

Biography

John Stafford

He is the Director of the Community Research Institute at IPFW. The Institute provides information and analysis on economic, demographic, public finance and socio-economic issues for public, not-for-profit and private organizations in Northeast Indiana. He also teaches classes in urban policy and planning in the Division of Public and Environmental Affairs at IPFW. He is a graduate of Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in urban planning and political science. He received his Masters degree in urban planning from the University of Illinois. He previously served the City of Fort Wayne in several capacities, including Director of Strategic Planning, Chief of Staff, Director of Economic Development, and Director of Long-Range Planning and Zoning. He has also served as the Deputy Director for the Allen County Plan Commission and as the Vice-President of Government and Community Affairs with the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce. He most recently served as the Vice-President for Local Government Services with Sagamore Associates.

He has or currently serves on the Northeast Indiana Comprehensive Development Strategy Regional Committee, the Advisory Board to the Northeast Indiana Regional Marketing Partnership, the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce Legislative Council, the Advisory Board for Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana, and the United Way of Allen County Community Investment Cabinet. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.