

Ian Beniston – Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation

Ian J. Beniston is the Deputy Director of the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC) and is responsible for the day to day operations of the organization.

He brings eight years of urban planning and development experience in the private, non-profit, and public sectors. Previously, Ian served as Director of Policy for the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative. As Director of Policy, he served as a consultant to YNDC's Board of Directors where he played an integral role in the creation and development of the organization. Ian also spent several years working for the nationally recognized urban planning consulting firm, ACP Visioning+Planning. He began his career as an intern in the City of Youngstown's Planning Department during the early stages of the award winning Youngstown 2010 planning process.

In the past three years, Ian has raised over seven million dollars in public and private resources to continue the growth of YNDC into a comprehensive neighborhood development organization and has led one of the most successful neighborhood stabilization efforts in Youngstown's history in the Idora neighborhood. He holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Youngstown State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Ian resides in Youngstown with his wife, Krista and two Irish Wolfhounds.