



## Mark Charles named Dayton's new Sustainability Manager

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City Manager Shelley Dickstein has announced the appointment of Mark Charles to the position of Sustainability Manager, effective Monday, September 30, 2019.

Charles brings nearly 40 years of environmental and sustainability experience, is currently the Chief of Environmental Management for the City of Rockville, Md. and has also served at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the states of Arizona and Oregon. He has a strong background in policy and project development, training, staff management, and leadership.

In Dayton, Mr. Charles will plan, direct, manage and oversee the activities and operations of the Office of Sustainability. He will be responsible for developing critical relationships with internal and external partners, with the aim of advancing the City's sustainability goals and objectives, including the Dayton Sustainability Plan.

"We are thrilled to have Mark's wealth of experience and expertise joining our team. He has directed environmental programs and initiatives at the Federal, State, and Local government levels. His background and understanding of sustainability strategies, energy conservation and efficiency, resource protection and grant development will be of tremendous value in moving the City's sustainability program and activities forward," Dickstein said.

Charles has a national reputation as a creative problem solver, is known for translating complicated scientific, technical, and engineering information into easily understood terms and will assist City personnel and Dayton residents and businesses. He is deft at designing meaningful public involvement opportunities that influence the direction government agencies take.

While at Rockville, Charles wrote the sustainability strategy, drafted environmental laws, and hired and trained the environmental staff.

Mr. Charles has a law degree from the Washington College of Law at American University and a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Northland College in Ashland, Wisc.

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