

William A. “Beau” Mills
Executive Director of the NC Metropolitan Coalition

Beau Mills joined the North Carolina Metropolitan Coalition as Director in 2001. The Metropolitan Coalition, an affiliate of the League of Municipalities, is made up of 22 of the larger cities in the state. The Coalition’s Director reports directly to the mayors on the Coalition’s Executive Committee. The Coalition’s primary goal is a greater emphasis on urban needs in state-wide policy – focusing on transportation, economic development, downtown revitalization, and public safety. The 22 mayors representing each member city set the Coalition’s specific priorities.

Before joining the Metropolitan Coalition in 2001, Beau was federal employee on special assignment as a Senior Policy Adviser to N.C. Governor Jim Hunt, focusing on transportation, economic development and environmental issues. He was also the Governor’s liaison to the State Legislative Commission on Smart Growth.

Before joining the Governor’s Office he spent eight years in Washington DC, as an employee of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. After initially joining EPA as a contract negotiator he served in a variety of special assignments including a stint at the White House on the staff of the White House Community Empowerment Board, as well as an assignment with the Pentagon working on the economic revitalization of closing military bases. He was also on a project team at US EPA that created the Brownfields Cleanup and Revitalization Program.

He has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of West Florida.

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