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Jessica Cogan Millman is an expert and leader in urban planning, environmentally sustainable development, and the principles of smart growth. As a founding member of the LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED ND) Core Committee, Jessica drafted (and re-drafted and re-drafted) many of the credits. Currently, Jessica is the Chair of the LEED ND Core Committee and a member of the Location and Planning TAG. Jessica was also a member of the Near Westside Initiative LEED ND Pilot Project in Syracuse, NY. In addition, Jessica is LEED faculty and helped design the LEED ND Core Concepts Workshop.

Jessica has extensive experience working at all levels of government (Federal, State, and Local) and also in the non-profit arena. Jessica now leads a private consulting practice, the Agora Group, which draws on her active and diverse career promoting and advancing the best practices to achieve high quality, sustainable communities. In addition, Jessica serves on the Planning Board for the Town of Skaneateles, NY.

Prior to founding the Agora Group, Jessica served as the Planning Director for the Coalition for Smarter Growth. At the Coalition, Jessica primarily advocated for the adoption of good planning policies around the Washington region. Jessica has held many other positions including: the Deputy Director of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute, which was created by former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening to help state and local elected, civic and business leaders design and implement effective smart growth strategies; Chief of Staff for the Governor's Office of Smart Growth in Maryland and as the Director of Program and Policy Coordination at the Maryland Department of Planning; and a variety of positions in the Urban and Economic Development Division and the Office of Water at the United States Environmental Protection Agency.