

Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus topic of environmental seminar

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Mark McGovern, project manager at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Center, will discuss the "Development and the Urban Environment: Impacts and Issues on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus" during the upcoming Environmental Studies Seminar. The talk will be held on Sept. 12 at 12:20 p.m. in Roon Lecture Hall, Science Center, on the Alfred University Campus. The event is open to the public, free of charge. McGovern graduated from Alfred University in 2003 with a B.A. in Environmental Studies. He went on to receive a master's degree in Urban Planning from the University at Buffalo's School of Architecture and Planning. He joined the Buffalo Niagara Medical Center in 2006. This non-profit agency has worked to establish a world-class medical campus in downtown Buffalo. McGovern has actively contributed to the agency's success as he has administered over \$20 million in building redevelopment, property acquisition and streetscape design projects. Today, he aims to lessen the environmental impact of future development on the medical campus through a Comprehensive Transportation and Traffic plan, which encourages alternative modes of transport and advocates transit usage. He is also involved in reforestation efforts in the City of Buffalo. The Division of Environmental Studies at Alfred University sponsors the popular seminar series each Friday during the fall semester, except Nov. 28, the Friday after Thanksgiving.