# SUSTAINABILITY IN COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

# **SPEAKER BIOS**

#### JOHN SLIWICKI, SVP, MRF OPERATIONS, LRS

John Sliwicki leads the LRS Post-Collection business; comprised of 3 Single-Stream MRF's (5 by the end of 2022), 6 C&D MRF's, 13 Transfer Stations, and 3 landfills. Joining LRS in 2016, Sliwicki has over 23 years in the Waste and Construction industries (18 in Safety and Risk Management + 4 heading Operations).

John also serves on the National board of the CDRA, and the IL Chapter of SWANA (the last 4+ as Safety Ambassador); including active involvement in several sub-committees addressing recycling and legislative initiatives.

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### JOHN MLADE, DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTH ENVIRONMENTS, WIGHT COMPANY

Since 2001, John has supported clients in shaping strategies for health and sustainability. Work for major architecture and engineering firms equips John with a holistic understanding of the built environment. His professional focus has been on health in design, from air quality, through materials health and transparency, and biophilia. He is recognized as a LEED Fellow, one of the first RESET APs, is a member of the WELL Material Concept Advisory, is Living Future Accredited and a trained Living Building Challenge auditor on behalf of ILFI. He promotes health in design through his roles as a Fitwel Ambassador and WELL Faculty. With John's support, design and construction teams, as well as corporate and manufacturer clients, are able to minimize their impact and promote positive change within their projects, organizations and stakeholder groups. John's work includes dozens of LEED projects, and the first dual-certified LEED v4 Gold/WELL Gold project in the world. His work currently includes projects pursuing zero energy and embodied carbon goals.

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## KATIE KALUZNY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, ILLINOIS GREEN ALLIANCE

Katie Kaluzny is the Associate Director at Illinois Green Alliance. In this role, Katie directs and implements education programming, fosters organizational partnerships and collaborations, works with all staff on their program goals, and oversees day to day activities of the organization. Before Illinois Green, Katie worked for the Chicago Department of Environment leading volunteer, intern, and education programs at the Chicago Center for Green Technology (CCGT) for two years. And for four years, led the volunteer programs at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Lincoln Park. Outside of work, Katie serves on the Village of Brookfield's Board of Trustees. She started her love of the outdoors, nature and the environment mowing lawns and pulling weeds at a lawn care service and on the grounds crew at University of Michigan.



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