

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jennifer Coccozza

Jennifer Coccozza was appointed Commissioner of Planning & Development by County Executive Sue Serino in September 2026. She has worked for the Department of Planning & Development since 1996, when she joined the Department as an intern. Jennifer has served in a variety of positions in the Planning Department including Junior Planner, Planner, Senior Planner, Senior Transportation Planner and Deputy Commissioner before being appointed Commissioner. She holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies with an emphasis in Land Use Planning from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Over the past 29 years, she has advised Dutchess County municipalities on local land use issues, prepared advisory recommendations regarding local development proposals, assisted in the development of comprehensive plans and local laws, organized educational sessions and produced educational materials as program administrator for the Dutchess County Planning Federation, prepared budgets and financial reports, and overseen contract development with various agencies.

Brian F. Scoralick

Brian F. Scoralick joined the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District in 1997 as a District Technician and rising to Executive Director in 2014. Brian holds a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Sciences from the Pennsylvania State University. Additionally, he has multiple professional certifications used to assist contractors, engineers and municipalities address runoff and water quality concerns. In addition to erosion control and storm water management, he provides technical assistance to landowners and agricultural producers on various natural resource management issues affecting their property. Brian has represented the Conservation District and the vast natural resources of Dutchess County while serving on numerous committees with local, county, state, and federal partners.