

# Katie Hetherington Cunfer



Katie brings nearly 20 years of experience in government affairs and advocacy on issues related to agriculture, energy, and environmental policy to her role on the Citizens' Advisory Council. She received dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Agribusiness Management and Agricultural & Extension Education-Leadership Development from Pennsylvania State University and studied at Widener University School of Law.

Katie currently serves as the Director of Government Affairs for SitelogIQ's Northeast business unit. In this role, she is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to effectively engage with governmental entities at the local, state, and federal levels. She works closely with SIQ's internal stakeholders to advocate for policies that support its customers in the K-12, higher education, local/state government markets, and grant writing for clients. She has previously served as the Director of Government & Community Relations for the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance where she managed the Alliance's advocacy program, supported efforts to reestablish passenger rail, and led the charge on several local and statewide advocacy issues. She has previously served as the Deputy District Director for Congressman Dan Meuser, the Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association's Government Relations Director, and several roles with the US Department of Agriculture.

Katie also served in multiple roles in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection including Executive Assistant to the Executive Deputy Secretary for Administration & Management, External Affairs Director, Acting Executive Director for the Citizens' Advisory Council, and co-chair of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Program's Communications Workgroup.

Katie is a seventh generation farmer and operates a 300 acre beef cattle farm in Carbon County with her husband and daughter. She is very active in her community, serving as the Vice Chair of the Carbon County Open Space Board, on the PA & DE State Board of The Nature Conservancy, and is a member of the Pa Farm Bureau. Katie is also a 2010 graduate of the Anne B. Anstine Excellent in Public Service Series.