

## **Anne Bink, Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery**



Anne Bink has spent her career in public service assisting disaster survivors, building resilient communities, and developing and implementing policies and programs in New York State, including paid family leave and education programs.

Ms. Bink is an appointee in the Biden-Harris Administration and currently serves at the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Associate Administrator of the Office of Response and Recovery. In her role, Ms. Bink oversees FEMA's response, recovery, logistics, and field operations nationwide. The Office of Response and Recovery coordinates federal disaster operations at the field, regional, and national levels using incident management and incident support cadres.

Prior to that, Ms. Bink served as Deputy Commissioner for Disaster Recovery for New York State since June 2018, Anne Bink oversaw a portfolio of over \$20 billion in active disasters. During her tenure, she secured six Major Disaster Declarations and led New York's legacy disaster closeout effort, resulting in the closure of approximately 8,000 projects and nine disasters.

Under her leadership, New York State received the first Major Disaster Declaration for a pandemic event (COVID-19). Ms. Bink collaborated closely with FEMA to enhance existing guidance and policies under the Public Assistance and Individual Assistance programs throughout the pandemic, helping New Yorkers and the communities in which they reside recover. Ms. Bink also led New York State's development of new virtual outreach and educational methods under the Public Assistance Program, ensuring all eligible applicants had access to available assistance given the everchanging nature of the disaster and evolving eligibility criteria.

Ms. Bink oversaw the development of major wastewater system resiliency projects through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, including their complex financing structure of multiple federal, state, and local funding streams. Two such projects, the Bay Park Conveyance Project and the Suffolk County Coastal Resiliency Initiative, will reduce nitrogen along Long Island's shoreline and protect against storm surge in extreme weather events.

Ms. Bink first joined the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) in 2016 and served as the Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Finance prior to her work in Disaster Recovery programs. In her role in Administration and Finance, she led the development and implementation of a new state grant program protecting private non-profit entities from hate crimes and created a new risk management unit to strengthen agency operations and fiscal compliance.

Before joining the DHSES leadership team, Ms. Bink served in various leadership roles within the New York State Division of the Budget, including Unit Chief for Public Protection and General Government from 2014 to 2016, Assistant Unit Chief for Education from 2012-2014, and Associate Budget Examiner for Human Services from 2008-2012. In these roles, enacted budget proposals developed under Ms. Bink's leadership resulted in improved core services and agency operations while saving New York taxpayers over \$2 billion. Ms. Bink served as the lead in developing and negotiating key budget initiatives and policies, including an expansion of pre-kindergarten programs, a new Paid Family Leave program, Kinship Care program for youth in foster care, and re-entry programs for formerly incarcerated individuals.

Ms. Bink holds a Master of Social Work, a Master of Arts, and a Bachelor of Arts from The State University of Albany in Albany, New York. She lives in Loudonville, New York with her partner Laura McMillen and their four children.