



KATIE STUART-BUCKLEY

DIRECTOR OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION

B.A. Economics

Magna Cum Laude
University of Massachusetts,
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Katie's experience and expertise reflects the M&S mission of Empowering Community Revitalization. She has led a broad range of initiatives from community-driven and non-profit development work to statewide policy creation in the areas of housing, land-use, community and economic development and historic preservation. Katie is a thoughtful collaborator and is adept at forming creative partnerships that advance projects. As Director of Project Development, she connects economically challenged communities to the services offered by M&S and leads stakeholders through the demanding process required for successful and sustainable downtown revitalization projects. She utilizes her personal and professional experience to support businesses, institutions, local officials and community members to identify the key elements necessary to unlock economic and social viability and vitality. She listens closely to clients and provides sound guidance to unite partners and develop strategic plans that include complex capital funding packages.

Before joining the M&S team, Katie held leadership roles involving municipal management and finance, sensitive redevelopment of historic buildings for adaptive reuse, non-profit affordable housing, and community and economic development. Most recently she served as the State of Vermont's Commissioner for the Department of Housing & Community Development, appointed by the Governor.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Historic Preservation:

Led the State of Vermont Division for Historic Preservation which included oversight of federal and state historic tax credit programs, historic preservation grant programs, the state Designation Program as well as project review for compliance with state and federal regulations. Experienced in leading sensitive rehabilitation projects ranging from transportation infrastructure to mixed-used downtown buildings.

Affordable Housing:

Led the Vermont Community Development Program, responsible for administering the Vermont's annual allocation of HUD CDBG funding, a major funding source for affordable housing in the state. Experienced in the development of multifamily, affordable housing projects ranging from scattered-site historic buildings to upper stories in downtown mixed-use properties, using LIHTC, HUD CDBG, HUD HOME, National Housing Trust Fund, Vermont Housing Trust Fund, etc. Currently, she is Chair of the Board for the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, appointed by the Governor.