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Dr. Medearis is the senior environmental planner for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. He is currently on an 8-month sabbatical at the Free University of Berlin's Environmental Policy Research Center to research and write about the transfer of local energy and climate policies from German cities to the U.S. He leads the NVRC's regional climate and energy programs and manages NVRC's international environmental partnerships through the European Network of Metropolitan Areas and Regions (METREX). In 2009, he coled the development of one of the first long-term comprehensive energy strategies in Virginia.

Prior to working for NVRC, Medearis spent approximately 20 years at the Office of International Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, as the program manager for Western Europe and urban environmental programs. He was the Vice-chair of the OECD Territorial Development Committee and Chairman of the OECD Working Group on Urban Affairs.

Medearis has been awarded fellowships to study urban and environmental planning in Europe from the German Academic Exchange Council, the FU Berlin, the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation, the Fulbright Commission, the European Union, and the American Council on Germany.

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