
CITY MANAGER

**CITY OF БЕLOIT SELECTS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Jan. 24, 2018 - The City of Beloit is pleased to announce the selection of Laura Pigatti Williamson as public works director, effective Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018.

Pigatti Williamson has dedicated the majority of her career to public works and construction project management in the public and private sector, including nine years as director of capital planning & management for the Rockford Park District. In that role, Williamson managed complex capital projects for the park district, which served all of Winnebago County, including Rockford and Loves Park, and portions of Boone County and Cherry Valley, IL.

Pigatti Williamson brings the leadership, skills, and experience needed to serve our community. As public works director, Williamson will oversee the city's engineering, operations, parks and leisure services, transit and utility divisions.

"As a neighbor to Beloit, I've been inspired by the development and growth of the community," Pigatti Williamson said. "I am excited to work for a city that seeks innovation and creativity to advance the efforts of the community's economic rebirth and instill community pride."

Pigatti Williamson was involved in the \$53 million Reclaiming First initiative, which included supporting the development of the UW Health Sports Factory in Rockford, IL and the oversight of the \$30 million expansion of the SportsCore II sports complex in Loves Park, IL. She also oversaw the construction of the \$20 million Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens and Riverfront Park in her role at the Rockford Park District, as well as developed and managed the long-range capital planning for \$81 million worth of capital assets, including 177 parks and facilities in the 125-square-mile area.

Pigatti Williamson holds a master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Illinois State University.

"Laura is a proven leader in public service and capital management; she is also energetic and passionate about providing the best possible results for the greater good of the community," City Manager Lori Curtis Luther said. "We can't wait to experience how Laura will use her energy to positively impact the department of public works and the community as a whole."

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