



## Implementing sustainability at the local level in Alaska

September 19, 2022  
12pm – 1pm (MDT)  
University of Alberta (via Zoom)

As part of the activities of the **UARctic Thematic Network on Local-scale Planning, Climate Change and Resilience**, John Duffy (University of Alaska, Anchorage) will share highlights of his research which considers the linkages between local government planning efforts for addressing climate change and associated actions. The linkages considered include local comprehensive plans, all hazard plans, climate action plans as well as subdivision and zoning ordinances. John will discuss local government planning powers and their implementation methods, and importantly how these powers and methods are being used to address the challenges of climate change. Focusing on local governments in Alaska, USA, John will also describe some of the attributes associated with local government “willingness” to address climate change. Welcome remarks and session moderation will be provided by Jeff Birchall (University of Alberta), Thematic Network Lead. This session is supported by the Geography and Planning Students’ Society and the School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Alberta.

### **Agenda**

12:00 - 12:05 Welcome remarks

12:05 - 12:45 Presentation

12:45 - 1:00 Audience questions

### **John Duffy’s Bio:**

Dr. Duffy is an adjunct professor with the University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA), College of Business and Public Policy. He is also a visiting professor at the National University of Mongolia, Department of Public Administration. John teaches graduate level coursework in the areas of public policy process, program evaluation and performance measurement, public policy analysis, public administration, global governance, and sustainability science. John has over 30-years experience in local government; serving in Alaska at the senior executive level. John’s doctorate is from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in the field of Natural Resources and Sustainability. John’s research interests include: local government efforts in the areas of climate change, disaster resilience and adaptation, leadership development, performance measurement and program evaluation and high-performance organizations. John maintains professional certifications from the International City/County Managers Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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