



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### THE HONORABLE JIM FERLO, TREASURER

Pennsylvania State Senator  
38<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

The Honorable Jim Ferlo is currently serving his third term as Pennsylvania State Senator of the 38<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, and his third term as Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the URA. Formerly a 14-year Pittsburgh City Councilman and two-term Council President (1994 – 1997), Senator Ferlo was prime sponsor of legislation creating both the Research & Development and Film Production Tax Credit programs when he took office in Harrisburg. His leadership has increased the City of Pittsburgh's annual revenue stream by over \$45 million through tax reform and dedicated funding.

Jim also serves on the Port of Pittsburgh Commission, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, and is a founding member and Vice-President of Pittsburgh Green Innovators. He helped lead the vision for the creation of the Energy Innovation Center at the former Connelley Trade School in the Hill District, and the EECO Center in Larimer.

As the URA Board Treasurer, Senator Ferlo has been a leader in shifting the mindset of local development and investment to refocus attention on neighborhood-based and green building initiatives.

Representing a diverse geography covering three counties, Senator Ferlo helped create the Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone (ARTEZ), the Vandergrift Improvement Program (VIP) and the Freeport, Leechburg and Apollo Group (FLAG); local economic development groups dedicated to preservation and sustainable development. One of his newest initiatives is **Project 15206**, a unique, citizen-based advocacy effort to implement sustainable, high impact storm water mitigation installations in 15206 neighborhoods. Learn more about this effort at <http://www.project15206.org/>

Senator Jim Ferlo, 63, resides and is a homeowner in the Highland Park neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.