

## Crain's Notable Leaders in Sustainability

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### Managing director and chief impact officer, Harrison Street

Jill Brosig oversees the measurement, management, reporting and enhancement of Harrison Street's environmental, social and governance initiatives. A physicist with several patents, having previously worked at Motorola, Argonne National Laboratory and KMS Fusion, she applies her scientific background to the real estate industry, collecting data, measuring ESG value and identifying ways to improve the impact of Harrison Street's assets on the environment. She is overseeing companywide implementation of a three-pillar initiative to reduce portfolio-wide carbon emissions by 70% by 2025, assess and address properties' climate risk and resiliency, and ensure that indoor environments promote resident health. Brosig is a board member of Winterlight Labs, a digital-health company that uses artificial intelligence to detect cognitive health.



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With concern mounting about climbing global temperatures, companies are devoting considerable resources to the "E"—environmental—of ESG. These executives across the Chicago area lead their organizations' efforts to keep climate change in check, including planning and implementing actions as well as recording and reporting data to stakeholders of all kinds. Among their strategies: diverting tons of material from landfills; establishing neighborhood-level power grids that integrate renewable energy; assessing the climate risk of real estate portfolios; creating green investment funds; working toward decarbonization through the construction of all-electric multifamily housing or reducing the embodied carbon in concrete; and countering the environmental impact of factory farming. Their work—fingers crossed—will help make Earth a livable place for generations to come.

*By Lisa Bertagnoli*

**METHODOLOGY:**

The individuals featured did not pay to be included. Their profiles were written from the nomination materials submitted. This list is not comprehensive. It includes only individuals for whom nominations were submitted and accepted after a review by editors. To qualify for

the list, a nominee must be an executive serving in a senior leadership role or leading sustainability initiatives at a large organization. Business founders and owners and independent consultants are also eligible. Their work must have made or be making a measurable environmental impact. Nominees must make significant contributions within their industry and community and assume leadership roles outside their organizations.

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2022



**Mike Abt**

*Co-president (along with his three brothers)*

Abt Electronics



**Corryn Antonizio**

*Sustainability and CSR champion*

RTC Industries



**Jessica Bailey**

*Co-founder, president and CEO*

Nuveen Green Capital



**Erik Birkerts**

*CEO*

Evergreen Climate Innovations



**Michelle Blaise**

*Senior vice president*

ComEd



**Jason Blumberg**

*Co-founder and managing director*  
Energy Foundry



**Patrick Boyle**

*Director, corporate sustainability*

Sloan Valve



**Jill Brosig**

*Managing director and chief impact officer*

Harrison Street



**Kevin Burns**

*Mayor; caucus environment committee and energy subcommittee chairman*  
City of Geneva; Metropolitan Mayors Caucus



**Michelle Carr**

*Illinois state director*

The Nature Conservancy



**Heidi Moorman Coudal**  
*Owner and culinary director*  
Big Delicious Planet



**Tom Decker**

*Founder and president*

Chicago Green Insulation



**Lauren Densham**  
*Head of ESG and impact*  
Energize Ventures



**Chris Dillion**  
*President*  
Campbell Coyle



**Liam Donnelly**

*Founder and CEO*

WasteNot Compost



**Ana Garcia Doyle**

*Co-founder and executive director*

One Earth Collective



**Christopher Drew**

*Director of sustainability*

Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture



**John Edelman**

*Managing director, global engagement and corporate responsibility*

Edelman



**David Edsey**  
*Vice president, climate director*  
Zurich North America



**Anthony Eliseuson**

*Litigation program director*

Animal Legal Defense Fund



**Keara Fanning**

*Senior director, ESG*

Link Logistics Real Estate



**Douglas Farr**  
*Firm principal*  
Farr Associates



**Larry Fernandes**

*Senior vice president, chief commercial and sustainability officer*  
Ingredion



**Stephen Filyo**

*President*

BlueEarth Deconstruction



**Claudia Freed**  
*President and CEO*  
EALgreen



**Margaret Frisbie**

*Executive director*

Friends of the Chicago River



**Brett Gardner**

*Project director*

IA Interior Architects



**Delmar Gillus Jr.**  
*Chief operating officer*  
Elevate



**Chris Harbourt**  
*Chief strategy officer*  
Indigo Ag



**Robert Hayward**

*Partner*

Kirkland & Ellis



**Susan Heinking**

*Vice president of high performance and sustainable construction*  
Pepper Construction



**Casey Herman**

*U.S. ESG leader*

PricewaterhouseCoopers



**Korie Hickel**

*Director, ESG, community & government relations*

Coeur Mining



**Ian Hughes**  
*Sustainability manager*  
Rush University Medical Center



**Paul Hunter**

*Responsible business lead*

Kin + Carta



**Brian Imus**

*Executive director*

Illinois Green Alliance



**Sarah Elizabeth Ippel**  
*Founder & executive director*  
Academy for Global Citizenship



**Thomas Jonas**  
*Co-founder and CEO*  
Nature's Fynd



**Stephanie Katsaros**  
*Founder & president*  
Bright Beat International



**Helen Kessler**

*President/principal*

HJKessler Associates and Up Front Regenerative Design



**Nathan Kipnis**

*Principal*

Kipnis Architecture + Planning



**Cynthia Klein-Banai**

*Assistant vice chancellor and director of sustainability*

University of Illinois Chicago



**Luke Leung**

*Firmwide sustainable engineering principal & practice leader*  
Skidmore Owings & Merrill



**Patty Lloyd**

*Director of sustainability*

Leopardo



**Eric Maddix**  
*Partner*  
Chicago Capital



**Edith Makra**

*Director of environmental initiatives*

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus



**Kim Marotta**

*Vice president, global head of environmental sustainability*

Beam Suntory



**Brian Mavraganes**

*Partner*

Green Scope Solutions



**Jenny McColloch**  
*Chief sustainability officer*  
McDonald's



**Christine Montenegro McGrath**

*Senior vice president and chief impact and sustainability officer*  
Mondelez International



**Jennifer McIntyre**

*Senior vice president, chief people & culture officer and ESG lead*  
Univar Solutions



**Mary McLaughlin**

*Co-founder, chair and president*

Trees That Feed Foundation



**Mike McLaughlin**

*Co-founder and secretary-treasurer*

Trees That Feed Foundation



**David Mendelson**

*President*

Donco Recycling Solutions

**Sonia Menon**

*Chief operating officer*

Neal Gerber Eisenberg

**Molly Meyer**  
*Founder and CEO*  
Omni Ecosystems

**Abigail Neary**

*Head of sustainability*

Aon

**Jennifer Nelson**

*Program director*

Seven Generations Ahead

**Vanessa Perkins**

*Founder*

Community Charging

**Joanne Rodriguez**

*Founder and CEO*

Mycocycle

**Carol Ross Barney**

*Founder and design principal*

Ross Barney Architects

**Lois Vitt Sale**

*Chief sustainability officer and senior vice president*

Wight

**Charlotte Sauer**

*Associate*

CannonDesign

**William Schleizer**

*CEO*

Delta Institute

**Kelly Shelton**

*President*

Shelton Solutions

**Andy Shifrin**

*Founder*

North American Mattress Upcycling

**Eric Simon**

*Chairperson, sustainability commission*

Village of River Forest

**Deborah Stone**

*Director, Department of Environment & Sustainability*

Cook County Government

**Michael Wasielewski**

*Executive director; Clare Hamilton Hall Endowed Chair of Chemistry*  
Institute for Sustainability & Energy at Northwestern University

**Megan Zack**

*Associate partner, director of sustainability*

Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture

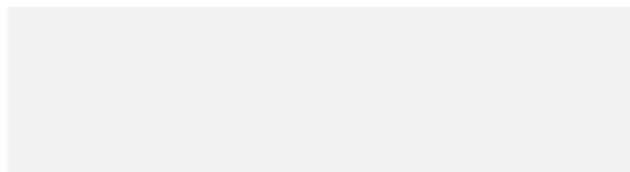
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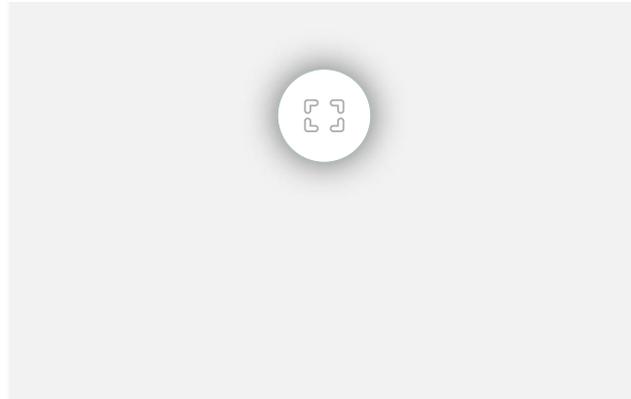
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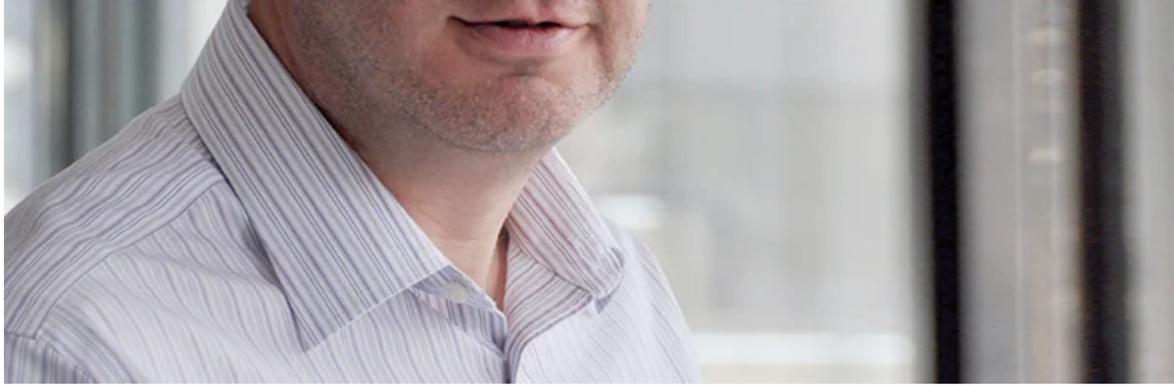
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