

ERICK SHAMBARGER

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PROFILE

Environmental sustainability leader recognized as a national expert on energy issues, with proven record of obtaining large grants and managing programs, with additional experience and expertise in water technologies, green infrastructure, and economic development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CITY OF MILWAUKEE, Office of Environmental Sustainability, Milwaukee, WI

Environmental Sustainability Program Manager (Deputy Director)

2009-Present

- Work closely and effectively with the Executive Director in strategic planning, setting OES agenda, hiring, training, and managing staff, and managing the division's budgets.
- Fully delegated authority to act in the Executive Director's absence.
- Proven record of building effective strategic partnerships with government, business, philanthropic and community organizations.
- Lead the [award-winning Milwaukee Energy Efficiency \(Me²\) program](#)
 - Secured \$12.3 million in competitive grant funds from the US Department of Energy that generated \$24 million of residential and commercial energy efficiency retrofits, including 1,294 homes and 130 commercial properties.
 - Built and coordinated partnerships with nonprofit and business entities to develop and implement the award-winning program.
 - Trained energy advocates and contractors to effectively participate in program.
 - Negotiated with union and community partners to create a [Community Workforce Agreement](#) that put local unemployed or underemployed City residents back to work.
- Developing the innovative *Location, Location, Efficiency!* commercial building retrofit program, which was recently awarded a [\\$750,000 grant from the US Department of Energy](#) to help commercial building owners increase occupancy and profits.
- Saved Wisconsin local governments \$1.2 million annually (including \$700,000 for Milwaukee) by identifying changes to streetlight electric rates and successfully [intervening](#) on We Energies rate case.
- Developed the policies and procedures for the Property Assessed Clean Energy ([PACE](#)) [financing](#) program, the first of its kind in Wisconsin, and approved the first [project](#) in Wisconsin. The US Department of Energy designated it an "[Implementation Model](#)" to be replicated nationally.
- Lead the City's participation in the US Department of Energy's [Better Buildings Challenge](#), for which Milwaukee received [national recognition](#). Three-time panelist at the National Better Buildings Summit in Washington, D.C.
- Developed the [BaseTernTM](#) concept of converting basements of abandoned homes in flood prone neighborhoods into underground stormwater management systems, which yielded national coverage on [National Public Radio](#) and [WBEZ \(Chicago\)](#) and [print](#).
- Devised the [Green Streets Stormwater Management Plan](#) to better integrate green infrastructure planning with the City's capital improvement plan for streets.
- Collaborated in the development of the [Refresh Milwaukee](#) Sustainability Plan.

- Managed City's eight-activity \$5.8 million Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant, including:
 - Project manager for the 100 KW [wind turbine](#) at the Port of Milwaukee.
 - Established public-private partnerships to install four [electric vehicle charging stations](#) at strategic locations.
 - Managed city facility retrofits, LED street lighting pilot projects, a sub-grant for Milwaukee's first bike-share station, and sub-grants to manufacturers for energy efficiency retrofits.
- Lead the City of Milwaukee *Energy Reduction Team*, a group of facility managers representing various areas of City government, to reduce energy use by 20% by year 2020
- Served as the Mayor's appointee on the City's [Flooding Study Task Force](#).
- National public speaker on energy issues, state-wide public speaker on water and green infrastructure/stormwater management issues.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE, Budget and Management Division, Milwaukee, WI

City Economist/Budget Analyst

2002-2009

- Led a 3-person team to provide staff support to the Green Team initiative. This included planning working group meetings, drafting and editing the final report.
 - Developed a stormwater fee on impervious surface to more equitably distribute sewer costs.
 - Served on the [Recycling Task Force](#) that introduced single-stream recycling collection and other service improvements.
 - Helped structure the Mayor's Accountability in Management (AIM) initiative.
 - Co-authored article on performance management in [Government Finance Review](#)
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EDUCATION

LAFOLLETTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Madison, WI

- Master of Public Affairs (Public Policy), May 2002

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, Milwaukee, WI

- Bachelor of Arts, Social Philosophy & Writing-Intensive English, Magna Cum Laude, May 2000
- Phi Beta Kappa, national honor society

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee, WI

- Certificate in Water Technology, June 2014

NELSON INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Madison, WI

- Certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy, May 2002
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COMMUNITY SERVICE & AWARDS

- Board Member, [Wisconsin Green Building Alliance](#) 2014-present
- *Public Sector Champion* award from [Latino Entrepreneurial Network of Southeastern WI](#) 2014
- Assistant Wrestling Coach, [City Kids](#) and *Ringers* wrestling clubs 2005-present
- [Future Milwaukee](#) leadership development program 2005
- *Leadership Award for Outstanding Contributions to Community Service*, Marquette University 1999