

Barbara Buffaloe is the Mayor of Columbia, MO, the fourth largest city in Missouri. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Innovation Center, and as an ex-officio member on the Board of Directors for REDI and the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Buffaloe is Chair of the Environment Committee of the US Conference of Mayors and was part of a delegation representing US Mayors at COP28 in December 2023. Mayor Buffaloe is part of the 7th cohort of Mayors for the Bloomberg Harvard Civic Leadership - a yearlong program providing executive education and management training to advance leadership, strengthen city halls, and deliver results for communities.

Before being elected Mayor of Columbia, she served as Columbia's first Sustainability Manager. Mayor Buffaloe coordinated the development of Columbia's Climate Action & Adaptation Plan that lays out a vision and strategies to address risks posed by climate change and contributes to international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. She has presented on the topics of climate action at numerous conferences, including the US Department of Energy's Better Buildings Summit, the Midwest Climate Collective's Climate Summit, and the Advancing Renewables in the Midwest conference.

Mayor Buffaloe also serves as advisor to the Board of Directors for the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) and is a member of the Columbia Rotary Club. Mayor Buffaloe holds a BS in Environmental Design and a MS in Environment & Behavior from the University of Missouri. She has been a LEED Accredited Professional since 2004.

Mayor Buffaloe and her husband Luke live near downtown Columbia and are raising their two children, Eleanor and Benjamin, to be good stewards of their community.