Serves as transportation planning liaison with outside agencies such as DCD, BIDs, and various, city, county, state and regional planning agencies.
- Provides administration and coordination services between the City and land developers for out-of-program sewer, water, and paving improvements.
- Supervise the processing and approval of DPW permits, building permits, special event permits, special privileges, subterranean and airspace leases, outdoor cafes, and parklets.

### **Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee** Senior Environmental Project Engineer

April 2011 – June 2016

- Manage complex environmental projects, including building demolition, stormwater planning, closed landfill management, and infrastructure projects
- Interface with local, state and federal officials and community stakeholders as well as other city departments to advise on environmental and development projects
- Manage grant funding from various private, state, and federal sources
- Coordinate and manage environmental consultant contracts to ensure technical competence, institute cost management practices, and review compliance with regulatory requirements
- Manage tax foreclosure deferral process for environmentally impacted property
- Manage financial incentive programs for brownfield assessment and redevelopment
- Maintain compliance with environmental health and safety training for various department staff

## **Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee**

Senior Environmental Project Coordinator

January 2007 – April 2011

- Facilitate environmental planning and development activities for various city departments and agencies
- Conduct environmental impact assessments and Phase I environmental site assessments
- Manage Phase II environmental activities and remediation projects with consultant contracts
- Prepare federal and state grant applications and manage grant compliance

## **GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.**

Architectural/Environmental Engineer

July 2003 – January 2007

- Conduct environmental site assessments to assist clients with due diligence, including remediation design feasibility studies
- Conduct property condition assessment and prepare building maintenance schedules and plans
- Evaluate industrial work places for environmental health and safety compliance and prepare worker safety manuals
- Conduct toxicological assessments and provide litigation support
- Evaluate indoor air quality and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) design performance
- Investigate microbial contamination and provide litigation support

## **APPOINTMENTS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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### **Menomonee Valley Partners Board Member**

Elected October 2018

### **Near West Side Partners Board Member**

Elected September 2018

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, City of Milwaukee**

Appointed by Mayor Tom Barrett

### **Special Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, City of Milwaukee**

Appointed by Ghassan Korban, former Commissioner of Public Works

### **Standards and Appeals Commission (alternate), City of Milwaukee**

Appointed by Ghassan Korban, former Commissioner of Public Works

### **American Public Works Association**

Member since 2016

### **Wisconsin Brownfield Study Group**

Member since 2015

Chair, Technical Subcommittee for the 2015 Brownfield Study Group Report - Investing in Wisconsin

### **Contaminated Materials External Advisory Group, 2015**

Invited by Cathy Stepp, former Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

### **Contaminated Sediments External Advisory Group, 2015**

Invited by Cathy Stepp, former Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

## **AWARDS**

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### **Recognition and Award for Service by the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee**

2018 HACM Annual Meeting

### **Award for Project of the Year, Lakefront Gateway by WTS Wisconsin**

2018 WTS Wisconsin Scholarship and Award Event (Advancing Women in Transportation)

### **Partnership Award Recipient by the Downtown Business Improvement District**

2017 BID 21 Annual Meeting