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Eleanor Sharpe, AICP, LEEDTM AP is the Planning Director for the Department of Development in the City of New Rochelle. Ms. Sharpe has over ten years of design and management experience with an emphasis on community planning and revitalization. She oversees urban planning and planning review services as well as current and long-term land use & development issues, along with studies related to the planning and development of the City as it refreshes its land use rules and implements policies to capitalize on regional and national trends. She recently launched an update of the City's Comprehensive Plan, last updated in July 1996. Ms. Sharpe is also managing the HUD grant received under the Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI), to explore the feasibility of creating a transit oriented development zone around the City's transit hub.

Prior to joining the City in 2010, Ms. Sharpe was employed by the Netter Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Pennsylvania, working under the Office of Community and Government affairs on a variety of projects including the development of a new strategic plan for the Center and the West Philadelphia area it serves. She also served as a Commissioner on the Philadelphia Zoning Code Reform Commission, which oversaw the update and rewrite of the City's Zoning Code. Before that, Ms. Sharpe worked on a variety of master-plan development urban design, and public outreach projects as a Project Manager for Gannett Fleming, Inc. Planners & Engineers in Philadelphia. While in Philadelphia, Ms. Sharpe contributed significant time as a member of boards and committees, including the board of the Charter High School for Architecture & Design (CHAD) and the Penn Design Alumnae Association Board.

Ms. Sharpe received her B. Arch from Howard University in Washington DC. and her Master of City Planning (MCP) from the University of Pennsylvania. She is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners and also as an Accredited Professional by the United States Green Building Council as a Leader in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED, AP). In addition to her professional accomplishments Ms. Sharpe has taught for a number of years as an adjunct professor at both Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania.