



Message from the President

PlanSmart NJ's Executive Director, Ann Brady, has informed the Board that she is retiring.

While all of us regret Ann's decision to retire, we appreciate her dedication and commitment to advancing PlanSmart NJ's mission of making New Jersey a better place to live, work, and play. Ann has been a dedicated employee for nearly 25 years and she brought a unique combination of planning and business skills to the organization. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank Ann for her unfailing commitment and leadership during a critical period in the growth of PlanSmart NJ and wish her well in the next chapter in her life.

Ann joined PlanSmart NJ (then MSM) as a Planner in 1992, and quickly became the Managing Director and was appointed Executive Director in 2013. In her various roles at PlanSmart NJ she helped to advance initiatives that promote economic development, environmental protection, social equity, and resource efficiency. Through her leadership she has helped move New Jersey into the vanguard of thoughtful, balanced regional planning.

During her tenure, Ann has become a credible and much sought-after voice for repurposing underutilized office and retail centers and has seen PlanSmart NJ become recognized as the state's leading independent planning organization.

Ann will remain in her present role until the end of the first quarter. She has generously agreed to continue to be a resource to PlanSmart NJ as a Senior Advisor. The Board is conducting a robust search for an Executive Director. David Fisher, vice president of the PlanSmart board is the chairman of the search committee. The Board is confident that the next leader will build upon PlanSmart NJ's broad body of work and that there will be a smooth transition in leadership. For information about the Executive Director search [click here](#).

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