

Bio for Ann Weir

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Economic Development Manager

Ann Weir has been the Economic Development Manager for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville for the past 16 years and has recently completed the AMCTO Executive Diploma in Municipal Management. In 2017, she won the Eastern Ontario's Economic Developer of the Year award.

Her role includes managing economic development through a collaborative environment with ten municipalities and four partner communities to positively influence the growth and well-being of the Counties and its communities.

Ann has worked collaboratively across the region for years to build, bring and support new investment to the region such as Giant Tiger Distribution Centre, Canada Rail and Equipment Works & Services, Advonex, Le Boat, BBL Energy, Windmill Brewery, Kings Lock Craft Distillery plus many others.

She has spearheaded many initiatives such as the Business Support Working Group during the pandemic and was acknowledged as one of the region's top female leaders and visionaries. Additional programs have included the 2022 Inaugural Regional Tourism Destination Strategy and the 2019 Business Retention and Expansion report.

Prior to her work with the Counties, Ann was the Tourism Manager with the Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce. While manufacturing was on the decline, Ann was able to bring tourism to the forefront of the Brockville area as one of the significant growth and diversification opportunities.

Ann is a past member of the Brockville Arts Centre - Project Encore Team raising \$1.5 million towards its interior rejuvenation and has served multiple terms on Regional Tourism Organization 9 Board of Directors and was elected as their first chair.

Ann has an extraordinarily strong belief in the importance of relationships, networks, and partnerships. She is visionary, committed, and enthusiastic in continuing to develop the region's attributes.