

Jayne Breschard, AICP, CFM is the new Director of Climate Resilience and Adaptation Planning at the New York State Department of State Office for Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure (OPDCI). This position will integrate resiliency principles across all OPDCI programs. In her role, Jayme will develop and implement new programs and initiatives while continuing to form strong partnerships with key state agencies and external partners. She will focus her efforts on the development of an officewide strategic resilience plan with implementable actions, creating innovative approaches and performance measures for resilience policy goals in addition to leading the design, implementation, and tracking of resiliency-focused grants.

With nearly 25 years of experience in community development and environmental planning, Jayme has gained expertise in both private and public sectors. This work has involved supporting communities in the preparation of grant applications, as well as overseeing project management and execution. Jayme has worked directly with communities on the benefits of floodplain, stormwater and watershed management together with hazard mitigation planning. She has led and developed climate action branding and marketing campaigns and served on state and national boards, including the Land Use and Local Government Advisory Panel to the New York State Climate Action Council. She is a graduate of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA, with a Dual BA in Geography and Historic Preservation, and Cornell University with an MA in Historic Preservation Planning.