

Long-time Aurora planner headed for regional planning agency

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Long-time city of Aurora planner Stephane Phifer will leave the city May 2 to take a job with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

She leaves after 20 years of service in various aspects of the Planning Department in Aurora. Most recently, she has served as director of Sustainability and Urban Planning.

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Phifer has served in Aurora under four mayors and numerous aldermen. She called it an honor to serve them, and also praised what she called the city's "impeccable staff," particularly the planning and zoning team.

"I leave Aurora with a heavy heart, which I would not do but for a singularly unique opportunity to apply my experience, knowledge, and passions as a planning professional at a regional scale," she said.

At the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Phifer will be the deputy executive director of Planning. She said she still would serve Aurora, but also the other 283 Chicago area municipalities as well as the seven counties in the agency's area.

The group is the state-sponsored regional planning agency for the Chicago area.

"I am very excited about this new chapter and new challenge in my career," she said.

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