

Board of Directors

Grow Smart Rhode Island's Board of Directors is one of the most diverse and influential collections of community leaders assembled in Rhode Island. Our current Board includes business leaders, college and university presidents, heads of urban revitalization organizations, transportation experts, the religious community, the farming sector, environmentalists, historic preservationists, non-profit housing developers, realtors and builders. The high profile and broad contacts of our Board are a major asset in promoting our vision and policy agenda to decision makers and active citizens throughout the state.

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