

# SHANE BARTON

Shane Barton joined the CEDIK team in May of 2017 as the Promise Zone Downtown Revitalization Coordinator. He is a 9th generation Appalachian resident with deep family roots in the mountains of central Appalachia and a strong appreciation for its people and places. Before joining CEDIK, Shane most recently served as the Assistant Director of the UK Appalachian Center. He received two undergraduate degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), one in Environmental Science and a second in Urban Studies and Geography, before earning his Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from VCU's L. Douglas Wilder School of Public Policy and Administration.

Shane has a long-term commitment to inclusive and representative community development strategies with a particular focus on rural communities. He started serving the Appalachian region as a VISTA volunteer for the Upper Tennessee River Roundtable while a member of the Appalachian Coal Country Watershed VISTA team in Southwestern Virginia in 2005. Shane later won a National VISTA Alumni Service Award for those efforts.

